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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Sixth meeting of Sixth State Central Working Committee of Sangha commences

YANGON, 27 Feb—Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery in Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rahta Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa presided over sixth meeting of Sixth State Central Working Committee of Sangha held at Maha Pasana Cave in Kaba Aye Hill this morning.

The Sayadaw read out Ovada of the State Ovadacariya Sayadaws and opened the meeting with the

Ovada.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

The meeting then confirmed replacement of Sayadaws in place of former SSMNC Sayadaws who passed away.

A SSMNC Sayadaw submitted report of the committee and the first day meeting was adjourned.

Sandi herbal shop offered a-day meal to SSMNC Sayadaws.

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Sixth meeting of Sixth State Central Working Committee of Sangha in progress.—MNA

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| (1) U Phone Zaw Han | Ministry of Finance and Revenue |
| (2) U Aung Maung | Ministry of Development Affairs |

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President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Myanmar would promote existing friendship and cooperation with China

Thura U Shwe Mann

Despite changes in global politics, Sino-Myanmar ties have never changed

Mr Jia Qinglin

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met Mr Jia Qinglin, member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, at Xin Jiang Hall in Beijing on 23 February evening.

Also present at the call together with the Speaker were, Chairman U Thein Zaw of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Peace-making Committee, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legislative Committee Thura U Aung Ko, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Social

Development Committee U Maung Maung Swe, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Water Transport Development Committee U Kyi Min, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Reform and Development Vetting Committee Dr Maung Maung Wint, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Management Committee Col Htay Naing, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw and Myanmar Embassy.

Mr Jia Qinglin was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Zhang Zxi Jun, Deputy Secretary-General of National People's Congress Mr Cao Wei Xhoui, Deputy General Secretary of Chinese People's Political

Consultative Conference Mr Wang Zheng Hong, Head of Poli-Bureau of Chinese People's Congress Office Mr Hu Xiao Li, Head of Foreign Affairs of the Office of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Xia Ji Hui and Secretary of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Sang Fu Hua.

At the call, Mr Jia Qinglin said that he paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar in April, 2011 at the invitation of the Speaker. He thanked Myanmar for hospitality during his visit. He felt that there exists deeply-rooted Pauk-Phaw relationship between Myanmar and China. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that he took pride for extending a warm

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PERSPECTIVES

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Children should wear helmets, too

Motorcycles are effective transportation vehicles across the country. They cost much less than motorcars and consume less gasoline. They are also more easier to maintain and convenient to park than cars. But they are also dangerous and accidents happen more often. That is why rules have been imposed for the driver and the passengers to wear safety helmet when they are riding the motorcycles. All riders mean, children as well.

But it is so disheartening to see most children, including infants, riding on the lap of passengers on speeding motorcycles, not wearing helmets when even the driver and the adult passengers were wearing them. This must not be overlooked. The helmet-lacked children looked so vulnerable on the zooming motorcycles.

It is best to take preventive measures than to take the consequence which will be heavy.

“Helmet for kids” programs have been launched in neighboring countries to reduce the risks that children face daily during their rides on the motorcycles. They can avoid injury and death, with greater use of helmets while riding motorcycles.

Helmet use among motorcycle riders must be enforced and to the children, as well.

GE Healthcare enters Myanmar market

YANGON, 27 Feb—GE Healthcare has hit Myanmar market with the appointment of Sea Lion Co Ltd as its national dealer.

David Utama, President and CEO of GE Healthcare ASEAN, labeled Myanmar as “important market”. GE Healthcare will provide medical technologies for early diagnosis of cancer.

The company organized a seminar at Parkroyal Hotel here on 25 February to introduce its solutions to Myanmar audiences.

Win Zaw Aung, Managing Director of Sea Lion said, “Sea Lion vows to promote better healthcare for Myanmar as it introduces GE Healthcare technology and solutions.”

GE Healthcare is a medical arm of General Electric Company headquartered in the United Kingdom.

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Those present attending workshop for promotion of rice trade of Myanmar-Indonesia in Yangon posed for documentary photo on 27 February.—MRIA

Union Minister inspects Government Press, sub-printing house in Mandalay Region



Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan meets officials of National Culture and Fine Arts University, Fine Arts Department and Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan, who is in Mandalay Region, met with staff at Office (branch) of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise (Upper Myanmar) in Aungmyethazan Township, on 24 February evening.

Upon arrival at sub-printing house (Mandalay) of News and Periodicals Enterprise, the Union Minister inspected the storage of paper rolls, maintenance of press machines, measures to install new press machines and construction of staff quarters. After that, he gave instructions on maintenance of press machines, fire safety measures and staff’s welfare and supervision on construction of staff quarters, and cordially greeted the staff there. Later on, the Union Minister inspected publishing and book bindings at Government Press (Upper Myanmar) in Aungpinlae Ward, Chanmyathazi Township. There, he urged the officials to supervise the production process for good quality.

In meeting with personnel at the briefing hall, he urged them to seek innovative ways for promoting press, carry out step-by-step supervision of the production process and carry out staff’s welfare by doing small-scale agricultural and livestock breeding in the factory compound.

After that, the Union Minister met with officials from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay), Fine Arts Department (Mandalay Branch) and Department

of Archaeology, National Museum and Library (Mandalay), at the National Theater (Mandalay).

He said: The teachers are to place more emphasis on teaching in order that the students can become qualified ones. And they have duty to carry out not only teaching but also health care and social affairs of the students, and are to make cooperation with private wards owners for systematic and disciplined manners and necessary fulfillment. Programme is to be implemented so as to exchange friendship, experience and arts between the teachers and students by making cooperation on fine arts activities between universities and schools.

Now, there is a massive influx of tourists into the ancient culture heritage sites. So, tourists can be attracted after carrying out systematic maintenance of ancient cultural edifices, In-Wa ancient capital and ancient sites in surrounding areas, including Mandalay Mya-Nan-San-Kyaw Golden Palace, Maha-Atula-Wai-Yan Atumashi monastery and Golden monastery. The world countries would be more aware of Myanmar’s ancient cultural history and glory. Thanks to it, there would be a massive inflow of foreign currency into the country thereby contributing to more job opportunities for the local people and promoting their socio-economic status. So, staff are urged to cooperate so as to achieve these objectives, he added.—MNA

Dy Foreign Minister, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, sign MoU

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, Mrs Maria Edileuza Fontenele Reis paid an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 26 February to 1 March, 2012.

During the visit, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Maung Myint and Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, Maria Edileuza Fontenele Reis, signed the Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a mechanism for political consultations between Myanmar and the federative Republic of Brazil at the meeting hall of the Ministry



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations Ms Maria Edileuza Fontenele Reis sign MoU.

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of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 2:00 pm today.

After the signing ceremony, the first meeting of bilateral political consultations was held.

During the meeting, leaders of the two delegations exchanged views on further strengthening the existing friendly relations and cooperation between two

countries in the areas of agriculture, industry, energy, transport, science and technology, hotel and tourism, health and sports.

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Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers block a road at the site of a suicide attack in the city of Jalalabad in Nangarhar Province on 27 Feb, 2012. A suicide car bomber killed at least nine people and wounded eight others, targeting a NATO base at Jalalabad airport in eastern Afghanistan, police said.—INTERNET

10 die in Afghanistan airport suicide blast

KABUL, 27 Feb—At least 10 people were killed and a dozen injured on Monday when a suicide bomber blew up his car packed with explosives near the airport in Afghanistan's Jalalabad City, police said.

"A suicide bomber blew his explosive-laden vehicle near the gate of Jalalabad City airport this morning. Ten people, including the suicide bomber, were killed and 12 others were injured," provincial police chief, Abdullah Stanekzai, told *Xinhua*.

Jalalabad is the provincial capital of eastern Afghan Province of Nangar-har.

He said five civilians, two army soldiers and two local security guards were among the dead.

Two American and six Afghan soldiers were among the injured, said the police chief. Several cars were damaged in the blast

that occurred at around 7 am.

Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Internet

Afghanistan suicide attack



Map of Afghanistan locating Jalalabad, where a suicide car bomb attack at the airport gates killed several people on Monday.—INTERNET

Bomb kills three in Nepali capital

KATHMANDU, 27 Feb—At least three people were killed after a powerful petrol bomb exploded in the administration area in the Nepali capital Kathmandu on Monday afternoon.

Two of them died on the

spot while the third died at a local hospital.

More than six people were injured and five of them were said to be in very critical condition at Bir Hospital in the capital. The three deceased are a senior lady and

two men.

It has not been clear who are responsible for the explosion. Investigation into the incident is underway. Police have cordoned off the site.

Xinhua

Thai police and commando unit officers stand guard near the main entrance of the building which houses the Israeli embassy in Bangkok.—INTERNET



BANGKOK, 27 Feb—Thai police said on Monday they were questioning three more Iranians in connection with an alleged plot to kill Israeli diplomats in Bangkok.

"We have information that they may have links to the blasts," Police Major

General Piya Utayo told *AFP*, referring to a series of botched explosions that shook a residential district of the Thai capital on 14 February.

He said no charges had been laid against the trio. One was detained under

Thai police quiz three more Iranians over bomb plot

immigration law for overstaying his visa.

"We are checking the other two people's backgrounds," Piya added.

According to Thai media, mobile telephone call logs showed that one of the suspects had been in regular contact with two Iranians now in custody, one of whom had his legs blown off as he hurled a bomb at police while fleeing.

The new suspects were picked up in a raid Sunday on two rooms in an apartment tower in eastern Bangkok.

Another suspect was detained earlier this month in Malaysia, while arrest warrants have been issued for two more Iranians believed to have left the country.

Israel has blamed Iran over the Bangkok blasts, as well as attacks on Israeli embassy staff in India and Georgia a day earlier.

Internet

Netanyahu and Obama to discuss Iran

JERUSALEM, 27 Feb—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday his 5 March meeting with US President Barack Obama would focus on Iran's continued nuclear development.

The Jerusalem Post reported at the opening of his weekly Cabinet meeting, Netanyahu told Cabinet members, "While we will discuss all of these issues, there is no doubt that one issue will be at the centre of our talks, and that is of course, the continued strengthening of Iran and its nuclear programme."



Netanyahu and Obama.—INTERNET

His comments follow a report released Friday by the International Atomic Energy

Agency saying Iran has ramped up its uranium enrichment drive.—*Internet*

Gillard wins party ballot to stay on as PM

CANBERRA, 27 Feb—Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard on Monday easily defeated a challenge to her leadership of the Labour Party and country by rival Kevin Rudd.

Party lawmakers voted 71-31 in support of Gillard to stay on as head of the party and thus as prime minister. Rudd, who resigned as foreign minister last week, pledged loyalty to her, the Australian Broadcasting Corp reported.

The two had been rivals since Rudd was replaced as prime minister by Gillard in 2010. The party vote was called after Rudd resigned as foreign minister and announced he would challenge Gillard for the party and government leadership posts.

ABC reported Rudd

promised to dedicate himself to "working fully" for Gillard's re-election in the next general election to be held by November 2013. After his defeat on Monday, he also promised not to resign from the party.

The BBC reported Monday's result is a major boost for Gillard, who must now bring her party together.



Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard.—INTERNET

Gillard is expected to reshuffle her Cabinet, including filling the foreign minister slot. Defence Minister Stephen Smith is seen as the front-runner, the BBC said.

Gillard in a speech to Labour Party legislators prior to the voting had talked about progress made in the past 18 months and what needs to be done to win the next election, CNN reported, quoting party officials.

Commenting on the party vote, Rudd congratulated Gillard.

"I accept fully the verdict of the caucus and I dedicate myself to working fully for her re-election as the prime minister of Australia — and I will do so with my absolute ability dedicated to the task," ABC quoted him as saying.—*Internet*

FARC to release hostages, end extortion

BOGOTA, 27 Feb—Colombia's largest rebel group says it plans to release 10 remaining military hostages and will abandon the practice of kidnapping civilians for extortion.

The announcement was made Sunday on the Web site of Anncol, a news organization with alleged ties to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, *Colombia Reports* said. FARC said "from today on we ban the practice" of "the retention of people ... in order to finance our struggle."

The group said it is not ending its armed war with the Colombian government but will use "other forms of funding and political pressure."

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said in a Twitter post the announcement was a step in "the right direction." The rebel group, which has been fighting the Colombian government since 1964, has been funded by drug trafficking, extortion and kidnapping, the news Web site said.—*Internet*



Colombian policemen show portraits of their comrades, who were kidnapped by FARC rebels, during a protest against kidnappings at Bolivar Central square in Bogota, on 23 February, 2012.—INTERNET

Raw milk causes most illness from dairy products

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — Raw, or unpasteurized, milk causes 150 times more dairy product-related disease outbreaks than pasteurized milk. And states where the sale of raw milk is legal have twice as many outbreaks as states where it is illegal, according to a new US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention study. “This study shows an association between state laws and the number of outbreaks and illnesses

from raw milk products,” Dr Robert Tauxe, deputy director of CDC’s division of foodborne, waterborne and environmental diseases, said in an agency news release.

The 13-year review looked at more than 120 dairy product-related outbreaks that occurred in 30 states between 1993 and 2006. The outbreaks caused more than 4,400 illnesses, 239 hospitalizations and three deaths. Raw milk products — including cheese and yogurt

— caused 73 of the outbreaks (60 percent) and most of the 239 hospitalizations. Some people mistakenly believe that raw milk is a healthier alternative to pasteurized milk, according to the US Food and Drug Administration. Its website debunks the notion that raw milk is less likely than pasteurized milk to cause lactose intolerance, an inability to digest milk products. Unless milk is pasteurized — heated to kill harmful bacteria — bacteria

can accumulate in collected milk, multiply and cause illness, the researchers said.

The study found that 13 percent of patients in raw milk outbreaks were hospitalized, compared with 1 percent of those made ill by pasteurized milk products.

This may be because raw milk outbreaks were all caused by bacteria, such as E coli O157, that tend to provoke more severe illness, according to the study.

Internet

Heart attacks in young women can be harder to detect, deadlier

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — Tami Kimet thought she was coming down with the flu, but the 35-year-old mother of two was actually having a massive heart attack. “I thought I was just really rundown from my daughter’s baptism the day before,” said Kimet, who lives in Eerie, Pa.

“I felt so tired and sick to my stomach. I slept the entire next day away.”

Kimet waited three days before she drove herself to the hospital, where she hoped doctors would give her something for her flu symptoms.

Instead, they cut open her chest and performed a triple bypass.

“I had no idea I was having a heart attack,” said Kimet. “I’d had only ever seen my father have a heart attack, and he was always grabbing his chest. I had no pain in my chest.” Although chest pain or discomfort is the most common heart attack symptom, fatigue, nausea, shortness of breath and pain or numbness in the jaw, arms or back can also signal a blocked artery cutting off vital oxygen and nutrients from the heart.

And according to a new

study of more than 1 million heart attack patients, women under 55 are less likely to seek medical attention for those atypical symptoms and more likely to die in a hospital from a heart attack than men of the same age.

“Young women who have atypical symptoms might not appreciate that they’re in fact having a heart attack and may be more likely to delay treatment,” said Dr John Canto, a cardiologist at the Watson Clinic in Lakeland, Fla., and lead author of the study published today in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. “They

think it’s the flu or stress or a pinched nerve, and they don’t want to come in to the hospital only to have doctors tell them it’s nothing serious. But we should all err on the side of caution.”

Internet



Video Games, Impulsivity seem to go hand-in-hand

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — Too much time spent playing video games may lead to impulsive behaviour and attention problems in children, and vice versa, according to a new study. In other words, people who spend more time playing video games subsequently have more attention problems, and “individuals who are more impulsive or have more attention problems subsequently spend more time playing video games,” according to the report published in the current issue of the journal *Psychology and Popular Media Culture*.

For the study, attention problems were defined as difficulty engaging in or sustaining behaviour to reach a goal, the authors explained in a news release from the American Psychological Association. “This is an important finding because most research on attention problems has focused on biological and genetic factors,” lead study author Douglas Gentile, of Iowa State University, said in the news release. In addition, the researchers found that the amount of time spent playing video games can have a

greater effect on kids’ health and behavior than video-game violence.

In conducting the study, researchers compiled information on the video game-playing habits of more than 3,000 children in Singapore ranging in age from 8 to 17 years over the course of three years. The children’s attention to detail, ability to concentrate and their impulsiveness were also measured. Previous studies have found that video gamers demonstrate an improved ability to rapidly and accurately recognize visual information, the study authors noted.

But, Gentile explained in the news release, “It is possible that electronic media use can impair attention necessary for concentration even as it enhances the ability to notice and process visual information.” The study authors said their findings could lead to the development of more effective strategies to help children with attention problems and impulsive behaviour.

Internet

Volkswagen annual profits double to 15.8bn euros

BERLIN, 27 Feb — Profits have more than doubled at Volkswagen after the company delivered a record number of vehicles last year. It reported net profit of 15.8bn euros (£13.4bn; \$21.2bn) for last year, compared with 7.2bn euros in 2010. It delivered more than 8.2 million vehicles, up almost 15% on 2010. VW plans to spend 62bn euros on new plants and models in the next five years, as well as on research and development. It will also hire 50,000 more staff in the next six years.

The company plans to be the biggest carmaker in terms of sales and profits

by 2018. To help reach that target, it has developed a new platform that will serve as a base for its small and large cars. “VW was keen over recent weeks to remind investors of the costs associated with future developments — in particular a new platform which should deliver cost savings of up to 20% in 2013 and beyond,” said Michael Tyndall, Auto Analyst, Barclays Capital.

But like other carmakers, Europe’s economic slowdown continues to be a drag on Volkswagen. “VW has previously highlighted the need to provision for price competition in Europe, which suggests the market in Europe

continues to be difficult,” said Mr Tyndall. The company also announced that it would raise its dividend payout to shareholders. The figures are preliminary and full 2011 earnings will be released at VW’s annual news conference on 12 March.

Internet



Apple chief executive Tim Cook is “thinking very deeply” about cash reserve. INTERNET

Apple investors win greater say over board of directors

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — Apple shareholders are to be given a greater say in selecting the firm’s board of directors. It comes after the company agreed to change its governance rules.

In future directors will have to win the backing of the majority of shareholders to win a seat on the board. Previously investors could only object by withholding

their vote. The change of policy came after a campaign by Calpers, the largest US public-sector pension fund.

Almost 80% of firms in the S&P 500 stock index now operate a similar policy.

Apple announced the change at the first annual gathering of shareholders since the death of co-founder Steve Jobs. Chief executive Tim Cook also repeated that he had been “thinking very deeply” about what to do with the company’s large reserve of funds. Shareholders are keen for Apple to deploy some of the \$98bn (£62bn) it holds in cash and shares. — Internet

Business

Pressure on Europe grows at Mexico G-20 meeting

MEXICO CITY, 27 Feb — Pressure mounted on Europe Saturday to build an even bigger financial stabilization fund to head off sovereign debt concerns, with the United States, Brazil, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development all urging an increase. While the advice coming out of a meeting of G-20 finance ministers, senior officials and central bank heads seemed overwhelming, Germany — Europe’s main financial engine — appeared loath to fund yet another increase to stabilization funds that

already have about 500 billion euros.

Angel Gurría, the head of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, set the tone at the conference, calling for about \$1.5 trillion in “firewall” funds aimed at restoring confidence in European countries’ debt. “We still have to build the mother of all firewalls,” Gurría said. “The thicker the firewall is, the less likely we’ll have to use it.” Guido Mantega, the finance minister of Brazil, said “there is a very strongly shared opinion that first, the

European countries should strengthen their firewall.” “The emerging countries are only going to help under two conditions,” Mantega said. “First, that they reinforce their firewalls, and second that

US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner speaks at a meeting with G-20 finance ministers, in Mexico City, on 25 Feb, 2012. INTERNET



reforms are implemented in the International Monetary Fund.” Brazil wants more

representation for developing nations in the US-led IMF. — Internet



Volkswagen plans to be the world’s biggest car maker by 2018. — INTERNET

Eavesdropping on the squid world



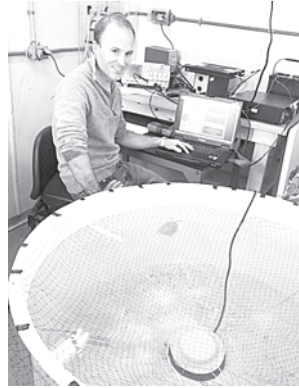
Loligo pealei is an important North Atlantic species and US East Coast fishery.— INTERNET

LONDON, 27 Feb — Marine biologists are starting to get a good idea now of how squid hear and how they react to sounds in the ocean. It is only recently that scientists have come to accept that cephalopods have any auditory capability at all. But new experiments show noises of varying loudness and frequency will elicit a range of behaviours in the animals — such as jetting or inking, and even a change of colour. The research has been featured at the biennial Ocean Sciences Meeting.

It was presented by Aran Mooney from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) of Massachusetts, US. He is interested in squid because they represent something of

a keystone species in the ocean, sitting right at the heart of many food webs. If they are not the predator in those webs, they will almost certainly be the prey. And that makes it important to know whether anything we may be doing in the oceans could be unsettling them.

“We produce a lot of noise through exploration of the oceans, scientific research, oil drilling, gas exploration and commercial shipping,” Dr Mooney tells BBC News. “A lot of that is low-frequency noise, which is what squid detect. And if we’re influencing these animals then presumably we could change their behaviour.” Previous work at WHOI’s



Aran Mooney has recently been testing cuttlefish, which display subtle behavioural differences.— INTERNET

Sensory Physiology and Sensory Ecology Lab had established that squid could hear sounds in the range of 50Hz to 500Hz; but they are best below 300Hz. It is the same sort of range as fish.

Internet

Dazzling Comet Garrard has close encounter with star cluster

OAKLAND, 27 Feb — A comet and a sparkly star cluster shined bright together this month in a space rendezvous captured by an astronomer in California. The cosmic close encounter featured the comet Garrard and bright globular star cluster M92. It was photographed by astronomer Conrad Jung with the Chabot Space & Science Centre in Oakland, Calif. Jung used a 5-inch refractor telescope to snap a 10-minute exposure of comet Garrard as it zipped close by M92 on 3 February. Both objects were in the constellation Hercules at the time.

Jung’s photo of comet Garrard and M92 covers an area of the sky just 1 degree across. Your closed fist held out at arm’s length covers about 10 degrees of the night sky. While comet Garrard and star cluster appeared close to each other, it was only a trick of perspective. Star cluster M92 is actually about 27,000 light-years from Earth, while comet Garrard is currently zipping through our inner solar system. From Earth’s vantage point, the two objects were just 0.5 degrees apart in the night sky on 3 February. “Comet Garrard is only a few light minutes away from Earth and travelling very fast,” Chabot center officials wrote in a statement. “In the next month, Comet Garrard will be at its closest point to Earth and should be visible with binoculars or a small telescope near the cup of the Big Dipper.”

The comet will make its closest approach to Earth in March, when it will fly within 1.3 astronomical units of our planet, according to the skywatching website Spaceweather.com. One astronomical unit is the distance between the Earth and the sun, about 93 million miles (150 million kilometres).

Internet

Dehydration affects women’s moods

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — Mild dehydration is defined as a 1.5 percent loss in normal water volume in the body. And two recent studies with men and women find that, beyond affecting your body, mild dehydration can impact your mood. Researchers evaluated 51 healthy men and women

three times in three months. All the subjects walked on a treadmill to induce dehydration.

The researchers then tested the subjects’ alertness, concentration, reaction time, learning, memory, reasoning and mood level.

They found that dehydration in men caused

difficulty in memory and alertness. In women dehydration caused little reduction in cognitive ability, but did cause significant fatigue, tension and anxiety. Such changes in mood occurred regardless if the subject was exercising or at rest.

The results of the study

with male participants were published in the *British Journal of Nutrition* and the women’s results were in the *Journal of Nutrition*, an American publication.

So you don’t need to be performing in a triathlon. Even if you’re deskbound—and especially if you’re a woman—your body and your brain might need a shot of H₂O.— Internet

A wild online ride hits the digital piracy wall

AUCKLAND, 27 Feb — On his way up, he fooled them all: judges, journalists, investors and companies. Then the man who renamed himself Kim Dotcom finally did it. With an outsized ego and an eye for get-rich schemes, he parlayed his modest computing skills into an empire, becoming the fabulously wealthy computer maverick he had long claimed to be.



In this 25 Jan, 2012 file photo an inflatable tank is parked on a hill facing the main gate at Kim Dotcom’s house in Coatesville, 30 kilometres (18.6 miles) north west of Auckland, New Zealand, after the house was raided by police and he was arrested on international copyright infringement and money laundering charges.— INTERNET

Now his wild ride may be over. Last month he was arrested in New Zealand for allegedly facilitating millions of illegal downloads of songs and movies through Megaupload, his once-popular website, now an important focus of the entertainment industry’s war on online piracy.

US prosecutors are seeking the 38-year-old German’s extradition in what they say could be one of the largest

copyright cases in history. Dotcom, who denies the charges, was freed on bail Wednesday after a month in jail, and authorities have seized, among other things, his twin giant TV sets, massive statue of the “Predator” movie monster, and Rolls-Royce (vanity plate: GOD).

His story is one of breathtaking audacity that spans both the globe and the modern computing era. Interviews conducted by *The Associated Press* and a review of court documents and other records indicate that Dotcom was able to create a legendary past, trade upon it by manipulating the news media and avoid serious consequences when he broke the law.

Internet

Google could release futuristic glasses by end of year

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — Google is apparently developing new futuristic glasses that could spell the end for mobile phones. The specs would have screens

instead of lenses, to show text messages, emails and webpages. The device would have a camera on, to allow you to see what your eyes would normally be looking at



Will the gadget look like these 3D glasses?— INTERNET

— you wouldn’t actually see through the screens. According to newspapers, the glasses could be available to buy by the end of the year.— Internet

French minister Frederic Lefebvre and Microsoft on Saturday announced a partnership to cultivate promising Internet startups in France. INTERNET

France works with Microsoft to cultivate startups

PARIS, 27 Feb — French minister Frederic Lefebvre and Microsoft on Saturday announced a partnership to cultivate promising Internet startups in France. The US technology titan will work with the agency for the creation of enterprises (l’APCE) headed by Alain Belais to identify young French companies to join a Microsoft BizSpark programme, Lefebvre said in a release.

The programme will provide selected startups with Windows Azure storage capacity and free access to software offered by Microsoft as services in the Internet “cloud,” according to Lefebvre. French Internet startups with “high growth potential” will be eligible to get two years worth of online services from Microsoft.

The development of small and medium enterprises in vital “to support innovation, value creation and employment in France,” according to Lefebvre.

Microsoft vice president for emerging business development Dan’l Lewin said in the release that the partnership



fits with the Redmond, Washington-based company’s strategy of cultivating technology startups around the world.

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Six-distinction winning students honoured at Thuwunna BEHS

YANGON, 27 Feb— School Board of Trustees of Basic Education High School (Thuwunna) of Thingangyun Township, Yangon East District, honoured the outstanding student who stood second in the entire nation in science

combination for the 2011 academic year and the students who secured distinctions in all subjects at the school on 7 January morning.

Chairman of the School Board of Trustees retired director-general Col

Aung Din (Rtd), Yangon Region Minister for Kayin National Race Chairman of Yangon Region Hluttaw National Race Affairs Committee U Saw Tun Aung Myint, Region Minister for Rakhine State National Race U Zaw Aye Maung and Patron of Parent-Teacher Association U Khin Wai spoke on the occasion and presented cash awards and prizes to the outstanding students.

Thuwunna BEHS turned out four six-distinction winning students including Ma Yamin Aye, who stood second both in the entire nation and Yangon Region in 2011 matriculation examination.

Education



Shwegyin Township Hospital gets new self-reliant building

YANGON, 27 Feb—A ceremony to hand over the new building for recreation of relatives of patients was held at Shwegyin Township People's Hospital (100-bed) in Shwegyin of Bago District, Yangon Region, recently.

The 40x90x10 feet building was constructed with contributions of the Township Health Supervisory Committee and wellwishers.

At the ceremony of handing over of self-reliant building, Col Kyaw Naing of the local station and Chairman of the Township Health Supervisory Committee Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung delivered addresses.

They then handed over documents related to Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Thi San.

Later, they formally opened the new building.

Township HD

Cold season groundnut plantation produces 100 baskets per acre

YESAGYO, 27 Feb—The cold season groundnut plantation on 198 field of farmer U Kyaw Myint Thein was harvested in Kandaunt Village-tract in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District, on 11 February.

Magway-11 short-term groundnut strain produced 100 baskets of groundnut per acre. This year's production of groundnut is higher than that of the previous year's production.

Kandaunt Village is alluvial land. The local farmers cultivated three-month and Magway-11 groundnut strains.

This year's groundnut production hit about 100 baskets per acre, compared with 60 baskets per acre last year, said farmer U Kyaw Myint Thein.—*Ei Mon Swe*

REPAVED ROAD OPENED: A ceremony to inaugurate repaved Pyidawtha road was held in Dedaye on 10 February.
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representative U Tin Win, Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw representative U Myint Oo and Executive Officer of Township DAC U Aung Zaw Lin open the road.
TOWNSHIP IPRD



Press conference on ABC National Women's Pool & Ball Championship held

YANGON, 27 Feb—The press conference on the ABC National Women's Pool & Ball Championship, mainly sponsored by Myanmar Bewery Ltd and jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation and Ambur Electronic Co, was held at

the hall of Kokkine Swimming Pool in Bahan Township, here, on 25 February afternoon.

It was attended by the patron, the president, the general secretary and executive of Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation and guests.

President U Tin Maung Win made a speech.

General Manager of

Ambur Electronic Co explained matters related to the championships.

The president of the federation and officials replied to the queries raised by those present.

The ABC National Women's Pool & Ball Championship will be held at Kokkine Swimming Pool on a grand scale at 10 am on 10 March.

Dinner hosted to Tero Sasana FC

YANGON, 27 Feb—A ceremony to host a winner to BEC Tero Sasana FC of Thai Premier League that is playing tune-up matches with Myanmar football clubs was held at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 25 February evening.

Present on the occasion were Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Aung, Owner of Yadanarbon FC Dr Sai Sam Tun and players, Owner of Tero Sasana FC Mr Brian



Marcar and players and guests.

First, Owner of Yadanarbon FC Dr Sai Sam Tun and players and Owner

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of Tero Sasana FC Mr Brian Marcar made speeches.

Later, they exchanged gifts before the dinner.

Shine Htet Zaw

Raising pass rate for matric exam discussed

THANBYUZAYAT, 27 Feb— With the aim of raising the

pass rate of matriculation examination for 2011-2012 in Thanbyuzayat Township was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Thanbyuzayat on 12 February.

Township Education Officer Daw Shwe Mi explained the purpose of high pass rate at eight BEHSs in the township.

Mon State Minister U Myo Nyunt urged the

educational staff to strive for raising pass rate of matriculation examination in the township and call on students to try hard in learning education.

The state minister and party visited the BEHS branch in Kayinthaung Village and BEHS in Kyonkadat Village.

At the schools, he gave instructions to students.

Township IPRD

Facts about taxation system disseminated in Pyay

PYAY, 27 Feb—Internal Revenue Department of Pyay Township made clarification

on taxation for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at the office of the Head of District Internal Revenue Department in Pyay on 13 February.

It was attended by Bago Region Hluttaw representatives and 120 tax payers.

Assistant Director U Kyaw Kyaw Latt of Internal Revenue Department explained taxation system and facts about revenue and tax and replied to queries raised by those present.

Kyemon

Village plantations thriving in Hsipaw Township

HSHIPAW, 27 Feb—Hsipaw Township Forest Department undertakes measuring the diameter of eucalyptus plants on one-acre plantation for each village, weeding of tree plantations and reforestation for reduction of croplands and slash-and-burn plantations in forest reserves and protected public forests in Kontha and Sanlaung regions of Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North) on 14 February.

Departmental personnel of the department joined hands with the local people in carrying out watering the plants by damming the creeks and drains.—*Kyemon*

Female contestants may enlist at the federation at Aung San Stadium in Yangon, not later than 5 March.

As cash awards, K 1 million will be presented for the first prize winner, K 500,000 for the second, K 300,000 for the third and K 150,000 for the fourth. The winners from the fifth for the 10th will secure K 50,000 each and those from the 11th to 25th, K 30,000 each.—*MNA*

Take fire preventive measures



VEHICLES CHECKED: Head of Thayawady District Directorate of Transport Planning U Htay Win, Head of District Directorate of Transport Administration U Myint Soe and in-charge of traffic police IP Aye Myint took out surprise check at vehicles on Yangon-Pyay Highway in Thayawady Township on 17 February for declining of traffic accidents.—ROAD TRANSPORT

Sagaing Region Chief Minister attends pagoda umbrella hoisting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing, region ministers and their wives, departmental heads and guests attended new orb, pennant and umbrella hoisting ceremony of Shweinhmyaw Pagoda in Kai village in Ayadaw Township in Sagaing Region on 25 February.

The region chief minister and wife and officials donated orb, pennant and umbrella to the Sayadaws.

The region chief minister and officials

hoisted orb, ngat-myat-nar-taw and umbrella.

Afterwards, the region chief minister visited construction site of new school building of Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Kyabinhla village in the same township.

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Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing offer diamond orb to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Shweli River-crossing Bridge that links Kachin State and Shan State (North) through Sagaing Region



Facts about the Bridge

1. Shweli river-crossing bridge that links Katha of Sagaing Region and Mabein of Shan State (North), is located on Takaung-Shweku-Bhamo motor road.
2. Its upper structure is of reinforced concrete type and RC type and its lower structure, of RC type and RC piles.
3. It is 2330 feet long and facilitated with 28 feet wide motor road flanked by two three feet wide pedestrian lanes on either side.
4. Its water clearance is 20 feet in height and 130 feet in width.
5. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.
6. Construction of the Bridge started on 11-5-2000 and was put into services on 9-3-2003.

Translation: MT

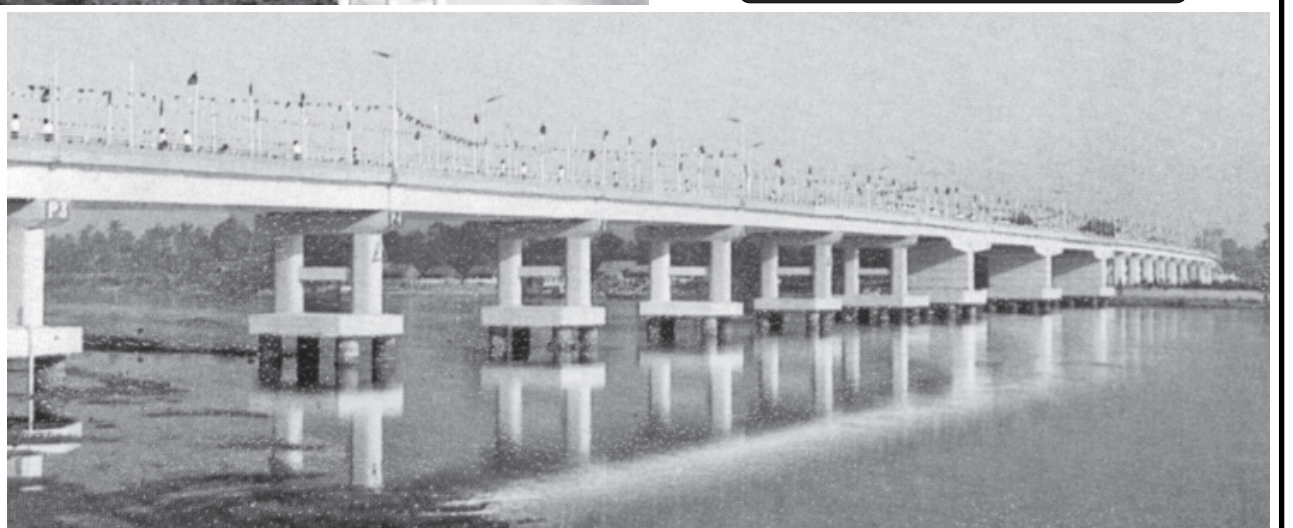
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* As Shweli river-crossing bridge is on Mandalay-Tagaung-Shweku-Bhamo-Myitkyina motor road, it emerges as a Union road that can serve people's interest on the east bank of Ayeyawady River.

* People can use the 275-mile-long road that links Bhamo and Mandalay in a short period of time. So, it contributes to development of border trade and other trades in Bhamo region.

* Thanks to the bridge, people from Mandalay Region and Kachin State enjoy the fruits of social, economic and smooth transport development.

* The Bridge ensures easy access to towns and villages in Sagaing Region and other bordering areas in a short period of time.



Myanmar would promote existing friendship...

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welcome to Myanmar delegation. He and Hluttaw representative took pride for Mr Jia Qinglin's last year's visit to Myanmar as it could enhance amity and cooperation between Myanmar-China and amount to recognize Hluttaw that plays major role in Myanmar's reform process.

He would like to say again that Myanmar and its people thanked China for its right stand on Myanmar. Myanmar was now on the right track as China always stood by Myanmar at a time when Super Powers imposed sanctions on Myanmar last years.

In the matter of lifting bans on Myanmar, Myanmar always thanked China for its stance on Myanmar's interest. Myanmar underscored China's peaceful development programmes and was ready to learn China's experience and suggestions regarding Hluttaw affairs that emerge in Myanmar.

Myanmar was taking step towards a disciplined, democratic country. So, Myanmar needed China's rightful stance and cooperation. Myanmar had been constantly practising the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy. In line with that policy, Myanmar would maintain relations with other countries. In so doing, leaders from the US and EU held talks with Myanmar. He had a talk with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Myanmar's major purpose maintained relations with international countries. Only then, Myanmar strongly believed that they could systematically build an expected democratic country. Myanmar would promote already-existing friendship and cooperation with China while maintaining relations with international countries.

Myanmar would strengthen multifaceted strategic cooperation with China and relations with countries. Especially, both countries need to have same views on regional security and defence matters. China lies at Northeast and North of Myanmar as a big security wall of Myanmar. Myanmar is located at West and Southwest of China as a security guard, he added Mr Jia Qinglin said that he thanked for the Speaker's detailed explanations. Sino-Myanmar relation was in good condition. Five principles of peaceful coexistences laid down by the leaders of Myanmar and China was a good political heritage for the global countries.

Myanmar and China had already established as multifaceted strategic cooperation partners. Cooperation between the two countries saw a lot of progress in all sectors. The world saw rapid changes in political and economic. Some countries' economy became stagnant. The majority of European countries were facing debt crisis while Asian countries were seeing economic development.

Mr Jia Qinglin said his view is that both Myanmar and China need to work ardently for improving the relations in all aspects. The fact that the two countries are geographically bound together will yield many benefits in the bilateral relations.

Despite changes in global politics, Sino-Myanmar ties have never changed and they have been very good neighbourly nations for ever. It is therefore necessary to adopt action plans for the two countries to reach the stage of multilaterally strategic cooperation. Chinese political consultative conference needs to try to promote cooperation with the Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw of Myanmar, he noted.

The second point is that mutual support and assistance between the two countries and it is one significant point in the area of bilateral relations. Mr Jia Qinglin added that his visit to Myanmar two weeks after a new government took office has shown China's support for the Myanmar new government and Hluttaw. It is also heartening to see that the new Myanmar government has achieved certain success in its efforts for people's socio-economic improvement. China fully supports the road the Myanmar people have chosen for their own development. And it will never accept any move of Western countries that makes no contribution towards Myanmar's economic development.

Thirdly, practical cooperation between the two nations will continue and that cooperation will greatly benefit Myanmar, which has experienced some nations' sanctions and restrictions for years.

Mr Jia Qinglin went on to say that the agreements the two countries have signed on cooperation in construction of railroads and motor roads and connection of gas pipelines are indeed cooperation projects that will generate many benefits in the long run. However, some forces are instigating to disrupt those projects and both sides need to deal with their attempts with great care.

One important point in the bilateral relations is prevalence of rule of law, peace and stability in border regions. The capability to maintain peace and stability in China-Myanmar border areas are mutually beneficial. The



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greets Mr Jia Qinglin, member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee and Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC.—MNA

new Myanmar government has seen success in its efforts for ensuring national reconsolidation in the nation. China always respects Myanmar's sovereignty and believes that Myanmar's government will be able to address its internal issues, concluded Mr Jia Qinglin.

In response, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker expressed his thanks for the suggestions, saying that the five principles of peaceful co-existence laid down by the leaders of the two countries really contribute to peace and tranquility. Myanmar is very grateful to China for giving assistance to addressing the issue of internal armed insurgency. So, Myanmar wants to receive China's continued assistance if necessary, said the Speaker.

He said he supports the action plans to reach the stage of multilaterally strategic cooperation between the two countries. China's political and executive affairs are found to have been good and effective.

As for democratic practice, it is practically being exercised in the Communist Party, Chinese Political Consultative Conference, Chinese National People's Congress and other various parties. So, it can be said that China is practising democracy in a correct way.

The Speaker added that the purpose of his visit was to learn China's experiences and to let China know that the economic projects between the two countries will continue till success yielding mutual benefits. Moreover, no matter whoever causes instigation, Myanmar will ever negotiate and cooperate with China by living together in unity and amity for the wellbeing of both countries, concluded the Speaker.—MNA

Chairman of Computer Science Development Council Union Minister for CPT U Thein Tun delivers a speech at the workshop on information and communication technology.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee and Chairman of the National Committee CPPCC Mr Jia Qinglin.—MNA

ICT workshop for socio-economic development and poverty alleviation commences

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb — A workshop on information and communication technology was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning.

Chairman of Computer Science Development Council Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun delivered a speech. Next, Myanmar Computer Federation President U Thein Oo explained the purpose of holding the ICT workshop for socio-economic development and poverty alleviation. Then, the resource persons participated in the workshop and gave suggestions. The workshop continues tomorrow.—MNA



Myanmar will continue...

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saying that the Myanmar delegation would get experiences that brought peace and stability and development to China, he said. He believed that efforts for strengthening Myanmar-China friendship and development of bilateral cooperation had benefited Myanmar, he said, and expressed his delight for China's respect to Myanmar's sovereignty.

He also thanked China for its stand for Myanmar when the later was facing obstacles and he expressed his hope that China would stand by Myanmar in the future. Similarly, China's Communist Party would continue to play a leading role in promoting the cooperation between the two countries, he said.

The Speaker said that Myanmar had supported the efforts of China to achieve peaceful development. Myanmar was carrying out democratic reforms and was on road to market oriented economic system, he said. In this regard, the role parliament was playing an important role in the reform process, he added, and requested Mr Li Yuanchao to share China's experiences with the parliament.

Afterwards, Mr Li Yuanchao expressed his delight to meet Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann whom he met during his visit to Myanmar.

He said that it was necessary to see the practices and essence of the democracy and according to their experiences, the democratic system which was practiced systematically was a good system, he said. It was the China Communist Party that lead the China's people's democratic system, he said. There were other political parties in China, but they established the democratic system led by the CPC. They coordinated each other whenever political situations which need to discuss happened, he said. Their system was in conformity with their country and therefore politicians of some countries did not like the political system of China, he added. Ruling parties in those countries had changed frequently, he said.

The CPC had ruled the China for over 60 years, practicing the centralized democracy system as the country had practiced the national democratic system. Responsible personnel reported expectations of the people to the higher levels of the party, after discussion and making decisions over the issues, the bodies in the lower level had to implement the decisions. Democracy was needed, and without democracy, the political system did not reflect the views of the people. China's centralized system included not only study but also coordination. The parties in the CPPCC had coordinated each other and the work reflects the democratic system.

Mr Li Yuanchao said that there are many differences among nations so that there will be external interference if the country adopts democratic system of other countries. He

revealed his wish that Myanmar chose the right political system fit with its own situation. He pointed out that market economy of China is socialist economy which was chosen by experiences and profits China a lot.

He continued to say that market economy was born of England but the world largest market economy now is US. He said China faced many challenges in copying it for development of market. These include the gap between the poor and the rich, inflation and so on, he said. To contain market economy, the government could control the economy by macro control, he went on. The involvement of the government is stronger in this case and key enterprises are operated by State-owned companies, he said.

He said electricity companies in China are owned by the government so that the electricity could be generated and distributed regularly. Increase in use of coal could impact on climate change of China, he said. Similarly, food companies are also owned by the government and they mainly maintain food price stability, he said. He went on that 54 State-run companies are listed in 500 world biggest companies.

There is difference between party and parliamentary democracy, he pointed out. China adopted centralized democratic system, he said. There are over 80 million members of Chinese Communist Party who have established amicable relationship with Chinese people, he went on. Representatives were elected step by step from the lowest level to the central level, he said. He went on committees of each level have been defined to obey higher ones in centralized system since the establishment of the Chinese Communist Party. The party committees have to obey the central committee, he said. Democratic systems of the party and of the National People's Congress are perfectly symmetric, he said.

The final resolution of the central committee could portray the will of people and could be adopted at lower levels, he said. Jiangsu Province, for example, is a province which enjoys fruits of reforms and has strong economy, he went on. If China did not establish economic zones, the economic status of the country would be at half of the current status, he said. Economic zones are higher-rate taxpayers and Jiangsu province generates income 10 times larger than provinces with no economic priority policy, he said.

To bring about equitable development to every corner of the country, the Chinese government decided to hand over 60 per cent of tax collected in Jiangsu province to the central committee. The province abided by decision of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, he said. China adopts socialist democracy led by the Chinese Communist Party with the participation of the people which is the right track suited with the country, he said.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker in his address thanked Mr Li Yuanchao for elaborating on it and said he considered that

By-election ballot lists to be announced

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb – Ballot lists of eligible voters from respective constituencies for by-election to be held on 1 April will be announced at the offices of ward/village-tract sub-commissions in respective constituencies on 29 February.

Those who are eligible to vote in accord with the law, if their names are not yet included in the ballot list, may apply for their inclusion to respective ward/village-tract sub-commissions in line with Rule (9) with Form-3 within seven days from the announcement of the ballot list.

Moreover, a letter of amendment/ letter of complaint can be submitted to respective ward/village-tract sub-commissions in line with Rule (11) with Form-4 within seven days from the announcement of the ballot list if there are any amendment to or complaint about the names and facts included in the ballot list or a certain voter or the facts included in the ballot list.

Other voters who have been out of their constituencies for not less than 180 days according to Rule (10), if their names are not included in the original ballot list (the 2010 ballot list) of the constituency they are currently in, will be allowed to apply for their inclusion in the ballot list of the current constituency with Form-3A within the prescribed period only when the by-election takes place in the constituency with the original ballot list.

Those voters wishing to shift their names from the ballot list of a constituency to that of another because they need to move from one place to another can apply to the ward/village-tract sub-commission concerned for the cancellation of their names from the ballot list of the current constituency with Form-4A together with Immigration Form (10) and for the inclusion of their names in the ballot list of the constituency they have moved to with Form-4B and Form-3, announced by the Union Election Commission.

MNA

democratic system and market economy adopted by China are based on experiences from the history.

He promised that Myanmar will continue to implement the system commensurate with its own situation. He went on that the people chose to build the discipline-flourishing democracy and there are now 17 parties in the Hluttaw in Myanmar. Qinhua University is as famous as Beijing University, he said. He requested to admit more students from Myanmar to the university. He said the meeting today is fruitful.—MNA

First day of the third regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—The first day of the third regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw was held at 10 am today, attended by Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Rawanjone and 49 Hluttaw representatives.

Kachin State Chief Minister made speech. The 13 questions were answered, allocation bill of 2012 fiscal year of Kachin State and three proposals submitted to the State Hluttaw. The ceremony was closed at 12:30.—MNA



Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai addresses first day third regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw. MNA

Dy Health Minister on inspection tour of hospitals in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, together with Kachin State social affairs minister Daw Bauk Gyar, minister for planning and economic Dr Khin Maung Tun, made a donation of food and medicines to the displaced persons who now are staying at Sitarutngai Camp in Myitkyina in Kachin State at 9 am on 24 February.

After that, on her arrival of Meinkehin Baptist Church, Tatkon Baptist,

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin comforts displaced persons.—MNA

Janminekaung Baptist and Zeeoun Baptist, the Deputy Minister presented food and medicines to the displaced persons who are camping there.

The Deputy Minister paid an inspection tour of Myitkyina Traditional Medicine Hospital where she greeted the medical staff, and held a meeting with Kachin State Health Department's Head, medical superintendent, doctors, nurses and medical staff at Myitkyina General Hospital. And the Deputy Minister looked around the hospital.

At Myitkyina Midwifery Training School, she greeted principal, instructors and officials of the school.—MNA



Work being carried out for development of people at grassroots level, poverty alleviation clarified

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint on 25 February met with local people of Kanhtuma Model Village in Taze Township, Sagaing Region at Kanhtuma Monastery.

At the meeting, the union minister clarified work being carried out on development of the grassroots and poverty alleviation, and stressed the need to produce quality crops such as paddy, grain and sesame. He also discussed about

trade activities.

Next, the union minister inspected the construction of Kanhtuma football grounds and comforted patients undergoing medical treatment at Kanhtuma Station Hospital.—MNA

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint presents cash assistance for patients undergoing medical treatment at Kanhtuma Station Hospital.—MNA



Traffic lights installed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 27 Feb—Mandalay City Development Committee is taking measures of environmental conservation and greening tasks meeting set standard for roads and bridges in the municipal areas.

With a view to ensuring traffic safety, the

MCDC is repaving roads, upgrading the roads and extending concrete roads.

Buildings and Warehouses Department of MCDC is undertaking the tasks of drawing the traffic signs and directions, zebra-crossings in front of schools, putting up the

traffic and road signboards and traffic lights at the junctions.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

On 15 February, the department installed the digital traffic lights at the junctions of 62nd and Theikpan road in Chanmyathazi Township, that of 84th and 37th streets and that of Kandawgyi Ringroad and Sagaing Road.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

DISTRICT NEWS

Traffic rules talked at Hinthada University

HINTHADA, 27 Feb—A talk on traffic rules was held at the hall of Hinthada University in Hinthada of Ayeyawady Region on 16 February.

Hinthada District Law Officer U Kyin Oo gave talks on crimes and penalties for

vehicles and road users, in-charge of the traffic police IP Zaw Zaw on matters related to the traffic accidents, Head of District Directorate of Road Administration U Aung Win on rules for motorcycle and pedestrians, illustrations on traffic rules and records of

traffic accidents with the use of projector.

Later, Head of the District DRA U Aung Win presented educative books on traffic rules and documentary CDs to Pro-Rector Dr San Lin of the university.—*Myanma Alin*



Wamkhok Village library opened

MONGHKAT, 27 Feb—The opening ceremony of Namlwe Library was held in Wamkhok Village of Monghkat Township, Kengtung District, on 9 February.

Additional Head of Shan State (East) Information and Public Relations Department U Sai Hsam Tit and Staff Officer U Kham Lyan Som of District IPRD, Township Administrator U Hla Wai and Wamkhok Village-tract Administrator U Shi Shen cut the ribbon to open the new building of the library.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Nan Nweni Aung and librarian accepted cash donations and publications.

The building, 24 feet long, 14 feet wide and 12 feet high, was constructed at a cost of K 2.2 million by the State and the villagers.—*Township IPRD*

Community-based TB disease prevention course opened in Namkham

NAMKHAM, 27 Feb—Namkham Township Women's Affairs Organization of Muse District in Shan State (North) opened the community-based TB disease prevention multiplier course at the hall of the township administrator in Namkham on 22 February morning.

Chairperson of the township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Nan Hsai Mo Nwam and District Medical Officer Dr Nan Nwam Kham made speeches.

A total of 30 female from wards and villages of the township attended the multiplier course.

Township IPRD

Cooperative proficiency multiplier course opens

THAYAWADY, 27 Feb—To ensure rural development and poverty alleviation,

Thayawady Township Cooperative Department conducted the cooperative proficiency multiplier course for new cooperative societies on 13 February.

The Township Administrator made a speech. The staff officer of Township Cooperative Department explained the purpose of opening the course and its tasks.—*Township CD*

Prizes awarded to outstanding students in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 27 Feb—The prize presentation of the Basic Education Primary School on 14th Street in Mawlamyinegyun was held in conjunction with the school equipment donation ceremony at the school on 10 February.

Township Education Officer U Tin Min and members of the School Board of Trustees presented prizes to all-round outstanding students and 87 outstanding students.

Wellwisher Dr Win Maw, Daw Khin Than Maw, daughters Ma Le Yi Win and Ma Thida Win donated Yamabishi brand generator worth K 150,000 to Headmaster U Han Myint.

Myanma Alin

Mini-marathon, track & field events in Mandalay on 26 March

MANDALAY, 27 Feb—With the aim of emerging new outstanding track and field athletes who would be qualified for taking part in the XXVII SEA Games, a plan is underway to organize 14 sports events including the 20-km mini-marathon, 100-m, 200-m and 400-m races, long jump, shot-put, discus and javelin women's and men's events at Aungmyay Mandalay Sports Ground in

Mandalay on 26 March.

Cash awards will be presented to the winners—K 700,000 for the first prize, K 300,000 for the second, K 200,000 for the third, K 100,000 for the fourth and K 50,000 each for fifth and sixth in the mini-marathon and other cash awards to the stadium events.

The athletes must be between 14 and 20 years old.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

Talks on environmental conservation in Singu

SINGU, 27 Feb—Singu Township Forest Department organized the talks on eradication of illegal extraction of timber and environmental conservation at Basic Education Primary School in Nyaungbintha Village of Singu Township on 16 February afternoon.

Township Administrator U Sai Maung Lu and Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Kaung Myat Lin explained tasks of rural development and poverty alleviation and forest conservation.

Senior Forester U Than Naing talked about eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation.

Forester U Thant Zin demonstrated on usage of firewood-substitute A-1 stove and its advantages.—*Myanma Alin*

Township Administrator's Cup Soccer wraps up

YEKYI, 27 Feb—The prize presentation for Township administrator's Cup Men's Football Tournament was held at Township People's Sports Ground in Yekyi Township of Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Region, on 12 February afternoon.

Magyilaha team beat Kanyinngu team 5-4 in the final match.

Township Administrator U San Hlaing gave cash award K 300,000 and first prize trophy to Magyilaha team, and Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Hla Han, the cash award to the second prize winning Kanyinngu team.—*Myanma Alin*



CSC ISSUED: Immigration and National Registration Department is implementing the Moe Pwint Project-II. Head of District INRD Deputy Director U Win Hlaing and Head of Township INRD U Saw Hla Maung issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible people from Na-aikkhant Village in Na-aikkhant Village-tract of Kyaukse Township on 9 February.

MYANMA ALIN



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (C) participates in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new US Embassy in Rabat on 26 Feb, 2012. Clinton winds up a tour of north African countries that also took her to Tunisia and Algeria.—INTERNET

Hackers attack Ontario police site

OTTAWA, 27 Feb—The hacker group Anonymous says it hacked into the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Web site and obtained personal information on the group's members.

Hackers opposed to Canada's proposed Internet surveillance bill say they accessed logins and passwords on Friday for several administrators' accounts for the Web site, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

OACP spokesman Joe Couto said the association, which supports the surveillance legislation, is not intimidated by the hacking, the CBC reported.

"I can ensure citizens of this province that police will continue to provide opinions to lawmakers on this and any other piece of legislation that comes forward that affects policing in this province," he said. "We pulled our site down so it's not accessible. It appears this was really meant to embarrass, to send a message to Ontario's police leaders."—Internet

China far ahead of India in science, PM tells US magazine

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb—Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who vowed last month to more than double India's R&D spending to \$8 billion a year by 2017, has expressed concern over countries like China overtaking India in the field of science.

"Over the past few

decades, India's relative position in the world of science had been declining, and we have been overtaken by countries like China," Singh declared in an interview with America's stop "Science" magazine.

"China is in many ways far ahead of India," he is quoted as saying in the 24

February issue of *Science* which carries a special package of news focusing on the state of "Science in India," and how it has evolved over the past few decades.

Manmohan Singh had expressed similar concern at the Indian Science Congress earlier this year.—Internet

Murdoch launches new British tabloid

LONDON, 27 Feb—The editors of News Corp chairman Rupert Murdoch's newest newspaper, *The Sun on Sunday*, says the new British tabloid will be outspoken and mischievous. It was launched Sunday in Britain using staffers from *The Sun*. The media mogul was on hand Saturday night as the tabloid rolled off a News International printing press, filling a gap opened when Murdoch's News of the World closed last July in Britain's phone-hacking scandal.

An editorial said the tabloid will be "fearless, outspoken, mischievous and fun" but will hold journalists to account, Sky News reported on Sunday. *The Sun on Sunday* will be produced

by existing *Sun* reporters, who are said to be unhappy about the extra workload, Sky News said.

Ten former and current

employees of News International have been arrested in the hacking scandal since last November, Sky News said.—Internet



A billboard outside the News International buildings in Wapping advertises 'The Sun on Sunday' in London. Rupert Murdoch's *Sun on Sunday* tabloid hit news stands on Sunday, replacing the defunct *News of the World* with a pledge to meet high ethical standards in a first edition filled with celebrity content.—INTERNET

Dhaka to launch 20,000 websites

BEIJING, 27 Feb—Bangladesh will launch 20,000 websites by 2015 to take e-service to the masses, a media report said on Monday.

The websites will have information on the country, social safety nets, disaster warning, among other data, Anir Chowdhury, an official at the Prime Minister's Office, said.

They will also include documents on land management, and forums for farmers and fishery workers, *The Daily Star* reported on Sunday. The websites will be launched under the National Portal Framework (NPF).

The government will finance the training of officials for operating and updating contents on the websites, Chowdhury said at a seminar on Saturday.

Content providers will be able to update and share data.—Internet



A black swan and fledglings swim on a lake in the site of the Yuanmingyuan Imperial Garden in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 Feb, 2012. XINHUA

WikiLeaks publishing 5M Stratfor e-mails

LONDON, 27 Feb—WikiLeaks said on Monday in London it has begun releasing 5 million e-mails it obtained surreptitiously from Stratfor, a global intelligence firm based in Texas.

Stratfor said in December that its data servers were hacked by the group Anonymous, which has aligned itself with WikiLeaks.

WikiLeaks said on its Web site the e-mails are dated between July 2004 and this end of 2011.

"They reveal the inner workings of a company that fronts as an intelligence publisher, but provides confidential intelligence services to large corporations, such as Bhopal's Dow Chemical Co, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon and government agencies, including the US Department of Homeland Security, the US Marines and

the US Defence Intelligence Agency," the Internet whistleblower said. "The e-mails show Stratfor's web of informers, pay-off structure, payment laundering techniques and psychological methods."

WikiLeaks said among the e-mails was one from Stratfor Chief Executive Officer George Friedman instructing a company analyst how to exploit an Israeli intelligence informant providing information on the medical condition of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. It also said there are more than 4,000 e-mails mentioning WikiLeaks or the organization's founder, Julian Assange.

"The e-mails also expose the revolving door that operates in private intelligence companies in the United States," WikiLeaks said on its Web site. "Government and diplomatic

sources from around the world give Stratfor advance knowledge of global politics and events in exchange for money.

The global intelligence files exposes how Stratfor has recruited a global network of informants who are paid via Swiss banks accounts and pre-paid credit cards. Stratfor has a mix of covert and overt informants, which includes government employees, embassy staff and journalists around the world.

"The material shows how a private intelligence agency works, and how they target individuals for their corporate and government clients," WikiLeaks said it has built an investigative partnership with more than 25 media organizations and activists to disseminate information from the millions of e-mails.

Internet

Two new road projects to improve connectivity in northern S'pore

SINGAPORE, 27 Feb—The Land Transport Authority has announced two new road projects to improve overall road connectivity and capacity in the northern part of Singapore.

The first, costing S\$75 million, will involve expanding the existing interchange that connects the Central, Tampines and Seletar Expressways.

As part of the expansion project, four new flyovers will be built.

Five new road connections will also be created to improve the connectivity between the expressway and the road network.

The second project will involve building a new road between the TPE and Yishun Avenue 6.

Tenders for the new road link will be called shortly.

When completed by 2015, motorists can look forward to better connectivity and faster travelling time between the three connecting expressways, Yishun Town and the new Seletar Aerospace Park.

For example, motorists travelling from Yishun Town to CTE can expect time savings of up to 10 minutes.—Internet



Singapore traffic.—INTERNET

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MV SANG THAI OCEAN VOY NO (02)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI OCEAN VOY NO (02) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W-1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MV PHU AN-36 VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHU AN-36 VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SABRINA SCAN VOY NO (003)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SABRINA SCAN VOY NO (003) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.2.2012 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.

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

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MV BANGSRI MUANG VOYNO(105)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSRI MUANG VOY NO (105) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN
SHIPPING CO LTD**
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/V02/12)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/V02/12) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (343)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (343) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Bank Holiday
All Banks will be closed on 2nd March (Friday) 2012, Peasant Day & 7th March (Wednesday) 2012, Full Moon of Tabauing Day, being Public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Central Bank of Myanmar

Tenn nightclub shooting leaves one dead, 19 injured

JACKSON, 27 Feb—Police in West Tennessee say one man was killed and 19 other people were injured early Sunday when gunmen opened fire in a nightclub.

Jackson Police Lt Tyreece Miller said officers were called to the Karma Lounge in downtown Jackson at about 2 am Sunday. They arrived to find one man dead, 17 people with gunshot wounds and two who were trampled.

Miller said a dispute between several people led to the shooting at the business, which had advertised a Lane College/Lemoyne-Owen College after-game party on Saturday night. Evidence so far indicates at least three people used handguns to fire into the crowd.

Internet

Indonesia reports fourth bird flu death this year in Bali

JAKARTA, 27 Feb—A 12-year-old Indonesian boy has died of bird flu in the country's tourist resort of Bali, bringing the death toll of the fatal disease to four this year, the health ministry reported on Monday. The boy died on 21 Feb, one day after being treated in a designated hospital in Bali. He was tested positive of having been infected with the avian influenza virus H5N1, the ministry said in a statement.

He went to a doctor with the symptom of fever on 11 Feb, five days later he was

treated at a local hospital before he was admitted to the special hospital for bird flu because his condition became worse.

It was not clear how the virus was transmitted to him.

Contact with poultry is the common way of transmission in Indonesia. The latest death put the total fatality from bird flu to 154 since the virus attacked the country in 2005. The boy from Badung of Bali died seven days after a 19-year-old woman died of the virus on the outskirts of Jakarta.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 26 Feb, 2012 shows the water of a river running into a hole formed during the land sink in Yuejiaqiao Town, Yiyang City of central China's Hunan Province. Nearly 700 cave-ins had been reported in Yuejiaqiao as of on 24 Feb this year for an extensive karst ground subsidence occurred in the town, leaving dozens houses damaged, and farmlands and riverbeds sunk as well. Some 1,200 locals were affected by the cave-in and lived in trouble.—XINHUA



Photo taken on 23 Feb, 2012 shows a woman of the Zhuang ethnic group weaving at a hand loom in Baying Village, Bachou Township, Donglan County of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. With the development of modern industries, the age-old hand spinning and weaving techniques in Guangxi are facing the threat of disappearing, as nowadays most people do not wear homemade clothing any more.—XINHUA

FAW Group to build new plant in Tianjin

TIANJIN, 27 Feb—China FAW Group Corp, the country's third-largest automaker by sales, said Monday that it will build a new assembly plant with a designed annual production capacity of 400,000 units in the northern port city of Tianjin. FAW Group said in a statement that its subsidiary, Tianjin FAW Xiali Automobile Co, has signed the agreement on the new plant with the government of Tianjin's Airport Economic Zone.

Construction on the plant is scheduled to kick off in the second half of the year, it said. The first phase of the project, which will cost 5 billion yuan (793 million US dollars), will churn out 200,000 passenger cars and 200,000 sets of car powertrains after its completion in two years, it said.

The second phase has the same designed production capacity as the first phase, it said, giving no timetable for its construction. FAW Group currently has an annual production capacity of 750,000 units in Tianjin.—Xinhua

Beijing to build world's busiest airport

BEIJING, 27 Feb—The Chinese Capital will this year begin construction of an airport that will become the world's busiest, a media report said.

According to *China Daily*, the yet-to-be-named airport will replace the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta in the US as the most busy airport.

The *Caijing* magazine put the cost of building the airport at around 30 billion yuan (around \$5 billion).

With nine runways, the new airport will handle more than 130 million passengers and 5.5 million tonnes of cargo annually, said China Radio International.

It will cover an area of around 27 square km, an official told *Beijing Youth Daily*. Located in Daxing, 46 km south of Tiananmen Square, construction is due to be completed in October 2017.

Beijing currently has two airports — the Beijing Nanyuan Airport and the Beijing Capital International Airport.—Internet

Judge tosses gorilla suit lawsuit

A federal judge in Florida tossed out a free speech lawsuit brought by a man who was arrested in a gorilla suit at a Martin Luther King Day celebration.

US District Judge Paul Magnuson ruled Naples, Fla., police did not violate the free speech rights of Michael L. Anderson, 50, who wore the gorilla suit bearing a racial epithet and growled at revelers at the 2007 celebration in Cambier Park, the *Naples Daily News* reported on Thursday.

"Although wearing the costume alone may be insufficient to rise to the level of a breach of the peace or disorderly conduct, event



patrons reported ... that Anderson was aggressively disturbing the patrons, scaring children, and disrupting the formal programme that was under way on the stage in the park," Magnuson wrote. "Moreover, Anderson returned to the area cordoned off for the event after Officer (Ralph) Anthony told him he would be arrested if he did so." Anderson said the gorilla suit was a "tremendously successful tool" he used at

other events to promote a rapper who employs him as his manager. "We're glad the judge didn't put up with this monkey business," said Jim Fox, the attorney representing the city. Anderson said he plans to appeal the decision.

Soccer game lasts 50 penalty kicks

A high school soccer game in California came to an end after 50 penalty kicks spread out over two days, officials said.

The game between San Diego Crawford and The Bishop's School of San Diego

was tied 3-3 at the end of regulation time Tuesday and 42 penalty kicks were executed — with each team making 18 and failing on three — before officials halted the game due to darkness, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Thursday.

The penalty kicks resumed the following day and Bishop's eventually won after

scoring a goal on the 49th penalty kick and watching Crawford miss the 50th kick.

"All of us were so nervous after every (penalty) kick," said Matt Harris, who kicked the winning goal. "Any kick could have been the end. All of us were holding our breath."

Man tried to rob store with finger

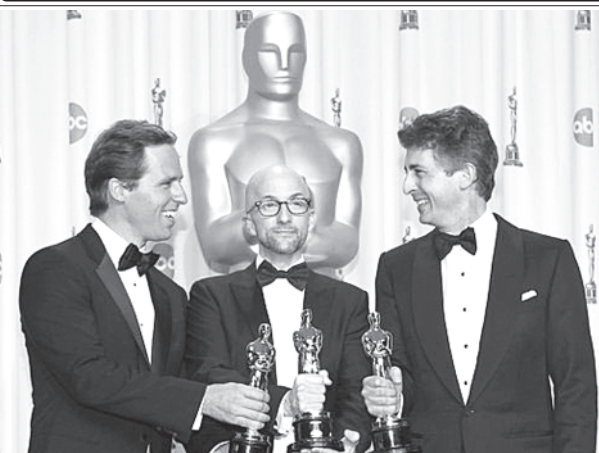
Police in Florida said an attempted robbery was foiled when a gas station clerk recognized the object poking out from the suspect's shirt was a finger. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office said a man with a plastic bag over his head walked into the Gate gas station on 103rd Street around 3 am Monday morning and acted like the finger poking inside of his shirt was a weapon, *The (Jacksonville) Florida Times-Union* reported on Thursday. The man ordered the clerk to "open the register and give me all the money," the sheriff's office report said.

The clerk immediately recognized the object was a finger and refused to hand over any cash, leading the suspect to turn his attentions to a customer, who laughed at him.



Photo shows High heels made from animal hooves.

News Album



Nat Faxon (L), Jim Rash and Alexander Payne (R)

"The Artist" wins in five Oscar categories

LOS ANGELES, 27 Feb— "The Artist" won in 5 categories of the 84th Annual Academy Awards Sunday night including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor.

The film also got the Oscar statuettes for Costume Design and Original Score. It is the first time a mostly silent film to win best picture since "Wings" won at the first Oscar ceremony in 1929. And it is also the first black-and-white movie to win best picture since "Schindler's List" in 1994.

The film beat out "The Descendants," "Hugo," "The Help," "Moneyball," "War Horse," "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," "Midnight in Paris" and "The Tree of

Life" to be the Best Picture.

Additionally, it is the first time in Academy Awards history that a French actor and a French filmmaker took the top acting and directing awards. Michel Hazanavicius won the Best Director and Jean Dujardin, who plays the silent film star George Valentin won the award for Best Actor.

The film also won awards of the Producers Guild of America, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and best motion picture musical or comedy from the Golden Globes. It was nominated in 10 categories of the Academy Awards.

MNA/Xinhua

Factbox: List of Oscar winners

LOS ANGELES, 27 Feb—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Sunday handed out the Oscars — the highest honours in the movie industry.

Following is a list of winners in leading categories for the 84th annual Academy Awards.



Actress: Meryl Streep

- 1. BEST PICTURE "The Artist"
- 2. BEST ACTOR Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
- 3. BEST ACTRESS Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady"
- 4. BEST DIRECTOR Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist"



Directing: Michel Hazanavicius,

- 5. BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR Christopher Plummer, "Beginners"

- 6. BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS Octavia Spencer, "The Help"

- 7. ANIMATED FILM "Rango"

- 8. FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM "A Separation," Iran

- 9. ADAPTED SCREENPLAY "The Descendants," by Alexander Payne, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash

- 10. ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY "Midnight in Paris," by Woody Allen

- 11. DOCUMENTARY "Undeclared"

- 12. ORIGINAL SCORE "The Artist," Ludovic Bource

- 13. ORIGINAL SONG "Man or Muppet" from "The Muppets," music and lyric by Bret McKenzie

- 14. ART DIRECTION "Hugo," production design: Dante Ferretti; set decoration: Francesca Lo Schiavo

- 15. CINEMATOGRAPHY "Hugo," Robert Richardson

- 16. COSTUME DESIGN "The Artist," Mark Bridges

- 17. FILM EDITING "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," Kirk Baxter and Angus Wall

- 18. MAKEUP "The Iron Lady," Mark Coulier and J Roy Helland

- 19. VISUAL EFFECTS "Hugo," Rob Legato, Joss Williams, Ben Grossman and Alex Henning

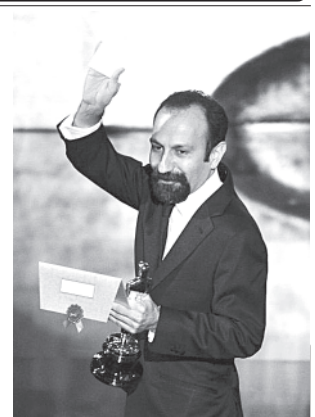
- 20. Short Film (Live Action) "The Shore" Terry George and Orlagh George

- 21. Short Film (Animated) "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore" William Joyce and Brandon Oldenburg

- 22. Documentary (Short Subject) "Saving Face"

- 23. SOUND EDITING "Hugo"

- 24. SOUND MIXING "Hugo"



Asghar Farhadi, of Iran, accepts the Oscar for best foreign language film for "A Separation" during the 84th Academy Awards.—INTERNET



Producer Thomas Langman, who's film "The Artist" won best picture at the 84th Academy Awards.—INTERNET

Jean Dujardin wins Oscar for Best Actor

LOS ANGELES, 27 Feb—Frenchman Jean Dujardin, who played in "The Artist," won the Oscar for Best Actor at the 84th Annual Academy Awards ceremony held at Hollywood & Highland Centre in downtown Los Angeles on Sunday night.

Dujardin, 39, plays the silent film star George Valentin in "The Artist."

Dujardin beat out George Clooney in "The Descendants," Demian Bichir in "A Better Life," Gary Oldman in "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" and Brad Pitt in "Moneyball" for the honour. It's the film's fourth Oscar of the night. The film also won the awards for Costume Design, Original Score and Best

Director previously at the ceremony. "The Artist" got 10 Academy Award nominations, including best picture, best actor, best supporting actress, and writing.—Xinhua



Actor: Jean Dujardin



Supporting Actor: Christopher Plummer



Supporting Actress: Octavia Spencer

Dortmund down Hanover to open four-point gap

DORTMUND, 27 Feb — Poland striker Robert Lewandowski netted twice for Borussia Dortmund in their 3-1 win over Hanover on Sunday to put them four points clear of Bayern Munich who beat Schalke 2-0. Lewandowski has now

scored 16 goals this season and is closing in on the league's joint top-scorers Bayern's Mario Gomez and Schalke's Klaas-Jan Huntelaar, who have 18 each. At a sold-out Signal Iduna Park stadium in front of 80,500 fans, this was Dortmund's seventh straight

victory—and their sixth in the Bundesliga—to leave them on 52 points, four clear of second-placed Bayern.

"That was a good performance from us," said Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp. "We have only ourselves to blame for not deciding the outcome earlier." The 23-year-old Lewandowski slotted home his first on 27 minutes and then enjoyed a simple tap in from close-range after he was set up by Poland team-mate Jakub Blaszykowski, who created all three goals, on 54 minutes.

Hanover pulled a goal back when Ivory Coast striker Didier Ya Konan, who had been on the field less than a minute, fired home from 35 metres on 60 minutes having spotted Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller off his line. Dortmund substitute Ivan Perisic hit his team's third in the 92nd minute as Hanover suffered a first defeat in 10 games.— *Internet*



Dortmund's Polish striker Robert Lewandowski (C) and his teammates celebrate scoring during the German first division Bundesliga football match Borussia Dortmund vs Hanover 96 in the western German city of Dortmund. Lewandowski netted twice for Borussia Dortmund in their 3-1 win over Hanover on Sunday to put them four points clear of Bayern Munich who beat Schalke 2-0.

INTERNET

Liverpool were 'desperate' for Carling Cup win - Dirk Kuyt

LONDON, 27 Feb — Dirk Kuyt said Liverpool had been desperate to win their first trophy since 2006 after their dramatic Carling Cup final victory over Cardiff City. Kuyt came off the bench to score the second goal in extra-time, as the match ended 2-2 after 120 minutes, before also netting a spot-kick. "We wanted this so desperately," said Kuyt, who has targeted a cup double.



Dirk Kuyt

"This is why I came to Anfield. To get my first medal is great. Hopefully we can get one more [in the FA Cup]." Kuyt, 31, joined the club from Feyenoord in 2006 but had not won a trophy before the thrilling win.

Joe Mason opened the scoring for the Bluebirds in the first half but Martin Skrtel equalized to force extra time. Kuyt's strike seemed certain to secure victory but Ben Turner bundled home a last-gasp goal to force spot-kicks and Anthony Gerrard missed the crucial penalty. The Dutch international was disappointed to be left out of Kenny Dalglish's starting line-up but had no doubt that the Reds would win the shoot-out. He added: "It was incredible, an incredible day. I was very disappointed not to play longer than 15 minutes but I have to put that aside. I'm so happy to have scored the goal. The most important thing was we kept believing and, in the end, I think we deserved this trophy. I said to Steven [Gerrard] after he missed, there's a few more to take and others can miss and they did.

Internet

Babos wins 1st WTA title at Monterrey Open

MONTERREY, 27 Feb — Timea Babos of Hungary won her first WTA title Sunday with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Alexandra Cadantu of Romania in the Monterrey Open final. The 18-year-old Babos got one of her two breaks late in the second set to clinch the victory at the Sierra Madre Tennis Club.

She dominated when serving, not allowing a single break point to the 21-year-old Cadantu. Babos, ranked 107th in the world, had five aces. Babos made the semifinals at Bogota last week, but before that she had only one main draw win. Cadantu had just one main draw win heading into Monterrey. Babos defeated second-seeded Sara Errani of Italy in the semifinals, while the 110th-ranked Cadantu beat Hungary's Greta Arn.— *Internet*

International Sports



Rennes' Turkish forward Mevlut Erding (R) scores a goal despite Lille's French goalkeeper Mickaël Landreau during the French L1 football match Rennes vs. Lille at the route de Lorient stadium in Rennes, western France.

INTERNET

Lille thwarted by 10-man Rennes

RENNES, 27 Feb — A last-minute goal by Mevlut Erding earned Rennes a 1-1 draw at home to Lille on Sunday that prevented the French champions from galvanising their grip on third place and closing the gap on leaders Montpellier.

Erding met Jean-Armel Kana-Biyik's crossfield pass with a cool side-foot volley to equalise after Vincent Pajot, Romain Danze and Yann M'Vila had all spurned chances to level the score for Rennes during the second

half.

Rennes had largely dominated the first period, with Mickaël Landreau saving from Kana-Biyik and Kevin Theophile-Catherine, but they lost centre-back Onyekachi Apam in the 37th minute after he received two yellow cards in the space of 60 seconds.

Apam earned his second booking for a foul on Joe Cole and Lille took immediate advantage from the resulting free-kick, as Aurelien Chedjou flicked home Eden Hazard's

delivery to put the visitors ahead.

Victory would have taken Lille to within five points of Montpellier, and given them a five-point lead over fourth-placed Saint-Etienne, but they ended the weekend seven points off top spot in third place, with Rennes climbing to sixth. "You have to look at the match in its context," said Lille coach Rudi Garcia, whose side had won at Lorient and Sochaux in their two previous games.

Internet



Crew members push cars into the garage after NASCAR postponed the Daytona 500 auto race in Daytona Beach, Fla, on 26 Feb, 2012, due to rain. The race has been rescheduled for Monday afternoon.— *INTERNET*

NASCAR postpones Daytona 500 for first time ever

DAYTONA BEACH, 27 Feb — NASCAR has raced on the beach at Daytona, under the lights and even around a pesky pothole. But never on a Monday — until now. The Daytona 500 was postponed Sunday for the first time in its 54-year history after heavy rain saturated Daytona International Speedway. NASCAR officials spent more than four hours waiting for a window to dry the famed track, but it never came. When the latest storm cell passed over the speedway around 5 pm, they had little choice but to call it a day. The 500-mile race was rescheduled for noon Monday. It will be aired on Fox.

"This is one of the toughest things for us drivers," pole-sitter Carl Edwards said. "It's now who can really stay focused. That's not just the drivers, that's the pit crews, the crew chiefs, everyone, the officials. But I think we'll be just fine." But Monday might be another test for both drivers and fans.

The forecast calls for more rain, and officials are prepared to wait all day and into the night to avoid a Tuesday race, which would strain teams that must get to Phoenix for next week's race.— *Internet*

Ferrer beats Almagro for Buenos Aires title

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Feb — Spanish top seed David Ferrer defeated second-seeded compatriot, and defending champion, Nicolas Almagro 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 on Sunday to win the Buenos Aires claycourt title. It was Ferrer's ninth successive victory over Almagro and ended his fellow Spaniard's 10-match win streak.

Ferrer is the second two-time winner on the ATP World Tour this season, joining Milos Raonic. The 29-year-old world number five began his year by repeating as champion at Auckland. Almagro was aiming to win back-to-back titles during the Golden Swing in South America for the

second year in a row, having successfully defended his Brazil Open in Sao Paulo last week.— *Internet*



Spain's David Ferrer celebrates after winning the ATP Argentina Open, after defeating his compatriot Nicolas Almagro by 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 during the men's single final match in Buenos Aires.— *INTERNET*

Mahan stops McIlroy in Match Play



Hunter Mahan holds the Walter Hagan Cup after winning the Match Play Championship golf tournament with a 2 and 1 final round over Rory McIlroy, on 26 Feb, 2012, in Marana, Ariz.— *INTERNET*

MARANA, 27 Feb — Even as Hunter Mahan motored his way through the Match Play Championship by beating one tough opponent after another, he had reason to feel he was just along for the ride in the final

match Sunday afternoon. All the chatter was about US Open champion Rory McIlroy and his march to No 1 in the world. All the chants Mahan heard as he walked down the first two holes at Dove Mountain were for McIlroy.

With a little extra motivation he didn't need, Mahan won three straight holes on the front nine to seize control and answered McIlroy's charge with birdies of his own for a 2-and-1 victory. "Deep down, you wanted to postpone that crowning of the No 1 player in the world for Rory," Mahan said. "He'll get there. I mean, he's phenomenal. He's really talented. He'll be No 1 eventually. But yeah, when you're a player, and I listen to Johnny Miller and Nick Faldo and all those guys, they had him picked to win. And that's what everybody was talking about. "There was absolute motivation in that." It proved to be too long of a day for McIlroy, the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland, who put so much energy into a high-stakes semifinal match against Lee Westwood earlier Sunday.

Internet

Ranieri on brink as Inter lose again

MILAN, 27 Feb — Ezequiel Lavezzi's second-half strike gave Napoli a 1-0 win over struggling Inter Milan which piled the pressure on Nerazzurri coach Claudio Ranieri after a seventh defeat in eight matches. The Argentine striker scored the only goal at the San Paolo with an angled drive on 59 minutes to lift Napoli to 40 points and fifth place. Inter, who remain in seventh on 36 points, nine off the Champions League qualifying places, even enjoyed a one-man advantage for the final 12 minutes after Salvatore Aronica's sending off.

But their dismal record of not having won a Serie A match in Naples since 1997 continued. Ranieri insisted his job was safe. "I don't know what the president (Massimo Moratti) will do now. This is a question for him. I would say Ranieri should continue. I still believe in these players," said the coach. Napoli coach Walter Mazzarri praised his team. "I'm in love with these guys. It's two years that we've been together and they've grown immensely. This is our fifth game without conceding," he said. — *Internet*



Inter Milan coach Claudio Ranieri looks at the playing field before the A Series football match between SSC Napoli and Inter Milan at the San Paolo Stadium. Ezequiel Lavezzi's second-half strike gave Napoli a 1-0 win over struggling Inter Milan which piled the pressure on Nerazzurri coach Ranieri after a seventh defeat in eight matches. — INTERNET

'Messi's genius left us with nothing' - Atletico Madrid's Simeone after Barcelona defeat

MADRID, 27 Feb — Speaking after his club's 2-1 La Liga loss against Barcelona, Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone stated that Lionel Messi's "genius" proved to be the decisive factor in the game. The match at the Vicente Calderon was heading towards a draw after Daniel Alves and Radamel Falcao had traded strikes, but the Ballon d'Or winner popped up with a sublime free kick to earn all three points late in the game.

"Results are always fair. We tried to play the game in a specific way and close down the spaces," the coach stated.

"In the first half it was difficult for us and in the second half the game was more open. We could have taken the lead, but a genius [Messi] left us with nothing. "The referee was did well, although there were some little issues," concluded the coach.

— *Internet*



Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone

Manchester City's Mario Balotelli dropped by Italy coach Prandelli

LONDON, 27 Feb — Mario Balotelli has been dropped by Italy coach Cesare Prandelli for his "agitated" behaviour on the pitch. The Manchester City striker has been replaced by Roma's Fabio Borini, 20, for Wednesday's friendly against the United States in Genoa.

Balotelli was banned for four matches after a stamp on Tottenham's Scott Parker in January.

Prandelli said: "I don't want players who commit reaction fouls and get sent off. He seems a little agitated to me." Balotelli has been sent-off three times since joining City for £24m from Inter Milan in August 2010 and was punished retrospectively for his stamp on Parker.

Prandelli added: "When I say we have to reach the European Championship prepared, I mean I don't want to see players who, at the first sign of difficulty, commit reaction fouls and get sent off, leaving their team-mates to struggle with 10 men." Balotelli has scored 13 goals in 25 appearances for the Premier League leaders, including one in their 3-0 win over Blackburn on Saturday. — *Internet*



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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(28-2-12 09:30 am ~ 29-2-12 09:30 am) MST

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- * News
- * The Prayer Hall And Buddha Images on the Platform of Shwedagon Pagoda (Part-1)
- * News
- * Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition
- * News
- * Opening of "Dawei-Thayetchaung Railroad Section"
- * News
- * Jade Industry: Myanmar Rewarding Business
- * News
- * Topic on Journal "Beach Souvenir, Pathein Parasol"
- * Mawtinsoon Pagoda Festival
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * A Journey to Research Taron Race
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)
- * News
- * Youth & Literary Performance
- * Myanmar Movies "Regretful Game"

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- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am 4. Health Programme
- 8:00 am 5. Songs of Yester Years
- 8:25 am 6. Dance Of National Races
- 8:45 am 7. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performings Arts Competitions
- 4:30 pm 9. 2012 University Entrance Examination (Geography)
- 5:10 pm 10. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
- 5:30 pm 11. One Village & One Product
- 5:45 pm 12. Sweet Melody
- 8:00 pm 13. News
- 14. Bakery World
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. India Drama Series

Wayne Rooney and Tom Cleverley ruled out of England friendly

LONDON, 27 Feb — Wayne Rooney and Tom Cleverley have been ruled out of England's friendly against the Netherlands on Wednesday. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed their withdrawal following the 2-1 win over Norwich at Carrow Road on Sunday. Striker Rooney has a throat infection while midfielder Cleverley sustained a foot injury against Ajax on Thursday.

They join Darren Bent, who injured his ankle ligaments in Aston Villa's draw at Wigan, on the sidelines. Ferguson said: "Wayne has not recovered from his throat infection. Hopefully he'll be ready for next Sunday, when we have a big game [against Tottenham] at White Hart Lane." Injuries have limited Cleverley to nine games for United this season. He suffered a foot injury at Bolton in September that ruled him out of action for six weeks. — *Internet*

Environmental conservation undertaken

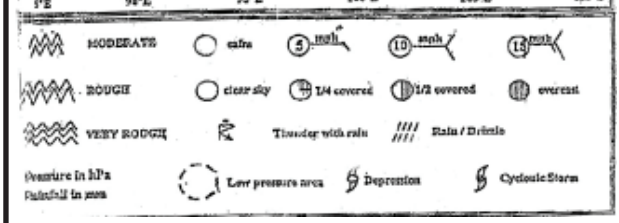
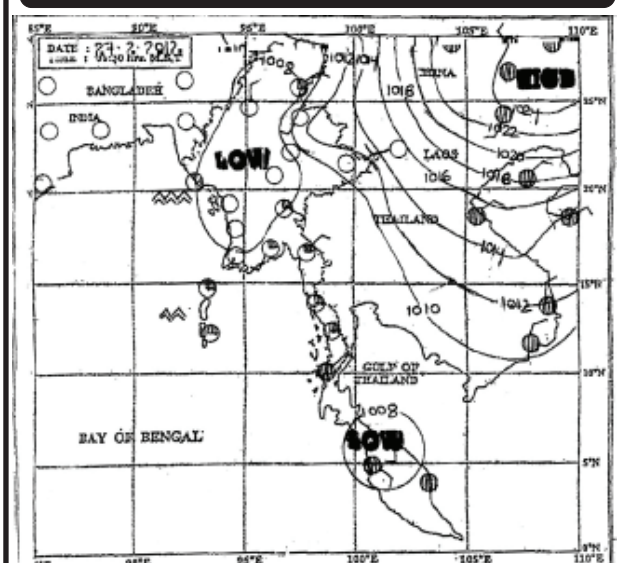
YWANGAN, 27 Feb — Ywangan Township Forest Department and local people joined hands in taking environmental conservation measures.

On 22 February morning, Head of Township Forest Department U Zaw Naing, service personnel, administrators of Kyaukkupyin and Kyaungmyaung villages together with local people weeded 1000 Eucalyptus saplings grown in Kyaukkupyin in 2011 and 2000 Eucalyptus saplings grown in Kyaungmyaung block in 2010. — *Township IPRD*

Head of Tamway Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Hla Hla Myint donated books on various subjects for Alinyang Library to administrator

U Aung Tun of Ayogon Ward in Tamway Township of Yangon East District on 8 February. Photo shows books donation ceremony at Alinyang Library. — MYANMA ALIN

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 28th February, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	13/55	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
2	Kayah	33/91	13/55	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	38/100	18/64	Generally fair weather	
4	Chin	22/72	13/55	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	33/91	14/57	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	39/102	15/59	Generally fair weather	
7	Taninthayi	36/97	23/73	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	35/95	20/68	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	39/102	17/63	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	36/97	17/63	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	38/100	23/73	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	37/99	20/68	Generally fair weather	
13	Rakhine	32/90	18/64	Generally fair weather	
14	Southern Shan	28/82	15/59	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	33/91	07/45	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	13/55	Generally fair weather	
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	21/70	Generally fair weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	40/104	16/61	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37/99	20/68	Generally fair weather	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	17/63	Generally fair weather	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Mandalay and Bago Regions, Kayin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures Northern Shan, Chin and Mon States and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Lashio (6°C) and Namhsan (7°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfalls recorded were Putao (0.16) inch and Machanbaw (0.08) inch.

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

State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in the Myanmar waters.

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



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls on committees and commission

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met chairs of Pyithu Hluttaw committees, the chair of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and members at Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Meeting Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon and delivered a speech on work procedures.

Those present at the meeting discussed matters related to legislation. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker coordinated the discussions and made concluding remarks.—MNA

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Myanmar will continue to implement the system commensurate with its own situation

Thura U Shwe Mann

There are many differences among nations so that there will be external interference if the country adopts democratic system of other countries

Mr Li Yuanchao



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann holds a meeting with member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, Secretary of the CPC Central Committee Secretariat and also Minister of the Organization Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Mr Li Yuanchao.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann held a meeting with Mr Li Yuanchao, a member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, Secretary of the CPC Central Committee Secretariat and also Minister of the Organization Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee at Jiang Su Hall of the People's Hall in Beijing at 10.30 am on 24 February.

Also present together with Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann were members of the Myanmar delegation U Thein Zaw, U Hla Myint Oo, Thura U Aung Ko, U Maung Maung Swe, U Kyi Min, U Sein Tin Win, U Hsan Hsint, Dr Maung Maung Wint, Col Htay Naing, Ambassador of Myanmar to China U Tin Oo and officials of Pyithu Hluttaw while Mr Li Yuanchao was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Zhang Zhi Jun, Mr Deng Sheng Ming, General-Secretary of the Organization Department of CPC Central Committee Mr Deng Sheng Ming, Mr Cao Wei Zhou, Deputy Secretary-General of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), Mr Wu Yuliag, Director-General of the Office of the Organization Department of the CPC Central

Committee, Mr Hu Xiaoli, Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Standing Committee for the People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, Mr Luo Zhao Hui, Director-General of the Asia Affairs Department of the Foreign Affairs Ministry and senior officials.

During the meeting, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann said Myanmar had envied at the development of China and he believed that the success of China would help Myanmar to achieve success. Political stability in China showed the importance of the leading of the China Communist party, he added.

He knew that Mr Li Yuanchao was playing an importance role in the CPC and he remembered the fact that Mr Li Yuanchao told him during his visit to Myanmar was that national democracy was flourishing in China, he said. What he understood is that democracy was practicing not only in the party but also in the country, he added.

We had envied at the China, the world's most populous country with large land area and with 56 ethnic tribes, was standing with dignity in the world, he said. He hoped that Myanmar would practice the way of China, (See page 9)

Union Minister inspects Government Press, sub-printing house in Mandalay Region

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First day of the third regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw held

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Shweli River-crossing Bridge that links Kachin State and Shan State (North) through Sagaing Region

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