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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

Announcement No. 1/2010 of SPDC issued

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—The State Peace and Development Council issued Announcement No. 1/2010 today. The translation of the announcement is as follows:

Union of Myanmar
State Peace and Development Council
Announcement No. 1/2010
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Formation of Union Election Commission

The State Peace and Development Council formed the "Union Election Commission" with the following persons under the Article 443 of the Constitution of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar and the Section 3 of the Union Election Commission Law 2010 enacted under the Law No. 1/2010 of the State Peace and Development Council for successfully holding of the Multi-party Democracy General Elections in 2010.

1. U Thein Soe Chairman
2. U N Zaw Naw member

3. U Khin Maung Nu member
4. U Saw Ba Hlaing member
5. Dr. Ba Maung member
6. U Nyunt Tin member
7. U Maung Tha Hla member
8. Dr. Sai Kham Hlaing member
9. U Aung Myint member
10. U Myint Naing member
11. Dr. Tin Aung Aye member
12. Dr. Daw Myint Kyi member
13. Daw Khin Hla Myint member

14. U Tha Oo member
15. Dr. Maung Htoo member
16. U Tha Htay member
17. U Win Kyi member

By Order,

Sd/ Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo
General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Necessary laws enacted to hold free and fair elections as fifth step of State's seven-step Road Map

Prime Minister General Thein Sein tours townships in Shan State (North)

*Prime Minister
General Thein Sein
meets departmental
officials, members of
social organizations
and local people at
Shweli Yadana
Yeiktha in Muse.*

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Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law in supplement

Eight supplementary pages carrying the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law issued under the Law No. 5/2010 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar are inserted in today's *The New Light of Myanmar* daily.

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Accompanied by Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Com-

mand Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, the ministers, the auditor-general, the deputy ministers and departmental heads, Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrived in Kutkai of Muse District at 9.10 a.m. on 9 March.

In meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people in Kutkai Station and in Namhkam, the Prime Minister made addresses (See page 8)

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For human resource development

Strong economy and human resource development are necessary for pursuing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In view of this concept, the government is fulfilling requirements for turning out human resources.

In every region, the government has constructed many new road networks and bridges for smooth transport, which is of great importance for sustainable development of a region. It is also giving effective encouragement to agriculture, livestock breeding, industries and businesses, and constructing infrastructural buildings in the education sector to promote the nation's education standard.

The three-storey main building of University for Computer Studies in Lashio, Shan State (North), was opened on 10 March. Now, Taunggyi, Panglong, Kengtung and Lashio in Shan State Now have an arts and science university, a university for computer studies, and a technological university each. As a result, the youth of national races have an easy access to higher education in their own regions. Students have to work hard to become skilled in their studies since they will have to start work soon after they have got their degrees.

Reliable and responsible human resources are a must for shaping the nation into a modern, developed one. The national goal can be brought to fruition in a short time only with those educated persons well-versed in the subjects concerned with self-discipline, good morality, and a sense of patriotism and nationalistic spirit.

Teachers are the major, initial force in the education sector in bettering the future of the youth. So, they have to fully equip themselves with goodwill and perseverance in teaching and guiding their students in order that the latter will become outstanding in their studies with good behaviors and self-discipline.

Now, the government has established an arts and science university, a university for computer studies, and a technological university each for every 24 development regions to nurture human resources in the technological field. On account of the hard work and brilliant performances of teachers, the number of versatile human resources on whom the State can rely is on the increase in the nation.

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 GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Oo of University of Forestry of the Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry as Rector of the same university on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—MNA

Exam centres in Nay Pyi Taw inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein this morning inspected the exam centre for 2010 matriculation examination at Nay Pyi Taw No. 1 Basic Education High School and viewed the students taking the examination today.

The minister also visited the examination centres at Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana No. 1 BEHS and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe No. 1 BEHS.

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Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visits an exam centre for 2010 matriculation examination in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Hyundai products introduced

YANGON, 11 March—Family United Power Co Ltd, sale representative of Hyundai Co of Korea, introduced new Hyundai machinery in paper reading session on water resources management in Bago on 7 March.

Hyundai products are durable and can be bought at reasonable price. Those interested contact Family United Power Co Ltd at No (12/B) 43, Shwe Keinnayi Housing, Nanattaw Road, Kamayut

Road, Yangon (Ph: 01-523072, 503288, 503988, 095039117, 098627770, 095070244 and 09413111.—MNA



New heavy machinery manufactured by Hyundai Co.—MNA

Appointment of Ghanaian Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Daniel Kwasi Abodakpi as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Ghana to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Daniel Kwasi Abodakpi was born in 1950. He got Diploma in Science Education from the Winneba Advance Teacher Training College in 1981. He had served various official positions in Tema Region from 1982 to 1991. He was Deputy Minister for Trade and Tourism from 1991 to 1993. From 1993 to 1999 he was assigned to Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry. Then, he assumed the post of Acting Minister for Trade and Industry from 1999 to 2000 and became the Minister for Trade and Industry in 2001. He was a Member of Parliament for Keta Constituency from 1993 to 2009.

Mr Daniel Kwasi Abodakpi will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Ghana to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Kuala Lumpur.—MNA

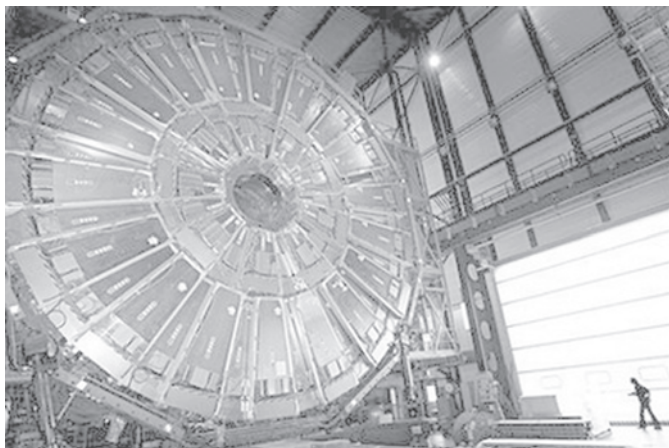
Vocational course enhances efficiency of MCWA members

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—With the aim of generating income of the its members, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association is conducting the basic tailoring course No. 1/ 2010 in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri. Yesterday afternoon, General Secretary of MMCWA Daw Thazin Nwe and CEC members Daw Khin Than Win and Daw Khin Nwe Nwe visited the basic tailoring course and viewed the works of the trainees. Altogether 33 female trainees from Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe townships are attending the 45-day course.—MNA

Future flight attendants to join Star Resources

YANGON, 11 March — Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will open courses for those who want to take flight attendant and receptionist career in third week of March.

Those interested may contact Star Resources at Building No (267), Room No (302), Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township (Ph: 01-523623, 523200, 4412256 and 095020302.—MNA



A view of a superconducting solenoid magnet at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) near Geneva. A German woman fearing that Earth would be sucked into oblivion in a black hole failed on Tuesday in her court attempt to halt the world's most powerful atom-smasher.—INTERNET

Ex-MI5 chief says US 'concealed suspect mistreatment'

LONDON, 11 March — The former head of MI5 has claimed US intelligence agencies "concealed" their mistreatment of terror suspects. Baroness Eliza Manningham-Buller said she only discovered alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was waterboarded after retiring in 2007.

In a lecture at the House of Lords, she said the US had been "very keen to conceal from us what was happening". Her comments follow controversy over UK agents' alleged collusion with US counterparts using torture techniques. Last month it emerged that Binyam Mohamed, a British resident formerly held at Guantanamo Bay, had been subjected to "cruel, inhuman and degrading" treatment. Ministers and current MI5 head Jonathan Evans have insisted that there was no collusion by UK security officers. However, questions remain about exactly when they learnt that the US apparently changed its rules on torture after the 9/11 attacks. Lady Manningham-Buller, who headed MI5 between 2002 and 2007, said: "The Americans were very keen that people like us did not discover what they were doing."—Internet

US House rejects pull out from Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 11 March — US House of Representatives on Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to reject a bill demanding President Barack Obama pull troops out of Afghanistan. The House defeated the bill by a 356-65 vote, introduced by Democratic Representative Dennis Kucinich. 60 liberal Democrats and 5 Republicans supported the bill.

The bill demands Obama to pull all troops out of Afghanistan 30 days after the bill becomes law, or by the end of the year, should he deem the 30-day timeline too much of a risk. Kucinich argued if Congress doesn't act, US troops would "stay in Afghanistan for a very, very long time at great cost to our troops and to our national priorities."

Afghan war is a centrepiece of Obama's foreign policy. He announced the decision to send an additional 30,000 troops to that country last December, and foreign troops there are now in the middle of a major push against Taliban militants in the south. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer opposed the bill, saying "abandoning Afghanistan just when a new strategy and a new leadership has begun to bear fruit... would be a mistake."—Xinhua

Spanish hostage in Africa freed

BARCELONA, 11 March — A Spanish woman kidnapped in West Africa last year has been freed, the Spanish government says. Alicia Gamez, 39, was "safe and sound... [and] travelling to Barcelona with a family member," Spain's deputy prime minister said. There are unconfirmed reports that an Italian woman reportedly held by the same group has also been released.

Ms Gamez was seized in Mauritania last year and held by a militant group, al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, in Mali. She and two male Spaniards — all aid workers were snatched from a convoy by armed men on a road between the Mauritanian cities of Nouakchott and Nouadhibou on 29 November.

The two men are still

Six killed in attack on World Vision office in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 March — Militants have attacked the office of a Western aid agency in north-western Pakistan on Wednesday, killing six people, police and the agency have said. The victims, including two women, were all Pakistani nationals working for World Vision in Mansehra District. The Christian group said it would suspend all operations in the country.

No group has admitted carrying out the attack

but militants and specifically the Taliban will be suspected. Earlier in the week, following a bombing in Lahore, the Taliban said they would carry out more attacks across the country as long as US air strikes and Pakistani army operations against them continued in the tribal areas.

World Vision said in a statement that it had not

received any threatening letters ahead of the attack. Hundreds of people have been killed in attacks by unmanned drone aircraft in Pakistan's tribal areas since mid-2008. Two suspected US missile strikes near Miranshah in North Waziristan on Wednesday killed at least 12 people, some of them thought to be foreigners, local officials said.

Internet



The agency said no threats were received ahead of the attack.—INTERNET

Drone raid 'kills 12' in north-west Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 March — Two missile strikes by US drone aircraft have killed at least 12 suspected militants in north-west Pakistan, security officials say. The attacks took place in the tribal area of North Waziristan. The identities of those killed in the attack, the latest of more than a dozen this year, are not yet known.

North and South Waziristan are known to provide sanctuary for al-Qaeda and Taliban militants, who are often tar-

geted by drones. Locals say the attacks have destroyed many training camps and compounds. They have also killed dozens of local and foreign militants, officials say.

Wednesday's first strike took place at Mizar Madakhel village, some 50km (30 miles) west of Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan. This was followed by a second attack in the same area. The first attack targeted a vehicle and a compound which were being used by suspected mili-

itants, killing eight of them, reports say. The second strike targeted two vehicles, which killed another four.

Internet

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad attacks US for Afghan 'double game'

KABUL, 11 March — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has accused the US of playing a "double game" in Afghanistan after the US used the same term to condemn Iran's role. Mr Ahmadinejad said the US had "created terrorists and now say they are fighting them", as he appeared with Afghan President Hamid Karzai in Kabul.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates, who is also in Kabul, has accused Iran of giving the Taliban low-level support. Later, Mr Karzai flew to Pakistan for talks with another key neighbour. This is Mr Ahmadinejad's first visit to Afghanistan since both he and Mr Karzai were re-elected last year.

Internet



US drone attacks are being stepped up along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

INTERNET

Italy's GDP falls 5.1% in 2009, but positive signs appear in January

ROME, 11 March — Italy's gross domestic product (GDP) fell 5.1 percent in 2009, but some positive hints appeared in the first month of 2010, an Italian statistics agency said on Wednesday.

Istat, the Italian national statistical institute, on Wednesday revised its previous GDP figure. The

working days adjusted result was worse than the 5.0-percent contraction reported before, which was the worst result since 1971 when the institute was established.

Istat also said that in the fourth quarter of 2009, Italy's GDP decreased 0.3 percent compared with the third quarter, when the

economy ended five consecutive quarters of negative GDP and obtained a 0.6-percent increase.

The GDP of the fourth quarter of 2009 decreased by 3.0 percent in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2008.

However, in a positive sign, in January 2010 the industrial production index increased by 2.6 percent compared with the previous month.

In the meantime, the calendar adjusted industrial production index increased 0.1 percent compared with January 2009, which is the first rise since April 2009. —Xinhua

Unemployment up in California

LOS ANGELES, 11 March — California's jobless rate was 12.5 percent in January, up from 12.3 percent in December, the California Economic Development Department (EDD) announced on Wednesday. The 12.5 percent unemployment rate was above the January 2009 rate of 9.7 percent, according to the EDD.

In the state, 2.27 million people were out of work, up from 2.23 million in December, the EDD said. The comparable estimates for the nation were 9.7 percent in January, 10 percent in December and 7.7 percent for January 2009. —Xinhua

Australia's jobless rate reaches 5.3% in February

CANBERRA, 11 March — Australia's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in February after a revised 5.2 percent in January, new data released on Thursday showed. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) announced on Thursday that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage points from the downwardly revised 5.2 percent observed in January 2010.

The ABS reported the number of people employed in February slightly increased, up 400 people to 10.971 million, seasonally adjusted. The rise in employment was driven by a rise in full-time employment, up 11,400 people to 7.660 million that was offset by a fall in part-time employment, down 11,000 people to 3.311 million. —Xinhua



Photo taken on 10 March, 2010 shows a famille-rose floral and fruit reticulated hexagonal vase of Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) in New York, the United States. Hong Kong Auctions International will hold an auction featuring fine Chinese paintings, ceramics, bronzes and works of art etc. in New York on 21 March. —XINHUA



A customer pays money after buying vegetables from a street side vendor in Mumbai on 11 March, 2010. The Indian government will release the weekly inflation figure on Thursday. —INTERNET

Germany, France support tougher rules to prevent future crisis in euro zone

BERLIN, 11 March — German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Wednesday that Germany and France support toughening rules to protect the euro which might include setting up a European Monetary Fund as a last resort.

Speaking after talks with French Prime Minister Francois Fillon in Berlin, Merkel stressed that the current sanctions enshrined in the European Union's stability and growth pact to protect the euro are not enough, and the European Union members must consider sanctions "that have more teeth" to prevent euro zone members from running up huge budget deficits such as the Greek one. —Xinhua

S Korea, Denmark discuss bilateral cooperation

SEOUL, 11 March — South Korean President Lee Myung-bak met with Danish Prime Minister Lars Rasmussen on

Thursday and discussed strengthening cooperation on green growth and expanding bilateral trade and investment, Seoul's presidential office said.

In the first visit by Lars, the two leaders noted closer cooperation on renewable energy and green growth in the recent years and vowed further efforts to bolster cooperation on the fields, Cheong Wa Dae said in a statement.

They agreed to make efforts to ratify the free trade deal between South Korea and the European Union, which the Seoul government previously said is expected to be sealed by the end of April.

The two countries also agreed work more closely on international development aid, according to Cheong Wa Dae.

Xinhua

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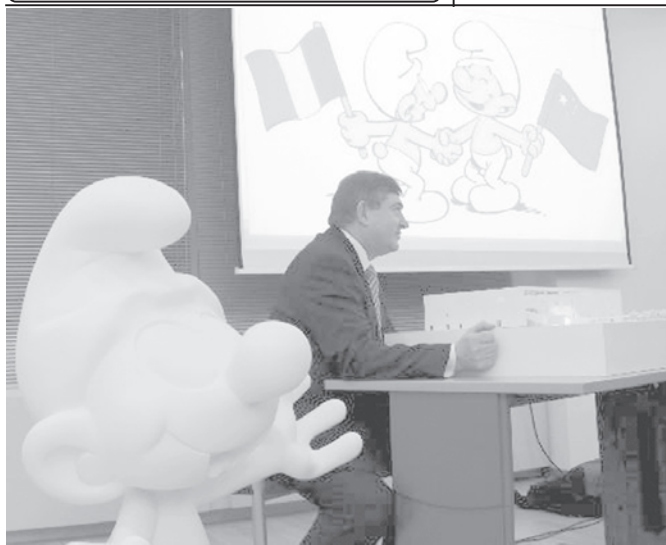
Cambodia to host "Trade Fair" in Development Triangle

PHNOM PENH, 11 March — Cambodia will host a "Trade Fair" for the first time in Development Triangle among Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, a government official said on Thursday. Son Sotha, deputy director of export department of Ministry of Commerce, said that the "CLV Development Triangle Trade Fair" will be held from 13-15 March in Provincial town of Rattanakiri, the Cambodia's far northeastern part.

He said that some 50 companies of the private sectors from the three countries will be there to present their products. Son Sotha said the main purpose of the "Trade Fair" is to turn the area into the actual development with more awareness of the potentiality and the connectivity among the three countries.

The "Trade Fair" will be organized at the same time of the 5th meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee for Development Triangle Area.

Rattanakiri Province is located about 600 km, northeast of Phnom Penh—and known as one of the less developed Provinces in the country due to poor infrastructure.



Leo Delcroix, Belgium's commissioner general for Shanghai World Expo 2010, introduces Smurfs, the mascot of the Belgium and EU Pavilion, during a Press briefing in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 10 March, 2010. —XINHUA



The photo taken on 10 March, 2010 shows the Canada Pavilion in the 2010 World Expo Site in east China's Shanghai Municipality. The preparation of 2010 World Expo has entered into the final phase of decoration and exhibition installation at present.—XINHUA

Russian government to pump capital into innovation-oriented economy

MOSCOW, 11 March—The Russian government has decided to allocate 90 billion rubles (about 3 billion US dollars) to college researchers and a series of reforms from 2010 to 2012 to boost the country's innovation-oriented economy, a senior official said on Wednesday.

The government planned to establish a market for intellectual property rights and knowledge economy and combine the technical budget system with higher education institutions to form the country's innovation-oriented economy, Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov said. In the next three years, the government also plans to invest 8 billion rubles (270.3 million dollars) to set up industrial incubators and technical centers at higher education institutions, he said. The innovation-oriented economy needs a solid base of massive national purchases amounting to 4,000 billion rubles (135.2 billion dollars), Ivanov said.—Xinhua

Italian ministry, Google launch partnership to digitize one million books

ROME, 11 March—The Italian Cultural Heritage Ministry and Google launched on Wednesday a partnership aimed at digitizing up to a million out-of-copy-right Italian books from the National Libraries of Rome and Florence. Culture Minister Sandro Bondi, at a Press conference here, praised the agreement as "unique in its kind." "It's the first time a government allows a web leader access to a national library collection," he said, stressing that Italy was proving to be a front-runner of digitization in believing that the Internet can help spread and preserve a country's cultural heritage.—Xinhua



A UFO with curious green light is seen hovering over a 19th century windmill in Norfolk of eastern England. The undated photo was spotted by photographer Peter Rye who wanted to take night-time images of Denver mill in Downham Market.—XINHUA

Indonesia President calls on Australian businesses to invest

CANBERRA, 11 March—Visiting Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has called on Thursday on Australian entrepreneurs to invest in the Asian country, saying there is a huge potential to boost business links.

"Our economy is not only in good health, it is also in a good position to help restore the health of the global financial system," Dr Yudhoyono told guests at a business forum on Thursday morning. "I see no reason why in the years ahead that partner-

ship will not grow even stronger," Dr Yudhoyono said. "I join you here this morning with a good sense of confidence."

"I hope the entrepreneurs of both countries find ways of complementing each other and strike up partnerships that benefit us all." He also reassured business leaders that his country was in good economic health with a stable democracy. The president said there were a range of sectors in which Australian and Indonesian companies

could co-operate such as agriculture and food security.

"Australia has experience and skill to do this business and we welcome the co-operation and partnership in this, in food processing and other agricultural type business." "In energy security, we invite you to be part of the development of our energy, not just oil, gas and coal but in renewable energy as well. Infrastructure building is also good for our partnership.

Xinhua



Hui Shen, a CPPCC member and chairman of the Jiuhuashan Buddhist Association, demonstrates his kungfu calligraphy skills during a panel discussion on Wednesday.—XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Evening event held in Belgrade to showcase aspects of Shanghai

BELGRADE, 11 March — An evening event showcasing the history, development and other aspects of Shanghai was held

here on Wednesday. In his opening speech, Goran Vasiljevic, president of Far East Society, made a detailed introduction to the history, social and cultural life, heritage, development, and other interesting aspects of Shanghai. His speech was aided by a slide-show of pictures.

Marina Pop-Cenic, founder and deputy president of the society, and Zhu Lin, a visiting Chinese professor at Belgrade University, jointly recited three Chinese poems, both in Chinese and Serbian. Liu Yonghong, cultural

counsellor at the Chinese Embassy, participated in the event. The event, titled "Shanghai, City of Lights" was sponsored by the Far East Society, in partnership with Shanghai Library. It is part of a "Window of Shanghai" programme that was launched here on 16 Dec, 2009.

"Window of Shanghai" is a joint project of China Book International, Shanghai Library and the Shanghai municipal government. It has 60 programmes worldwide, with the one in Belgrade being the newest.—Xinhua

Chinese Navy has no plan for overseas bases

BEIJING, 11 March—A stronger Chinese Navy will not seek to build military bases overseas, a retired senior officer has said amid media reports that the country harbours such "ambitions".

Zhang Deshun, who was till recently the deputy chief of staff of the PLA Navy, said a naval force with advanced armaments and enhanced capabilities will contribute more to UN-led anti-terrorism, anti-piracy and disaster-relief missions. A larger navy with a greater reach does not mean it will seek to play the role of "world police", said the retired rear admiral, who is a deputy to the ongoing session of the National People's Congress.—Xinhua

54-year-old woman pregnant with twins

LONDON, 11 March — A 54-year-old British mother of eight has revealed she is pregnant with twins. Karen Johnston, who has already been through menopause, fell pregnant after visiting two clinics in the Czech Republic where she underwent IVF treatment using donor eggs.

Ms Johnston, who gave birth to her first son Daniel 33 years ago, says she is addicted to having babies. "For years I thought I'd never be able to have another child and that's all I wanted," she told the *Daily Mirror*.

"While I know that a lot of women aren't able to have as many children as I've had, and I do feel lucky, I still felt I needed more. I couldn't see why just because I had seven children already that meant I should try to ignore my desire to have an eighth." —*Internet*

Woman claims to be 130 years old, wants Guinness Record

GEORGIA, 11 March — A woman from Georgia is staking a claim to be the oldest person in the world. Sky News reported today. Officials say Antisa Khvichava, who lives in a remote mountain village, will be 130 on 8 July. The Georgian authorities have petitioned the Guinness Book of Records to include her as

the oldest person.

"Antisa Khvichava was born in the 19th century, and she is amazing," said Giorgi Vashadze, Head of Georgia's Civil Registry Agency. "We have the necessary documents to prove it." The authorities have Ms Khvichava's Soviet-era passport registration, which shows her date of

birth, and her pension book issued in the 1960s.

Although she was born in 1880, the pensioner only retired in 1965. She was shown on TV on Monday — on International Women's Day — being congratulated by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoying a glass of wine.

The matriarch, a resident of the Tsalenjikhi region, remains in good health, according to reports, and still plays backgammon and drinks vodka. —*Internet*

US Card stacker breaks Guinness World Record in Macao

MACAO, 11 March — Thirty-five-year-old US card stacker Bryan Berg has broken his own Guinness World Record set in 2004 by toiling over 44 days at building the largest house of free standing cards in Venetian Macao, the largest local casino, the *Macao Daily Post* reported on Thursday.

Using some 218,792 playing cards, Berg single-handedly built a scaled replica of the Venetian Macao complex, which organized the event.

He laid the final card on the structure on Wednesday, which has a total combined weight of 272 kilograms, according to the event organizer.

The secret is that every card was set up in a very systematic way, and they look a lot like grids or honeycombs, the daily quoted Berg as saying. —*Xinhua*

Dogs and cats abandoned at Battersea home become photogenic stars of new stamps

BEIJING, 11 March — They didn't exactly smile for the camera. But there was lots of tail wagging, tongue lolling and contented purring when these models got together. Some even managed that classic pose of cocking their head to one side with an earnest gaze.

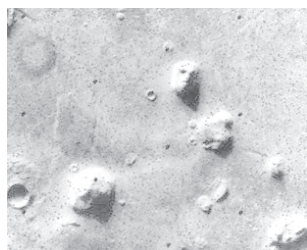
No wonder they were happy. After a rather tough start to life each and every one of this whiskered brigade has fallen on their feet, or rather paws.

And all have the famous Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in London to thank for putting them on the path to a happy ever after. These former Battersea residents, all happily living with new owners, star in a set of first-class stamps to mark the home's 150th anniversary. They were once among the 12,000 animals the charity takes in a year.

The charity began life as the Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs in Holloway, North London, back in 1860. —*Xinhua*



The eye-catching stamps celebrate 150 years of the Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. —XINHUA



Human faces on the Mars captured by probe "Viking 1".

Nine spectacles on Mars

As the most similar planet to the Earth in the solar system, the Mars always attracts people's attentions. When people were exploring the Mars, they have discovered many unexplained spectacles. The following are nine spectacles that were captured by probes.



A woman photo by Mars Rover Spirit in 2008.

Centuries-old shipwrecks discovered in Baltic Sea

A dozen centuries-old shipwrecks — some of them unusually well-preserved — have been found in the Baltic Sea by a gas company building an underwater pipeline between Russia and Germany, Swedish experts said on Tuesday.

The oldest wreck probably dates back to medieval times and could be up to 800 years old, while the others are likely from the 17th to 19th centuries, said Peter Norman, of Sweden's National Heritage Board.

"They could be interesting, but we have only seen pictures of their exterior. Many of them are considered to be fully intact. They look very well-preserved," Norman told *The Associated Press*.

Thousands of wrecks from medieval ships to warships sunk during the world wars of the 20th century have been found in the Baltic Sea, which doesn't have the ship worm that destroys

wooden wrecks in saltier oceans.

Sweden's most famous discovery, the royal warship *Vasa*, is housed in a popular museum in Stockholm where visitors can admire the ship's details, down to the flashing teeth of the carved lions that adorn its elaborate exterior. The *Vasa* was raised from the Stockholm harbor in 1961, 333 years after it sank on its maiden voyage.



Photo shows the wheel of a 18th or 19th century sailing ship seen in the waters of the Baltic Sea.

Restaurant serves breast-milk cheese

A New York chef said public demand led him to allow diners at his restaurant to sample homemade cheese made from his wife's breast milk.

Klee Brasserie chef Daniel Angerer, who once beat famed cook Bobby Flay on TV's "Iron Chef," said his regular customers became curious after he started blogging about his accomplishments with human-produced cheese, the *New York Post* reported on Tuesday.

"The phone was ringing off the hook," Angerer said. "So I prepared a little canape of breast-milk cheese with figs and Hungarian pepper."

Lori Mason, the chef's wife, said some customers are reluctant to sample the breast-milk cheese. "I think a lot of the criticism has to do with the combination of sex and cheese, but ... the breast is there to make food," Mason said.

More dinosaur extinction evidence offered

A US scientist says he's found more evidence an asteroid that crashed into the Earth 65 million years ago ended the age of the dinosaurs.

Purdue University Professor Jay Melosh refutes recent alternative hypotheses to the dinosaur extinction.

Melosh is among a panel of 41 experts from Europe, the United States, Mexico, Canada and Japan that evaluated new core samples from ocean and land sites.

"We find that alternative hypotheses are inadequate to explain the abrupt mass extinction and that the Chicxulub impact hypothesis has grown stronger than ever," Melosh said. "The impact hypothesis has been widely accepted by the scientific community, but there has still been some debate, and we continue to examine the evidence."

About 20 years ago an impact crater more than 125 miles wide was discovered in Yucatan, Mexico, and is thought to have caused the mass extinction 65 million years ago. However, some scientists suggest that event occurred 300,000 years earlier and could not have been the cause. Those scientists suggest active volcanoes led to global cooling and acid rainfall that killed the dinosaurs.

The new findings are reported in the journal *Science*.

NEWS ALBUM



"Dead" baby elephant alive in Sydney

BEIJING, 11 March — A miracle baby elephant survived on Wednesday at Taronga Zoo of Australia after it was announced dead in its mother's womb, *Sydney's Daily Telegraph* reported. Mark Williams, Taronga Zoo spokesman, said the calf is receiving intensive care from its keepers and the veterinary team and is still with its mother, Porntip.

This 100kg-weight, as-yet unnamed calf has earned a nickname "Mr Shuffles." It has already ridden out its first night, which delighted the staffs in Taronga Zoo.

Williams said it was an encouraging sign. "Both he and his mother are well and will be staying in the warm barn today," he said.

"The other elephants, including the zoo's other calf, eight-month old Luk Chai, will be in the exhibit today with access to the barn so they can spend as much time as they wish with the pair," Williams also said. Keepers and vets will continue to monitor the miracle baby elephant's progress.

Xinhua

Deforestation conference to turn plans to action

PARIS, 11 March — French President Nicolas Sarkozy will open a daylong conference on Thursday of some 40 nations to start turning plans into action to save the world's forests and help rein in the noxious gases blamed for climate change. Ministers from countries of the Amazon and Congo river basins and Indonesia — whose massive forests, most at risk, are at the heart of efforts to end deforestation — were among those attending the one-day conference. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for May in Oslo, Norway.

"The forest in danger. Massive planet-wide destruction continues," France's influential environment minister Jean-Louis Borloo said to reporters on Wednesday ahead of the conference. The conference, with closed-door working groups, is looking to translate measures adopted at the UN cli-

mate summit in Copenhagen in December into concrete mechanisms — and funds. World Bank representatives and lending nations were also attending the meeting.

Internet

Furious dog owners in UK fight microchips for 'weapon' pets

LONDON, 11 March — Responsible pet lovers said they would be unfairly penalized by British government plans to crack down on "devil" dogs, *The Sun* reported on Wednesday. Home Secretary Alan Johnson faced a furious backlash after he unveiled proposals including compulsory insurance and microchip implants for all pooches.

He aimed to target thugs who increasingly use dogs such as rottweilers or illegally-kept pitbulls as weapons in turf wars. There were also several family tragedies, including the death last year of four-year-old John-Paul Massey, mauled by a pitbull at his grandmother's house in Liverpool, northern England.

Vicious animals, or "weapon" dogs, could be made subject to orders under which rogue owners would have to muzzle or neuter them — or face having them confiscated. But law-abiding dog fans said they would have to fork out up to \$745 for the insurance, aimed at ensuring compensation was paid to victims of attacks. And the microchips, which would contain owner data and be used for tracking, could cost another \$50. Up to eight millions dogs could be affected.—Internet

The company's CEO says that the company is ready to begin manufacturing the flying car, but the US recession has grounded progress.—XINHUA



Alternative energy needs to be proven in next decade

CANBERRA, 11 March — Australia will struggle to reduce its contribution to global greenhouse emissions unless a viable alternative energy source can be developed within the next decade, according to local media on Thursday.

"If we actually don't make the progress on any of those associated technologies in the period

US company to manufacture flying car

BEIJING, 11 March — In the United States, a Boston-based technology company, Terrafugia, has created a car that can fly. The company's CEO says that the company is ready to begin manufacturing the flying car, but the US recession has grounded progress. The idea is as old as the Jetsons cartoon but the flying car is now a reality.

In August last year, Terrafugia tested out its

latest prototype. The test was successful and since then the team has been perfecting its design and preparing the flying car for commercialization.

The company's CEO says the latest design is much sexier than its predecessors.

Carl Dietrich, Terrafugia CEO, said, "This is a 200,000 dollar vehicle, so you are buying it or you are buying a Lamborghini. So when you have got that choice, why are you buying a

Lamborghini if can buy something that looks cool and flies on top of that. I mean it actually flies. It's a flying car."

Dietrich says the company already has plenty of orders. But he thinks the car's potential market is gigantic. In the US alone, he says there are more than 5,000 airports, most of which lack rental car facilities or taxi stands and charge high fees for aircraft storage. He says with a flying car, there is no problem.—Xinhua

Lula says Brazil in good shape

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 March — Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Wednesday that his country is in good shape thanks to eight years of efforts to improve the economy. At the inauguration of a thermal power plant in Cubatao, Sao Paulo state, Lula spoke highly of economic achievements since 2003 when he took office.

"In 2003, Brazil underwent an unprecedented crisis: we were subordinate to the IMF and many Brazilian companies, including the state-owned oil and gas company Petrobras, did not make any investments," he said.—Xinhua

Japan's economic growth revised down for Q4

TOKYO, 11 March — Japan revised its gross domestic product (GDP) figures for the October-December period down by 0.9 percentage points from the previous quarter to 3.8 percent, the Cabinet Office announced on Thursday. The increase in domestic demand was also revised down by 0.2 points to 0.4 percent, while private demand was cut to 0.4 percent from 0.7 percent.

The revision suggests that Japan still has to remain cautious on the economy, despite more optimism on conditions recently. The downward revision comes amid a series of government and Bank of Japan (BOJ) plans to try to keep spending up, and suggests that the effects of various stimulus measures put in place may be starting to wear off.—Xinhua



A dog walks past a landscape of central London, on Hampstead Heath.—INTERNET

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and presented clothes and medicines to townselders. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo touched upon assistance provided for greater development in agricultural sector in all parts of the nation and cultivation of marketable crops that are suitable for the region on commercial scale. Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave accounts of extended construction and upgrading of roads for better transport in Shan State (North) and stressed the need to maintain Namhkam-Bhamo tarred road linking Shan



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Dokhtawady River crossing RC Bridge and Pontoon Bridge near Hsipaw.

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tional items to Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and the commander.

On his arrival at Hsenwi in Lashio District,

The Prime Minister visited Hsipaw Township People's Hospital. In meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and

toon Bridge being built by Asia World Co Ltd near Hsipaw.

In Mongyai and Tangyan, the Prime Minister met departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders at the hall of the local battalion.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo explained that as the government has brought about development of the region, the local people are to utilize the sound foundation in improving their socio-economic status, and the Auditor-General also stressed the need for cementing friendly relations among the national people and maintenance of security, peace and stability of the region, the importance of national unity and concerted efforts to be made for development of the Union with genuine nationalistic spirit.

The Prime Minister presented clothes and medicines to the local people in Mongyai and Tangyan.

In the evening, they arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw via Lashio.

In meeting with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people in the townships of Shan State (North), the Prime Minister said that although Shan State (North) lacked peace and stability in the past, the region has now restored security, peace and stability.

He spoke of the need to make sustained efforts to ensure prevalence of law and order, to carry out development tasks based on peace and stability of the regions and explained endeavours of the government on construction of infrastructures including transport,

education and health sectors for equitable development of all regions, requirements of intelligentia and intellectual human resources for exploring natural resources to serve the interest of the State, the all-out efforts of the government in implementing the national education plans to enhance basic and higher education sectors for turning out skilled human resources, the opportunity for the local youths to learn higher education in their own regions with cost efficiency thanks to establishment of one technological university each in 24 development regions, opening of hospitals and clinics and assignment of specialists for uplifting health care standard for emergence of healthy and fit human resources.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents clothes and medicines to a townselder in Hsenwi.—MNA

State (North) and Kachin State for durability. Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung called for collaborative efforts to maintain already-achieved national consolidation and peace and stability.

At Kutkai Township People's Hospital, the Prime Minister gave instructions on uplift of health standard of the local people and comforted patients.

While visiting Shweli Yadana Yeiktha in Muse, a local presented tradi-

the Prime Minister met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people and presented clothes and medicines to them. The Prime Minister and party arrived back in Lashio in the evening.

While in Lashio yesterday, the Prime Minister attended the opening of three-storey main building of University of Computer Studies (Lashio). Next, the Prime Minister proceeded to Hsipaw of Kyaukme District.

local people, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo briefed them on ensuring durability of infrastructural buildings and Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung stressed that parents should involve themselves in their children's education as intellectuals and intelligentsia play key role in carrying out national consolidation and regional development tasks.

The Prime Minister looked into progress of Dokhtawady River crossing RC Bridge and Pon-



Aerial view of Muse.—MNA

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He pointed out that as all the national races are residing in the Union, they all are to cultivate the Union Spirit and uphold Our Three Main National Causes—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. He added that as the State's

seven-step Road Map is being realized step by step for building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation which is the national goal, necessary laws are enacted to hold free and fair elections as the fifth step.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister urged those present to work hard for improvement of livelihoods by effectively utilizing the sound foundations built by the State for development, to harmoniously participate in the

development tasks by maintaining the existing foundations of development, to contribute to accomplishment of the elections as the national duty and join hands with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw in striving for security, peace and stability and development of the State.

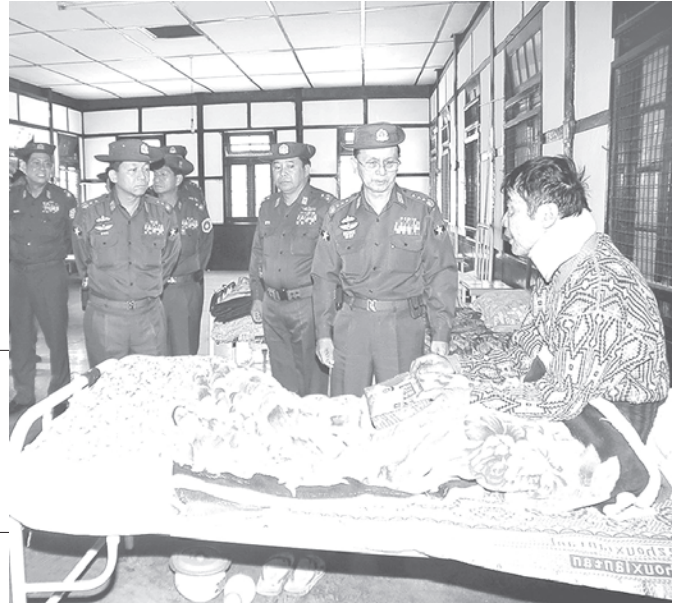
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Prime Minister General Thein Sein encourages a patient at Kutkai People's Hospital.

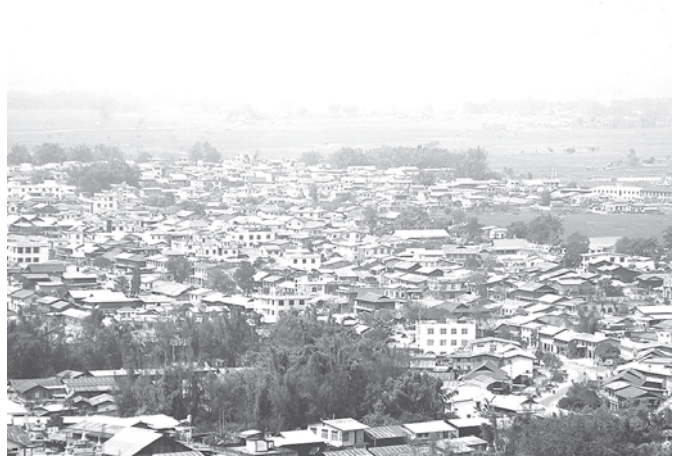
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Bird's eye view of Tangyan.

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Aerial view of Namkham.—MNA



Yangon-Bagan special train to stop at six railway stations

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Yangon-Bagan special train has been running as of 10 March. The 61-up Yangon-Bagan special train departs from Yangon railway station at 4 p.m. and arrives at Bagan railway station at 8 a.m. and 62-down Bagan-Yangon special train leaves Bagan railway station at 4.30 p.m. and get to Yangon railway station at 8.30 a.m.

The 61-up Yangon-Bagan and the 62-down Bagan-Yangon special trains will stop at Latpatan and Shwedaga railway stations with two minutes break each, Aunglan railway station, 10 minutes break, and Sathwarphu, Taungdwingyi and Kyaukpadaung railway stations, two minutes each.

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SIP for summer

YANGON, 11 March—MGS Beverages Co Ltd introduced its new soft drink SIP (The Fruity Adventure) at Park Royal Hotel here yesterday evening.

At the ceremony, an official of Guardian Inde-

pendent Certification (GIC) awarded ISO 9001-2008, HACCP certificate to MGS for its international standard management.

Star, Crusher and Quench are big brother brands of SIP drink, pro-

duced by MGS. Those interested may dial (Ph: 01-223415), Yangon Sales Centre (Ph: 01-501338 and 01-501340), and Mandalay Sales Centre (Ph: 02-53737 and 02-88041).

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War veterans get assistance in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Member of Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung together with Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min on 7 March met members of seven township WVOs in the state at the office of Kayin State

PDC and made cash donations.

After his visit to 32,000 acres of rubber plantation at 20th Mile Hillock in Hlinebwe Township on 9 March, the minister presented publications for the war veteran village (Htilon) library at Htilon village, donated cash assistance and wheelchairs to war veterans who made sacrifice their parts of body in

the interest of the State and inspected availability of water and war veterans housing at the village.

Next, the minister oversaw construction of Yeboke Dam which is under construction damming Yebok and Kazai creeks. Upon completion, the dam can benefit 5000 acres of farmland in the township and contribute greater development in the region.—MNA

Oryx for hotel career

YANGON, 11 March—Oryx Institute of Career Development will open food and beverage service and housekeeping

courses in March.

Those who wanted to attend courses may contact the institute at 13rd floor of Yuzana Tower,

Room No. (1410), Shwegondine, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 552876, 558302 and 095126295).—MNA

Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

Dy Health Minister meets Professor of Georgetown University

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Yesterday morning, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and Professor David I Steinberg of Georgetown University of the United States of America held a discussion at the Ministry of Health.

The deputy minister explained health care services in Myanmar and tasks of cooperation with social organizations. They focused on cooperation with international and internal social organizations in the health care tasks.

Also present at the call were departmental heads and project managers of the AIDS, malaria and TB projects.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo receives Professor David I Steinberg of Georgetown University of USA.—MNA



Gigabyte Notebook in sales

YANGON, 11 March—Myanmar Technology Zone Co Ltd, sole agent and service partner in Myanmar, will distribute world famous Gigabyte Notebook Computers with international warranty and best service.

M1022 model Notebook with Wireless-N (108 Mbps), Multi-Touch Touchpad, Battery Status Check, 3.5G HSDPA Support and

HDD and easy upgradeable memory, keyboard and long life battery is smart and portable.

Under the special promotion programme to mark the launching of Gigabyte Notebook in Myanmar, 35 % off will be offered to customers at Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 to be held from 19 to 21 March. Every one may make order not later than

12 March as sales are limited.

Dealer showrooms in Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 are King Power, Top Power, iCom, Life Mark, ADT, ICE, Neo-Tech and Technoland. Gigabyte Notebooks and BenQ Electronics accessories are available at the Sales Center, No. 125-B, Shwegondine Street, Bahan Township, Yangon, Ph: 542569 and 723009.—MNA

Tarred roads opened in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon



Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends opening of Ngwetaung Kyaung tarred road in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, tarred roads were opened in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon today.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the opening of Ngwetaung Kyaung tarred road in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

Head U Kyaw Myint of Engineering

Department (road and Bridge) of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee explained about the road and a local spoke words of thanks.

Head U Myo Aung of Nay Pyi Taw DC, Chairman of Tatkon Township Peace and Development Council U

Nay Aung and a townselder opened the road. After that, Minister Col Thein Nyunt strolled along the road.

The newly-opened tarred road is 3,400 feet long and 12 feet wide. It was upgraded to tarred road from earth road.

After that, the minister

attended the opening of Maha Thihanada road in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon. The road is 5,000-foot-long and 12-foot-wide, and upgraded to tarred road from gravel one.

Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee is upgrading five roads to tarred ones.—MNA

Japan donates cash to MKF

YANGON, 11 March—Under the programme of the Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects of Japan, a ceremony to sign Grant Contract between the Embassy of Japan and Myanmar Karatedo Federation, and the project for the Improvement of Karate Equipment of Myanmar Karatedo Federation took

place at Chatrium Hotel here yesterday.

It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa, honorary patron Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Retd) of MKF,

President Dr Win Zaw and officials.

Ambassador Mr Yasuaki Nogawa and President Dr Zaw Win spoke words of thanks. The ambassador and the president signed the contract. The president accepted the donation.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik presented certificate of honour to the ambassador.—MNA



Japanese Ambassador Mr Yasuaki Nogawa and President of MKF

Dr Win Zaw signing grant contract.—SPED

Beware of fire

Chairman of TCG arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—At the invitation of ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Myanmar delegation led by the Chairman of the Tripartite Core Group (TCG), Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu left for Hanoi on 7 March to attend seventh Meeting of the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) for the victims of cyclone Nargis and its related meetings in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The meetings were also attended by senior members of the TCG, representing the ASEAN and the UN, the ASEAN Secretary-General and Chairman of the AHTF Dr Surin Pitsuwan, members of the AHTF and AHTF advisory group, representatives from the ASEAN countries and donor countries, responsible personnel from ASEAN Secretariat, the World Bank and the ADB and officials from the AHTF office in Yangon.

On 8 and 9 March, the Myanmar delegation



TCG Chairman U Kyaw Thu addresses 7th Meeting of the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) for the victims of cyclone Nargis and its related meetings in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.—CSSTB

attended the seventh meeting of the AHTF and its related meetings.

Chairman of TCG U Kyaw Thu at the meeting submitted report on progress of relief and resettlement in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis and future arrangement for precautionary measures against natural disaster after sixth AHTF meeting

held in Jakarta of Indonesia on 2 July 2009. They also discussed ongoing relief and rebuilding plan according to Post Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP), donors' support, and preparation to conclude AHTF and TCG by July 2010.

Myanmar delegation arrived back in Yangon this morning.—MNA

Mayor inspects tasks for proper drainage in Sangyoung

YANGON, 11 March — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected dredging of drains for proper drainage

in Sangyoung Township here today.

He also viewed the upgrading of roads and supplying of adequate potable water in the township.

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SWD cares for victims of human trafficking

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department inspected Mandalay Vocational Training School yesterday.

He encouraged victims of human trafficking. SWD opens seven vocational training

schools in Yangon, Mandalay, Myitkyina, Patheingyi, Taungtha, Mawlamyine and Zeepingyi in order to uplift the role of women in the society. The schools are taking care of trafficked persons for mental and physical rehabilitation.

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Good news for bookworms

YANGON, 11 March—Popular Bookstore, jointly owned by Popular Holding Limited Popular and City Mart Holding Co., Ltd, opened its first franchise shop at East Point Shopping Center on 15 March 2010 and at Myae Ni Ghone Center on June 2009.

Stationery, assorted English books and Singapore syllabus teaching aid and SATs books are available at Popular Book Store. It is a one-stop book shop.

Popular Bookstore always holds Promotion programme monthly. Popular Kids Contest was held in September and December 2009.

As a special programme of the first anniversary, Popular Bookstore will sell books at 10-20 percent discount and other stationery at 10 percent from 12 March to 31 March. Popular Bookstore has made an arrangement to present gifts to customers who will purchase in 12 March.—MNA

Better communications: key to greater development of rural areas

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Akar Kyaw

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In addition, Nay Pyi Taw District Information and Public Rela-

people. Besides, the department donated K 3 million for construction of a monastery in

It was a red-letter day for Gamontaung dwellers because they received not only a CDMA telephone

tion standard of local people but also a new rural health center on the same day. Thanks to

opening of new building for rural health center, health care services will cover Gamontaung vill-

age and nearby villages.

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National race girls of Gamontaung village reading publications to widen the scope of their horizons.

tions Department donated publications with the aim of broadening the horizons of local

Phonosee village and K 1.2 million for rural health center in Myathida village.

that can assist them in doing businesses, thereby enhancing social, health and educa-



A newly-opened building of rural health center in Gamontaung village of Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinana.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life in 166 countries. UNDP has been implementing the Human Development Initiative (HDI) in Myanmar since 1994 to provide support to poor communities in areas of food security, primary health care, environment, HIV/AIDS, and training and education. UNDP currently works in 60 townships around the country. UNDP's initiatives target the most vulnerable communities and work to improve opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. The HDI IV comprises 5 projects. The core project continues to consist of two large integrated community development projects, namely: Community Development in Remote Townships (CDRT) and Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) including Cyclone Nargis Recovery Component, a Sustainable Microfinance to Improve the Livelihoods of the Poor Project, and an HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Project. A fifth project, the Integrated household Living Conditions Assessment Project (IHLCA), is a nationwide survey aiming to assess living conditions in Myanmar and generating data values for 23 MDG indicators. The predominant feature of the project is their participatory approach, with community mobilization and interaction preceding the implementation of inputs and activities, which are undertaken with the full participation of villagers and village groups including self-reliance groups and various community groups.

Position-1

Functional title and level : Programme Analyst (Microfinance) NO-B
Type of Contract : Fixed Term
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance of the Deputy Resident Representative (Programme) and direct supervision of Assistant Resident Representative (Programme), the Programme Analyst is responsible for strategic planning for UNDP microfinance programme; effective implementation of strategy and annual business plan; improvement of standard operating procedures and partnership building with NGOs and potential microfinance institutions.

Competencies Required: Corporate Competencies: Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards; promotes the vision, mission and strategic goals of UNDP. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.

Functional Competencies: Knowledge Management and Learning: Promotes knowledge management in UNDP and a learning environment in the office through leadership and personal example; actively works towards continuing personal learning and development in one or more practice areas, acts on learning plan and applies newly acquired skills.

Development and Operational Effectiveness: Good knowledge and ability to effective application of results-based management (RBM); excellent knowledge of current development issues, particularly those pertinent to microfinance. Ability to conceptualize issues and analyse data. Ability to successfully lead multidisciplinary team and coordinate the work of others.

Management and Leadership: Focuses on impact and results for the client and responds positively to critical feedback. Leads team effectively and shows conflict resolution skills. Consistently approaches work with energy in a positive and constructive attitude; demonstrates strong oral and written communication skills and shows an openness to change and ability to manage complexities.

Qualifications: Education & Experience: Postgraduate degree in Economics, Public Finance, Public Management, Development Studies or other related fields; high level of communication and interpersonal skills and experience in working effectively in a multi cultural environment. A minimum of 5 years of relevant experience, preferably in a bank or microfinance institution. Experience in commercial strategic planning, budgeting, credit analysis, product and systems development and risk management; excellent knowledge of best practice microfinance industry standards; knowledge of micro, small and medium enterprise market segments in Myanmar or similar developing countries; experience of working with other development partners, especially in the area of microfinance and community groups; strong analytical and writing skills and track record in producing relevant reports and other material.

Position-2

Functional title and level : Programme Analyst (Capacity Building for Civil Society) NO-B
Type of Contract : Fixed Term
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance of the Deputy Resident Representative (Programme) and direct supervision of Assistant Resident Representative (Programme), the Programme Analyst is responsible for mapping and assessment of civil society organization capacity; civil society capacity building strategy and action plan which is integrated into UNDP's programme; effective implementation of strategy and action plan; partnership building for civil society capacity development.

Competencies Required: Corporate Competencies: Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards; promotes the vision, mission and strategic goals of UNDP. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.

Functional Competencies: Knowledge Management and Learning: Promotes knowledge management in UNDP and a learning environment in the office through leadership and personal example; actively works towards continuing personal learning and development in one or more practice areas, acts on learning plan and applies newly acquired skills.

Development and Operational Effectiveness: Good knowledge and ability to effective application of results-based management (RBM); excellent knowledge of current development issues, particularly those pertinent to good local governance; ability to conceptualize and analyse data. Ability to successfully lead multidisciplinary team and coordinate the work of others.

Management and Leadership: Focuses on impact and results for the client and responds positively to critical feedback. Leads team effectively and shows conflict resolution skills. Consistently approaches work with energy in a positive and constructive attitude; demonstrates

strong oral and written communication skills and shows an openness to change and ability to manage complexities.

Qualifications: Education & Experience: Postgraduate degree in Public Management, Public Finance, Political Science, Law, Development Studies or other related fields. A minimum of 5 years of professional experience working on issues related to civil society organizations and community based groups in Myanmar or developing countries with specific emphasis on civil society capacity development. Experience in local level capacity development ideally in the context of capacity development; experience of working with other development partners, especially in the area of capacity building and community institutions; strong analytical and writing skills and track record in producing relevant reports and other material; sensitivity to diverse opinions and difficulties arising from differing social and cultural perceptions.

Position-3

Functional title and level : Programme Analyst (Local Governance) NO-B
Type of Contract : Fixed Term
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance of the Deputy Resident Representative (Programme) and direct supervision of Assistant Resident Representative (Programme), the Programme Analyst is responsible for local governance support strategy and action plan; effective implementation of strategy and action plan; capacity building on good local governance to HDI staff and other key stakeholders.

Competencies Required: Corporate Competencies: Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards; promotes the vision, mission and strategic goals of UNDP. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.

Functional Competencies: Knowledge Management and Learning: Promotes knowledge management in UNDP and a learning environment in the office through leadership and personal example; actively works towards continuing personal learning and development in one or more practice areas, acts on learning plan and applies newly acquired skills. Development and Operational Effectiveness: Good knowledge and ability to effective application of results-based management (RBM); excellent knowledge of current development issues, particularly those pertinent to good local governance; ability to conceptualize issues and analyse data. Ability to successfully lead multidisciplinary team and coordinate the work of others.

Management and Leadership: Focuses on impact and results for the client and responds positively to critical feedback. Leads team effectively and shows conflict resolution skills. Consistently approaches work with energy in a positive and constructive attitude; demonstrates strong oral and written communication skills and shows an openness to change and ability to manage complexities.

Qualifications: Education & Experience: Postgraduate degree in Public Management, Public Finance, Political Science, Law, Development Studies or other related fields; sensitivity to diverse opinions and difficulties arising from differing social and cultural perceptions. A minimum of 5 years of professional experience working on issues related to public administration, decentralization and local governance reforms in Myanmar or developing countries with specific emphasis on local governance and local institutions; experience in local level capacity development ideally in the context of decentralization processes; experience of working with other development partners, especially in the area of local governance and local institutions; strong analytical and writing skills and track record in producing relevant reports and other material.

Language: Fluency in English and Myanmar; high level of communication and interpersonal skills and experience in working effectively in a multi cultural environment are required for all posts

Candidates should clearly indicate the post title in their application, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualifications, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph.

Detailed Terms of Reference is posted on the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.

Applications should be addressed to Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon.

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

"UNDP practice relating to recruitment prohibits hiring of persons currently engaged by Government services or who left Government service during the last 6 months."

UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.

Closing date: 27 March 2010

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (313)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (313) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 12.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.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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years ago. Second
best time is now.**

Thirteen dead, six injured as bus crashes off bridge

GUIYANG, 11 March—Thirteen people died and six were injured after a bus plunged off a bridge in southwest Guizhou Province on Wednesday, police said.

The bus, carrying 19 people, rolled down a 37-metre mountain slope in Guiyang city en route to Guiyang Airport at 6:20 pm, said a statement of Guiyang Municipal Publicity Security Bureau on Thursday. Four people died at the scene, one died on the way to hospital and eight others, including the driver, died later in hospital. Six injured people are receiving treatment in hospital. Police are still investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

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Winter in Venice : A man holds his umbrella broken by the wind on the Ponte di Calatrava (Calatrava bridge) during a snow storm in Venice.

INTERNET

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Kia Motors' global sales jump 39.5% in February

SEOUL, 11 March — Kia Motors Corp, South Korea's second largest automaker, saw a year-on-year global sales increase of 39.5 percent in February this year, selling a total of 143,267 vehicles, the company said on Thursday.

The sales increase in February was a result of Kia's double-digit year-on-year sales growth in all regions: it gained 128.6 percent in China with 25,435 units sold, 52.7 percent in general markets with 32,578 units sold, 34.4 percent in Europe with 24,992 units sold, 21.6 percent in South Korea with 33,209 units sold, and 11.4 percent in North America with 27,053 units sold, according to the company.

General markets include the regions in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Asia (excluding China), the Pacific, the Middle East and Africa. In addition, Kia's global sales have jumped 50.6 percent year-on-year in the first two months of 2010, reaching 293,659 units sold, the company said.

Through the first two months of 2010, China had the highest year-on-year sales spike of 180.9 percent, for a total of 61,339 units sold, while general markets and Europe had increases of 56.7 percent and 42.8 percent, respectively, added the company.—Xinhua

Somali rebels behead two, fighting kills 17

MOGADISHU, 11 March — Fighting between Somali government forces and al Shabaab rebels in the north of Mogadishu on Wednesday killed 17 people and wounded 65, a Somali human rights group and rescue services said.

Residents said al Shabaab also beheaded two employees of a telecommunications company in the capital who had been accused by the al-Qaeda-linked militants of spying for the government. Somali militants have fought the government since the start of 2007 and the Western-backed administration has been hemmed into a few blocks of the capital since a rebel offensive last May.

Internet

Russia to equip army with new air defence system in 2010

Moscow, 11 March — Russia will supply the newest Pantsir-S1 air defence systems to the army in 2010, Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov announced on Wednesday.

Spokeswoman for the Defence Ministry Irina Kovalchuk said Serdyukov inspected several state-owned defence enterprises in the Tula region earlier in the day.

After the working trip, the minister announced that supplies of the Pantsir-S1 air defence system consisting of 12 surface-to-air guided missiles and two 30-millimetre automatic guns "to the army will begin this year," said Kovalchuk. "Currently, ten such systems are being prepared for participation in the Victory Day parade in Red Square," Kovalchuk

was quoted as saying by the *Itar-Tass* news agency. Created by the Tula Instrument-Making Design Bureau, the Pantsir system aims to protect small-scale national and military strategic targets, and is usually considered as effective when countering high-precision weapons.

It can also be used to destroy underwater and surface light- armored targets and manpower. The Pantsir system has already been supplied to the United Arab Emirates, and several supply contracts are being negotiated on, said the *Itar-Tass*.—Xinhua

'Bali bomber' Dulmatin confirmed dead in Indonesia raid

JAKARTA, 11 March—DNA tests on the body of a man killed in Jakarta prove beyond doubt he is Dulmatin, the last main suspect of the Bali bombings, Indonesian police say. Police Chief Bambang Hendarto Danuri said bomb-making equipment had been found during the raid in the capital. Dulmatin was suspected of planning the 2002 attacks which killed 202 people.

News of Dulmatin's death had been announced earlier by Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, during talks in Australia. About half of those killed in Bali were Australian, and officials there have praised Indonesia's anti-terror operations.—Internet

Cuba's sugar harvest threatened by rain, organizational problems

HAVANA, 11 March — Organizational problems and rain could jeopardize Cuba's sugar harvest this year, the official daily *Granma* said on Wednesday. Operational breakdowns of sugar mills and a lack of sugarcane due to the heavy rainfall have become "powerful enemies" of Cuba's sugar harvest, *Granma* said, citing an article written by agricultural expert Juan Varela.

By the end of February, the sugar mills across Cuba were operating at only 64 percent of their potentials, well below the expectations of 80 percent, the Ministry of Sugar (MINAZ) said. It meant a delay of some 147,900 tons of sugar compared with what had been planned, said the ministry.—Xinhua

Eight reporters kidnapped in Mexican city

MEXICO CITY, 11 March—Eight journalists have been kidnapped in a Mexican border city in a two-week span in a wave of abductions unprecedented in the Western Hemisphere, the *Inter-American Press Association* said on Wednesday. The press group said only three of the journalists kidnapped between 18 Feb. and 3 March in Reynosa, across the border from McAllen, Texas, have reappeared alive.

It said one died of apparent torture, two were released alive and five remain missing. "The Mexican government must act with urgency and with due force to rescue these journalists alive," said IAPA President Alejandro Aguirre. Aguirre called the abductions "serious and without precedent in the Western Hemisphere." The abductions

were apparently carried out by drug gangs in the Gulf coast state of Tamaulipas where Reynosa is located. State prosecutors in Tamaulipas and the federal attorney general's office in Mexico City could not immediately confirm the report.—Internet



Copper shop : An Iraqi coppersmith works at his shop in central Baghdad's Safafir street.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Rooney double as Man United crush Milan

LONDON, 11 March — In-form England striker Wayne Rooney scored the opening two goals as Manchester United crushed AC Milan 4-0 to reach the quarterfinals of the Champions League. Park Ji-sung and Darren Fletcher were also on target for the English Premier League champions as United secured a convincing 7-2 aggregate success. All the talk beforehand was of Milan midfielder David Beckham's return to Old Trafford for the first time since United sold him to Real Madrid in 2003.

And the England star was given an emotional reception by the United fans when he came on as a second-half substitute.



Wayne Rooney celebrates his opening goal as Manchester United cruised into the Champions League quarter-finals.—INTERNET

However, Milan were already 3-0 behind when Beckham was introduced by Milan coach Leonardo and, despite some nice touches and a couple of dangerous crosses, was powerless to help Milan back into the match. Rooney took his personal tally for the season to 30 with goals either side of half-time.—Internet

Henin advances at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 11 March — Justine Henin led the way on the opening day of the BNP Paribas Open on Wednesday by rolling to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Magdalena Rybarikova. Henin is mounting a comeback after having retired as the No 1 player in the world almost two years ago. She is unseeded for this prestigious event, at which she is a former champion.

The seeded players received a bye past the opening round. Henin was joined in the second round Wednesday by Patty Schnyder, a 6-1, 6-2 winner over Tathiana Garbin, and Jill Craybas, who ousted Eleni Daniilidou 6-0, 7-5.—Internet

Real Madrid crashes out of Champions League

MADRID, 11 March — Real Madrid drew 1-1 at home to Olympic Lyon to crash out of the Champions League on Wednesday night.

It is the sixth consecutive season that the club has failed to get past the first knockout round of Europe's most important competition, but this year's failure is the most painful of all.

Returning President Florentino Perez invested over 250 million Euros in players such as Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaka with the aim of lifting a historic tenth title.

The fact this year's final is to be held in Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu Stadium was another fac-



Real Madrid's Sergio Ramos (R) duels for the ball during the second leg of the first knockout round Champions League soccer match at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, on 10 March, 2010.

XINHUA

tor motivating Madrid and is another reason why this failure hurts more than any.

Xinhua

Brazilian Confederation of Football issues warning to Adriano

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 March — The president of the Brazilian Confederation of Football Ricardo Teixeira offered some strong advice for Adriano on Wednesday. Teixeira declared that if the star striker wants to be part of Brazil's national team to travel to South Africa in the 2010 World Cup, he had better get his personal life together. "On the Brazilian national team, one needs to take good care of their physical condition," said Teixeira in reference to Adriano and his drinking problem and his weight.

"Drinking one beer here or there is not a problem. However, it is not ok when a player is drinking a whole case," described the president. Teixeira also warned that he does not want to see the same behavior of Brazil's 2006 World Cup team in this year's Cup in South Africa. In 2006, some of Brazil's players were photographed while inside of clubs and bars during the early hours of the morning. According to Teixeira, this type of behavior will not repeat as the players will be closely monitored.—Xinhua

England boss Fabio Capello targets World Cup semi-final



England manager Fabio Capello

INTERNET

LONDON, 11 March — England manager Fabio Capello insists the Football Association's target of reaching the semi-finals at the World Cup in

South Africa is achievable.

The Italian believes his side contains one of the best players in the world in striker Wayne Rooney and is one of the leading contenders for the finals.

"The semi-finals is a minimum. We can beat all teams because we play at the same level as the best teams," he said. "Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Rooney are the best in the world."

Internet

Paralympic torch relay lights up Vancouver streets

VANCOUVER, 11 March — The Paralympic torch relay arrived in Vancouver on Wednesday for the final leg of its journey before the start of Friday's opening ceremony in the Canadian city.

Unlike the Winter Olympic torch relay that travelled across Canada on a massive 45,000-kilometer journey, the longest in Winter Olympic history, the Paralympic torch relay has been a decidedly more-low key affair, taking 10 days in all and covering 13 communities across the country, mainly in the host Province British Columbia.

About 600 torchbearers are participating nationwide.

In all, the Paralympics, which goes from 12-21 March, features 1,350 athletes, trainers and support staff from 44 countries and regions.

With the venues spread out over the Thunderbird Arena at the University of British Columbia, the Vancouver Olympic Center and the mountain resort of Whistler, located about two hours north-east of

Vancouver, the athletes will compete in five events in the wheelchair curling, ice sledge hockey, Alpine skiing and the Nordic skiing encompassing biathlon and cross-country skiing.

Xinhua

Real Madrid's failure leaves Pellegrini exposed

MADRID, 11 March — After spending over 250 million euros to build a second dynasty of 'Galacticos' Real Madrid were expected to lift this season's Champions League trophy in the May 22 final at their Santiago Bernabeu stadium. But that dream was shattered on Wednesday as Lyon eliminated Real 2-1 on aggregate at the last 16 stage.

Pressure is always intense on Real Madrid managers and Manuel Pellegrini had more than usual after a massive summer outlay on Kaka, Cristiano Ronaldo and



Real Madrid's Chilean coach, Manuel Pellegrini.

company — but money doesn't guarantee success and the bitter Champions League exit leaves the likeable Chilean fearing for his job. Pellegrini was entrusted with ending Real's last 16 hoodoo but it struck again as Real exited the competition at the first knockout stage for the sixth successive season.—Internet

Federer, Nadal return to action in desert



World number one Roger Federer.

INDIAN WELLS, 11 March — World number one Roger Federer faces a potentially difficult path to the final of the Indian Wells hardcourt tournament, the season's first

prestigious ATP Masters 1000 event. The top-seeded Swiss is seeded to meet seventh-seeded American Andy Roddick in the quarter-finals and last year's runner-up, Andy Murray of Britain, in the semi-finals. Federer, who claimed his 16th Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, will be playing his first tournament since beating Murray in the final at Melbourne.

He had been slated to play the Dubai Open last month but withdrew with a lung infection.

Internet

Referee errors part of football

BERLIN, 11 March — German legend Franz Beckenbauer pleaded on Wednesday for the rules of football to be left as they are, warts and all, because refereeing errors can be part of the sport's charm. "Leave football as simple and as clear as it is, together with all its mistakes," Beckenbauer — a member of the executive committee of FIFA, the sport's governing body — told the German daily *Bild*. "The 1966 Wembley goal is part of football legend. We've been talking about it for over 40 years in England and Germany, and probably still will be



German legend Franz Beckenbauer.

in another 40 years. Just like Maradona's 'Hand of God' goal (in 1986)."

The comments followed some radical proposals on Tuesday by Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal, including doing away with throw-ins, having two referees on the pitch and cameras replacing linesmen for off-side decisions.—Internet



Lindsey Vonn of the United States powers past a gate during the first run of an alpine ski, Women's World cup giant slalom, in Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany, on Thursday, 11 March, 2010.

INTERNET

Hoelzl wins giant slalom World Cup title;

Vonn crashes

GARMISCH, 11 March — Olympic silver medalist Tina Maze of Slovenia won the final giant slalom race of the season Thursday and Kathrin Hoelzl of Germany clinched the World Cup title in the event by finishing second.

Maria Riesch of Germany placed third to cut Lindsey Vonn's overall World Cup lead to 165 points with two races remaining. Vonn, seeking

her third straight overall title, fell in the first run of the giant slalom and did not earn any points. A victory is worth 100 points.

Vonn's skis locked, she spun in the air and crashed into the safety netting. The American then skied down the slope and was taken away from the race area for medical evaluation.—Internet



WEATHER

Thursday, 11th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3 °C) to (4 °C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, (5 °C) above March average temperatures in Chin State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Nay Pyi Taw, Monywa, Chauk, Aungmye and Pyaw (40 °C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.11) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-3-2010 was 99 °F. Minimum temperature on 11-3-2010 was 77 °F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-3-2010 was 75%. Total sun shine hours on 10-3-2010 was (8.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-3-2010 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 (7) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 10-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12th March 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in the strong wind may reach (35) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (12-3-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions

Times

Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (11-3-10 11:30 am ~ 12-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * The Hilly Town (Namhsan)
- * The Wonderful Peikchin Ravine
- * News
- * Gibbon Survey
- * News
- * Myanmar Royal Regalia
- * Songs for you
- * News
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- * Padaung Village and Elephant Camp
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-IV)
- * News
- * Myanmar Orchestra; A Blend of Arts!
- * Myanmar Endeavours Towards Water Resources Management (Part-I)
- * News
- * Let's visit the under water world
- * News
- * Livistona Speciosa (Taung Htan)
- * Let's speak Myanmar
- * Flying Over Mrauk-Oo

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Myanmar



Friday, 12
March
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To e Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုးညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဦးလှိုင်ကလေး တင်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:20 am

8. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Songs Of National Races

4:15 pm

3. Songs Of Yester Years

4:30 pm

4. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:40 pm

5. တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ

4:55 pm

6. အထေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သင်ကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

5:10 pm

7. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

8. "ဒုတိယအကြိမ်သစ်သီလံ တင်းသီးတင်းခွင့် ပန်းမန်ပြုပြင်ပွဲ (ရခိုင်ပြည်နယ်)"

5:25 pm

9. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm

10. ပဉ္စလင်ကျောင်းတော်

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက် ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ"

- (အပိုင်း-၁)

19. သီချင်းချစ်သူ

- (စိုးဝိုင်း)

- ★ 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

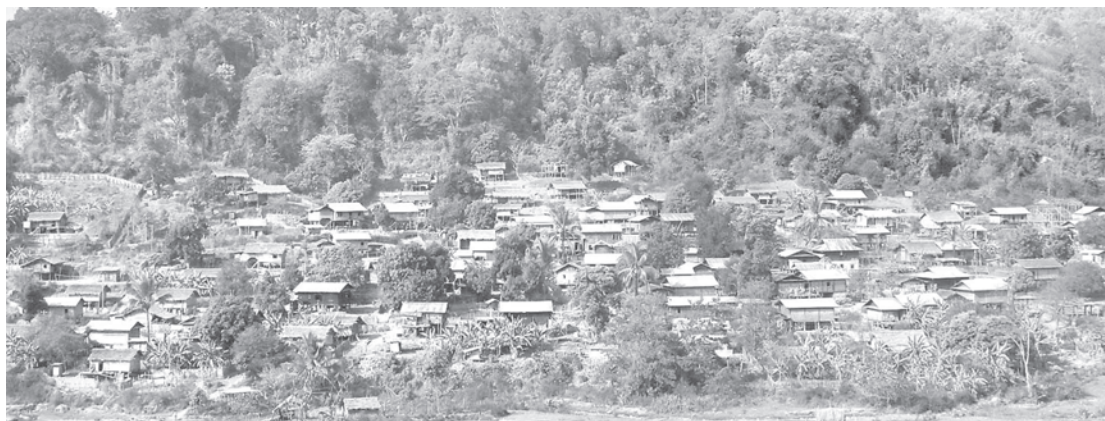
People's Desire

- 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Better communications: key to greater development of rural areas

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Akar Kyaw



The tranquil hilly village called Gamontaung on eastern part of Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana seen from a distance.

The government pays special attention to the drive for improving the living standard of the people in rural areas by fulfilling the requirements one after another. Apart from ensuring better transport, supplying clean water and opening of libraries in each and every village, better communications in rural

areas is being given priority.

At the invitation of U Kyaw Tint, chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana Township PDC, to attend the ceremony to hand over CDMA telephones to villages in eastern hilly region, we, Myanma Alin news crew, went to Gamontaung village of Mepauk village-tract in the

township on 18 February, 2010. Thanks to emergence of Paunglaung Dam project, the road that leading to the village is far better than it was in the past. This road is the artery for people of the hilly region of eastern part of Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana. People once had to go to the downtown Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana on foot from

morning to evening. As a result of better transport, they can reach there by car or by motorbikes.

The ceremony reflected that people are enjoying fruitful results of achievement in communication sector along with better transport.

U Kyaw Tint explained to us that a plan to hand over at least one

phone to one village-tract emerged thanks to collaborative efforts of Nay Pyi Taw Command and Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

So far 16 villages included in seven village-tracts in hilly region have been provided with CDMA telephones with a unit price of K 550,000 through the funds for all-

round development of Nay Pyi Taw District. Handsets worth K 100,000 each were donated by Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana Township PDC through regional development funds.

Gamontaung village is one of the villages that were provided with CDMA telephones. Arrangements are being made to hand over CDMA telephones to the remaining 21 village-tracts in the township.

The ceremony to donate 40 water pumps to the villages on hills by office of Nay Pyi Taw District Myanma Agriculture Service of ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held on the same day. The ceremony aimed to achieving greater development of agriculture in the hilly which has springs in large quantities, thus it is required to use pumps to draw water from the springs.

(See page 11)