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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Stands of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) to be extended to an international standard stadium

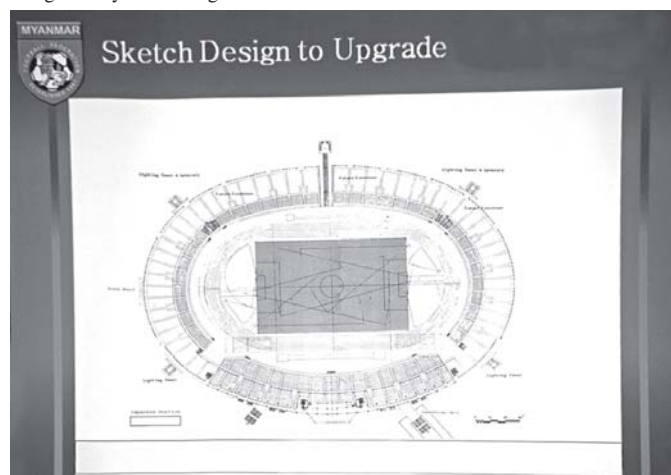
Secretary-1 inspects football stadium extending project of YTC (Thuwunna), 550-bed Children's Hospital construction project

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspected preparations for the football stadium extending project of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, this morning.

At 8 am, the Secretary-1 arrived at the centre, where he was welcomed by Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, Yangon Mayor U Aung



Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views condition of stands at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township.—MNA



Sketch design to upgrade Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna).—MNA

Thein Lin, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials.

First, the Secretary-1 viewed conditions of the eastern, southern and northern stands including the grand stand of the YTC and lay-out of the football ground.

At the briefing hall, the President of MFF reported on arrangements for extending the eastern stand with the roof and the southern and northern stands of the YTC.

After asking what he wanted to know, the Secretary-1 attended to the needs and looked into the

sites for extending the stand.

At the meeting hall of MFF, the MFF President reported that the YTC (Thuwunna) is located in Thingangyun Township, six miles from downtown Yangon. The YTC has an area of 31 acres and its stadium area, 21 acres. The YTC was built in 1987 under the Myanmar-Japan friendship programme and it can accommodate 20,000 spectators. Next, he gave an account of the plans to extend the stands in conformity with the existing stadium, arrangements for extending the seats and roof of the eastern stand

and seats of southern and northern stands, extension of exist and entrance gates, tracks, masts, score board and stands.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that two stadiums are being built in Nay Pyi Taw, meeting the international standards to be able to raise the national sports standard and host the South-East Asian Games and the Asian Games. A plan is under way to implement the National Sports Park Project (Mandalay) in Mandalay for an international standard stadium and various sports events, he added.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Cultivate and produce high quality Myanmar coffee

Sown acreage of coffee is being extended to be able to promote export of coffee that is in high demand in the international market. Generally, coffee is grown in cold season areas such as hilly regions and hill stations.

In Myanmar, growers favour cultivation of two species namely highland coffee and lowland coffee. Highland coffee is grown in Shan State (East), Chin State, PyinOoLwin Township and Nawngkhio Township. Lowland coffee is grown in vast areas of Bago Region (East) and Thandaung Township of Kayin State.

Coffee project areas were designated in PyinOoLwin, Nawngkhio, Ywangan and Yaksaw township. As local growers have much experience in cultivation of coffee for many years, they can do growing of coffee on a commercial scale. As such, they are making utmost efforts for extending coffee cultivation on vacant and virgin lands.

Out of over 10,000 acres of coffee in Shan State (North), the most of sown acreage can be seen in Nawngkhio Township. The ministries concerned have reclaimed over 100,000 acres of cultivable lands in PyinOoLwin and Nawngkhio townships in order to extend cultivation of coffee.

Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise is rendering coffee cultivation and production technology to the local growers. The enterprise is encouraging establishment of coffee farms, sales of coffee saplings and marketable production of coffee fruits. Coffee Project and Coffee Research Department in PyinOoLwin are joining hands with entrepreneurs in producing coffee.

At present, the consumers prefer healthy natural coffee to instant coffee. As coffee candy, coffeemix and juice factories are in operation in the border areas, coffee demand becomes higher. That becomes why systematic establishment and cultivation of coffee farms are to be carried out for exporting high quality coffee to the market.



Vice-Presidents of UMFCCI U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin meet Chairman Mr. Kawi Prakenree of Slam Seder International Co., Ltd of Thailand and party.—MNA

Tube well opened in Thayawady Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—As a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, the opening of two-inch diameter tube well was held at Mayan-inn village, Thayawady, Bago Region (West) yesterday. Executive Officer of Township

Development Affair Committee Assistant Director U Aung Aung Phy and senior engineer U Thein Zaw formally

opened the tube well. The task was carried out at a cost of K 2.21 million with the contribution of Thayawady Township DAC's funds.

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Peoples' 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

Energy Minister meets ROK guests

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi received a delegation led by Vice-Minister Mr Park Young-June of Ministry of Knowledge Economy of the Republic of Korea and party at the ministry here this morning.

At the call, they held comprehensive discussions on energy sector between the two countries.—MNA

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ENERGY



UMFCCI, Thai delegation spotlight business prospects

YANGON, 23 Dec — Vice-Presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and

Industry U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and CEC members met a Thai delegation led by Chairman Mr. Kawi Prakenree of Slam Seder International Company Limited at the office of the federation here yesterday.

They held discussions on ongoing businesses in Myanmar, prospects for cooperation in investment and agribusinesses and for economic development thanks to Dawei and Kyaukpyu deep sea ports and boosting border trade and normal trade between the two countries.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Director U Kyaw Phone Naing of Cottage Industries Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives as Principal of Lacquerware College (Bagan) under the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Second round robin matches of the 49th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued here today. At Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung sports ground in the morning,

Western Command team (B) won over No.88 LID 3-1. In the evening, Central Command team defeated No.55 LID team 2-1 at No.1 sports ground and Nay Pyi Taw Command team (A), Eastern Command team 2-1 at Paunglaung sport ground.

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KMD Christmas Road Show on 25 Dec

YANGON, 23 Dec—KMD Sales & Service Centre will organize Christmas Special Sales Road Show at every KMD Sales & Service Centre in Yangon on 25 December (Christmas Day only). At the show, a wide variety of notebook brands, desktop computers, Lenovo branded desktop are available at special prices. Printer, scanner and UPS will be sold at a 60 percent discount. As a special programme, those who bought a computer will get a chance to buy a Pen Drive for K 3,000. It also includes lucky draw programme for the customers who bought the materials worth more than K 100,000. KMD Education Centre will accept enrolments for the courses at a 30 percent discount. For more information, contact KMD Sales & Service Centre: (Pansodan branch) (ph-385177, 245180); Maha Bandoolla Park Street (branch) (09-8301037, 09 49224750); and Myenigon branch (ph-502244 and 503511).

MNA

Suicide bomber kills one policeman in northern Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 23 Dec—A suicide bomber blew himself up near a police checkpoint in Kunduz City, capital of Afghanistan's northern Kunduz Province, on Thursday morning, killing a policeman and injured four civilians, deputy to provincial police chief said.

"A suicide bomber targeted police checkpoint at around 08:00 am local time (GMT 0430), killing a policeman and injuring four civilians," Abdul Rahman Haqtash told *Xinhua*.

He said the blast damaged several shops in Chok-e-Kunduz area where

the explosion occurred.

The bomber was also killed in the blast, he said.

He blamed the Taliban militants for the attack but the group has yet to make comments.

Taliban claimed responsibility for suicide attacks on the army recruitment centre in Kunduz city on Sunday, which left nine people dead including two bombers and injured 14 others.

Kunduz, relatively quiet until early this year, has been suffering from increasing Taliban-led militancy.

Xinhua



Afghan and international security personnel inspect the site of a blast in Kandahar recently. A roadside bomb attack blamed on Taliban militants killed 15 civilians, including children, in southern Afghanistan and a car bomb wounded six people, officials said.—INTERNET



Afghan police men carry a wrapped body of a police officer, who was killed by a suicide attack in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan on 23 Dec, 2010. Three civilians were also wounded in the blast. The bombing is the second suicide attack in less than a week in Kunduz City.

INTERNET

Iraqi soldier killed, four people wounded in Baghdad violence

BAGHDAD, 23 Dec—An Iraqi soldier was killed and four people were wounded in gunfire and bomb attacks in Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Gunmen opened fire on Iraqi soldiers at a checkpoint at the entrance of a military base in Alawi District in central the capital, killing a soldier and wounding three others, the source told *Xinhua* on condition

of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a sticky bomb attached to the car of an employee at the ministry of health, detonated in Baghdad's southern district of Doura, critically wounding him, the source said.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years.—*Xinhua*

Iran threatens to cut ties with Britain

TEHERAN, 23 Dec—An Iranian senior lawmaker said Wednesday that Iran's parliament will decide on the diplomatic relations with Britain next week if the British government does not formally apologize over the ambassador's remarks, the local satellite *Press TV* reported.

In the recent remarks posted on the website of the British embassy in Teheran to mark the International Human Rights Day, British ambassador to Iran Simon Gass said he is critical of the human rights situation in Iran.

"The recent opinions expressed by British officials show that they have not

changed (their conducts and) still are insisting on their past mistakes and even interfere in Iran's internal affairs," lawmaker Mohsen Kouhkan was quoted as saying.

"The parliament will rethink its decision (to cut relations) if the British government makes a formal apology

and promises not to make such interfering remarks," Kouhkan added. The National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of Iran's parliament decided on Sunday to "cut relations completely" with Britain, but the decision needs to be passed by the parliament.

Xinhua

Iran arrests four "terrorists" in northwest

TEHERAN, 23 Dec—General and Revolution Prosecutor of Iran's northwestern city of Mahabad said the security police arrested four alleged "terrorists" in the city of Mahabad, the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Thursday.

Samad Hazrati told *IRNA* on Wednesday that the arrested people intended to conduct bombing and terrorist operations in Mahabad in the religious mourning ceremonies of Moharram in the past days.

"All of the arrested people were the members of the same family," three of them were arrested in Mahabad City and another one was arrested on his way to escape to Bookan, Hazrati was quoted as saying.

From the one who wanted to escape to another northwestern city of Bookan, four automatic guns were seized, he told *IRNA* without elaborating on the identity of the detainees and the time of arrest.

Xinhua



Pakistani security officers display seized arms, ammunition and explosives to media in Quetta, southwest Pakistan, on 23 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

Blasts at Swiss, Chile embassy in Rome, two injured

ROME, 23 Dec—Rome's police chief says all embassies have been informed about a pair of package bombs that exploded at the Swiss and Chilean embassies, injuring two people who opened them.

Chief Francesco Tagliente said a suspicious package found at the Ukrainian embassy turned out to be a false alarm. He spoke to reporters as he arrived Thursday at the Chilean embassy, where witnesses say an explosion was heard shortly after 3 pm. One person was injured.

Three hours earlier, a package bomb exploded inside an office in the Swiss Embassy, wounding the staffer who opened it. He was taken to the hospital with serious hand injuries but his life is not in danger, the Swiss ambassador Bernardino Regazzoni said.—*Internet*



Carabinieri paramilitary police officers and firefighters are seen inside the compound of the Swiss Embassy in Rome, on 23 Dec, 2010.

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Science



Neanderthal family found cannibalised in cave in Spain



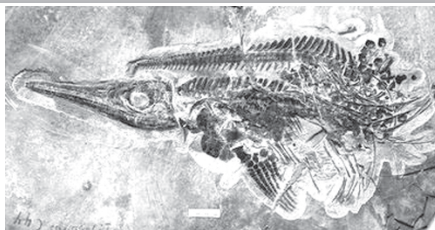
Archaeologists excavate the cave in El Sidron in Asturias, northern Spain.—INTERNET

MADRID, 23 Dec — Archaeologists in Spain have unearthed the remains of a possible family of 12 Neanderthals who were killed 49,000 years ago. Markings on the bones show the unmistakable signs of cannibal activity, say the researchers, with the group having probably been killed by their peers. The remains were found in a cave in the Asturias region of Northern Spain. Details of the find appear in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Although the highly fragmented bones of six adults and six children were found in a cave, it is thought they probably lived and died on the surface before the ground collapsed beneath them naturally after their death. Their end was a bloody one, with distinct markings on the bones showing they fell victim to cannibalism. "They all show signs of cannibalism. They have cut marks on many bones including skulls and mandibles," said Professor Carles Lalueza-Fox of Barcelona's Institute of Evolutionary Biology, who lead the research.

"The long bones have been fragmented to obtain the marrow so all the signs of cannibalism that have been described in other Neanderthal sites are present in all these individuals." The claim that the group were a family comes from analysis of their mitochondrial DNA, genetic material found within animal cells that is passed down the female line. The genetic data suggested that while the three adult males in the group shared the same maternal lineage, the three adult females had different maternal origins.

Proof, say the researchers, that at least in this Neanderthal family, the women came from outside the group, while the men remained within the family group on reaching maturity. This model of what is called "patrilocal" is often seen among modern humans, says Professor Lalueza-Fox, with men remaining in the family home in many societies across the world.—Internet



A fossil of the dolphin-bodied marine reptile known as an ichthyosaur, discovered as part of a giant cache of nearly 20,000 fossils in China.

INTERNET

UK telescope array yields first images

MANCHESTER, 23 Dec — An array of radio telescopes in Britain has captured images of a galaxy pouring out a huge jet of matter from the black hole at its centre, researchers say.

The first images from the new e-Merlin array of linked telescopes show a distant quasar 9 billion light years from Earth, *SPACE.com* reported on Wednesday.

Quasars, energy-spewing supermassive black holes at the center of galaxies, are among the brightest objects in the universe.

The e-Merlin images were of an object dubbed the "Double Quasar" because its light gets bent around another galaxy closer to Earth by the curvature of space, resulting in a "gravitational lens" that produces multiple, magnified images of the same quasar, scientists said.—Internet



Technology



Skype apologises for losing half of daily call traffic



Around 20 million people a day use the Skype internet calls service.—INTERNET

SILICON VALLEY, 23 Dec — Millions of people around the globe have been hit by an outage at the popular internet phone service Skype. Users as far afield as Japan, Europe and the US have all reported problems. The company which prides itself on providing relatively reliable service last suffered a major outage in 2007.

"We take outages like this really seriously and

apologise for the inconvenience users are having," Tony Bates, Skype chief executive officer told *BBC News*. "Right now it looks like clients are coming on and offline and sometimes they are crashing in the middle of calls. We are deep in the middle of investigating the cause of the problem and have teams working hard to remedy the situation," Mr Bates said.

On Skype's Twitter account, the company said their "engineers and site operations team are working non-stop to get things back to normal". The news blog ReadWriteWeb said they have monitored complaints from users who reported that they are unable to log into the service and that the programme is crashing across all platforms, whether on their mobile device or PC.

Mr Bates did not rule in or rule out the possibility of a malicious attack and said "all avenues" were being explored. He estimated that as a result of the outage, Skype has lost around 10 million calls. Mr Bates told the *BBC* that normal call volume for the time of day would be 20m. Om Malik, an industry commentator and editor of the Gigaom.com website, is not impressed.

Internet

Have cell phones killed the landline telephone?

NEW YORK, 23 Dec—Need further proof that cell phones have finally overtaken landlines in communication's version of survival of the fittest? A new study from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that young people lead the way in the communication revolution.

51% of 25-29-year-olds live in accommodations where wireless phones are the only mode of telephonic communication while people in their 20's with young children continue the habit of using cell phones when they make a home together, are the primary findings of the study. The CDC study

shows us that, overall, 27% of households in the US depend solely on cell phones.

"It's a sign that wireless-only is no longer strictly tied to a lifestyle of being young and restless," said Stephen Blumberg, a senior scientist at CDC and an author of the survey.

With the daily incorporation of the cell phone into daily lives, mobile communication is likely to over-take the landline as America's primary mode of communication, especially as this generation of 25-29 year olds age. However, the study does not suggest that landline telephones will be completely phased out.

Internet



In this product image provided by Google Inc, the Cr-48 Chrome notebook is displayed.

INTERNET

Health



A researcher removes a colony of stem cells from a incubator. Leukemia patients with more genes associated with cancer stem cells have a "significantly poorer prognosis," according to findings published Tuesday.

INTERNET

Abbott recalls millions of diabetes testing strips

WASHINGTON, 23 Dec—The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday that Abbott Laboratories is recalling up to 359 million testing strips used by diabetics because they can give falsely low blood sugar readings.

The testing strips are used to help diabetes patients check their blood sugar levels. But the FDA says the products being recalled by Abbott can give inaccurately low measurements. As a result, patients may try to raise their blood sugar levels unnecessarily or fail to detect dangerously high blood sugar levels.

The FDA said the problems are caused by a defect that limits the amount of blood absorbed by each strip.

North Chicago-based Abbott is recalling 359 lots marketed under a half-dozen brand names, including: Precision Xceed Pro, Precision Xtra, Medisense Optium, Optium, OptiumEZ and ReliOn Ultima.

Abbott said ReliOn Ultima test strips are used with the ReliOn Ultima blood glucose monitoring system and that system is not being recalled.

Abbott said it will replace the affected test strips at no charge.

Shares of Abbott fell 10 cents to \$47.90 in afternoon trading.—*Internet*

Some suffer hip replacement angst

Gothenburg, 23 Dec— A Swedish researcher suggests at least 5 percent of hip replacement patients reported no improvement.

Ola Rolfson of the Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, in Sweden also found patients who suffer from anxiety and depression before the operation were

more likely to report worse results after a hip replacement.

"Although the majority report a considerable improvement in their health-related quality of life and are pain-free after their hip replacement, we show that around 5 percent to 10 percent do not improve or have actually deteriorated one year

after the operation," Rolfson said in a statement.

His thesis also suggested a year-long wait for the operation also entails significant costs to both society and the individual. The monthly cost of higher consumption of resources while waiting was calculated to be about \$500 per month.

"Doing the right thing, doing the thing right and doing it at the right time is the major challenge facing orthopaedics in the future," Rolfson says.

Rolfson and colleagues examined 40,000 responses from patients selected from the Swedish Hip Arthroplasty Register.—*Internet*



A woman smokes a cigarette in a bar in Aranjuez, near Madrid. Spanish smokers will be able to light up in bars and restaurants for the final time during the holiday period after lawmakers on Tuesday approved a ban starting on 2 January.

INTERNET

Business



In this 18 Dec, 2010 photo, shoppers are photographed on 34th Street, in New York. Holiday shoppers are racing to the end of the season at a more feverish pace this year, with retail revenue up 5.5 percent during the last weekend before Christmas.—INTERNET

China says willing to help euro zone return to economic health

BEIJING, 23 Dec—China is willing to help countries in the euro zone return to economic health and will support the International Monetary Fund bailout package for the bloc, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said on Thursday.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu also told a regular news conference in Beijing that the eurozone is one of the important areas for China's foreign exchange investments, following a report that Beijing could step in to shore up European finances.

China offered to take more "concerted action" to support European financial stabilization, the *Financial Times* said on Wednesday, citing unnamed senior European officials after talks with Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan.

Separately, a Portuguese newspaper reported on Wednesday that China is ready to buy 4-5 billion euros of Portuguese sovereign debt to help the country ward off pressure in debt markets.

Reuters

Samsung eyes \$43 billion in 2020 sales from new areas

SEOUL, 23 Dec—South Korea's Samsung Group targets 50 trillion won (\$43.3 billion) in sales in 2020 from new growth businesses, the chief executive of its core unit Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (005930.KS) said on Thursday. Samsung, South Korea's No1 business conglomerate with nearly 70 affiliates, is expanding into solar cells, new displays, healthcare and medical equipment with investments of 23 trillion won by 2020.

Samsung Electronics CEO Choi Gee-sung reaffirmed on Thursday that Samsung Group aimed to generate 50 trillion won in revenue from the new businesses by 2020 and the electronics unit wanted to more than double its revenue to \$400 billion.

Helped by a recovery in chip prices, Samsung reported record revenue of 136 trillion won last year, replacing Hewlett-Packard Co (HPQ) as the world's top technology company by sales.

It is set to report record sales of 154 trillion won this year, having earned 112.8 trillion won in the first nine months of 2010, according to analysts.—*Reuters*



An employee of Australian mining giant Rio Tinto walks past a sign at the firm's Shanghai offices on 11 February, 2010. Rio Tinto made a 3.9 billion US dollar offer for Australia's Riversdale on Thursday, sparking speculation of a bidding war for its African steel-making coal with Indian and other rivals.

INTERNET



Dou Dou, image ambassador of Water Cellar for Mothers project, performs during a promotion event for the Water Cellar for Mothers in Hong Kong, south China, on 22 Dec, 2010. Water Cellar for Mothers is a charity project that provides readily accessible potable water for people in rural regions, mostly in western China. —XINHUA

Beijing's tallest building to top 500 metres

BEIJING, 23 Dec — A 500-metre-tall building is expected to be built in Beijing's Central Business District, making itself the highest in the Chinese Capital, *China Daily* reported Thursday.

The 122-floor skyscraper will stand on an 11,478-square-metre site that sold at auction for 6.3 billion yuan (948.15 million US dollars) on 21 Dec, the newspaper cited the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Land and Resource as saying.

The land where the building will stand is located on Guanghai Road in Chaoyang District, right at the heart of the CBD.

The completed building will offer 350,000 sq m of space.

The bureau said the planning department called for such a skyscraper in its design plan for the area.

At the moment, the city's tallest building is China World Trade Centre Tower 3, which is 330 metres tall.

The CITIC Group, which now has usage rights to the land after winning the bidding, plans to build the skyscraper that will have four underground levels and call it Zhongguo Zun (Chinese goblet).

The skyscraper will serve as an office building and also house apartments and a hotel. The underground area will be used as a commercial area and connect with other underground commercial space in the neighbourhood.

The building will take five years to complete.

Xinhua



A copy of TIME magazine featuring Mark Zuckerberg on the cover is put on the shelf in a bookstore in New York, the United States, on 21 Dec, 2010. In the most anticipated issue of the year, on sale on 17 Dec and available now on TIME.com, TIME names Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg the 2010 TIME Person of the Year.

XINHUA

Brazilian consumers' confidence up 8.9% in 2010

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23

Dec— Although Brazil's Consumer Confidence Index (ICC) fell to 122.5 points in December, down 2.07 percent from November, the ICC accumulated a rise of 8.98 percent in 2010, according to a study released Wednesday.

The ICC is formed by the Present Situation Index (ISA), which measures the consumers' confidence in the country's current economic situation, and the Expectations Index (IE), which measures consumers' perspectives for the next six months.

The ISA totaled 146.8 points in December, down 0.4 percent from November. From January

to December, the ISA accumulated a rise of 21.9 percent. The IE fell 3.4 percent in December to 109.5 points, but accumulated a rise of 1.4 percent in 2010.

According to the study by the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), 28.8 percent of Brazilians are content with their families' economic situation, while 11.9 percent consider their situation bad. A total of 29.6 percent of consumers have positive expectations about the upcoming months, while 15.6 percent expect the economic scenario to worsen in the near future.

Xinhua

Two firefighters dead, 14 injured in Chicago building collapse

CHICAGO, 23 Dec— Two firefighters died on Wednesday after a building that was on fire collapsed in the south of Chicago, and fourteen other firefighters were injured, *The Chicago Tribune* reported on Wednesday.

The fire broke out in the morning at an abandoned one-storey brick building in South Chicago, and a dozen or fewer firefighters were in the building when the roof above them collapsed, a Chicago Fire Department spokesman was quoted as saying.

Fire officials said that 10 injured firefighters were stable and six others were taken to hospitals in serious to critical condition, including the two who later died.

Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff said the search was still underway, with dozens of firefighters digging through the rubble.

Xinhua



Firefighters and policemen work at the fire accident scene in Chicago, the United States, on 22 Dec, 2010. Two firefighters died on Wednesday after a building that was on fire collapsed in the south of Chicago, and fourteen other firefighters were injured, The Chicago Tribune reported on Wednesday. —XINHUA

Singapore to showcase latest media technology for education

SINGAPORE, 23 Dec— The Media Development Authority of Singapore (MDA) said on Thursday it will be leading a delegation to the British Educational and Training Technology Show (BETT) in January next year in London.

The Singapore delegation will showcase how digital media technologies have improved the learning experience in Singapore's education and learning sector. Singapore will also host two seminars to show how technology has made a difference to education and learning, namely "Use of Media in Learning: Singapore Experience" and "Use of Games in Learning."

Vehicles wait to fill gas at a gas station in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 22 Dec, 2010. Argentine government cancelled its regulation on oil price on Tuesday, and the price had been raised immediately. —XINHUA



The first seminar will touch on how teachers have used and benefited from media technologies developed by Singapore companies in their teachings, while the second one is about the creation of a virtual world/role-playing experience of distant 14th century Singapore.

Thomas Lim, Senior Director of Interactive Media and Games from the MDA said, "We see a huge potential for digital media in the education and learning sector and believe media can act as a catalyst to enable learning in a more interactive and engaging manner."—Xinhua

Pilots killed as army trainer plane crashes in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 Dec—

Two pilots were killed on Wednesday as an army trainer plane crashed in the hill area of southwest Pakistan's Balochistan Province, army sources said.

The small aircraft came down near Muslimbagh during routine training mission, according to the Inter Services Public Relations.

The Mashaq aircraft crashed due to technical problems, it said.

The army has ordered inquiry into the crash.

Xinhua



In this photo taken on Monday, on 29 Nov, 2010 and released by the Imperial Household Agency of Japan, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko stand together by Sokintei arbor during their stroll at Fukiage Garden in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. Akihito celebrates his 77th birthday on 23 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA

Medium patriots

Theikpan Hmu Tin

As a young man, I liked reading left-wing books. While undergoing military training in Japan, I happened to read several right-wing books. So, I was no longer under extremism after I had arrived back in Myanmar.

I studied military engineering for about five years in India. Then, I learnt that Hinduism and Islam were contemporary with each other in the history of India; and a religious faith in India is a combination of strong points from Hinduism and Islam.

In 1973, I attended a political course in Chawdwingon. With the permission of course instructors, I, as a writer, gave political talks. After my talks, course instructors came to the barrack I was staying for some talks. At that time, I foretold that capitalism and Communism would never be dated; and that there might emerge governments that practising a combined policy of strong points of left-wing and right-wing.

In 1980, Deng Shao Feng ruled China with a combined policy, and then the country achieved economic development by leaps and bounds, and it was in a position to become a world first-class country. The country saw a rich middle class as a result of exercising strong points about administration from left-wing and freedom of trade according to right-wing.

Middle class people prefer rights for the majority to individual rights. They are in favour of a policy that some points are to be under control and some points are no longer restrictive. Today, China is enjoying economic growth, exercising programmes designed to serve national interests rather than imported political policies.

In 1991, the Soviet empire collapsed, and then Russians began to practise capitalist democracy in place of Communism. Previously, the USSR said that it would use nuclear weapons to defend itself and its allies. But later, to the liking of democrats, it claimed that it would not use nuclear weapons first. However, the country was deteriorating and suffered economic downturn due to the fact that it exercised democracy immediately without infrastructures and policies

essential for democratization.

It was hopeful of receiving aid from other democracies because its overall deterioration was due to its democratization processes. Nonetheless, it did not get foreign aid as much as it expected. More than that, the super power was treated as a country just superior to one of the Third World. A factor democracies did not notice was that their ignorance of deterioration of the Russian Federation to go from bad to worse aroused patriotism of Russians. The country became a rival from a democracy ally due to the strong sense of patriotism of its people.

When President Vladimir Putin was in office, he made political reform. He nullified the country's pledge that it would not use nuclear weapons first, and said that the country would have to use nuclear weapons if necessary for defending itself and its allies. Then, the country resumed test fire of intercontinental ballistic missiles to roar out a challenge. Like China, the Russian Federation started to practise the combined policy of putting only some factors under control and no longer restricting some factors, thus enjoying rapid economic development and seeing many billionaires in it.

They put in the fore common freedom and rights rather than individual freedom and rights. At a time when they were under the rule of the compatriot, Russians threw themselves into the businesses, which were previously under the government's restrictions, accepting some restrictions imposed by the government. So, many Russians have become rich. According to the estimate by democrats, 78% of Russians are in support of whatever Putin does.

It has been accepted from the dawn of democracy to date that middle class people are the fortress of democratic social status, a secret tool of democracy, those safeguarding values of social relations, those who alleviate political extreme, those who help the people believe ruling a country in line with the law reviewing things with consideration, a driving force behind economic development, and those who innovate services and tools.

In left-wing materialism, nature of humans was

not taken into account, thus culminating in collapse of left-wing policy. When it was guaranteed that it was already the age of workers and there had been food security of all, the majority shrank from responsibilities and became self-centre. In consequence, it was followed by a sharp fall in productivity and downfall of left-wing.

Capitalists did not take nature of humans into account, but they narrowly escaped from economic crisis. Banks made bank loans to people wishing to build houses, irrespective of occupation. However, unemployed people could not pay off the loans. To make things worse, employed people did not repay the loans, either. Therefore, banking system suffered huge losses, and those countries were on the verge of economic crisis. By good fortune, they made economic recovery thanks to the in-time assistance rendered by governments.

Today, the economy of medium people is in decline in capitalist countries. Economists forecast that middle classes in emerging economies such as China, Russia, Brazil, Turkey, India, Indonesia and other developing countries will contribute towards economic development of the world; and with economic growth, like democracy medium people in the West, they will work for democratization and safeguard democracy and improve capitalism. And time and economic development will change the opinions and concepts of middle classes in the countries with the combined policy of strong points of left-wing and right-wing.

Yet, not their every estimate has come true. The people of any non-alien minion are satisfied with the fact that they are under the rule of the government composed of compatriots. They do not accept any advice and suggestions by aliens. Whether or not the ruler of their country is a dictator or an elected government, they accept and are satisfied with the work of the dictator or government to ensure national development.

The middle people in Brazil and Russia want escape of hunger rather than freedom of speech. In some democracies such as Turkey and Indonesia, the majority of medium people are Muslims, and women wear scarf over their heads.

China and Brazil are enjoying economic development considerably, so the peoples accept nationalization of some enterprises. South Africa, Turkey and many other countries are trying to be able to stand on their feet.

While political tricks were running high all over the world, patriots who wanted to work for development of their motherlands were accused of being chauvinists and being those with poor ideas. In contrast, in 2010, it is worldwide recognized that working with patriotism for prosperity of the motherland is the most modern idea. Overall, I would say that the majority of medium people in a country are those with a strong sense of patriotic spirit.

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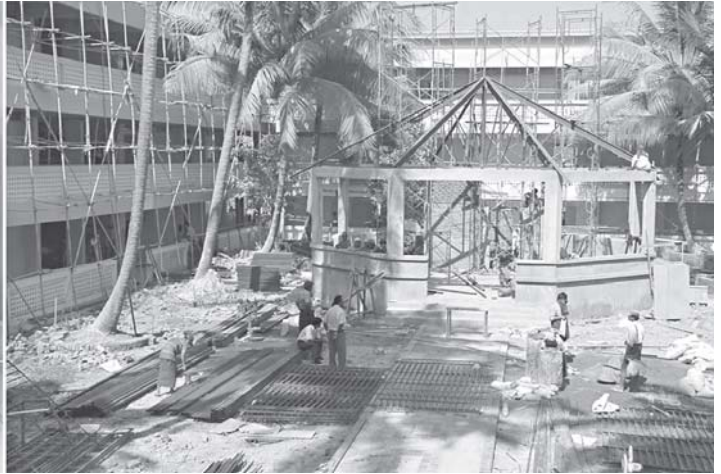
Stands of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna)...

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The Secretary-1 said that the stands of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) are to be extended to an international standard stadium. As the stadiums are public areas where tens of thousands of spectators can gather at the same time, it is necessary to extend the stands for safety and convenient seats for spectators, con-



Secretary-1 of SPDC Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views construction site of 550-bed Children's Hospital in Yankin Township.—MNA



Secretary-1 of SPDC Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects Stadium of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna).—MNA

to build the hospitals in conformity with requirements of medical treatments.

The 550-bed Children's Hospital will have three buildings. The No. 1 building will have 124,100 square feet of area, the No. 2 building 75,120 square feet of area and the No. 3 building 5,252 square feet of area. They will have medical wards, teaching wards, halls and private rooms

including intensive care units.

The renovating Children's Hospital is former building of the Ministry of Mines. The Chairman of Ayeyawady Bank sponsors renovation of the building as the 550-bed Children's Hospital inclusive of hospital equipment. So far, construction of the hospital has completed by over 90 per cent.

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Secretary-1 of SPDC Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo instructs officials at the briefing hall of construction site of 550-bed Children's Hospital.

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struct better entrance and exit ways, car parking, recreation halls, canteens and wider pavements including the vast areas for the spectators who flow out from the stadium, he said.

At 11.45 am, the Secretary-1 arrived at the 550-bed Children's Hospital construction project on Kanbe Road in Yankin Township and viewed progress of medical wards, operation theatres, private rooms, lecture halls, recreation rooms for doctors and nurses, quarters for doctors and nurses. Chairman of Ayeyawady Bank U Zaw Zaw reported on progress of

construction tasks.

At the project hall, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe reported on location and area of the hospital, formation of emergency units, medical wards and private rooms at building No. 1, 2 and 3 of the hospital and supply of water and electricity.

The Secretary-1 said that the former building of the Ministry of Health located in front of the existing Children's Hospital is being renovated as a Children's Hospital. Likewise, a 550-bed Children's Hospital is under construction in Mandalay. He stressed the need



New model village, station hospital, road section, bridges opened in Kachin State



Commander Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and ministers view progress of Ayeyawady River crossing bridge.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec — A model village, a 16-bed station hospital and a concrete road and bridges in Kachin State were opened on 21 December.

Aungmyintha model village located near Tanphe Village in Myitkyina Township was opened in the presence of Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint and Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw.

After the opening ceremony, the

commander and the ministers cordially greeted villagers and visited the model village.

Afterwards, they formally opened the 16-bed hospital.

The commander and ministers also attended the ceremony to commission the concrete road of Myitkyina-Myitson road section and bridges on the road into service.

After the ceremony, they went to the Ayeyawady River crossing bridge construction site in Myitkyina and assisted in the construction works.

During his inspection tour of Myitson Hydropower project, Minister U Zaw Min assisted in works of the project after hearing reports.—MNA



Visitors view electronic equipment at the booth of Samsung on Bye Bye 2010 Promotion of A A Electronic Ltd.

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Samsung launches Bye Bye 2010 promotion

YANGON, 23 Dec—AA Electronic Ltd will launch the Bye Bye 2010 sales promotion of Samsung, Star and Fuji electronics at 50% off from 15 to 31 December.

Depending on the amount of purchase, customers can get K 3000 to K 300,000 or gifts.

The 46-inch full HD 3D LED TV will be installed with 3D Blu-ray player, 3D Blu-ray disc and 3D glass.

Samsung brand LED, LCD, Plasma, Slim TV, refrigerator, washing machines and air-conditioner are available at Samsung Showrooms and outlets of its agents.

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POEM:

Ever fresh with victory

- * When the sea is rough
Vigorous we are.
And perseverance added
Overcoming high waves with unity
Bravery we have to move forward.
- * When there is storm
Storm and courageous we are
In our ability we believe
Braving high winds
Advancing with determination.
- * When there is downpour
Never afraid to face
Endurance we have to conquer
Ever with victory we are
- * Thunderstorm we face
Battling against tempest
Braving all we, the Navy
Glory we win with strength
Ever at sea
Defending Myanmar waters.
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The Navy
Time goes by
Seasons have changed
Through years of many
Ever fresh and vigour
Reinforcements in quality and quantity
Coming out like buds
As fresh replacements
An invigorating institution
Always fresh and victorious
Continuous it will be for years
Ever we are dutiful
For the safety of our cherished waters
Ever with glory.
History is written.
Always fresh with strength
The Navy we salute.

Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)

Honouring the Anniversary of Defence Services (Navy) which falls on 24th December

Myanmar-Canaan School, reliable for...

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sector in Myanmar. After that, cornerstones were laid down for construction of the training school on 11-9-2001 and the first training course was opened on 27-1-2003. So far, the training school has conducted 35 times of training courses including this course No. 5/2010 and turned out 1040 trainees."

The principal of the school is a Korean citizen and he provided training courses for the trainees with the assistance of Myanmar instructors.

The subjects of the courses were cultivation of farming crops, vegetables, beans and pulses, edible oil crops, jute and sugarcane, silkworms, tea, coffee and orchid, soil utilization, water resource

utilization technology, post-harvesting technology, agricultural mechanization, technology on family health care, applied computer, and Canaan education.

After the training course, we visited Coffee Factory (Golden Lion Coffee Factory) of Myanma Farms Enterprise. In-charge of the factory U Kyaw Thurein (Assistant General Manager) explained production of instant coffeemix with the use of domestic products.

U Kyaw Win, In-charge of Moe Htet Coffee Farm, conducted us round his farm with clarification on cultivation of highland coffee plants on 3800/4000 feet high Thayetgon area of Nawngkhio Township and growing of shade trees as preventive measures against danger of frost.

Coffee of PyinOoLwin has higher demands from abroad. To be able to satisfy the demands, sown

acreage has been extended year by year.

In the world coffee market, coffee is being traded at above US\$ 4000 per ton. Ripen coffee fruits can be sold at K 500 to K 600 per two kilograms in PyinOoLwin and Nawngkhio. At the border areas, coffee can be sold at Yuan 30 per kilo. As such, the local growers are to extend their sown acreage of coffee farms.

Systematic cultivation methods will arrive in the nation for farmers and horticultural farmers across the country soon. At present, the local farmers are enjoying fruits of joint-programmes between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and Myanmar-Canaan Farmers' Training School.

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Industry-1 Ministry holds 2nd Men's and Women's Mini-marathon Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung enjoyed the participation of staff members in the Second Men's and Women's Mini-marathon Contest-2010 of the Industry-1 Ministry, here, today.

At the prize presentation ceremony, the minister and officials awarded winners.

A total of 50 men and 33 women joined the contest.

As 2010 December Sports Activity, staff also merrily took part in volleyball, Sepak Takraw and other traditional games.

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Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung awards first prize winner in Mini-marathon Contest of Ministry of Industry-1.

INDUSTRY-1

Commander's Shield Volleyball Tournament opens

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—The opening of Coastal Region Commander's Shield Volleyball Tournament was held at the hall of the Command headquarters on 20 December, attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region

Brig-Gen Khin Maung Htay and senior military officers, departmental officials, servicemen and contestants.

The commander made a speech and watched the opener.

Next, the commander addressed opening of advanced tailoring course and basic domestic course at

Women's Vocational Training School. The commander greeted trainees and fulfilled the requirements.

Then, the commander inspected traffic rules enforcement measures being taken by officials on Airport Road in Myeik.

The commander also oversaw roadwork at Kyweku village.

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4th Myanmar, S Korea meeting on energy and natural resources cooperation held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Fourth meeting on cooperation in energy and natural resources between Myanmar and Republic of Korea took place at Ministry of Energy here today.

Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay, officials from Energy Ministry, Mines Ministry and Electric Power No. 2 Ministry, and South Korean Vice-Minister of Knowledge Economy

Mr Park Young-June and party were present on the occasion.

The deputy ministers of both countries made opening speeches.

Both sides touched upon cooperation in development of Block Nos A-1 and A-3, technology development in petroleum and natural gas firms, exploring natural resources, smelting minerals and supplying electricity, and conducting work efficiency course for staff and more participation in Myanmar's energy projects.

The meeting ended with words of thanks by the two deputy ministers.

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Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay and party meet Vice-Minister of Knowledge Economy Mr Park Young-June at meeting on energy and natural resources cooperation.—MNA

Chinese media delegation arrives Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—A Chinese media delegation arrived in Yangon on 19 December by air and visited Yangon.

The delegation comprises media personnel led by Director Mr. Zhan Jianwen of the information office of the government of the Yunnan Pvince of the People's Republic of China and media personnel led by Ms. Ning Li, Deputy Director of the Yunnan Province TV.

The delegation visited Myanmar Radio and Television in Yangon the next day and went to Ngapali Beach in the afternoon.

They arrived back Yangon on 22 December and visited Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and the Press Scrutiny and

Registration Division in Bahan Township. During the visit to the division, they met officials of the division and Myanmar journalists.

They arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 December by car. They held talks with Director-General of the Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win, Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Acting Managing Director of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Ye Tint and Head of Office of the Ministry of Information U Myint Htwe at the Ministry of Information at 3 pm. At the meeting, the two

sides cordially discussed matters

related to bilateral information and TV broadcasting services. The Chinese

delegation also met officials of the Ministry of Commerce in the evening.

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Officials of Ministry of Information meet Director Mr. Zhan Jianwen and party of Information Office of Yunnan Province and Deputy Director Ms. Ning Li and party of Yunnan Province TV.—MNA

One dead, one injured in boat accident

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—The Myaungmya-Yangon Bala Kyaw Thu vessel driven by U Win Myint hit its bow on the river bank near Shwe

Phalarkyun Village in Kathawin Village-tract of Pantanaw Township at 3.50 am yesterday. In the incident, U Kyaw Than, 42, of Wakema who was

on the front part of the vessel was dead of land slide and Ma Thin Thin Maw of Wakhema sustained minor injuries. The bow of vessel was

dented. From there, the vessel arrived at Maubin jetty at around 8 am. Pantanaw Police Station is taking action against U Win Myint.

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Visitors look at thousands of teddy bears arranged in a shape of a tree hang from the ceiling of a shopping mall in Beirut, as part of Christmas decoration, on 20 Dec, 2010. The display is part of a charity campaign "Small Bear Big Heart" to sell 2,000 bears with the proceeds going to the Lebanese autism society.—INTERNET

Small plane crash kills one in Chicago

CHICAGO, 23 Dec—A small single-engine plane on Wednesday crashed near Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling, a village in the northwest of Chicago, killing one person, *Chicago Tribune* reported on Wednesday, quoting authorities.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said the plane took off from the airport but about a half-mile into the flight, the pilot

reported a "rough-running engine" and tried to return to the airport.

There were two people aboard the plane when it crashed later crashed into a nearby parking lot, according to the report. One person was killed and the other was injured.

Records indicate the plane is Beech four-seat model B19 registered in California.

Xinhua



A poisoned worker is treated in a hospital in Zhongning County, Zhongwei City, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 23 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA

Three killed, 21 poisoned in chemical plant accident

ZHONGNING, 23 Dec—At least three people were killed and 21 others poisoned in a chemical plant supposedly by toxic gas in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region Thursday, local authorities said.

Many people showed symptoms of being poisoned by unconfirmed toxic gas in Tianyuan Manganese Corp in Zhongning County of Zhongwei City at about 0:40 am Thursday, government officials and police told

Xinhua.

Three died later in hospital, three others are in critical conditions and the rest are in stable conditions, doctors said. Work safety supervisors are investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

Komodo National Park is the natural habitat to the world's largest lizard, the Komodo dragon. Park authorities estimate 2,500 of the ancient species of reptile live in the UNESCO World Heritage Site nature reserve.

INTERNET



6.3-magnitude quake hits Bonin Islands, Japan region

NEW YORK, 23 Dec—An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale jolted Bonin Islands, Japan region at 21:49:38 GMT on Wednesday, a day after a strong quake hit the same region, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The quake struck at 7:49:38 am local time on Thursday, 146 km from Chichi-Shima, Bonin Islands with a depth of 10 km, the USGS said. There is no immediate report of any damages or injuries.

The quake followed a 7.4-magnitude one, which hit the same region the previous day and triggered tsunami alert.—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits westernmost Indonesia

JAKARTA, 23 Dec—A moderate earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale rocked Aceh Province in westernmost Indonesia at 07:01 local time (0001 GMT) on Thursday, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said here in a statement.

The earthquake was centered at 45 kilometres southwest of Meulaboh city and at depth of 15 kilometres under seabed. The agency did not release a tsunami warning.—Xinhua

Two killed after truck with chemicals rolls in SW China



A firefighter runs at a road accident site on the Guizhou-Xinzhai Express way in Duyun, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 23 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

GUIYANG, 23 Dec—Two people were killed after a truck carrying chemicals overturned in Guizhou Province Thursday, rescuers said.

The truck loaded with titanium tetrachloride rolled on a highway in Duyun City at about 3:30 am Thursday, killing the

driver and his colleague.

The chemical leaked out and mixed with the air producing hydrogen chloride, which could cause respiratory problem, headaches, eye and skin irritations.

Rescuers immediately cordoned off the area and evacuated residents.

No more casualties have been reported.

Experts are testing the water quality in the area and police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ORIENTAL ELF VOY NO (008)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL ELF VOY NO (008) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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A worker operates a snow plough at London's Heathrow Airport. European airports fought to clear a backlog of thousands of stranded Christmas travellers on Wednesday as arctic conditions gripped the continent and sparked fresh delays and cancellations.—INTERNET

Europe airports fight to clear Christmas backlog

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A woman stands in front of a wall depicting a computer user at the CeBIT high-tech fair in Hannover, central Germany. As concern about online privacy grows, Mozilla is promising to let people cloak Internet activity in free Firefox Web browsing software being released early next year.

INTERNET

Teen sailor: It's 'weird' to walk

PHILIPSBURG, 23 Dec — A Dutch teen sailor yesterday completed the longest leg so far of her attempted circumnavigation of the globe, saying it felt "really

weird" to be back on dry land after nearly three weeks out on the ocean.

Laura Dekker, 15, aiming to become the youngest person to sail solo

around the world, was in good spirits after completing the 2,532-mile trip from the Cape Verde Islands off West Africa. Dekker anchored her ketch just outside Simpson Bay Lagoon after what she called "a very nice trip" so far. "It's really weird. It's not moving and not bouncy," she said as she tried to find her land legs while strolling in flip-flops along a sidewalk to the Dutch territory's immigration office.

The Dutch teenager started her trip from Gibraltar on 21 Aug and spent two months in the Canary Islands waiting for the hurricane season to pass. She left the Cape Verde Islands on 2 Dec. Her venture stirred an intense debate about whether youths should be allowed to sail the world's oceans alone. —Internet

Laura Dekker, 15, who is aiming to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world, arrives in St Maarten on Sunday.

INTERNET



Cryosat ice mission returns first science

LONDON, 23 Dec — The Cryosat-2 spacecraft has produced its first major science result. Radar data from the European satellite has been used to make a map of ocean circulation across the Arctic basin. Cryosat's primary mission is to measure sea-

ice thickness, which has been in sharp decline in recent decades. But its ability also to map the shape of the sea surface will tell scientists if Arctic currents are changing as a result of winds being allowed to blow more easily on ice-free waters.

"Nobody really knows how the Arctic is going to behave as the ice retreats, but we do anticipate that significant changes will occur," said Dr Seymour Laxon, a Cryosat science team member from University College London, UK.

Internet

Bodies of Malaysia crash victims flown home

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Dec—The bodies of 25 Thai victims of Malaysia's worst bus crash were taken home on Wednesday aboard a Thai air force plane, as authorities announced an independent probe into the accident.

The Thai embassy in Kuala Lumpur said the remains of those who died in Monday's horrific smash were loaded onto a C-130 transporter plane at a military airbase on the outskirts of the capital.

Some survivors of the crash, as well as relatives and friends of the dead, went home on a second aircraft.

Internet



Fire and rescue crews inspect the wreckage of a crashed tourist bus at Cameron Highland north-eastern state of Perak on 20 December.

INTERNET

Man, 89, comes clean, returns book after 76 years

Mark McKee is lucky a Michigan library isn't charging him a late fee for returning a book 76 years late.

In 1934, the 13-year-old McKee checked out "A Dog of Flanders" by English author Marie Louise de la Ramee from the Mount Clemens Public Library.

Recently, McKee, now 89, said he discovered the book and mailed it to the library.

"I was entranced by the book and kept it with my prized possessions, intending

to return it forthwith," McKee wrote in an accompanying letter. "Thus began a 76-year odyssey of missed opportunity and intention."

McKee, who is a former publisher of *The Macomb Daily*, said he found the book among his possessions and wanted to do the right thing.

"My conscience took over," wrote McKee, who is now a winter resident in Chandler, Ariz.

Library Director Donald Worrell Jr. said he was thrilled to get the package from McKee.

"He spent a great amount of time in here," Worrell said. "He was very supportive. He was very generous to the library."

In his letter, McKee said he estimated the fine on a book overdue for 76 years could total thousands of dollars.

But Worrell said McKee doesn't have to worry, there won't be a fine. "We figure the story is better than the money," Worrell said.

Instead, Worrell said he plans to put the book and letter on display at the library and to send a fresh copy of the book to McKee.



A double rainbow is seen during heavy rain in Los Angeles on 22 December, 2010. Another round of storms drenched rain-soaked Southern California on Wednesday, flooding streets, causing widespread power outages and prompting evacuations in foothill areas prone to mudslides.

Robin Hood' offers reward in casino case



The fountain show at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino is seen in Las Vegas, Nevada on 1 April, 2009.

A professional gambler who uses the name "Robin Hood 702" is offering a \$50,000 reward for the return of \$1.5 million in chips stolen from a Las Vegas casino.

The high stakes blackjack player, who operates anonymously under the "Robin Hood 702" moniker to use his winnings to help families with debt, said he is offering the reward for the return of the chips to the Bellagio and the arrest and conviction of the helmeted motorcyclist who produced a gun at the casino 14 Dec.

The thief fled on a motorcycle with chips from a craps table in denominations as high as \$25,000, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported on Wednesday. "I'm just trying to find this guy and stop any copycats," Robin Hood said. "If the Bellagio was hit, the Palazzo could be hit, the Venetian, the MGM Grand it could be every casino. This guy has to be apprehended quickly."

Police said the same suspect is also believed to be behind the 9 Dec robbery of less than \$20,000 from the Suncoast casino.

News Album

Man gives \$50 bills at Goodwill

Those at a Goodwill store in Memphis got some extra Christmas spending money thanks to a man who handed out \$50 bills to everyone.

According to WMC-TV, no one knows the identity of the man, who passed out the money Monday.

Store employee Chestine Dunn says the man carried a stack of envelopes with him. Inside each envelope was \$50.

Witnesses say the man didn't buy anything and asked for nothing in return. He simply gave lucky strangers an envelope, wished them a merry Christmas and moved on.

One of lucky ones, Betty Ridenour, says everyone was stunned.

American band "Eagles" to land in China in March

BEIJING, 23 Dec—Local Chinese media are reporting that American rock band the Eagles will have their first concerts on the Chinese mainland in March.

The band will give two concerts in Shanghai and Beijing, respectively on 9 March and 12 March. The Beijing concert will be at the

Wukesong Arena. The most expensive ticket will be 2,580 yuan, around 380 US dollars, according to its Chinese hosting company.

Formed in 1971, the band has sold over 120 million copies to date. "Hotel California", released in 1976, is a favorite song of many Chinese fans.—*Xinhua*



American band "Eagles".—INTERNET



In this file photo, actor Jamie Foxx, right, holds up a star as he poses with his daughter Corrine Bishop as Foxx receives a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. Oscar and Grammy winner Foxx says his 16-year-old daughter Corrine has helped him stay relevant in his music career.—INTERNET

Foo Fighters play new songs at secret LA show

LOS ANGELES, 23 Dec—The Foo Fighters took time out from finishing their new album to unveil some new tunes and dust off some oldies at a secret club show for fans, family members and famous friends in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Among the famous faces in the crowd at Palladino's were actors Ryan Phillippe, Amanda Seyfried and Shane West who took in a set list that boasted such hits as opener "Times Like These," "My Hero," "For All The Cows," "Generator," "The Pretender" and "Learn To Fly."

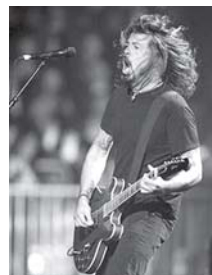
The band also debuted several songs, including "Dear Rosemary," "White Limo," and "Back and Forth." The latter which may end up as the title of their seventh album, band frontman Dave Grohl told the crowd.

Reuters

Christian Bale joins Zhang Yimou's WWII film



Cast member Christian Bale is interviewed at the premiere of the movie "Public Enemies" at the Mann Village theatre in Westwood, California on 23 June, 2009.—XINHUA



Dave Grohl of US rock band Foo Fighters performs during the MTV Europe Awards ceremony in Berlin on 5 November, 2009.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 23 Dec—Not Tom Cruise. Not Leonardo DiCaprio. The Hollywood actor starring in Chinese director Zhang Yimou's new film is Christian Bale! The "Dark Knight" star will play a missionary working in 1930s Nanjing. The film "Jinling Shi San Chai" ("Nanjing Heroes"), is set in what was once the Chinese capital at the time of the Nanjing Massacre.

Based on a novella by Chinese-American author Yan Geling, the film tells the story of a group of people seeking refuge in a place of worship. As war raged around them thirteen prostitutes broke into a church. They were then joined by several Chinese soldiers who'd survived a battle with the Japanese invaders.

Xinhua

Lille Christmas champions, 10-man PSG hit by Hadji double

PARIS, 23 Dec — Unfashionable Lille drew 1-1 with St Etienne on Wednesday but it was enough to guarantee they finished the year top of the French championship for the first time since 1949.



A trio of pursuing clubs failed to take advantage of them dropping two points, with PSG losing 2-0 away at Nancy, the visitors playing most of the match a man down after Mamadou Sakho was red carded and a second-half double by Youssouf Hadji giving the hosts the points.

Rennes also lost, 1-0 away at struggling Caen while Lyon were held to their second successive draw with a 1-1 draw at home to Auxerre.—Internet

Lille's Belgian midfielder Eden Hazard (R) vies with Saint Etienne's French midfielder Blaise.—INTERNET

Arsenal's Vermaelen set to miss another month

LONDON, 23 Dec — Arsenal are set to be without Thomas Vermaelen for at least another month, manager Arsene Wenger said Wednesday.

The Belgium defender has been out of action since August with an Achilles injury and so has played no part in the north London club's march to second in the Premier League, two points behind leaders Manchester United.

Arsenal had hoped to have Vermaelen available early next month but Wenger, speaking to Arsenal TV Online, said "I would rather say late January."

"He is short on fitness and we have to build it up. That will take three to four weeks."

"He has started now and the signs are good. But I have been hit so many times with backlash that I am very cautious with Vermaelen."

Internet



Arsenal centre-back Thomas Vermaelen (R) vies for the ball with Barcelona forward Bojan Krkic.—INTERNET

Kean to rule Rovers roost for rest of season

LONDON, 23 Dec — Steve Kean will remain as manager of Blackburn Rovers until the end of the season, the English Premier League club announced on Wednesday.

Kean was promoted from first-team coach to caretaker manager following the surprise sacking of former boss Sam Allardyce and assistant Neil McDonald last week.

Venky's, the Indian-based poultry business that took over the north-west club last month for 23 million pounds (30

LONDON, 23 Dec — Newcastle United midfielder Joey Barton has dismissed talk of a transfer window move away from the north-east side next month, saying he would happily see out



Newcastle United midfielder Joey Barton

Barton vows to stay at Newcastle

his career at St James' Park.

The 28-year-old midfielder, out of contract at the end of next season, has been linked with a move to Premier League rivals Aston Villa and West Ham.

But Barton, who arrived at Newcastle in a 5.8 million pounds (8.9 million dollars) move from Manchester City in June 2007 told BBC Radio Five Live on Wednesday: "I was actually laughing about it this morning."

"People write what they write, it is silly season. I have always gone on record about the affinity I have got with the fans at this football club, and the football club and my fellow players.—Internet

McClaren on the brink after Cup humbling

BERLIN, 23 Dec — Former England manager Steve McClaren's future as coach of Bundesliga side VfL Wolfsburg hung by a thread on Wednesday after his team were knocked out of the German Cup by Second Division Cottbus.



The future of former England manager Steve McClaren, as coach of Bundesliga side VfL Wolfsburg.—INTERNET

The 3-1 home defeat extended the team's winless run to eight matches - seven in the Bundesliga - and places huge question marks over 490-year-old McClaren's ability to sweet talk the directors into keeping him after the winter break.

McClaren, who had an unhappy spell in charge of England leaving the post when they failed to qualify for Euro 2008, has only been in the hotseat since July after rebuilding his career at unfashionable Dutch outfit Twente, whom he guided to the 2010 domestic title.

Internet

SPORTS

Bayern, Dutch reach agreement over Robben

MUNICH, 23 Dec — Bayern Munich have finally reached agreement with the Dutch Football Federation (KNVB) in their long running dispute over compensation in the Arjen Robben injury affair.

Bayern president Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, in an interview set to appear in the German press on Thursday, said the two sides had resolved their differences over Robben after the winger returned

from the World Cup with an injured thigh.

"The Dutch want to resolve the situation," Rummenigge told German daily Munchner Merkur.

"We've suffered sporting and financial damage. The solution is a match between the Netherlands and Bayern which will enable us to cover our losses. The two sides are in agreement with this solution."

The deal brings to an end a saga that has been simmering since August with Bayern threatening to take the KNVB to court over Robben, who was only able to resume full training last week.

Internet



Arjen Robben

Celtic's Hooper set for six weeks out

GLASGOW, 23 Dec — Celtic striker Gary Hooper could be out for up to six weeks after a scan on Wednesday showed he'd suffered ankle ligament damage during the draw with



Celtic striker Gary Hooper, seen here in January 2010, could be out for up to six weeks after a scan.—INTERNET

Kilmarnock.

The scan at least allayed fears Hooper, who went off in the 35th minute of Tuesday's 1-1 draw following a clash with Killie defender Frazer Wright, had broken his leg.

But the 22-year-old Hooper, who has scored 11 goals in 12 games since joining the Glasgow giants from English club Scunthorpe in July, could now be out until February.

Internet

Results on 22 December

Spain - Copa Del Rey

Almeria	4 - 3	Mallorca
Atletico Madrid	1 - 0	Espanyol
Real Betis	1 - 2	Getafe
Sevilla	5 - 3	Malaga
Real Madrid	8 - 0	Levante

Germany - DFB Pokal

Wolfsburg	1 - 3	Energie Cottbus
1. FC Cologne	1 - 2	Duisburg
Stuttgart	3 - 6	Bayern Munich

SFA chiefs split over SPL reforms

GLASGOW, 23 Dec — Scottish Football Association (SFA) president George Peat and chief executive Stewart Regan are divided over the best way to reform the Scottish Premier League (SPL).

One proposal on the table following a report by former Scotland first minister Henry McLeish is to reduce the top flight of Scottish football from 12 teams back down to 10.

Regan, who took over as chief executive this season following a stint in a similar post at English county cricket club Yorkshire, is in favour of slimming down the SPL.

But Peat would prefer a 14 or even 16-team division.

"How you put the leagues together is up for

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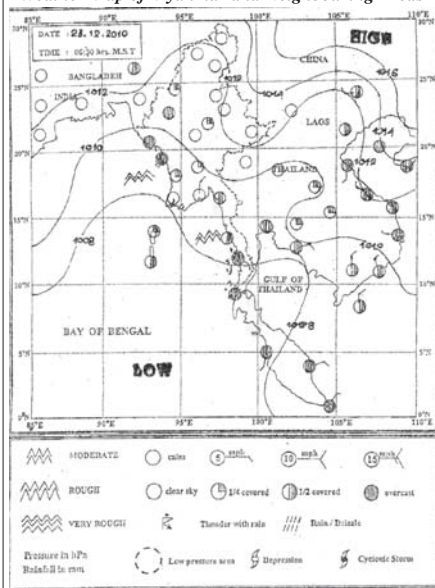
debate and whether it is a 10-team, 12-team or 16-team, is going to be down to personal opinion," Regan said here on Wednesday.

"My personal choice is that I would like the recommendation that is on the table. I like the 10-team proposal.

Internet



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 23rd December, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy over Taninthayi Region and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Northern Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions, (5°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) above December average temperatures in Taninthayi Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C) Pinlaung and Heho (1°C) each and Putao and Namsam (2°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 22-12-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 23-12-2010 was 57°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-12-2010 was (73%). Rainfall on 23-12-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 22-12-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 23-12-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-12-2010 was (60%). Total sunshine hours on 22-12-2010 was

(9.9) hours.

Rainfall on 23-12-2010 was at (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (83.19) inches at Mingaladon, (97.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 22-12-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 24th December 2010: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy over Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Yangon Region and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-12-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-12-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-12-2010: Generally fair weather.

Finnish nurse gets life for murdering five patients

HELSINKI, 23 Dec — A Finnish nurse was sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday for murdering five of her elderly patients with lethal drug overdoses, and of trying to kill five others.

The Helsinki District Court found Aino Nykopp-Koski guilty of five murders, five attempted murders, three aggravated assaults, three thefts and possessing illegal drugs.

The murders happened in hospitals, hospices and private homes between 2004 and 2009.

Nykopp-Koski, who has protested her innocent, will appeal against the verdict, her lawyer said.

"She is shocked and still considers the verdict is not based on the truth. She will appeal," lawyer Heikki Lampela told reporters after the sentence was handed down.

MNA/Reuters



Pop singer Fish Leong is seen during a press conference for her new album "What Love Songs Didn't Tell You" in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan. This album would be officially released on 23 Dec, 2010. XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (24-12-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (24-12-10 09:30 am ~ 25-12-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Visit to the Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw)
- * News
- * Caves of Myanmar
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- * Good Friends for Good Future
- * Honeymoon Trip
- * News
- * Youth and Music
- * Culture Stage
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * A Journey to Shan Plateau
- * Photo City
- * News
- * Let's visit the underwater world
- * Myanmar Movies "Implicated Attachment"



Friday,
24 December
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw Uppatathandi Paritta

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:40 am

3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

5. Health Programme

8:10 am

6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:20 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:30 am

8. Musical Programme

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Teleplay (Health)

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song Of National Races

4:20 pm

3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

4:30 pm

4. Songs Of Yester Years

4:45 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Physics)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:20 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:30 pm

9. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalay doeathwin

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
18. TV Drama Series
19. Song Lover

- ★ 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

Myanmar-Canaan School, reliable for horticultural farmers

Article & Photo: Yamanya Thway Mon



Ripening coffee fruits at coffee plant seen as significant proof for economic development of local growers.

At the invitation of the Shan State Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service, we together with farm entrepreneurs of Shan State (North) have the opportunity to recently visit coffee farms in PyinOoLwin after attending the concluding ceremony of agricultural course. Together with agricultural entrepreneurs, we the news crew from Lashio Township Writers and Journalists Association visited there.

PyinOoLwin, one of townships in Mandalay Region, is located at an altitude of over 3000 feet. There are many horticultural farms and perennial

farms in the township.

At the concluding ceremony, Managing Director U Kyi Win of Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise (Agriculture/Livestock Breeding) said, "On 18-8-2000, the World Canaan Movement (WCM) and Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise (Agriculture/Livestock Breeding) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation signed an agreement as the Myanmar-Canaan movement for development of agriculture

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Chauk Township facilitated with tube-well, asphalt road

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—As a gesture of hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day 2010, a ceremony to open the four-inch tube-well was held at Molar Village in Chauk Township on 17 December morning.

The local authorities formally opened the tube-well which was sunk at a cost of K 20.3975 million contributed by Chauk Township Development Affairs Committee and local people.

Likewise, the Township DAC inaugurated the 600 feet long and 12 feet wide asphalt Mindon Road in Ward 8 of Chauk.

The township level officials cut the ribbon to open the repaved road built at a cost of K 3.966 million by Township DAC.—MNA

INSIDE

China and Brazil are enjoying economic development considerably, so the peoples accept nationalization of some enterprises. South Africa, Turkey and many other countries are trying to be able to stand on their feet.

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