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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

Peace, stability, modernization, development and unity in parallel with democracy

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Peace, stability, modernization, development and unity are in parallel with democracy, said Prime Minister General Thein Sein today at the opening of four-storey main building of Dawei University.

“So, we must never lose sight of the task of further consolidating community peace, development” he pointed out.

Dawei, the capital of coastal Taninthayi Division witnessed the opening of the building as a gesture of honouring the

65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The backwardness in education will lead to backwardness in all other sectors, the Prime Minister warned, saying, the most basic factor to face and address the demands of the ever changing era and the long-term existence of human community is the sound education foundation. Only the education is the force behind national modernization and development, he declared.

“The future of a nation depends on brilliant and patriotic new genera-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views the development booth of Dawei University.

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E** In our country, industrial development has broadened the area of productivity and worksite relations. The nation has seen growing numbers of modern factories and workers. People joined factories, workshops and industries of their own accord according to the appointments between proprietors and workers, following their application for jobs. It is natural that sometimes there are disagreements between taskmasters and staff in connection with productivity relations.

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Opening of the four-storey main building of Dawei University in progress.—MNA

tion. In this regard, we are relying on the ability of new generation youths to implement the national modernization and development project”, he noted. The government has kept in fore the establishment

of an education system to create a human community ever seeking means to overcome the challenges of knowledge age as guided by the Head of State, he said.

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PERSPECTIVES

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On course for ultimate goal

National economic growth and human resource development are essential for the national goal: building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Security, the rule of law, community peace and stability are fundamental requirements for national and regional development. With stability and peace, a nation can enjoy progress in the political, economic and social sectors, and the government can work to the best of its ability to improve the socio-economic status of the people.

Stability and peace are top on the government's list of priorities. As a result of earnest efforts the government has exerted for national reconsolidation, friendship and trust have been built among national races. Now, security, the rule of law, stability and peace have been restored in the regions concerned. National race peace groups and local people are getting on the same page for regional development.

The government has been improving infrastructures for equitable development of all parts of the Union including border areas. Everywhere across the Union have been road and bridges. The government has been building national railroad networks for smooth transport between one state and division and another.

One arts and science university, one university for computer studies, and one technological university each have been opened in the 24 strategic regions. So, the youth of national races have easy access to higher education in their own regions. New hospitals and health care centres are being established and old ones are being upgraded to provide better health care to the people.

Today, the whole nation has enjoyed stability and peace along with significant development in the political, economic, education, health and social fields. Therefore, the entire people are duty-bound to work in harmony, making good use of infrastructural buildings in order to achieve the national goal.

Six killed and 30 injured in car crash, driver blamed for accident

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—A passenger bus plying between Nay Pyi Taw and Taunggyi crashed near Bawa Thanthara Bridge in Kalaw at about 4 am on 27 March as it lost control of its speed.

Among 36 passengers on board, three men and three women died and the others were wounded in the incident. The injured were being hospitalized at Set San Tun. Heho Police Station have detained driver Aung Thet Oo of

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

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. National Unity Party, headquartered at No.24, Aung Zeya Street, Shwetaungkyia Ward-1, Bahan Township, Yangon Division, on 29-3-2010 submitted its application for its continued existence as a political party under Article-25 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration bylaws 14 (d) that if there is anyone who want to remonstrate with the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

The flag of National Unity Party



The seal of National Unity Party



Union Election Commission

Int'l culinary course

YANGON, 30 March—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will conduct monthly International Culinary Course and International Bakery & Pastry Course in the first week of April. The courses will be taught according to the guidelines of Institute of Hospitality (UK) and Institute of AH&LA(USA). For more information, contact SRHMA at Building No. 267, Room No. 302, Pyay Road, Myenigon, Sangyoung Township, here (Ph: 01-523623, 523200, 4412256 and 095020302).

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Those wishing to form political parties submit application

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Democratic Party (Myanmar) submitted its application to the Union Election Commission today for its formation as a political party, as those wishing to form political parties are applying to the commission, stating the name of their party.

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the bus which fell to the left gully of the road and is investigating the cause of the accident.

An official concerned to traffic rule enforcement said the number of accidents is likely to be null if the drivers of highway expresses and trucks are cautious on the conditions of their cars and abide by traffic rules. He also stressed the drivers dealing with steep gradient roads to be more aware of their car's situations.

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Beware of human traffickers

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Shweli special squad for combating human trafficking handed over a trafficked woman to the Muse squad on 25 March.

The 19-year-old victim Ma Phyo Hnin Wai said the Muse squad that a woman identified as Ma Khine living in Hlinethaya Township on 25 December 2009 persuaded her to marry a foreign person, telling that the man of other land may put up property and money to expected bride's parents. She added that Ma Lin Lin, Ma Ei San and herself together with human traffickers Ma Khine, her husband Zaw Tun and Kyaw Ye Aung arrived at Ma Aye's house in Shweli from Muse on 29 December. The three victims have landed Phukyant of Phukyant Prefecture as Ma Aye transferred them to foreign human traffickers on 2 January. The escaped victim told that she was detained in a police station for two months as she run away from the traffickers and was handed over.

Muse Police Station filed a lawsuit against Ma Khine, Zaw Tun, Kyaw Ye Aung and Ma Aye for trafficking the three victims, including Ma Phyo Hnin Wai who is now at social welfare centre in Muse. The plan has been arranged to hand over her to her parents.

Similarly, Kutkai Police Station also filed a lawsuit against Ma Aye Yein as she was found to be a human trafficker attempting to sell three women to the foreigners. She had got K 2m from the victims as she granted

jobs to them. She was arrested by responsible personnel on a car, leaving Kutkai for Muse, at Asia World Toll Gate in Kutkai in Shan State (North). The three victims have been handed over to their parents.

Officials questioned Ma Nan Hsar Aye of Manwaingyi village in Namkhan Township and Ma Gwar Semi of Kharshi (upper) village in Lashio Township at Special Court for Prevention of Human Trafficking as the two women found near Mansu Highway Bus Terminal with a 10-month-old girl at about 4.15 pm on 23 March. They admitted that the infant was stolen from a village near Nantpaung village in Lashio Township on 22 March morning and will be illegally sold in Shweli. Lashio Police Station No (1) filed a lawsuit against the two traffickers. Lashio special squad for combating human trafficking is taking care of the child and is trying to hand over to her parents.

Officials concerned are giving educative talks, distributing pamphlets and releasing reports on human trafficking in respective regions. These responsible personnel are also rescuing victims and arresting human traffickers at airports, bus terminals and toll gates. The officials alerted the parents and guardians to be aware of human traffickers as the children and women become regular targets of these criminals.

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Israeli army shoots at Gaza rallies, wounding six Palestinians

GAZA, 30 March—At least six Palestinians have been injured on Tuesday when Israeli forces fired at three demonstrations along the security fence between Gaza and Israel, witnesses said.

Hundreds of demonstrators headed to eastern Gaza city, east of Khan Younis city in the south and the eastern part of central Gaza Strip respectively, to approach the fence in unprecedented rallies that imitate peaceful demonstrations in the West Bank.

The six Palestinians were shot and injured in central Gaza and in Khuza'a

area in Khan Younis respectively, including one in serious injury, the witnesses added.

But Tuesday more people are joining the demonstrations since the Palestinians are marking the Land Day to commemorate the deaths of six Palestinians in 1976 when Israeli forces dispersed a peaceful rally to protest the annexation of land to the Jewish state.

On Friday, two Israeli soldiers and two Palestinian militants were killed in clashes in the buffer zone to the east of Khan Younis.

Xinhua



A Washington Metro Transit police officer and his dog watch commuters at the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro Station in Washington, 29 March, 2010. Washington Metro conducted random security sweeps as part of heightened security associated with Monday's metro bomb explosions in Moscow.

XINHUA

Five alleged criminals killed during clash with troops in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 29 March—At least five alleged criminals were killed during a clash with the Mexican Army near Monterrey city, capital of Nuevo Leon state in northern Mexico, the Mexican Defense Ministry said on Monday.

The clash occurred on Sunday in a motel in Santa Catarina municipality of Nuevo

Leon near Monterrey, 900 km north to the capital Mexico City, the ministry said in a statement.

The patrolling

troops were attacked by gunmen when they arrived at the motel in response to an urgent call from a citizen.

Internet

Photo taken on 29 March 2010, shows a model in St. Paul, Brazil, displaying a hairstyle made of debris left by the Chile earthquake.

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Folk artists who live in the region's rugged mountains and valleys have brought their rich musical traditions to Beijing.

XINHUA



Iraqis inspect the scene of a bomb attack in central Karbala, 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, 29 March, 2010. A pair of car bombs went off in the holy city of Karbala.—INTERNET

Iranian agents free diplomat kidnapped in Pakistan

TEHRAN, 30 March—Iranian state TV says intelligence agents have freed an Iranian diplomat kidnapped by gunmen in 2008 in northwest Pakistan.

The report Tuesday said Iran's agents freed Heshmatollah Attarzadeh from his abductors and returned him safely

to Iran.

Attarzadeh, Iran's commercial attache in Peshawar, was kidnapped November 2008.

The report said the diplomat was freed "in a complicated intelligence operation."

The operation marks the latest success by

Iran's intelligence services broadcast on television. Last month, Iran captured Abdulmalik Rigi, leader of an armed Sunni opposition group whose insurgency in southeast Iran had destabilized the border region with Pakistan.

Internet

Death toll of Moscow subway blasts hits 39

Moscow, 30 March—A severely injured

woman died in hospital, bringing the death toll of Monday's metro twin blasts up to 39, a Russian health official said Tuesday.

"One critically injured woman died in Sklifosovsky Hospital overnight," Andrei Seltsovsky, head of the Moscow Health Department, told national television.

The blasts occurred during Monday morning's rush hour.

The first took place at 7:52 a.m. (0352 GMT) at the Lubyanka station and the second bomb detonated some 40 minutes later at the nearby Cultural Park station, all in the same subway "redline" that runs through central Moscow.

Internet



Indian Air Force to deploy new cruise missile

MUMBAI, 30 March—The Indian Air Force (IAF) will deploy the new BrahMos air-to-ground supersonic cruise missile in the coming years, local media reported on Tuesday.

The Indian government has signed an acquisition contract with the cruise missile maker BrahMos Aerospace last week, and the air-to-ground cruise missile will be formally inducted into

the IAF in the next few years, the Indian Express quoted a top defense source as saying. The most advanced fighter Su-30 of the IAF will have the long-distance land precise striking capacity as one squadron of the fighters will be equipped with the BrahMos missiles with a range of nearly 290 kilometers, said the source. In the BrahMos family, there are three

members of land-based, ship-based and air-based missiles. Ship-launched version is in service with the Indian Navy, and land-launched version was inducted into the Army in June 2007, while air-launched BrahMos is being developed by BrahMos Aerospace, a joint venture by India's Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and a Russian company.

Internet

Getting Stone Age in Wangfujing

BEIJING, 30 March—Idle shoppers in Wangfujing's luxurious Oriental Plaza could perhaps do with reminding that their hunter-gatherer forbearers are but a short distance away: 12 meters below, in fact. The sight of a pack of naked cavemen hunting a wild bull in the forest may look an unlikely vision in the seemly environs of Beijing's leading tourist shopping area; nonetheless that's exactly what the Wangfujing Paleolithic Museum is offering to anyone who strays across its threshold.

The unlikely location for such an offbeat museum—which may have spurred more than a few puzzled tourists to wonder “What the holy hell?”—has a logical explanation. The relics of several 25,000-year-old Chinese ancestors were discovered in 1996 by a Peking University student during the construction of Oriental Plaza. Instead of slinging the bones in a skip or using them to support the foundations, the developers called a halt to allow proper archaeologists to take a look. The construction project for Oriental Plaza paused for eight months while excavations were completed, and in 2001, the area was presented by Li Jiacheng, the original investor, to the Dongcheng government, hence the incongruous “Wangfujing Paleolithic Museum” sign amidst the usual marblefest of a glitzy mall.—Xinhua



A view of the palace of the Abu Dhabi royal family on the banks of a reservoir south of the Moroccan capital Rabat on 19 March, 2010. Rescuers on Sunday were searching a Moroccan hillside lake for the boss of the world's largest sovereign fund, the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), two days after his plane crashed into it.

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2010 int'l clothing fair opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 30 March—The China International Clothing and Accessories Fair, or CHIC 2010, kicked off at the New China International Exhibition Center in Beijing over the weekend.

Over 9-hundred garment manufacturers from more than twenty countries and regions participated in the event.

limelight at the on-going fair are domestic brands, which occupy more than half of the exhibition counters.

Domestic brands like Bosideng, Youngor and Sinoer brought along their latest designs, for both men and women.

Another highlight of the Expo is the exhibition hall dedicated to children's

wear. This year, 87 firms are participating in this sector from all around the world. A large number of designs focus on the theme of low-carbon, aiming at raising public awareness of environmental protection. Even the exhibition counters are designed using recyclable materials.

Internet



French born actress Alexa Davalos arrives for the World Premiere of Clash of the Titans at a cinema in Leicester Square, London on Monday, 29 March, 2010.

INTERNET

Stealing the

Japan's industrial output falls 0.9% in February

TOKYO, 30 March—Industrial production in Japan fell a seasonally adjusted 0.9 percent in February from a month earlier, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) said on Tuesday in a report.

According to METI, the production index stood at a seasonally adjusted 91.3, against the base of 100 for 2005, in February, marking the first decline in 12-months, however, the government noted that production rose 31.3 percent from a year earlier.

Industries contributing to the decrease in February were those related to transport equipment, manufacturing and information and communications, the report indicated, revealing that the production of electronic toys, active matrix LCDs (Liquid Crystal Devices) and large and small cars, were commodities contributing to the decline.

Shipments also fell a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent in February from the previous month although rose from a year earlier by 28.7 percent. Inventory and inventory ratio gained 1.0 and 1.8 percent respectively in February from a month earlier, METI said.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, production in Japan is expected to increase 1.4 percent in March and decrease 0.1 percent in April, the ministry said stating that industrial production continues to show an “upward movement.”—Xinhua



Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin visits survivors of the metro bomb explosions at Botkinskaya hospital in Moscow. Two female suicide bombers killed at least 37 people and injured 38 on two Moscow metro trains in the rush hour on Monday, officials said.—XINHUA

“Robin Hood” to open Cannes film festival

BEIJING, 30 March—“Robin Hood,” starring Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett and directed by Ridley Scott, will open the Cannes Film Festival in May.

Crowe's role as Robin Hood follows several portrayals of the archer who robbed the rich to give to the poor by Hollywood stars, including Errol Flynn, Douglas Fairbanks, Sean Connery and Kevin Costner. The latest movie version, which also stars Max Von Sydow, Lea Seydoux and William Hurt, will not be judged during the May festival, its organizers said in a statement. The movie was produced by Universal Studios and the screenplay written by Brian Koppleman, who also wrote “L.A. Confidential” and “Mystic River.” Scott has directed Crowe before in the 2000 Roman imperial film “Gladiator.”—Xinhua



Stiff competition for jobs, soaring housing prices and an unfair hukou system are forcing many white-collar workers to leave big cities.—XINHUA

Kate Moss lands Shakespeare role

BEIJING, 30 March—The supermodel has reportedly landed a small part playing a nymph in an upcoming version of ‘The Tempest’ which will be overseen by Kevin Spacey and directed by Sam Mendes.

A source told the Daily Mirror newspaper: “Kate has had several acting lessons and is keen to broaden her horizons. She and Kevin go back a long way and they met up again last week at the W Doha bash at China White in London, where her part was confirmed.

“It's only a small part but Kate hopes it could be her big break.”

Apparently Kate had been in talks about a minor role for a while and had



British model Kate Moss poses with her fashion collection in the Topshop window of at their flagship store at Oxford Circus in central London.

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several meetings in recent weeks with Kevin - who is the artistic director of the Old Vic theatre in London.

“The Tempest” will take to the stage as part of 2010's The Bridge Year Project, which will see Hollywood filmmaker Sam mastermind the play as well as directing ‘As You Like It’.

The 36-year-old beauty parted with Kevin at London hot spot China White last Monday, where they had a friendly dance-off as they enjoyed the W Doha 1st Birthday celebrations.

A partygoer said: “They were chatting closely all night and just seem to really hit it off. They looked like they were having a great time.”

Xinhua



Mexico arrests suspect over US consulate shooting

MEXICO, 29 March—Mexican soldiers have arrested a man in connection with the killing of two Americans and a Mexican in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, officials say.

Local reports suggest the suspect is a leading member of a local drugs gang.

A US consulate worker, her husband and a Mexican national were killed as they were leaving a birthday party in Ciudad Juarez earlier this month.

More than 2,500 people died last year in Ciudad Juarez, one of the focal points of Mexico's illegal drugs trade.

Lesley Enriquez — a US citizen working at the Juarez consulate— her American husband,



Ciudad Juarez is one of the world's deadliest places.—INTERNET

Arthur Redelfs, and Jorge Alberto Salcido, the Mexican husband of another consular employee, were shot dead in two separate incidents on 13 March.

The motives for the killings remain unclear.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who was in Mexico as part of a high-level US delegation last week, pledged increased support for Mexico in the fight against drug gangs.

She said more would be done to cut US demand for drugs and the flow of profits and guns into Mexico.

Internet

Men In Black Star In Court Over 'Burglary'

NEW YORK, 29 March — Award-winning Hollywood star Rip Torn is due in court accused of breaking into a bank near his home with a gun in his pocket. The 79-year-old, who starred as Agent Zed alongside Will Smith in the Men In Black movies, is facing five charges, including burglary in the first degree, which carries a maximum five-year jail term.

The Oscar-nominated actor, who

also appears in NBC sitcom 30 Rock, was found inside the branch of Litchfield Bancorp on 29 January this year after the bank's alarm was triggered.

According to a police report, Torn was taken into custody after trooper James Parker "discovered that this individual was armed with a loaded revolver and highly intoxicated".

When breathalysed, police claim the star was almost three times over the legal drink-drive

limit.

Since the Dodgeball star last appeared in court, he has spent time in a New York rehabilitation centre.

His lawyer A Thomas Waterfall says Torn was merely confused and mistook the bank for his home, which is an entirely different colour and half a mile down the street.

Torn has a reputation for being a hellraiser, famously attacking the late writer and director Norman Mailer with a hammer in 1970 on the set of the film *Maidstone*.

He has also been arrested several times for drink-driving.

At one trial, after leaving court he led several news crews on a wild goose chase, at one point clambering under a truck to escape the cameras.

He will appear at Litchfield Superior Court in Connecticut.

Internet



The world's tallest horse.

INTERNET

*The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.*

Army of rescuers racing the clock to save 153 trapped in flooded coal mine

XIANGNING, 30 March—Almost 1,000 rescuers were racing the clock through the drizzle Monday to pump water and reach the 153 people trapped underground in a flooded coal mine in north China's Shanxi Province.

Altogether 261 workers were in the pit of Wangjialing Coal Mine, which was under construction, when underground water gushed in at about 1:40 pm on Sunday. Although 108 were lifted safely to the ground, 153 others were trapped in the shaft.

"Currently, more than 970 people are participating in the rescue operation," said Liu Dezheng, a spokesman of the rescue headquarters and deputy director of the General Office with the Shanxi Provincial Work Safety Committee, at a news conference late Monday. "If everything goes smoothly, with the installation of two more high-power pumps, it is expected that 650 cubic meters of water can be

pumped out of the shaft per hour tonight, and 2,000 cubic meters per hour tomorrow," he said. Previously, six pumps had been used to pump up to 300 cubic meters of water per hour around the clock.

But Liu also pointed out that complicated conditions underground could hamper the operation. "The coal mine has a high concentration of gas. Rescuers have to face the danger of toxic gas, while fighting the water," he said. "We must guard against secondary disasters."

Therefore, rescuers had started to drill a hole and open a drainage channel in the shaft to divert water from the flooded tunnel to another unaffected tunnel, he said.

"The channel, with a length of more than 100 meters, is expected to be completed by 6 pm on Tuesday," he added.

Internet



Rescuers work at the site of a flooding accident of Wangjialing Coal Mine, sitting astride Xiangning County of Linfen City and Hejin City of Yuncheng City, in north China's Shanxi Province, on 29 March, 2010. The number of people trapped underground after the flooding accident at Wangjialing Coal Mine was revised — for a second time — to 153 from 123, rescuers said late Sunday night.—INTERNET

Probe sees 'Pac-man in the moon'

SCIENCE DAILY, 30 March—The Cassini spacecraft in orbit around Saturn has caught an interesting new view of the tiny moon Mimas.

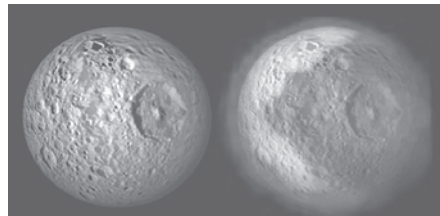
The probe measured temperature differences across the object's surface and produced a map that looks just like the 1980s Pac-Man video games icon.

Some textures may retain heat better than others, they explain.

Mimas is about 400km (250 miles) across. It has a distinctive scar called Herschel Crater which has led many to draw comparisons with the

"Death Star" from the Star Wars movies.

The Cassini team says the creation of the crater itself might have played a key role in changing conditions across extensive regions of the moon's



Mimas and a map of temperature variations that looks like Pac-Man.—INTERNET

surface.

Cassini is a joint venture between the US space agency (Nasa), the European Space Agency (Esa) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI).

Its mission was recently extended through to 2017.

Internet

Peace, stability, modernization, ...

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The number of institutions of higher learning has increased fivefold to 159 at present when compared with 32 in 1988, he said, adding teaching programmes including master's degree courses, master's degree (research) courses and doctorate courses have reached 215 from 79 in the past. Up to now the institutions have turned out over 3300 doctorate degree holders and have over 2800 PhD candidates.

The Prime Minister continued to say that

the nation has opened over 40,700 basic education schools where over 260,000 teachers are teaching over eight million students. Border areas alone have 1094 basic education schools where over 200,000 students are attending classes.

The nation is now in the process of gentle transition to a new system, he stated, elaborating on the region-wise and sector-wise success in building sound foundations.

As for the Taninthayi Division

where the building was opened, he called for all-out efforts for emergence of brilliant intellectuals and intelligentsia and entrepreneurs benefiting the region and the nation.

The election in which the people will have to choose their representatives is drawing nearer, he said, pointing out the importance of choosing able persons with strong patriotism and will to serve the interest of the nation and people.

The Prime Minister, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and De-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents a prize to lecturer Dr Aye Aye Than who won gold medal in innovative and technological competition held in Malaysia. — MNA

velopment Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin

Zaw Oo and ministers planted trees to mark the ceremony.

Ever Green Fine Arts Co Ltd presented documents concerning the



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party, faculty members and those present pose for a photo in front of the four-storey main building of Dawei University.—MNA



Photo shows the four-storey main building of Dawei University.—MNA

building to Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein. The company also set up a trust fund of K 10 million for the university.

The Prime Minister presented cash award and promotion to Lecturer Dr Aye Aye Than for winning gold medal in innovative and technological competition held in Malaysia and Assistant Lecturer Dr Nwe Nwe Win for her achievement in finding a new compound that can fight against cancer at a Japanese university.—MNA

Prime Minister oversees construction tasks, regional development in Mon State, Taninthayi Division



Prime Minister General Thein Sein oversees worksite of Pauktaing creek Bridge.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Prime Minister General Thein Sein went by car to Mudon from Mawlamyine to study regional development yesterday. At Aung San Hall of Mawlamyine, he met with local authorities, members of social organizations and townsenders and enquired about education, health and social affairs.

On his visit to General Hospital in Mawlamyine, the Prime Minister made cash donation for construction of the operation theatre to the medical superintendent and clothes and medicines to townsenders.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Ye by helicopter. Then he delivered an address in meeting with township administrative staff, members of social

organizations and the local people at the Ye Township Peace and Development Council office. After that, he presented clothing and medicines to the townsenders.

On arrival in Dawei, Taninthayi Division, the Prime Minister met local authorities, social organization members and townsenders at Aung San Hall of Dawei Station and explained regional security, peace and stability, the rule of law and regional development. He next made cash donations for installation of medical equipment to head of District Health Department Dr Aung Tun and medical superintendent Dr Win Kyaing and clothes and medicines to the townsenders.

The Prime Minister

and party went to the office of Dawei-Myeik railroad project in Dawei. At the briefing hall, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on finding of axis for construction of the railroad, construction tasks to be carried out in the townships along the route and at Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section and Thamot (Myeik)-Bokchan railroad section and progress in construction work. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave supplementary reports.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister stressed the need for division of labour by setting up railroad sections in the project and efforts for earlier completion of section-wise project for

the convenience of the people. He then fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected construction of Seikkan railway station included in the Dawei-Thayetchaung section, installation of railway tracks, earthwork and progress in construction of bridges. Later, the Prime Minister proceeded to the construction site of 540 feet long Pauktaing creek bridge. Then he was conducted around the project site.

Dawei-Myeik railroad being built by Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation is 132.50 miles long and includes Dawei-Thayetchaung section, Thayetchaung-Palauk section, Palauk-Pulaw section, Pulaw-Bokchan section and Bokchan-Thamot

(Myeik). Of them, 20-mile Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section will be opened in 2010 and efforts are being made to complete the project section-wise for the convenience of the people. Dawei-Myeik railroad project includes 666 bridges including seven 180-foot and above bridges and 37 bridges with 40 feet and above or under 180 feet in length, 12 stations and 14 stops.

In meeting with the administrative staff, social organization members and townsenders in Mawlamyine and Ye in Mon State and Dawei in Taninthayi Division, the Prime Minister said for the development of all parts of the nation including rural areas, the government was giving priority to better transport and

development of all other sectors including education and health by adopting the project for progress of border areas and national races, the 24 development region project and the project of five rural development tasks. Then, he spoke of the need for cooperation in maintaining already-achieved peace, security and developments, the rule of law and development infrastructures built by the State. The Prime Minister also called for playing respective roles in safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes, the national policy of the State, and building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the national goal of the State.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects construction of Seikkan railway station on Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section.—MNA

Workers to see to bounden duty

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People are by nature in conflict with one another more or less. It is impossible at all that a person's wishes are identical to others'. So, small conflicts such as debates, arguments and vying with each other sometimes grow into civil wars, regional wars and world wars. Therefore, conflicts are common and unavoidable. People need to coordinate to settle various forms of clashes. History shows that the majority of the conflicts around the world have been settled through cooperation and coordination.

Among them, a common case is a conflict between employers and employees, based on worksite relations and mutual interest. That is just a common issue that can be addressed with coordination.

In our country, industrial development has broadened the area of productivity and worksite relations. The nation has seen growing numbers of modern factories and workers. People join factories, workshops and industries of their own accord according to the appointments between proprietors and workers, following their application for jobs. It is natural that sometimes there are disagreements between taskmasters and staff in connection with productivity relations.

To make things worse, today's global financial crisis has fanned the blaze of contradictions between owners and workforces. Like in the international community, our country sees disagreements and demands in workplaces. The Ministry of Labour is in a position to successfully address such issues in accordance with existing labour laws in order that workers are not deprived of the rights enumerated in labour laws.

Such issues are solved through tripartite discussions among the township labour supervisory committee representing the government, the representative of the employer and the representative of the employee. This tripartite discussion method has showed systematic and successful.

Factory workers make demands individually or in groups. In such occasion, the township

labour supervisory committee concerned at first deal with the workers to ascertain their wishes and then let the employer know them. Ten to 50 were selected from among the workers as representatives to tripartite talks with the employer before the township labour supervisory committee. Discussions are held till an agreement that is acceptable to both sides is reached. The tripartite discussions are designed to seek an agreement between the employer and employees to satisfy the demands. Discussions are also held in combination with the law based on the points in the appointment agreement.

After the disagreements have been settled, the representatives of the workers makes further clarification to the agreement one point after another to the workers. The representative group of workers has to talk with the employer before the committee till they reach an agreement that is acceptable to all workers. Then, the representatives of workers have to sign the employment contract in the presence of the township labour supervisory committee concerned. In that sense, a point is included in the contract: the employer shall not dismiss workers without any reasons due to his grudge against them. The employer and workers all have to honour the points in the contract. During the period of tripartite discussions, the committee gets the employer pay wages to the workers as though they are on duty.

Those are the practical procedures in relation to labour issues. Therefore, there has not been any labour issue or conflict that cannot be solved. After an issue is addressed, the agreement is acceptable to all.

In fact, such labour problems are not new ones. Every year, our country sees disagreements between employers and employees, and demands on labour rights. According to the records, the nation faces such problems more or less annually. A number of labour problems have taken place this year. This year's labour problems are not strange, if compared with those in previous years. Every labour issue is dealt through tripartite talks in line with international norms. Both sides are

satisfied with the agreements, and stability and peace have been restored well in worksites.

However, an anti-government political party with negative view and confrontation policy with the government in its special announcement says that the Ministry of Labour under the government, using administrative power, squeezes both the employer and employees to accept its intervention. In reality, it leveled a one-sided accusation, turning a blind eye to the government's systematic approach to labour issues. Anyhow, for public knowledge, I have to present the ways the Ministry of Labour takes in consistence with the procedures to solve the labour conflicts.

Besides, in the special announcement, it says in Myanmar workers lose their rights and they are inhumanely exploited because they are deprived of freedom of organizing. That is intended just to spark labour outrage and fuel issues. The party is exaggerating such small matters in the run-up to the 2010 elections with the intention of inciting riots in the mass of workers.

Here, the people have to notice the fact that anti-government groups are never reluctant to expend the interest of the nation and the people, if necessary for with the interest of an individual or itself. And what they focus on is nothing other than power. Only then will the people be convinced that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw need to remain united in warding off all sorts of attempts to disrupt stability, peace and development momentum, the seven-step Road Map, and the processes to hold 2010 elections.

Whatever system the nation practises, what is the most important for the nation is to achieve high rapid development with peace and stability. National development tasks are to be carried out constantly to be able to gain greater momentum, not in a sporadic way. The people have to work harder than ever, while extending hands and hearts to the drive to restore political stability, community peace and the rule of law for greater economic development of the nation. Only then will it be possible for them to do their businesses in peace and enjoy better living standard.

In conclusion, labour issues are common in every country. Our country has already adopted procedures to approach such cases. In practice, the nation successfully solves those problems. Workers make up a working class that plays an important role in tasks for national development. So, the government protects workers in line with the laws. Therefore, I would like to urge the entire people especially workers not to let themselves to be caught in the snares set by self-seeker axe-handle anti-government groups, but to do their bit in pursuance of the national goal of building a peaceful, modern developed democratic nation.

Translation: MS

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Free eye treatment given to patients in TadaU Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—A ceremony to serve free medical treatment, with the contribution of well wishers, to locals with eyes complaint was held TadaU People's Hospital in TadaU Township, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division today.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Minister for Science

and Technology UThaung. Lt-Gen Tin Aye speaking in his address that under the guideline of the Health Ministry and assistance of generous well wishers, medical staff members have been providing medical services to eye patients not only in healthcare centres but also by making field trips across the country.

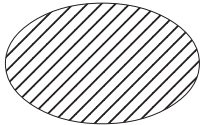
"Medical field trips

happened in many regions of Mandalay Division. Now, it reached second time to give free medical treatment in Kyaukse District, Kyaukse Hospital was first", he continued. Eye surgery continues tomorrow. A total of 123 eye patients will be provided free healthcare treatment and 361 will get eyeglasses.

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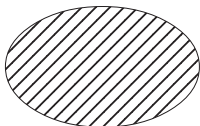


Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence puts eyeglasses on a patient.—MNA



Eye specialists make surgical operation.

MNA



Bilateral cooperation between China and Myanmar enhanced

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha received a delegation led by Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Deming of the People's

Republic of China, who arrived in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon, at the ministry here on the same day. It was also attended by Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo.

The ministers of both countries headed the discussion about enhancing further cooperation between the two countries.

The Chinese delegation visited Myanmar International Convention Centre.

MNA

Meeting on bilateral cooperation ties between China and Myanmar in progress.—MNA



Minister U Soe Tha receives Chinese Commerce Minister Mr Chen Deming.—MNA

Fire makes many homeless in Mandalay, Sagaing Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—As the forest fire spread to Panmahtait village, Mogok Township in Mandalay Division, five houses were damaged at about 3 pm on 24 March, 2010.

There are cases of fire breaking; losing 25 houses in Padataing village, Myinmu Township, two houses in Zedaw village and 10 houses in Zegyun village, Pwintbyu Township in Sagaing Division, due to negligence, on 25 March morning. Not favouring to any reason of fire, officials concerned are taking fire preventive measures in any kind of places.—MNA





People watch as a man lifts a bar containing 50 kg (110 lbs) iron weights with his mouth at an open gym in Lagos on 27 March, 2010.—INTERNET

French president, first lady take on New York

NEW YORK, 30 March — With a lectern flown in from France and his fingers firmly entwined with those of his smiling wife, French President Nicolas Sarkozy made a splash Monday even before he opened his mouth for a no-holds-barred speech at Columbia University.

Amid blogger reports of strains in their marriage, Sarkozy and ex-supermodel Carla Bruni-Sarkozy made every effort to appear the happy couple, walking closely together and clasping hands as they mounted a staircase into an auditorium packed with students, faculty and other spectators.

The French first lady, elegant in a swept-up chignon and form-fitting black top with gray skirt, at times threatened to upstage her husband, who scolded his American hosts about

health care and for not paying enough attention to the rest of the world.

French Web sites immediately picked up on the message. “Carla Bruni et Nicolas Sarkozy amoureux a New York” read a headline on the online site of entertainment magazine Voici, which mentioned the “electric atmosphere” of the Big Apple and its effects on the French presidential couple.

Sarkozy is in hot water at home. His poll ratings are at record lows of around 30 percent and there are widening cracks in his conservative party. In New York, though, he basked in the rapt attention of hundreds of Columbia students and even jettisoned a prepared speech.

“Speeches kill off creativity,” he said. “I’m going to speak from the heart.”—*Internet*

Dog that attacked police cars must attend classes

A pit bull mix in Tennessee has been sentenced to obedience training after his dogged attack on a local police car.

Winston didn’t bite anybody, but he mauled a Chattanooga police car in what might have been a confused attempt to take a bite out of crime. The persistent pooch managed to tear off a section of the front bumper and damage the tires.

The Chattanooga Times Free Press

reports that a judge ruled that Winston had been a very bad dog. He was sentenced to obedience and canine good citizen classes, and he’ll have to wear a tag that says he is “potentially dangerous.”

Charges against his owner will be dismissed if the classes are completed successfully.

Owner Nancy Emerling said Winston got out of a fenced-in area at a welding shop 14 March.

Two frogs, 12 limb systems

An unidentified woman displays two multi-legged bullfrogs in Xuzhou, East China’s Jiangsu Province. The one on the left sports five legs, while the other one has seven.

An aquatic food businessman surnamed Zhou found them at a wholesale market on 20 March and said the mutant amphibians are also larger than normal and don’t appear to be affected by their extra legs.

“They can crawl



An unidentified woman displays two multi-legged bullfrogs in Xuzhou, East China’s Jiangsu Province.

swiftly on the ground,” he said. A local scientist said he believed the freak frogs

were the result of gene mutations caused by severe water pollution in the area.



The photo taken on 26 March shows that an artist draws an Easter Egg at an Easter trade fair, which is held in a Museum in Hamburg, Germany. Easter is the most important annual religious feast in the Christian liturgical year.

Man gets 15 years for prison break-in

A Florida man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for trying to break back into the jail where he had been held following his conviction in a manslaughter case, local media reported on Wednesday.

A judge sentenced Sylvester Jiles, 25, to the

maximum 15-year penalty on Monday after his conviction earlier this year for the attempted break-in at the Brevard County Detention Center, the Florida Today newspaper said.

He apparently feared violent reprisals from family members of the manslaughter victim

and suffered severe cuts when he tried scaling a 12-foot-high (3.65-meter) barbed wire fence to break into the jail.

The newspaper said Jiles had been released on probation from the jail a week before he tried to force his way back inside.



Carly Shutes, an employee from “Chessington world of adventures” enjoys a python massage during the launch of the theme park’s new area, Wild Asia, on 26 March 2010.

Bomb hoax delays cruise ship off Florida

A Carnival cruise ship was held off the Florida coast for several hours on Sunday while authorities searched the vessel and arrested a drunk passenger on bomb hoax charges, the US Coast Guard said.

No explosives or hazardous materials were found and the ship, the Carnival Sensation, was allowed to dock at Port Canaveral on Florida’s Atlantic coast Sunday morning, Coast Guard petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Evanson said.

The ship carried 3,470 passengers and crew and was headed back to Port Canaveral after a three-day cruise to the Bahamas when a passenger reported hearing another passenger make a bomb threat, the Coast Guard said.

The man was quoted as saying, “We are jihad. Come to the top deck and watch the bomb. The bomb is going to blow,” Evanson said, adding that the Coast Guard was told that the man was “highly intoxicated.”

NEWS ALBUM

Multivitamins may raise breast cancer risk

BEIJING, 30 March — Many people usually think that taking multivitamins is helpful to health, but a new study finds that older women who use multivitamins may be more likely than non-users to develop breast cancer, the Reuters reported quoting a latest study on Tuesday.

The study, reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, pointed only to an association between multivitamin use and breast cancer. It did not prove that the multivitamins directly contribute to the disease.

The findings come from a decade-long study of more than 35,000 Swedish women who were between the ages of 49 and 83 and cancer-free at the outset. Over an average of 10 years, 974 women were diagnosed with breast cancer.

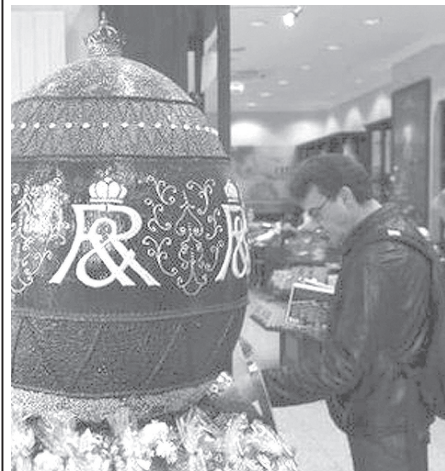
Researchers found that multivitamin users at the study's start were 19 percent more likely than non-users to develop breast cancer. That was with factors like age, family history of breast cancer, weight, fruit and vegetable intake, and exercise, smoking and drinking

habits taken into account.

However, the large majority of multivitamin users did not develop breast cancer during the study period. Of 9,017

users, 293 were diagnosed with the disease, as were 681 women among the 26,000-plus who did not use multivitamins.

Xinhua



A scientist looks at computer screens at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) control center of the CERN in Geneva.

INTERNET

A chocolate made mock-up of a Faberge easter egg is pictured at a shop of "Fassbender & Rausch" chocolate maker at Berlin's Gendarmenmarkt square, on 30 March 2010.

INTERNET

Apple working on two new models of iPhone

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 March — Apple Inc. is developing two new models of iPhone including one that may be prepared for Verizon Wireless, the largest wireless carrier in the United States, US media reported on Monday.

Apple is contracting Pegatron Technology Corp. to build an iPhone that has CDMA capability, the cellular

technology used by Verizon Wireless, The Wall Street Journal said in a report on its website, citing people briefed on the matter.

The CDMA version of the iPhone is notable because Apple has long had an exclusive iPhone relationship with AT&T, the second largest US wireless carrier whose networks are using the GSM

standard.

It is reported that Pegatron is scheduled to start mass producing the CDMA iPhone in September, but it was unclear when Apple might make the model available.

The other new model of the iPhone may debut this summer, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Internet

Ancient China exhibition in Chile attracts more than 256,000 visitors

SANTIAGO, 30 March — The exhibition of Ancient China and the Terracotta Army has attracted more than 256,000 visitors in Santiago that organizer had to extend it until 30 May, sources with the Cultural Center of La Moneda Palace said Monday.

The exhibition was inaugurated on 4 Dec. to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Chile's foundation and 40th anniversary of the establishment of China-Chile diplomatic ties.

The 27 Feb. quake did not affect the palace, the venue of the exhibition, so the exhibition went on as scheduled.

The exhibition shows 80 cultural relics including two replicas of the Qin dynasty and Han dynasty.

The terracotta warriors were discovered in 1974 in the mausoleum of Qinshihuang, the first emperor of the Qin dynasty who unified China, in northwestern Shaanxi Province. The site has been placed on the World Heritage List since 1987.

Xinhua



A Chinese cabbage is handed to a robot named "Robovie-II", developed by Japanese robotics research institution ATR, at a grocery store during a shopping assisting experiment by utilizing the robot in an ubiquitous network technology platform in Kyoto, western Japan recently.

INTERNET

Somali pirates seize UAE-owned ship

NAIROBI, 30 March — Somali pirates have seized a United Arab Emirates (UAE)-owned cargo ship with 24 crew members aboard in the world's most dangerous waters of Somalia, a regional maritime official confirmed on Monday.

Andrew Mwangura of the East African Seafarers' Assistance Program said the 4,500-ton Panamanian-flagged Iceberg 1, owned by Iceberg International Ltd, was carrying general mechanical equipment from Port of Aden to UAE. —Xinhua

Somali pirates capture Spanish fishing ship

MOGADISHU, 30 March — Somali pirates have seized a Spanish fishing ship in the Indian Ocean, media reported on Sunday.

The details about crew members were unclear so far.

The development came after a regional maritime official confirmed on Wednesday that a private security guards aboard a Spanish fishing boat off the coast of Somalia killed a Somali pirate after pirates attacked their vessel.

East Africa's Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program Andrew Mwangura said the incident took place on the Indian Ocean waters on Tuesday.

Xinhua

Earthquakes hit Dominican Republic, no damage reported

SANTO DOMINGO, 30 March — The Dominican Republic was rocked on Monday by two small earthquakes in about two hours, without report of damage or victims.

The first earthquake measuring 3.2 on the Richter scale occurred at 2:13 am local time (0613 GMT) in the eastern area of the country with a depth of 59.6 km.

The tremor was also felt in Santo Domingo and Barahona, as well as in Port au Prince, Haiti's capital, and in the southeast of Miami, the United States.

The second earthquake with magnitude of 3.1 occurred at 4:14 a.m. local time (0814 GMT) in the eastern La Romana and Higüey cities with a depth of 112.9 km. —Xinhua

Moderate earthquake hits Sea of Japan

HONG KONG, 30 March — An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale hits eastern Sea of Japan Tuesday, according to a release by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The quake, which occurred at 9:09 pm HK time (0109 GMT), was initially determined in eastern Sea of Japan, 43.3 degrees North latitude and 138.4 degrees East longitude, about 240 kilometers west of Sapporo, Japan. —Xinhua

Invitation to Tender

Sr. No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	Electrical Instrument And Accessories	3 Items	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
2.	Equipment For Main Sub Station	1 Lot	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
3.	Auxiliary Rectifier For Electrical Locomotive	1 Lot	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
4.	Cable Wire	1 Lot	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
5.	Cyclo Gear Reducer For Slurry Agitator	1 Set	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
6.	Spare Parts For Rotary Kiln & Air Quenching Cooler	1 Lot	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
7.	Spare Parts For Heavy Equipment	1 Lot	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
8.	Gear Reducer For Finish Mill No(3)	1 Set	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
9.	Drive Pinion Assembly For Finish Mill	1 Set	31.3.2010	14.5.2010
10.	Truck Crane (55) Tons	1 Unit	31.3.2010	14.5.2010

Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanma Ceramic Enterprise, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender Documents officially. (For further details, contact telephone number. 067.408298)

Myanma Ceramic Industry

INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of Medical Equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No.57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (2.4.2010).

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, not later than (26.4.2010) 14:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphic/telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) Phone No. 371284, 371969, 372362.

Central Medical Stores Depot
Department of Health



A worker cleans a cacao tree in Santa Rosa, in the Peruvian Amazon, on 14 Feb. 2010. French company Vittel (Nestle Waters) has invested 409,000 euros (USD 552,000) planting 130,000 trees in the region of the Alto Huayabamba river in compensation for the 115,000 tons of carbon dioxide produced in their mineral water plants in France and Belgium.—INTERNET

Diabetes ups post-cancer surgery deaths

BALTIMORE, 30 March — Patients with diabetes who undergo cancer surgery can have a 50 percent increased risk of dying than those who do not have diabetes, US researchers said.

Hsin-Chieh "Jessica" Yeh of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore and colleagues say newly diagnosed cancer patients — particularly those with colorectal or esophageal tumors — who also have type 2 diabetes have a 50 percent greater risk of death following surgery for cancer. Yeh and colleagues conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis of 15 previously published studies involving 32,621 patients.

"Diabetic patients, their oncologists and their surgeons should be aware of the increased risk when they have cancer surgery," Yeh says in a statement. "Care of diabetes before, during and after surgery is very important. It should be part of the preoperative discussion."

Internet

Almost 98 percent can't drive and talk

SALT LAKE CITY, 30 March — Many think they can multitask, but only 2.5 percent of the population can successfully do two things at the same time, US researchers suggest.

Psychologists Jason Watson and David Strayer of the University of Utah assessed the performance of 200 subjects during simulated freeway driving and a second time during simulated freeway driving while having a cellphone conversation using a hands-free cellphone that involved memorizing words and solving math problems.

When supertaskers talked while driving they had no change in brake time, following distances or doing math problems. Memory improved 3 percent, the researchers found.

The 97.5 percent who are not supertaskers and talked on a cellphone while driving took 20 percent longer to hit the brakes, following distances increased 30 percent, memory performance declined 11 percent and the ability to do math problems declined 3 percent.—Internet



Members of the Mexican Army distribute face masks as prevention against the swine flu virus in Mexico City in April 2009. The World Health Organization said on Monday it would go ahead next month with an independent review of the response to the swine flu pandemic, after criticism of its role in declaring a global alert.—INTERNET

The Union of Myanmar

Civil Service Selection and Training Board

Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 2 / 2010

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(23 March 2010)

1. The Department of Religious Affairs under the Ministry of Religious Affairs has issued an announcement of vacancy for male in the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	14	Any Graduate (or) Dhammacariya Passed Certificate

2. The applicants -

(a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.

(b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 5 May 2010.

(c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at any assigned place.

(d) must be male for above position according to the nature of work.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 5 May 2010.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant position will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/ Selection (Main) / 2009, dated 6 August 2009 (Amendment).

5. For service personnel, his original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 5 May 2010. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.

7. Examinations will be held on 29 - 5 - 2010 and 30 - 5 - 2010. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 27 - 5 - 2010.

8. The Ministry of Religious Affairs has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No (31) of the Ministry of Religious Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067-406012, 067-406013 and 067-406043).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.

Barbecue sauce rich source of antioxidants

LONDON, 30 March — Canadian researchers say barbecue sauces are a rich source of antioxidants if they contain spices and herbs. Postdoctoral fellow Raymond Thomas at the University of Western Ontario in London and colleagues Mark Bernards and Christopher Guglielmo say marinades used in barbecue sauces are not only tasty, they can also provide a major source of natural antioxidants.

The researchers tested seven popular brands and flavours of marinade containing herbs and spices as primary ingredients including jerk sauce, garlic and herb, honey garlic, roasted red pepper, lemon pepper garlic, sesame ginger teriyaki and green seasoning.

The study, published in the *Journal of Food Composition and Analysis*, found Grace Jerk Sauce and Renee's Sesame Ginger Teriyaki outperformed the other five sauces tested because they contain substantial quantities of ingredients like hot peppers, allspice, sesame and ginger. However, marinating meat prior to cooking reduced antioxidant levels by 45 percent to 70 percent, but despite the antioxidant loss following marinating and cooking, the sauces still provide benefits, the Thomas says.—Internet

Forever young - how to slow the aging process

SEATTLE, 30 March - Do you remember the last time you saw an old friend and were amazed to see how fast they have aged? The reason might be in their diet.

A team of nutritional researchers from southern California have completed a five year study that shows people who consume more antioxidants appear to age at a 47 percent slower rate than

those who don't.

"Antioxidants slow the rate at which cells divide," says nutrition expert and director of Allmera Nutraceuticals Ron Slavick. "The faster your cells divide due to diet, stress or pollution, the faster you will age."

It is well known that people don't consume enough antioxidants. In fact a 2008 dietary survey shows that on average



Americans receive less than 25 percent of their recommended antioxidants intake each day. This dietary shortcoming is a major contributor to poor health, lack of energy, weakened brain function and accelerated aging.

Internet

Youths slain in Mexico

Mexico City, 30 March - Ten students on their way to receive government scholarships were killed by gunmen at a checkpoint in the state of Durango, officials said Monday. Half of the victims were 16 or younger. The dead included three girls, ages 8, 11 and 13; the rest were teens except for the eldest, who was 21. Four of the dead were siblings. The massacre occurred early Sunday afternoon. The students were traveling over isolated rural roads to receive scholarships as part of a federal program called "Opportunities" that supports low-income students, Ruben Lopez, spokesman for the Durango state prosecutor's office, said in a telephone interview.

Internet

An elderly homeless man eats food he received from a charity group in Las Vegas, Nevada. The number of homeless senior citizens will likely soar by one third over the next decade as the US population ages, a report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness warned Monday.

INTERNET



Hacker gets 7 years for stealing credit card data

BOSTON, 30 March—A federal judge in Boston has sentenced a Florida man to seven years in prison for playing a key role in one of the largest theft of credit and debit card numbers in U.S. history.

Christopher Scott of Miami was also sentenced Monday to three years of supervised release after pleading guilty in September 2008 to conspiracy, unauthorized access to computer systems, access device fraud and identity theft.

Scott's expertise was hacking wireless networks. His sentencing came four days after Albert Gonzalez was sentenced to 20 years in prison for leading a scheme that cost companies, banks and insurers nearly \$200 million.

He pleaded guilty last year to breaking into the computer networks of major retailers, including TJX Cos., BJ's Wholesale Club and the restaurant chain Dave & Buster's.—Internet



Ring-tailed lemurs stand together at the Haifa zoo in northern Israel 27 March, 2010.

INTERNET

'Close to danger': Voices from Moscow

Moscow, 29 March—Moscow residents describe the atmosphere in their city after two deadly suicide explosions on the Metro system. My dad almost got on the train that was attacked on Park Kultury. The doors closed just in front of him, so he took the next one. Then he got stuck near Frunzenskaya station for 50 minutes. Our family were so worried. My father's phone was out of coverage for all that time. My sister called me in panic and told me about the blast.

I was about to cry. In about an hour my mum called me and said that my dad was fine. What happened was terrible. I've never expected that the danger of terrorism would be so close.

Our leaders should promote diversity as a major national idea. We live in a multicultural state, so different identities should be respected. Confrontation will only lead to further confrontation.

Internet

Tornado topples crane at Bahamas port, killing 3

FREEPORT, BAHAMAS, 30 March - A tornado touched down during a fierce thunderstorm in the Bahamas on Monday and toppled a port crane, killing three people and injuring at least four.

The crane collapsed at the Freeport Container Port on the western side of Grand Bahama, where trees were uprooted and windows blasted out of hotels as at least one tornado cut a destructive path on the island about 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Florida.

Two people were inside the crane when it fell and both died, said Capt. Stephen Russell, director of the Bahamas National Emergency Management Agency. Russell said a third person was also killed and four were injured at the port, but he had no details.—Internet

US doctor convicted of sex abuse in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, 30 March—An American doctor living in Guatemala was convicted of sexually abusing four 10-year-old boys and sentenced to six years in prison Monday.

An American doctor living in Guatemala was convicted of sexually abusing four 10-year-old boys and sentenced to six years in prison Monday.

Prosecutor Alex Colop said the prosecution had wanted a longer sentence for Dr. Joshua T. Kotouc, but sexual abuse of boys is not eligible for longer sentences in Guatemala.

"We wanted 64 years for rape," said Colop. "But because the abuse was against boys (and not girls), it is not called rape but rather dishonest abuse, and the sentence is lower." Colop said Kotouc was arrested in 2008 with the four boys in bed.

He said other boys also had testified against the defendant.—Internet



Tibetan mastiff puppies are seen atop a car on a red cloth for sale out side a convention center at Changping, northern suburb of Beijing, China, Sunday, on 21 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Republican funds spent at sex-themed nightclub

WASHINGTON, 30 March—The Republican National Committee is investigating the expenditure of nearly \$2,000 in party funds at a racy West Hollywood nightclub, a party spokesman said Monday.

RNC spokesman Doug Heye acknowledged that the party had reimbursed Erik Brown, president of a Southern California firm that has provided direct mail services to political campaigns, for a Jan. 31 outing at Voyeur West Hollywood.

The club, inspired by the film "Eyes Wide Shut," is intended to be "risque and provocative," and "a combination of intimidation and sexuality," one of its partners, David Koral said. Scantily clad performers play out bondage and sadomasochistic "scenes" during the night.—Internet

Ricky Martin announces he is gay

SAN JUEM, 30 March— Puerto Rican pop star Ricky Martin has announced he is gay, ending years of speculation over his sexuality.

Martin, who has sold more than 60 million albums in a career spanning three decades, said on his website that he felt "blessed to be who he was".

He added that he had kept his sexuality hidden so far because advisers had told him coming out could hurt his career.

His biggest hit is



Livin' La Vida Loca - a 1999 single that reached number one in more than 20 countries.

Martin, who fathered two children with a surrogate mother two years ago, said on his website: "Today I have accepted my homosexuality as a gift that gives me life."

Internet

Factfile on Apple's new touchscreen tablet computer iPad, which is making its debut in the US on Saturday.

INTERNET

Apple launches the iPad

Touchscreen tablet computer makes its debut in the US on Saturday

Weight: 702 g

Screen: 24.6 cm LED

Resolution: 1,024 x 768 pixels

Operating system: iOS 2.0

Processor: 1 GHz Apple A4

Memory: 16, 32 and 64 GB

Connectivity: Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, USB

Camera: 3.2 MP front-facing, 7 MP rear-facing

Audio: Stereo speakers, microphone

Accessories: Apple Pencil, Smart Cover, iPad Keyboard

Price: \$499 (16 GB), \$599 (32 GB), \$699 (64 GB)

Availability: Available in the US on Saturday, March 31, 2010

SPORTS

Els hangs on with clutch putts to win at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, 30 March—Ernie Els made two clutch par putts, escaped trouble from a buried lie in the bunker and wound up wearing a blue blazer Monday for winning the rain-delayed



Ernie Els of South Africa lifts the trophy after winning the rain delayed Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament at the Bay Hill Club in Orlando on 29 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Suddenly, it's easy to picture him in a different color jacket two weeks from now.

Els overcame a few nervous moments with four solid pars to wrap up a 1-under 71 and win by two shots at Bay Hill, giving him back-to-back victories for the first time in seven years and setting himself up as a favourite at Augusta National.

"I'd like to put this jacket in some dye," Els said at the trophy presentation. "Some green dye."

Coming off a four-shot victory in the World Golf Championship at Doral two weeks ago, Els had to work harder than he should have for his 18th career victory on the PGA Tour.—Internet

Henry in Barca squad to face old club Arsenal

MADRID, 30 March—Barcelona star Thierry Henry has been confirmed in the squad to face his old club Arsenal in the Champions League on Wednesday. His fellow France international Eric Abidal was also among the 20 players who will travel to London for the first-leg quarter-final tie, although he "has not yet received the green light from doctors", the club said on its website Monday.

Defender Abidal suffered a leg injury in early February, but trained with his teammates on Monday.

Henry has not had to face Arsenal, where he spent eight successful seasons, since he joined the Spanish giants in June 2007 in a four-year deal worth 24 million euros.

Internet



Roger Federer of Switzerland

Federer, Venus, Clijsters advance at Miami tennis

MIAMI, 30 March—Roger Federer had to dig deep to win a pair of tiebreaks but Svetlana Kuznetsova was not so lucky as the women's top seed was sent crashing out of the ATP and WTA Sony Ericsson Open.

Reigning Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon champ Federer swept past France's Florent Serra 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/3) in a third round match.

Serra made top seed Federer work for the win as the Swiss star had his service broken three times and he made two costly double-faults. Federer also committed 35 unforced errors to 32 for Serra.

But Federer closed out the win with a service winner as he played well in both tiebreakers on the hardcourts at Crandon Park.

"All in all, I'm thrilled to be through," Federer said. "At the end of the day, that's what counts."

Internet

Monaco thwart Auxerre hopes of top spot



Monaco's defender Cedric Mongongu (R) vies with Auxerre's forward Ireneusz Jelen (L) during their French L1 football match Monaco vs Auxerre, at the Louis II stadium in Monaco. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.—INTERNET

PARIS, 30 March—Auxerre's hopes of going top of the French championship were dashed on Monday after they were held 0-0 away at Monaco.

Auxerre moved alongside champions and leaders Bordeaux as well as Montpellier on 56 points, but are third because of a poorer goal difference and like Montpellier have played two more matches than Bordeaux—for Monaco it was their fourth successive match without scoring and they remain in ninth spot.

Auxerre coach Jean Fernandez was far from dismayed at the result as he saw it as another example of his team giving one of the giants of the domestic scene a blackeye.

"We were really good defensively again this evening," said Fernandez.—Internet

Zola vows to carry on as West Ham manager

LONDON, 30 March—Gianfranco Zola announced on Monday that he had decided to carry on as manager of West Ham, 48 hours after he admitted he was on the verge of quitting after six consecutive defeats left the club battling for Premier League survival.

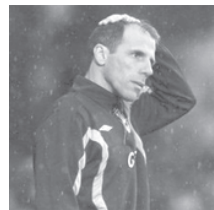
Zola flew back to his native Sardinia to contemplate his future following a 1-0 defeat by Stoke on Saturday.

But after a couple of days of soul searching, he has opted against walking away from his first managerial job.

"I am determined to carry on," the former Chelsea star said on Monday, adding: "Losing on Saturday was emotional for everyone but I know we can turn it around and we have the ability to achieve our objectives."

West Ham's recent performances had been severely criticised by co-

owner David Sullivan but Zola says he had a supportive conversation



West Ham manager Gianfranco Zola

with him and co-owner David Gold after the Stoke defeat.

"They have backed me and I am grateful," Zola said. "My only thought for now is to keep this club in the Premier League and that remains my goal. I'll give everything I can make this happen between now and the end of the season.—Internet

Man City must improve to meet Euro dream

MANCHESTER, 30 March—Roberto Mancini admits that Manchester City will have to improve considerably to carve out fourth place in the Premier League after an unconvincing performance in their 3-0 victory over Wigan.

City had to wait until Wigan had Gary Caldwell sent off to make the breakthrough through Carlos Tevez, who went on to score a 13-minute hat-trick to take his tally to 25 goals for the season.

But it was another fitful display as Mancini's side moved up to fifth in the table, two points adrift of fourth-placed Spurs.

They travel to Burnley and host Birmingham before a run of matches



Manchester City's Argentinian forward Carlos Tevez celebrates scoring his third goal against Wigan Athletic in Manchester, on 29 March, 2010.—INTERNET

against Manchester United, Arsenal, Aston Villa and Tottenham before finishing the season at West Ham.

Mancini thinks that City have to pick up their performances in their final seven games of the season.—Internet

Paul Gascoigne charged with drink-driving

LONDON, 30 March—Former England footballer Paul Gascoigne has been charged with drink-driving.

Gascoigne, from Newcastle, was arrested when police were called to a disturbance at a takeaway in Leeming Bar, North Yorkshire, last month. The 42-year-old has also been charged with driving without insurance and driving without a licence.

He and another man, who faces similar



Paul Gascoigne

charges, will appear before Northallerton magistrates on 16 April.

The other man, who is aged 40, has been charged with drinking and driving, being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst over the limit, driving whilst disqualified and driving without

insurance.

The two men were charged after answering bail at Northallerton police station on Sunday.

A former player with Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur, Lazio, Glasgow Rangers and Middlesbrough, Gascoigne was sacked after 39 days as manager of Kettering Town in 2005.

During his football career he was capped 57 times for England.

Internet



A bee lands on a wild flower. America's dwindling honey bee population has been badly hit by the bitter winter, the harshest in decades, with experts warning that winter losses could be as high as 50 percent.

INTERNET

Subaru recalls 70 SUVs in China over door lock flaws

BEIJING, 30 March — Japanese auto maker Subaru will recall 70 Tribeca sport utility vehicles (SUVs) sold in China over door safety flaws, China's top quality watchdog said here on Monday.

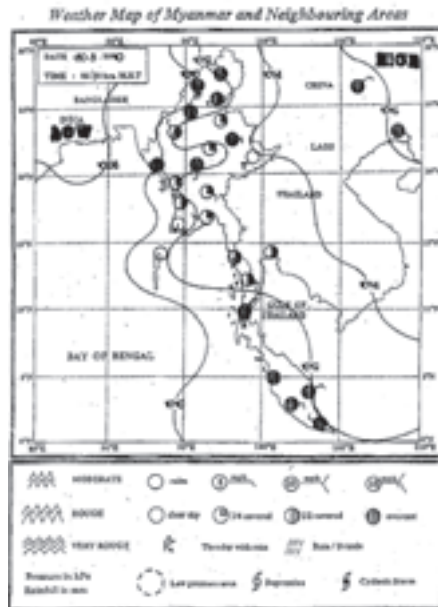
The recall was made due to the vehicle's door lock defects, especially the front door.

The front door could open itself when the driver operates the front window, and cause potential traffic accidents, said the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (GAQSIQ) in a statement on its official website.

The recall for repair in China will start from Tuesday and involve vehicles produced from May 28 last year to 8 March this year, according to the GAQSIQ.

Subaru recalled 1,135 Tribeca SUVs in China over control system flaws in January last year.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 30th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State, isolated in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (10°C) to (12°C) below March average temperatures in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, (7°C) below March average temperature in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperature in Mandalay Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Magway and Zaungtu (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungtau (0.59) inch, Kengtung, Hkamti, Homalin (0.28) inch each, Hsipaw (0.11) inch and Machanbaw and Kawthoung (0.08) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 29-3-2010 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 30-3-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-3-2010 was 57%.

Total sun shine hours on 29-3-2010 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 23-3-2010 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 (6) m.p.h from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 30-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 31 March 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Northern Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight decrease of day temperature in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31 March 2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31 March 2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31 March 2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (31-3-2010) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission -	(31-3-10 09:00am ~ 1-3-10 09:00am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Myanmar International Launching Ceremony (Live)
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Thanakha)"
- * Songs for you

Oversea Transmission

- * Myanmar International Launching Ceremony (Live)
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Thanakha)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Ayeyawady River"

- * Songs for you
- * News
- * The land of Silver Mountains (Kayah State)
- * News
- * Topics on Journal "French film" makers document about Myanmar Elephants"
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Thanakha)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Ayeyawady River"
- * Hill Top View Soothes the Travellers
- * News
- * Special Projects for All-round National Development
- * Myanmar Orchestra "Pho Thingyan Myanmar Classical Song (Kyaye Tama)"
- * News
- * Fabulous Bagan
- * Myanmar Movies "Mystery of Snow"

Website: www.mrtv3.net.m



Wednesday, 31 March
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်တော်ကြားတော်မူသောဥပသနာပိဋိတော်

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင်

(သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-
မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:05 am

- မြန်မာ့အသံအကယ်ဒမီအဖွဲ့

8:15 am

- ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းရှာအနုပညာကဏ္ဍ

8:25 am

- (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:35 am

- International News

10:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- Songs of National Races

4:20 pm

- အကဲဖြင့်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. Classical Songs

4:40 pm

- အခင်းသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ရေရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (သန့်အေးထူးပြု) (သန့်အေး)

4:50 pm

- Songs to Uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

- "အဆုံးအဖြတ်"

5:10 pm

- Musical Programme

5:25 pm

- ရွှေယံနီလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm

- (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

- ပရိသတ်သိချင်အချက်

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

13. Weather Report

6:20 pm

- မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ထုံးစံရာလက်စွဲ

6:40 pm

- ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:05 pm

- ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:40 pm

- ဝက်မွဲတေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

8:00 pm

- News

18. News

19. International News

20. Weather Report

21. လပတ်စီမံရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

22. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

23. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ထုံးစံရာလက်စွဲ

24. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ထုံးစံရာလက်စွဲ

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28. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ထုံးစံရာလက်စွဲ

29. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ထုံးစံရာလက်စွဲ

- ★ 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

Secretary-1 of the SPDC receives Chinese Commerce Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Deming of the People's Republic of China at the SPDC office here today.

Also present at the call from Myanmar side were Minister for National Planning and Economic

Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers from Foreign Affairs, Rail Transportation, Finance and Revenue and Transport and departmental heads.

The visiting Chinese minister was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo.

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