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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to German President

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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to German Chancellor

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Day of German Unity of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2012.— MNA

Unity plus hard work would earn prosperity



President U Thein Sein and party being welcomed back by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein arrived back here via Yangon at 9.55 pm today after attending the 67th UN General Assembly held in New York of US.

Myanmar delegation led by the President U Thein Sein was welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief

of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, Union Ministers, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, departmental heads, Charge d'Affaires ai from US embassy in Myanmar Mrs Virginia Murray and UN resident representative Mr Ashok Nigam.

While in New York on 26 September, President U Thein Sein met with Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra at The Mark Hotel Hall.

It was also attended by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Myanmar permanent representative to UN Ambassador U Kyaw Tin and departmental heads.

At the call, President U Thein Sein said that he was pleased to meet the Thai Prime Minister for the second time after his visit to

“Myanmar’s reform processes are to continue to march forward without backsliding. It needs the supports of democratic countries.”

President U Thein Sein

“Myanmar should be praised for its reforms, grant of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) by EU and the recognition of Myanmar by the world countries.”

Thai Prime Minister
Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra

“A respected State leader is the one who has the ability to take a bold move to introduce a reform process in his own country.”

Former US Secretary of State
Mr. Henry Kissinger

Thailand in July, 2012. He expressed his thanks to the Thai Prime Minister for the call. He continued to say that he discussed the matters relating to mutual cooperation between the two countries during his visit to Thailand and plans are underway to implement it.

The Thai Prime Minister said that she would like to express her thanks to the President for meeting the delegation. During the
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NATIONAL

Biomedical Engineering Training Course opens



NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—In his opening speech at the Biomedical Engineering Training Course Part 1, jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and Biomedical Engineering Society, at the hall of National Blood Unit of Yangon General Hospital yesterday, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said the new government,

with the aim of ensuring health care improvement and harmonious development across the nation, opened new hospitals and dispensaries, upgraded specialist units and provided modern medical equipment through yearly State's budget.

Next, ASEAN Chief Marketing Officer of General Electric Health Care Mr.

Moez Attia spoke words of thanks.

The purpose of this course is to use modern medical equipment for long-term purpose through maintenance them for long-term use. A total of 40 trainees from Region and State hospitals and various engineering fields in departments are theoretically and practically

taking the course which runs up to 12 October.

MNA

Union FM felicitates Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—On the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2012, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kim Sung-hwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates German counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Guido Westerwelle, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Day of German Unity of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2012. —MNA

Chinese Consul-General donates cash to libraries in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The Chinese Consul-General of the People's Republic of China in Mandalay Region Information and Public

Relations Department at its meeting hall this afternoon.

At first, the Head of Region IPRD explained matters of the libraries in Mandalay Region and the Chinese Consul-General the

purpose of donation.

Later, Deputy Minister for Information U Paik Htwe accepted K 7.2 million donated for libraries in the region by the Chinese Consul-General.—MNA

Seminar on capacity building for cultural-based tourism industry holds

YANGON, 2 Oct—Human Resource Development on Tourism Industry Workshop held its second day at Asia Plaza Hotel this morning, with extended greetings by International Human Resource Development Foundation (Thailand) Secretary General Dr Chira Hongladarom.

Dr Rujaya Abhakorn of SEAMEO SPAFA made discussion on Tourism management and Chair Professor Krairit Boonyakiat on valuable culture and Myanmar tourism.

The local and foreign scholars read out papers.—MNA

Certificate of honour presented for handing over of artifact

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—U Win Zaw residing in Htankon village-tract of Toungoo Township, Toungoo District, Bago Region found one golden

ear-plug made in Kongboun Dynasty while ploughing. Then, he presented it to Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library under the Ministry of Culture.

Artifact Assessing Board inspected it and calculated its original values, age and handicraft. Director U Myo Nyunt of

Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library awarded cash prizes of K 747,792 to U Zaw Win and presented the certificate of honour, on 27 September.

The Department is conserving high-cultural precious artifacts by honouring those who present cultural heritage artifacts.—MNA

District News Fire breaks out at oil well, leaving four injured

THAYET, 2 Oct—A fire broke out at well No Ms18 of Shwe Yarhi Co in Padaukpin oil field in Padaukpin Village of Thayet Township at 6.10 am on 25 September.

Four oil field workers were injured in the incident.

The fire started from the sparks that occurred from friction between the iron handle of bowl and the iron pipe of the well where Manager U Kyaw Lwin, 45, son of U Hla Tun together with four workers were drawing out crude oil.

In the incident, the fire burned engine, equipment for oil well and other utensils. Oil well workers Ye Min Soe, 21, son of U Kyi of Ayadaw Village of Nyaung U Township suffered from serious injuries at burning of two hands, chest and back; Thein Soe, 23, son of U Po Sae of Ayadaw Village of Nyaung U Township at two knees and chest, Thant Zin, 32, son of U Htay Oo of Mingala Taungnyunt Township at some injuries at both legs and hands and Aung Thet, 18, son of U Kyaw Thein of Wakema at both legs and hands.

The injured were transferred to Pyay District General Hospital from Thayet District General Hospital.—Kyemon

Motorcycle hits rear of trailer

PYU, 2 Oct—A motorcycle hit the rear of 22-wheeled trailer vehicle that stopped roadside near Wedaunt Village of Pyu Township on 28 September.

The 22-wheeled Sino Truck driven by U Naing Win Tun, 33, son of U Hla Kywe of Ward 4 (A) in Swa left Nay Pyi Taw for Myainggale to carry bags of cement and it lost lights due to wire shock. Therefore, the driver checked his car stopping over at roadside. Meanwhile, Kenda 110 motorcycle driven from the north to the south by Thein Naing Oo, 35, son of U Thein Maung of 37th Bogyoke Street of Okphyat Ward in Pyu hit the left edge of trailer of the vehicle. The front part of the motorcycle was destroyed in the incident and Thein Naing Oo was injured at four inches bruise at face. While rushing to Pyu Station, he was dead due to injury.—Myanma Alin

Township Administrator's Cup Football Tournament kicks off

KATHA, 2 Oct—Katha Township Administrator's Cup U-25 Inter-Ward/Village Men's Football Tournament was kicked off at 400-m sports ground in Katha on 15 September afternoon, with an address by Township Administrator U Zaw Min Htaik.

Among the spectators were the Township Administrator, Region Hluttaw representative U Sein Tun, Assistant Director of Sports and Physical Education Department U Kyaw Swe Win and township level departmental officials. Upper Wegyi and Lower Thaphandaunt played the opening match.—Myanma Alin

Home Affairs Minister's Shield Volleyball Tournery wraps up

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The prize presentation for the 14th Home Affairs Minister's Shield Men's and Women's Volleyball Tournament was held at Paunglaung Gymnasium in Pyinmana on 28 September.

Officials presented prizes to the best players in the places and second and third prizes to Myanmar Correctional Department and Bureau of Special Investigation teams.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun awarded championship trophies to Myanmar Police Force women's team and Myanmar Correctional Department men's team.—Kyemon



News in Brief

Paletwe paddy plantations inspected

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win viewed fertilizer broadcasting at Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation in Ottwin Village-tract in Minhla Township on 27 September. The Chief Minister also looked into thriving Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation in Kyaukdaga Township.

New school building opened

New building of Basic Education High School Branch was opened in Hsatkwin Village of Kangyidaunt Township on 29 September. On the occasion, the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister and the Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw awarded outstanding students.

Development of industrial sector discussed

The workshop on industrial development took place at the hall of Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi on 28 September afternoon. Shan State Minister for Electric and Industry U Sai Tun Yin, departmental officials, economists, merchants, members of Myanmar Engineering Society, industrialists and local people participated in the workshop.

Proficiency course for tutors, demonstrator held

The proficiency course for newly-appointed tutors and demonstrator was held at Yangon University, Mandalay University, Yangon University of Economics, Yangon University of Education, Yangon University of Foreign Languages and Mawlamyine University as of 1 October. Altogether 1573 trainees are attending the two-month course.

WORLD

Cuba slams West on "change of regime" in other countries

Cuba



Brundo Rodriguez Parrilla, the foreign minister of Cuba, addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, the United States, on 1 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Oct—Cuba on Monday lashed out at Western countries for pushing through "the change of regime" in other UN member states by the use of force, saying that the Western move is taken "for the control of natural resources and strategically important areas."

The statement came as Brundo Rodriguez Parrilla, the foreign minister of Cuba, was taking the floor at the General Debate of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly, which is scheduled to conclude late

Monday.

"Right now, the overthrowing of governments through the use of force and violence is being blatantly encouraged; the 'change of regime' is being imposed from Washington and other NATO member countries' capitals, and conquest wars are being waged for the control of natural resources and strategically important areas," the foreign minister said.

"Today's world is in no way similar to the one that was envisaged by those who

drafted the United Nations Charter, over the ashes left by the Second World War, when they determined to save our generations from the scourge of war, protect the fundamental rights of human beings and equality among all nations, large and small; promote justice, dignity and social progress," he said.

"The US and some European governments have decided to overthrow the Syrian government, for which they have armed, financed and trained opposition groups," he said. "They have even resorted to the use of mercenaries."

"Cuba reaffirms the right of the Syrian people to the full exercise of self-determination and sovereignty without any interference or foreign intervention of any sort," the Cuban foreign minister said. "For that, violence, massacres and the terrorist actions that have taken a high toll on innocent lives must cease."

"The traffic in arms and money to help the insurgent groups as well as the shameful manipulation of reality by the media must also come to an end," he said.

Xinhua

At least 36 dead after Hong Kong ferry sinks following collision

Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 2 Oct—At least 36 people died and dozens were injured when a ferry carrying more than 120 revelers on a company outing collided with another ferry and sank near an island south of Hong Kong on Monday night, in one of the city's worst maritime accidents.

The ferry belonging to the Hongkong Electric Company, controlled by billionaire Li Ka-shing, was taking staff and family members to watch fireworks in the city's Victoria Harbour to celebrate China's National Day and mid-autumn festival when it hit the other ship and began sinking near Lamma island.

Survivors said they had little time to put on life jackets before the ferry flooded, trapping passengers.

"Within 10 minutes, the ship had sunk. We had to wait at least 20 minutes before we were rescued," said one male survivor, wrapped in a blanket on the shore.

Some survivors said people had to break windows to swim to the surface. "We thought we were going to die. Everyone was trapped inside," said a middle-aged woman. HongKong Electric, a unit of Power Assets Holdings which is controlled by Asia's richest man Li, said



Rescuers search for survivors in a partially-submerged boat after two vessels collided in Hong Kong on 1 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

the boat had capacity to hold up to 200 people.

The tragedy was the worst to hit Hong Kong since 1996 when more than 40 people died in a fire in a commercial building.

The other ship, owned by Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry Holdings, suffered a badly damaged bow in the collision but made it safely to the pier on Lamma, an island popular with tourists and expatriates about a half-hour boat ride from Hong Kong. Several of its roughly 100 passengers and crew were taken to hospital with injuries. "After the accident, it was all chaos and people were crying. Then water began seeping in and the vessel began to tilt to one side and people were all told to stand on the other side and

At least 14 killed in suicide attack on NATO patrol in Afghanistan

Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Oct—A suicide bomber killed 14 people, including three NATO soldiers and four police, and wounded 37 in volatile Khost Province in eastern Afghanistan on Monday, a NATO spokeswoman and local officials said.

A US official in

woman confirmed only that the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber.

Provincial Governor Abdul Jabar Nahimi said the bomber had been riding a motorcycle packed with explosives and that 37 civilians were wounded in the blast.

US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta phoned the Afghan defence and interior ministers on Monday to discuss the continuing development of Afghan security forces and ways of preventing insider attacks on NATO and Afghan forces.

It was the first time Panetta had spoken to Afghan Defence Minister Bismillah Khan Mohammadi and Interior Minister Ghulam Mujtaba Patang since their appointments to the positions. Mohammadi previously served as interior minister.

Panetta complimented Mohammadi and Patang on the increasing professionalism and capabilities of the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, Pentagon spokesman George Little said. The three also talked about continuing to develop the Afghan security forces and working to prevent insider attacks, he said.

Insider attacks by members of the Afghan security forces against NATO allies have resulted in 52 deaths this year among foreign forces. They have prompted a tightening of rules for joint patrols between coalition and Afghan forces.

Reuters



An Afghan man inspects the scene of a suicide bomb attack in Khost Province on 1 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Washington confirmed the three soldiers killed were Americans serving in the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force. Six civilians and an Afghan interpreter also died in the attack.

A witness told Reuters a suicide bomber wearing a police uniform struck as US soldiers patrolled the city of Khost. A NATO spokes-

The Afghan Taliban claimed responsibility, although Afghan insurgents are quick to claim any successful attack on foreign troops as their own.

The bombing followed the killing of two Americans on Sunday in an exchange of fire with Afghan forces that took the death toll of US military and civilian personnel to over 2,000 in the 11-year war.

10 people killed in Iraq's violence

Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct—Ten people were killed and seven others wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in central and northern Iraq on Monday, the police said.

In the Iraqi capital, a car bomb struck the convoy of a major general near al-Saa'a restaurant in Baghdad's western District of Mansour, killing a civilian and wounding four people, an interior ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The high-ranking officer escaped the attack unharmed, but two of his bodyguards were among the wounded, the source said. Two people were killed and a third injured when a magnetic bomb attached to their car detonated while they were moving in a village near the City of Dujail, some 60 km north of the capital, a local police source said.

Also in northern Iraq, unidentified gunmen broke into the house of a family in eastern the City of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, and stabbed to death a man and two women with knives before they fled

the scene, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua.

In Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala, two women and a man from one family were killed when a roadside bomb struck their car in Imam-Wies area, northeast of the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Besides, a gunman on his motorcycle threw a hand grenade at an Iraqi army checkpoint near a hospital in central Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, killing a soldier and wounding two others, a local police source said. The attacks came one day after a wave of gunfire and bomb attacks, including 12 car bombings, across Iraq that killed 34 people and wounded some 85 others.

Violence in Iraq has ebbed from its climax in 2006 and 2007, when sectarian conflicts pushed the country to the brink of a civil war, but tensions and sporadic shootings and bombings are still common across the country.—Xinhua



Two survivors, accompanied by rescuers, are taken onto shore after a collision involving two vessels in Hong Kong on 1 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

AOL launches video-sharing mobile phone games



The AOL logo on a sign in front of AOL offices in Palo Alto, California. REUTERS

PALO ALTO, (California) 2 Oct—AOL Inc entered the mobile gaming market with a social video guessing game available on Apple's iPhone that uses voice recognition technology to keep players from cheating.

For now, the game, Clucks, can only be played by iPhone users. The Android version of the app will be released by the end of the year, according to Sol Lipman, vice president of AOL's Mobile First unit which identifies new market opportunities in the mobile space.

The once-dominant internet service provider, envisions its release of Clucks last Thursday as just a first step into the mobile marketplace which it sees as key to revive its brand.

Clucks players use

smartphones to record a 12-second video of themselves describing a word, for instance "tree." Their opponent then receives the video and must guess the word. "You're trying to send clues without using the word 'tree', or associated words like 'wood' or 'leaves' or branches," Lipman said.

To ensure that none of the banned words are used by players, the Clucks app incorporates voice recognition technology.

"If you use one of those words accidentally or intentionally, it will catch you cheating and take points away," Lipman said.

When the opponent receives the video, their reaction is also recorded, and the side-by-side video of the round can be shared to social network Facebook or video

sharing app Viddy. As in popular mobile games such as Words With Friends and Draw Something, Clucks participants do not need to play at the same time and can take turns at their convenience. Lipman said Clucks was inspired by two trends in mobile apps: social video, with apps such as Viddy now having over 40 million users, and turn-based games such as Draw Something.

The company plans to monetize the game through its sponsors. Rather than ads, they aim to incorporate promotional content within the app, such as the ability to play a pre-recorded round of Clucks with an actor or film

director providing the clues.

Currently the only way to sign in to the app is through Facebook but Lipman said the company plans to change that.

The game, which draws comparisons to the board game Taboo, is the first release on AOL's new social video platform. AOL's Mobile First unit released a personalized magazine app, Editions, last year. Lipman said the company has other offerings it plans to build on top of the platform.

"We want to build new products that succeed in the market and get people excited and reinvigorate AOL both internally and externally," Lipman added.—Reuters



AOL video guessing game on Apple iPhone.—REUTERS

Facebook's new pitch to brand advertisers: forget about clicks

Tech

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—Facebook Inc, stung by doubts that advertising on the social network delivers enough bang for the buck, is preparing to unveil data to counter its critics and show

campaigns on Facebook have generated a more useful piece of feedback than total clicks. Datalogix tracks the relationship between ads on Facebook and real-world spending by compiling



In this photo a Facebook logo on a computer screen is seen through glasses. REUTERS

that "clicks," the current metric of choice, tell only half the story.

The world's No 1 social network, embarrassed just days before its initial public offering in May when General Motors declared it was pulling the plug on all paid advertising on its network, will argue that big-brand marketers should abandon the industry's obsession with numbers of clicks and focus on more effective advertising techniques.

Through its partnership with Datalogix, Facebook says it can now give brand marketers data on the actual in-store sales that their ad

consumer purchasing information from retail stores and matching it with data about Facebook ad impressions.

Many large brand advertising campaigns are not even hitting half their target audience, he said. But ad campaigns that focus on getting the optimal reach are 88 percent more effective at improving their return on investment, Facebook says its studies have shown.

Getting online advertisers to break their focus on clicks will not be easy, but Facebook says the techniques it is advocating are standard in the television advertising world.

Reuters

Genetically engineered cow makes anti-allergy

Science

milk

WELLINGTON, 2 Oct—Researchers in New Zealand have genetically engineered a cow to produce milk with very little of a protein that causes an allergic reaction in some children. They hope the technique, which uses a process called RNA interference that reduces the activity of certain genes without eliminating it completely, can be used to control other traits in livestock. With mothers breastfeeding less, cows' milk is an increasing source of protein for babies, but the different composition of cows' milk can cause an allergic reaction.

"In developed countries, 2-3 percent of infants are allergic to cows' milk proteins in the first year of life," the researchers said in a paper published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Anwar Javed and colleagues at the New Zealand government-run AgResearch company said their genetically modified cow produced milk with a 96 percent reduction in the protein beta-lactoglobulin

(BLG), a component known to cause allergic reactions

While there are dairy industry processes that can reduce the allergenic potential of normal milk, they are expensive and can result in a bitter taste. Another gene manipulation technique using a process called homologous recombination could theoretically knock out, rather than suppress, the gene that produces BLG but the researchers said that, so far, this has not worked.

Bruce Whitelaw, professor of animal biotechnology at the University of Edinburgh, said the New Zealand research "offers a good example of how these technologies can be used

to provide alternative strategies to current manufacturing process".

He said that although RNA interference has been shown to work in manipulating plants and worms, "it has not worked in livestock before".

Whitelaw told Reuters that aside from accentuating or reducing genetically determined characteristics in farm animals, such as growth rate, the technique could be used to improve defence against infection.

"Time will tell how widely applicable RNA interference will be in GM livestock. But this is certainly a milestone study in this field," he said.—Reuters



Research scientists have bred Daisy, the first cow in the world to produce high protein milk that may be hypo-allergenic.—REUTERS

Pesticide use ramping up as GMO crop technology backfires

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct—US farmers are using more hazardous pesticides to fight weeds and insects due largely to heavy adoption of genetically modified crop technologies that are sparking a rise of "superweeds" and hard-to-kill insects, according to a newly released study.

Genetically engineered crops have led to an increase in overall pesticide use, by 404 million pounds from the time they were introduced in 1996 through 2011, according to the report by Charles Benbrook, a research professor at the Centre for Sustaining Agriculture and

Natural Resources at Washington State University

Herbicide-tolerant crops were the first genetically modified crops introduced to world, rolled out by Monsanto Co in 1996, first in "Roundup Ready" soybeans and then in corn, cotton and other crops. Roundup Ready crops are engineered through transgenic modification to tolerate doublings of Monsanto's Roundup herbicide.

The crops were a hit with farmers who found they could easily kill weed populations without damaging their crops. But in recent years,

more than two dozen weed species have become resistant to Roundup's chief ingredient glyphosate, causing farmers to use increasing amounts both of glyphosate and other weedkilling chemicals to try to control the so-called "superweeds."

Benbrook said the annual increase in the herbicides required to deal with tougher-to-control weeds on cropland planted to genetically modified crops has grown from 1.5 million pounds in 1999 to about 90 million pounds in 2011.

Reuters

Great Barrier Reef loses half of coral in 27 years

Science

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct—The Great Barrier Reef has lost half of its coral cover in the past 27 years due to storm damage, crown-of-thorns starfish and bleaching, according to a new study published on Monday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The study clearly shows that three factors are overwhelmingly responsible for this severe loss of coral cover. Intense tropical cyclones have caused massive damage, primarily to reefs in the central and southern parts of the Reef, while population explosions of the coral-consuming crown-of-thorns starfish have affected coral populations along the length of the Reef. Two severe coral bleaching events have also had major detrimental impacts on the northern and central parts of the Reef.

"This finding is based on the most comprehensive reef monitoring programme in the world. The programme started broad-scale surveillance of more than 100 reefs in 1985 and from 1993 it has incorporated more detailed annual surveys of 47 reefs," said Peter Doherty, a research fellow at the Australian Institute of Marine Science.—Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Jobs with high development payoffs can transform societies, spur prosperity

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct— Jobs are a cornerstone of development in developing countries, with payoffs far beyond income alone, but the types of jobs that can contribute the most to development depend on the country context, the World Bank said in a report on Monday.

In its World Development Report, the Washington-based global institution stressed the role of strong private led growth in creating jobs and outlined how jobs that do the most for development can spur a virtuous cycle.

“Demographic transitions, urbanization, technological progress, and the migration of people and jobs across countries are rapidly changing the world of work,” the report noted.

“Yet a majority of jobs in developing countries remain in very small firms and farms, often of low productivity and

modest potential for growth,” it added.

According to the report, 200 million people worldwide are unemployed and actively looking for work. An estimated 620 million youth are neither working nor looking for work. Around 600 million new jobs will have to be created over a 15-year period to keep employment rates constant.

“A good job can change a person’s life, and the right jobs can transform entire societies. Governments need to move jobs to centre stage to promote prosperity and fight poverty,” said World Bank president Jim Yong Kim. The report finds that jobs drive development by raising people’s living standards and productivity and promoting social cohesion. However, the ways in which jobs contribute to development vary with a country’s level of development, demography, endowments and institutions, it added. Making smallholder



World Bank President Zoellick at opening press conference of spring meetings.

farming viable matters to agrarian countries because of high poverty rates, while avoiding urban congestion and moving up the value added ladder are top priorities for urbanizing countries.

The report highlighted jobs with the greatest development payoffs are those that raise incomes, make cities function better, connect the economy to global markets,

protect the environment, and give people a stake in their societies. “Jobs are the best insurance against poverty and vulnerability,” said Kaushik Basu, World Bank chief economist and senior vice president. “Governments play a vital enabling role by creating a business environment that enhances the demand for labour.”—Xinhua

Health China renews quarantine requirement to block new coronavirus

BEIJING, 2 Oct — China’s top quarantine authorities on Sunday renewed its order to boost quarantine measures to prevent the entry of a new type of coronavirus following a World Health Organization (WHO) report.

The new coronavirus has left a Qatari citizen dead and a British citizen who had traveled to Saudi Arabia in critical condition in a London hospital, the WHO report said on Saturday.

Noting that there is no evidence so far of person to person transmission of the new type of coronavirus, WHO said that no additional confirmed cases have been reported till Saturday.

In a statement, China’s General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine again demanded for intensified body temperature monitoring and other medical inspections on travelers from Britain, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

The administration also requires travelers from the three nations to inform China’s entry-exit inspection and quarantine institutions immediately if they develop acute respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Coronavirus is a large family of viruses that includes viruses that cause the common cold and severe acute respiratory syndrome.

Xinhua

Health US study finds reduced glaucoma risk in patients taking statin

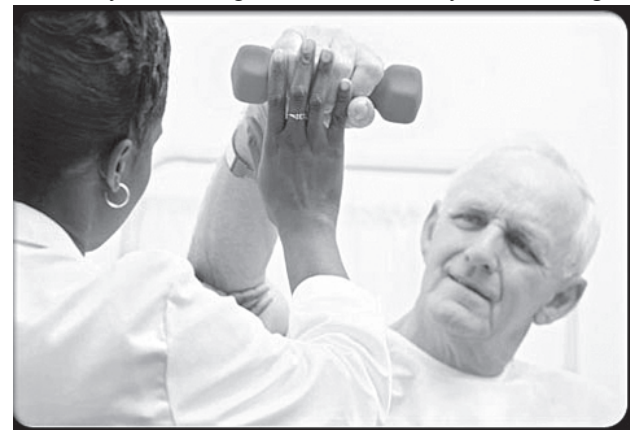
WASHINGTON, 2 Oct — People who take statins to reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease are less likely to be diagnosed

with the most common form of glaucoma, according to a US study conducted among more than 300,000 patients. A University of Michigan

School of Medicine research team, directed by Joshua Stein, found that the risk for glaucoma was reduced by eight percent in patients who took statins continuously for two years, compared with patients who did not take statins.

The study was published on Monday in the October issue of *Ophthalmology, the journal of the American Academy of Ophthalmology*. “Statins’ apparent ability to reduce glaucoma risk may be due to several factors, including improved blood flow to the optic nerve and retinal nerve cells and enhanced outflow of the aqueous fluid, which may reduce intraocular pressure,” said Stein. “While

more research is needed, we hope our results may contribute to saving the sight of thousands who are predisposed to glaucoma.” Glaucoma affects more than 2.7 million Americans aged 40 and older. If untreated, glaucoma causes vision loss or blindness by damaging the eye’s optic nerve. The optic nerve sends signals from the retina — a layer of light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye — to the brain, where these signals are interpreted as the images people see. Only about half of the people who have glaucoma know it, since symptoms are rarely noticed in the early stages and vision loss is very gradual in most cases.—Xinhua



Muscle weakness, as well as balance problems, are very common after a stroke. This can interfere with walking and other daily activities. Physical therapy is an effective way to regain strength, balance, and coordination.

Smoking, heavy drinking linked to earlier onset of pancreatic cancer: study

Health



Follow-up care after treatment for pancreatic cancer is an important part of the overall treatment plan. Patients should not hesitate to discuss follow-up with their doctor.

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct— Those who smoke and drink heavily may develop pancreatic cancer at an earlier age than those who don’t, according to a study published on Monday in the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

The study involved 811 pancreatic cancer patients from the international database Pancreatic Cancer Collaborative Registry, which gathers information on patients with pancreatic cancer and at high-risk for developing pancreatic cancer.

In the study, heavy smokers were defined as those who smoked more than a pack per day, and heavy drinking was measured at about three average drinks per day.

The researchers from University of Michigan Health System found the heavy smokers with pancreatic cancer were diagnosed around age 62 and heavy drinkers at age 61 — almost a decade earlier than the average age of 72. However, the harmful effects of heavy drinking and smoking could be reversed — after 10 years, former smokers and drinkers who quit their habits faced no extra risk of earlier diagnosis, the study said.

The researchers cautioned that the study only indicates these habits can lead to developing pancreatic cancer earlier in life, instead of proving the habits caused cancer.

Xinhua

Business Beijing’s Sept land sales second highest on record

BEIJING, 2 Oct— The Beijing municipal government netted 25.74 billion yuan (4.06 billion US dollars) in land sales in September, the highest for a month since Dec 2010, new data has revealed.

This took the city’s land sales in the first nine months of this year up to 50.85 billion yuan, Sunday’s *Beijing News* reported.

Eight plots of commercial land in Beijing were sold on Saturday for a total of 8.6 billion yuan.

Beijing has seen an increase in land deals since August along with obvious price rises, said Zhang Dawei, an analyst with

Beijing-based Zhongyuan Real Estate.

The robust momentum, as demonstrated last week, shows that developers now have a “passion” for bidding for land, and the land market

on the whole is heating up, according to analysts.

Hot land markets have also been seen in other major cities, including Hangzhou and Wenzhou, both in east Zhejiang Province.



Beijing apartments near Tsinghua Wudaokou.

The sector will continue warming and show a sharp spike in sales in the fourth quarter of the year, the *Beijing News* quoted Zhang as saying.

The country’s property market has cooled significantly since the central government started to introduce measures to cap runaway prices in 2010.

But home prices have picked up in recent months following the central bank’s move to slash interest rates to buoy the slowing economy, which grew at its lowest rate in more than three years in the second quarter of the year.

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WORLD

Obama, Netanyahu got what they hoped for at UN meeting

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Oct—US President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to get what they hoped for at the annual UN General Assembly after closing ranks to send a message to Iran that it may face war over its nuclear programme.

Obama and Netanyahu did not meet with each other at the United Nations, where leaders and foreign ministers from the world body's 193 member states have gathered since last week to give speeches and hold private talks to resolve conflicts and boost trade. But the two men left the UN meeting with more than they arrived with: Obama with an assurance that Israel would not attack Iran's nuclear sites before the 6 November US presidential election, and Netanyahu with a commitment from

Obama to do whatever it takes to prevent Iran from producing an atomic bomb.

The General Assembly, concluding on Monday, was notable for what was not accomplished. World powers failed to break deadlocks over Iran's nuclear programme, the conflicts in Syria, Mali and Congo, and the stalled Israel-Palestinian peace talks.

As in previous years, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad assailed the United States, Israel and Europe, while calling for a new world order. He made his eighth and likely final address to a UN General Assembly. The lack of substantive progress on the world's protracted conflicts led diplomats and analysts to question the relevance of the United Nations, saying it was incapable of moving decisively as it did last year



US President Barack Obama meets with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, 5 March, 2012.—REUTERS

on Libya.

"The diplomatic situation at the UN may have to get worse before it gets better," said Richard Gowan of New York University. "Perhaps we need a diplomatic debacle on the scale of Iraq — or a peacekeeping failure like Srebrenica (Bosnia)—before big states wake up and ask why the UN is stagnating."

In July 1995, UN peacekeepers in Bosnia failed to prevent the massacre

of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica.

Analysts and diplomats argue that the lack of UN backing for the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 highlighted the need for a UN seal of approval for military interventions. Widely seen as "illegal," as former UN chief Kofi Annan described it, Western powers made certain that the NATO intervention in Libya last year had the backing of the UN Security Council unlike the Iraq war.—Reuters

since a leaked video emerged two weeks ago in which Romney says 47 percent of Americans are "victims" who depend on government, do not pay federal income taxes and are unlikely to support him.

Seeking to take some of the shine off Obama's national security credentials, which include the 2011 killing of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, the Romney team is aiming to portray Obama as overseeing a period of American decline in the world.

In a *Wall Street Journal* opinion article, Romney accused Obama of being too timid in responding to the Syrian civil war, the election of an Islamist president in Egypt, the attack on the US mission in Libya, and the threat of Iran developing a nuclear weapon it could use against US ally Israel.

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Republican presidential nominee and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney (lower L) talks to senior advisors Ed Gillespie (2nd L), Peter Flaherty (C), Bob White (2nd R) and Beth Myers on his campaign plane enroute to Denver, Colorado on 1 Oct, 2012 ahead of his first debate with US President Barack Obama.—REUTERS

BURLINGTON, 2 Oct—Republican challenger Mitt Romney launched a fresh attempt on Monday to paint President Barack Obama as weak on foreign policy, saying he has let US leadership atrophy, while the two candidates prepared for Wednesday's critical first debate.

Romney's aides said the weak US economy remains his chief priority heading into the 6 November election, but the Democratic president's handling of national security is also fair game.

This line of attack could be tricky for Romney, who drew heavy criticism for a

hasty initial reaction to upheaval in Egypt and Libya last month in which the US ambassador to Libya was killed in an attack along with three other Americans.

Romney is under enormous pressure for a good performance at Wednesday night's debate in Denver. His campaign has looked shaky

Arizona attorney general to face campaign finance complaint

US

PHOENIX, 2 Oct—An Arizona county prosecutor will pursue a civil complaint against state Attorney General Tom Horne and a political associate, accusing them of violating campaign finance laws in 2010 when Horne ran for office, the prosecutor said on Monday.

Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery said the enforcement action accuses Horne, a Republican, of orchestrating the efforts of an independent committee run by ally Kathleen Winn that pumped an estimated \$500,000 into campaign advertisements against Horne's opponent. "The conduct in question is expressly prohibited by Arizona's



Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu (L) listens as Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne speaks about weapons and drugs seized from the Mexican Sinaloa cartel during "Operation Pipeline Express" at a news conference in Phoenix, Arizona on 31 Oct 2011.

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election laws, and we will work to hold those responsible accountable," Montgomery said in a statement. Horne, the state's top prosecutor and former state schools chief, denied the allegation in a statement, calling the charges "totally false."

The decision to pursue a civil action comes after an 11-month investigation by the FBI's Phoenix office. Officials said the findings were sent to Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett, who forwarded them to Montgomery for possible prosecution. Montgomery said the money spent by the supposedly independent Business Leaders of Arizona was used to buy television advertisements against Horne's Democratic opponent, Felicia Rotellini.—Reuters

Amtrak train derails in central California, 30 injured

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—Some 30 people were injured on Monday when a tractor-trailer truck crashed through a rail crossing signal and collided with an Amtrak passenger train in central California, causing the train to derail, authorities said. There were no immediate reports of fatalities or critical injuries from the accident near the city of Hanford, about 30 miles south of Fresno, Kings County Assistant Sheriff Dave Putnam said.

"It doesn't appear that there are major injuries," Putnam said, describing the injuries as mostly cuts, scrapes and broken bones. "We had a life-flight helicopter standing by, but everybody was transported to the hospital by ground units." Putnam said the truck slammed into the five-car passenger train shortly after noon, knocking three cars off the track. Authorities have not yet determined why the truck driver, who was taken to a hospital with moderate injuries, did not stop at the gate.—Reuters



First responders tend to derailed southbound Amtrak train near city of Hanford, California about 30 miles (50 km) south of Fresno, on 1 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

Flood damage in Spain amounts to 120 mln euros

Spain

MADRID, 2 Oct—The damage caused by the torrential rainfall in Spain on Friday and Saturday stood at around 120 million euros (about 155 million US dollars), the Insurance Compensation Commission said on Monday. The majority of the damage was done in the southeast of the country, affecting the communities of Andalusia, Murcia and Valencia. The rainfall of up to 200 liters per square meter, has so far claimed 10 lives, while three people are still

missing after the floodwaters swept through several small towns and washed away bridges. Insurance agents have reported around 19,500 separate incidents and have calculated damages of 62.7 million euros in the Valencia region, where around 5,000 homes, 1,200 businesses and 2,000 cars all suffered damage, 42 million in Andalusia and 15 million in Murcia.

The east of Andalusia was one of the hardest hit regions with around 3,400

homes, 200 businesses and 750 cars damaged or destroyed near the town of Almeria, where five people lost their lives on Friday and Saturday. Meanwhile in Murcia, the town of Puer to Lumberras was the worst affected with around 3,500 homes damaged by floodwaters. Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said on Saturday that he would be asking the European Union for economic aid to help recover from the effects of the floods. Speaking at a meeting

of his Popular Party in the Basque city of Vitoria, Rajoy transmitted his solidarity with the affected families for the "dramatic events," adding they would receive the "support and affection" of the government. Rajoy's words were echoed by opposition leader Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba, who said his Socialist (PSOE) Party would take "all of the parliamentary initiatives possible" to assure the affected regions received aid.—Xinhua

NATIONAL

Unity plus hard work...

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President's visit to Thailand, both sides discussed multi-sector cooperation. Signing of MoU on Dawei Special Economic Zone Development could boost cooperation between the two countries. She continued to say that she would like to praise Myanmar for its reforms, grant of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) by EU and the recognition of Myanmar by the world countries. She also expressed her thanks to Myanmar for its granting amnesty to 83 Thai prisoners. She expressed Thailand has made commitment to the successful implementation of Dawei Deep Sea Port as well as Myanmar's economic development after the MoU on Dawei Special Economic Zone Development has been signed.

After that, the President met former US Secretary of State Mr Henry Kissinger at 4 pm. Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein, U Khin Yi and Myanmar Ambassador to US U Than Swe. Mr Henry Kissinger was accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr

Derek Mitchell.

At the call, the President said that he was very happy to meet with the latter. He continued to say that the latter is a very respected person in terms of his age, experience and knowledge. The latter's attempts could bring about positive results not only for US but also for world's countries including Myanmar. He also said that he sees the latter's active participation in international affairs. Those undertakings would remain as milestones throughout the history.

Under the Myanmar government's foreign policy, Myanmar has laid down the policies to establish friendly ties with the world's countries, regardless of east and west.

It is important for Myanmar to flourish democracy, ensure peace and stability and socio-economic development. So, Myanmar's reform processes are to continue to march forward without backsliding. It needs the supports of democratic countries.

Former US Secretary of State Mr. Henry Kissinger replied that he was appreciated for meeting with him. He was hoping to have



President U Thein Sein meets Former US Secretary of State Mr. Henry Kissinger.—MNA

an opportunity for exchanging views with the President. He was very much interested in Myanmar and he had great respect for Myanmar history. He was glad to see US-Myanmar bilateral relations becoming healthy again and happy to see dialogues between the two countries. He was sure to say that Myanmar would play a pivotal role in the future of Southeast Asian countries. The reason why he had great interest in Myanmar was she was going forward on her own decision.

He said that a respected State leader was the one who

had the ability to take a bold move to introduce a reform process in his own country. It was very important to implement a peacemaking process with armed groups. He understood there would be a lot of difficulties in Myanmar reform process. It was required for everyone to join hands in this process.

In that evening, the President met with staff of Office of Myanmar Permanent Representative to United Nations, Myanmar embassy and Military Attaché Office in Washington at the Office of

Myanmar Permanent Representative to United Nations in New York.

The President said in his demolition that political reforms taking place in Myanmar encouraged friendly relations with world nations and bilateral relations with US became healthy again. Political pressure and economic sanctions over 20 years were now relaxed. Myanmar products could now be exported to the huge market of US. Due to these sanctions deterring foreign investments in Myanmar, there were less job opportunities for the people

and the poverty rate hit 26 percent. The number of citizens working abroad touched more than three million as well. Myanmar's international relations have been improved. A flurry of foreign investments would create plenty of job opportunities for the people. Thanks to higher incomes, living standards of the people covering education, health and social aspects would improve.

The country now has got great markets for its products as well as sound foundations for development and natural resources. Unity plus hard work would earn the prosperity. Educated generations must be nurtured as well.

The President presented gift to the ambassadors and the military attaché and posed for documentary photo together with staff of Myanmar permanent representative's office, embassy and military attaché office.

The President then addressed 67th UN General Assembly at UN Headquarters in New York on 27 September.

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President U Thein Sein meets staff of Office of Myanmar Permanent Representative to UN, Myanmar embassy and Military Attaché Office in Washington.



News in Brief

Trainee teachers visit ISPE (Yangon)

Special Refresher Course No. 82 for Basic Education Teachers from Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) visited Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) on 29 and 30 September.

Workshop on Capacity Building of Midwifery Tutors commences

The workshop on Series of the Workshop on Capacity Building of Midwifery Tutors for Competency Based Training on Prepregnancy, Childbirth, Postpartum and Newborn Care (PCPNC) was held at the Ministry of Health on 1 October. The workshop will last up to 5 October for the first time, from 8 to 12 October the second and from 15 to 19 October for the third.

Cash donated for International White Cane Day

YANGON, 2 Oct— In commemoration of International White Cane Day, 1st cash donation ceremony for 21st Yangon Mayor's Cup White Cane Day and 2nd work coordination meeting were took place at the conference hall (4) of City Hall here this noon.

At the ceremony, Patron of holding committee Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Soe accepted the cash donation and spoke words of thanks.

At the cash donation ceremony, altogether 29 donors provided K 6,867,500 and 2nd work coordination meeting of holding subcommittee was followed.

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Bus lines extend routes in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Shwe Myo Daw and Ahmanthit bus lines extend their routes in Nay Pyi Taw.

Bus lines will depart Bawgathiri Bus Terminal one bus per 45 minutes to Cherry Market from 5 am to 5 pm daily. Bus fare is fixed at K 400 per head for the whole route and the passengers from any bus stop along the route at K 200 per head. Buses of No 9 line will start from Bawgathiri Bus Terminal to Cherry Markey through Aharathukha Market, Pynmana Market, Zizawa Flower Roundabout, Thabyegon Market, Gems Mart, 1000-bed General Hospital, Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Bawgatheikdi Ward, Thazin Hostel 1 and 2, Bawgatheikdi Roundabout, MICC, 1000-acre roundabout, Shwekyabin Road, Danatheikdi Ward, Balatheikdi Ward, Zeyaaungmye Road, Nyanatheikdi Road, BEHS No 9, Tharaphi Market, Thukhatheikdi Ward and Wunnatheikdi Ward.—Myanma Alin

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 3 October, 2012

Morality and ICT development

Can someone explain how on earth we can measure moral, ethical, just and awareness use of ICT? Should such concepts be in the ICT development plan or the cultural development plan?

It can be assumed that the insertion of morals at such a high level was a kneejerk reaction to the torrent bad news. But perhaps the most promising thing is good ICT governance. There is so much that can be done in terms of good governance through better monitoring and transparency.

Investment requirements mean that there are not too many other players in a country's domestic market with the motivation and resources required to build ICT infrastructure in competition with the global ICT giants. The private sector is the best candidate to partner with government as it at least has some of the required resources and still not strong enough to go without help from the latter.

ICT has a unique power in boosting productivity and generate economic recovery. The use of ICT for sustainable growth and good governance is all about empowerment but it should be done in a moral manner. In that regard, we need to think ahead on this rather than risk the disappearance of our local ICT industry. Yet it remains worrying that we still lack the human capacity to create our own plan for ICT development. Only with human capacity, will the people be able to do great things and will the country, as a whole, enjoy greater prosperity.

So, it is largely incumbent upon universities of computer studies in cooperation with relevant computer associations to double their efforts for ICT development. And only then, will the ICT development in the country be possible.

Fourth regular session of first Yangon Region Hluttaw held

YANGON, 2 Oct—The fourth regular session of the first Yangon Region Hluttaw was held at its hall at 10 am today, with the attendance of Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win and 117 Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, 13 questions were answered; approval of 2013-2014 budgets; approval of Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win as a member of Myanmar Parliamentary Union and proposal on exploring of low housing complex project was discussed and taken records. The meeting concluded at 1:20 pm.

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OPINION

World Teachers' Day

We know World Teachers' Day that is officially celebrated across the world. This is because on **5 October, 1966**, the Special Intergovernmental Conference on the Status of Teachers in Paris, France, was closed and representatives of UNESCO and International Labour Organization signed the "Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers". On **5 October, 1994**, the first World Teachers' Day was held. The day is the occasion to pay the mark of respect to a profession and to give the emphasis on the essential role of teachers in providing **quality education at all levels**. It means to work together to **support for teachers** and to ensure that teachers have to meet the needs of future generations for **all round development of our students**. Teachers are to determine their collective ability to innovate, to invent, and to find solutions for tomorrow world. Therefore, in order to improve **the quality of teaching and learning**, teachers need to be supported in fulfilling their responsibilities to students.

The aim of the special World Teachers Day is to activate the support for the teachers and to ensure the requirements of the coming age group. The day offers opportunity to take the attention of the public to role of teachers' globally and their significance in society and classroom. Education International, every year launches the public alertness campaign for highlighting contributions of the teacher's in life. The themes of the World Teachers Day are different annually, focusing on the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels. Some of them are 'Professional Development to meet the needs of a changing world', 'Teachers make a difference', 'Teachers are the heart of our community', 'Teachers change your life', 'Peace. Teach it. Live it.' 'Doing it right!' and 'Teachers: Inspiring students, awakening potential!'

Professional Development to meet the needs of a changing world is essential to promote teachers' status in the interest of quality education such as **the rights and responsibilities** of teachers. And also teaching and learning condition requires multiple skills and capabilities. We would like to say a huge thank our teachers who are helping learners to achieve their potential and for the essential contribution to improve our society. In order words, we say that **teachers are the heart of our community**. We know that our teachers touch the lives of students from every lifestyle, every language, every culture and every religion every day. It also means that **teachers teach peace and live it**. Furthermore, teachers are highly respected around the world as they support their teacher colleagues. Teachers have much influence on us because we know **we were inspired by our teachers** and they made a mark on our life. They just want a chance to give something back to the community in which they live, to transmit their knowledge to young people, to make a **difference in a child's life** and teach them the skills they need in society. When knowledge is shared, skills are gained and lives can be changed and **teachers change our life**. In fact, a firm stand must be taken for teachers.

The learning achievement of girls and boys and the gap between women and men in leadership positions in school administrations, teaching positions and education systems are the key issues of **teachers for gender equality**. By improving teachers' and students' understanding of quality in education systems, a significant step must be taken towards a more balanced education system for all. **Teachers Matter** will focus on requirements for bringing experienced teachers in classrooms and providing teachers with obligatory support- **social, intellectual and financial**- for attaining purpose of the education for the all by year 2015. Therefore, to attain the objective, large number of the novel teachers will require be training and recruiting across world.

World Teachers' Day 2012 supported by the international community is an opportunity to **take a stand for teachers**. It is focused on **teachers' basic rights** as both workers and education professionals to highlight the areas such as, **teachers' salaries, education spending, teachers'**



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labour rights and teacher participation. We do hope emphasis on these areas will lead to improved **status for teachers** who are in the difficult working conditions and increase the quality of education. We have to recognize **low salaries, overcrowded classrooms, low job security, inadequate training, the working and health conditions of teachers, teacher training experiences** using information and communication technologies, cultural diversity, materials for teacher training and classroom work, and responsible prevention. Why that is the role of teachers in the education of young people and adults remains essential in every society. So, we have to give the emphasis on developing **teacher policies** for ensuring sustainable and high-quality recruitment. In fact, **a firm stand must be taken against unreasonable demands placed on teachers**.

Teachers are **the foundation of good schools, the pillars of health and democratic communities**. If we are to create a **stable and democracy society**, where people can meet and learn to live together. Learning to live side by side in harmony is one of the biggest challenges of this century. Teachers who can inspire students and awaken potential can teach peace, live it and make a difference. So teachers are also the heart of our community. Teachers are the keys to reaching the Education for All goals by 2015 and to improve the quality of teaching and learning. So, teachers are to be provided with access to **training opportunities and continued professional development**, based on appropriate qualification to meet the needs of a changing world. Now teaching is much more demanding and more complex than earlier times. So, many teachers' life-long needs to learn and seeing teaching as their own learning. With the emergence of mass education and the information society, it is essential to develop in our youth social and civic values that are essential for the creation of supportive teaching environment.

In many countries, **Teachers' Days** are intended to be special days for the appreciation of teachers, and may include celebrations to honour them for their special contributions in a particular field area, or the community in general. The date on which Teachers' day is celebrated varies from country to country. Teachers' days are distinct from World Teachers' Day which is officially celebrated across the world on 5 October.

In Myanmar, since the early days, education has been highly regarded in Myanmar. In our society, which regards teachers as one of the five gems, the Myanmar teacher is regarded to be on the same plane of reverence as Buddha, the scriptures (Dhamma), the monks and parents. The teachers are usually **role models in our society**. They are
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OPINION

Nation branding



Tin Maung Than

Recently, we saw our democratic reforms highlighted on the global mirror as international TV networks like the CNN, the CNA and Al Jazeera all airing our President's address at the 67th UN General Assembly and this news was followed by the mostly optimistic comments of Asian affairs or Myanmar affairs experts. The President's UN speech was brought to light amidst the many other issues such as the US election campaign, the Middle East, the row over South China Sea, mega natural disasters, terrorism and speeches of other world leaders that were also the global

headline news. Generally, we can have the feeling that we are on the global limelight as the world has now seen us as a country on the move towards democracy. So, it is a boost for our democratic reforms as well as a further improvement of our international image.

Accordingly, we need a stronger image of our country

internationally. Only then will the global community have deeper trust and interest in our country and will learn more about her. But it never comes automatically. We must build it. We must build our image to become stronger, and the best way will be through "nation branding". Scholars say that nation branding is a field of

theory and practice which aims to measure, build and manage the reputation of countries. Nobody doubts that countries depend on their images much as companies do.

But how, and in what ways are we going to reach the world in a more comprehensive and pragmatist approach? On the

global theater, many countries are coming up with beautiful, elegant, and brainy slogans and symbols to brand their countries according to the prevailing conditions, and some of the well-liked slogans are: "Sri Lanka: The Pearl of the Indian Ocean", "Incredible India," "Dynamic Korea", "Amazing Thailand," "Malaysia: Truly Asia," "Dubai: The Jewel in the Desert," and "Uniquely Singapore".

We are a country transforming ourselves from isolation to all-inclusiveness and authoritarianism to democracy, and now all eyes are on us as our transition is making much more progress than expected. We are an Asian country, and the global economic power is shifting towards our continent of over four billion people. So, we are "The New Asian Frontier" or "The Gem of the Rising Asia." These are just the examples, and our people may find smarter and more appropriate and attractive brands for the motherland. We can even name our brand ambassador or icon to represent all of us in our nation branding campaign all over the world. Our nation branding must focus on our Union as a whole – its ethnic diversity, uniqueness, economy, heritage and culture, products and exports, investment, climate, tourism, and geography. What's more, the campaign must address people both at home

and abroad.

In fact, nation branding is not just for tourism or other businesses or commercial purposes. It has broader meaning concerning the national identity and symbol. With an impressive national image, attracting technology, technicians, tourists, and investors, promoting exports, and winning the support of other governments and international public opinion is relatively easy and within reach. But with a negative or weak image, everything is a struggle. That's what we were facing in the past. But now, we are entering a new age, in which we will enhance our global image, not only through state media outlets, but also with the help of foreign go-betweens that may have accessible to internationally recognized media giants. We can also hire other firms that can help us conduct sophisticated branding campaigns aimed at encouraging private-sector competitiveness, inviting more foreign direct investment, facilitating trade, or even securing geopolitical influence.

But we must also take into account other roundabout 200 countries in the world, all in their aggressive nation branding campaigns for diplomatic, economic and other important gains!

World Teachers' Day

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traditionally regarded as **community leaders** in rural as well as urban communities.

Because of this role in the community, they are also regarded key players in any social mobilization effort at the community level or national. Therefore, force teachers have great potential to act as agents of change. To create a modern developed nation through education; teachers **are important players** who are with a strong sense of public service.

In crucial role, education plays in Myanmar to attain sustainable development and in preparing Myanmar society to be able to face the challenges of the Knowledge Age as a learning society. Education and society has each other's resource, under the lifelong learning system. The system covers even teachers, who are not only **part of the society** but are **also responsible for nurturing new generation** which are the strength of a nation. Since today's education is in the process of being transformed a lifelong learning system, this change is meant to relate to the demands of the present and future, which require qualification of a **highly educated, highly skilled and highly creative** in today's education sector, reflecting the need to possess the ability to interact with the demand of times. The person who will have to exist in the community with these qualifications and new ideas is the teacher. In such a circumstance, the society and the teachers are required to keep on learning to further upgrade their qualifications.

Education is now a vital role in the realization of **sustainable human resource development** programs of

any nation. In this age of technological change, the utilization of information and communication technology is a prerequisite for development in all fields, particularly education and for the new generation binding the past, present and the future as link. We, all teachers, must be **life long learners** in our society, facilitating our students in the interactive teaching—learning. **Celebrating World Teachers' Day in Myanmar** not only acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an multicultural and technological society but also functions to recognize the contributions that teachers make to their communities **in Myanmar**, our nation.

In conclusion, to improve the quality of learning for all, teachers are to be provided with access to training opportunities and continued professional development based appropriate qualifications and requires environment. Therefore, teachers need supporting in fulfilling their **responsibilities** to students for the creation of supportive teaching environments; adequate teaching and safeguards for the rights of teachers, and leaders should listen to their voices. In turn, teachers must be **accountable to their students and communities**. Really, World Teachers Day is the special occasion not only for **celebrating vital responsibilities of the teachers** but also for **accountabilities in offering the importance education at all stages** because nothing will ever replace a good teacher and nothing is more important than supporting them. So, let us show our appreciation of teachers by celebrating World Teachers' Day 2012 and take a stand for teachers, thinking of a teacher who has changed our life and hoping we have a wonderful World Teachers' Day.

Indian FM calls for "zero tolerance" toward terrorism

India

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Oct—Indian Foreign Minister SM Krishna on Monday described terrorism as "the most potent threats to international peace and security" and called for "zero tolerance" toward terrorism in waging global anti-terror war. "Terrorism remains one of the most potent threats to international peace and security," the foreign minister made the statement at the General Debate of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly, which is scheduled to conclude later on Monday.

"Threats emanating from terrorism, maritime piracy, drug trafficking and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction continue to multiply," he said. "These challenges demand that we act to work for solutions in a concerted and coordinated manner. This is the only path to success."

"The international community must adopt a 'zero tolerance' approach towards terrorism and focus on efforts to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism including its invidious network of epicentres, training facilities and financing," the minister said.

"It is high time we demonstrated the necessary political will and agreed on a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism to strengthen the normative framework against the increasingly sophisticated and globalized terrorist challenge," he said. The minister said, "India continues to be gravely concerned by the menace of piracy and armed robbery at sea." "Apart from major economic and commercial consequences of this scourge, it has serious humanitarian implications for the large number of seafarers held hostage by the pirates," the minister said. "The need of the hour is once again concerted international action, under the UN auspices, with special attention being paid to address the welfare of seafarers and their families."—Xinhua

WORLD

Russian PM, Facebook founder discuss new technologies

Russia

Moscow, 2 Oct—Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev met visiting Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg on Monday and the two talked about new technologies, officials said.

“Medvedev and Zuckerberg discussed possible coming of Facebook to Russia not as a social network only, but as a company to work with the most advanced products,” Medvedev’s spokeswoman Natalia Timakova told reporters after the talks.

The two also discussed the future development of Russia’s hi-tech cluster

Skolkovo, dubbed as the Russian Silicon Valley, Timakova said, adding that both believed Skolkovo could become a “mutually interesting project.”

Skolkovo, advocated by Medvedev, was aimed at boosting the cutting-edge technology start-ups in the country.

According to a Press release from the government, Medvedev also exchanged views with Zuckerberg on the copyright infringement issues.

The prime minister urged a balance between traditional forms of copyright protection and new forms

existing on the internet.

Zuckerberg said he planned to meet with Russia’s software developers to encourage them to create new applications for his social network.

“We are building a global platform and we need various applications,” Zuckerberg said, adding that Russian software developers were among the world’s best.

He also gave the prime minister a T-shirt with Medvedev’s web address imprinted. In Russia, there are about 6.7 million Facebook users, including Medvedev.—Xinhua



A couple take wedding photos in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province, on 30 Sept, 2012. Many couples came to Sanya to take wedding photos at mid-autumn festival.—XINHUA

Egypt

Egypt talks on \$4.8 billion deal with IMF delayed

CAIRO, 2 Oct—Egypt’s negotiations for a \$4.8 billion loan from the IMF have been delayed to give the government more time to draw up its economic reform programme, the two sides said on Monday.

Egypt was due to receive a team from the International Monetary Fund at the end of September to discuss the terms of the loan.

It urgently needs financial support to prop up state coffers weakened by economic turmoil since the popular uprising last year that ousted President Hosni Mubarak.

“The authorities are working on their economic programme and have



An employee counts money in a bank in Cairo, on 27 August, 2012.—REUTERS

indicated that they need some additional time to advance their preparations and be ready to receive a mission,” IMF spokeswoman Wafa Amr said in emailed statement on Monday.

“We are ready to send a technical team to Cairo to

discuss possible financial support for a homegrown programme as soon as this process is completed.”

Al-Borsa financial daily quoted Egyptian Finance Minister Mumtaz al-Said on Monday as saying the government needed to complete the economic programme before the loan talks to demonstrate to the IMF that it is serious.

The programme’s two main axes are a restructuring of subsidies and taxes, he said.

The government is working diligently on studies of these and the reform programme should be finished soon, Saeed added. Optimism that a new, Islamist-led administration was moving fast to secure

the long-delayed loan and avoid a fiscal crunch has sent the country’s stock market soaring in recent months, and yields on government debt have tumbled.

Economists and stock market traders said they were concerned the postponement meant Egypt’s fiscal crisis could drag on for months. The benchmark share index tumbled 3 percent on Monday partly on news of the delayed visit.

“I think delaying it creates more uncertainty, and uncertainty is bad,” said David Cowan, an economist with Citi.

The IMF is demanding Egypt put a programme in place that will narrow a budget deficit that has mushroomed to 11 percent of gross domestic product since the uprising ousted Mubarak in February 2011.

President Mohamed Mursi’s government says it wants to limit energy subsidies, which eat up about a quarter of all state spending, by targeting them more towards those who need them most.

Reuters

South Africa to develop new high-resolution satellite

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JOHANNESBURG, 2 Oct—South Africa will develop a new high-resolution satellite to serve the economic growth, local media reported on Monday. South African Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor said this when addressing the parliament on the issue of the space development, the South African Broadcasting Company reported.

As part of the government drive to promote the economic development, South Africa is seeking to develop the new earth observation satellite in four and a half years, costing approximately 450 million rands (about 54 million US dollars), said the minister. The new satellite would be sent into low earth orbit to provide high-resolution images for climate change and disaster management programmes, which would be crucial to the economic growth like industry, agriculture and fishery.

The project will coincide with the country’s social development strategy, which strives to apply satellite technology to help improve people’s livelihood and reduce the damages caused by natural disasters in the country and the region. The minister said the new satellite plan is part of the African Resource and Environmental Management Satellite (ARM) project, which is a constellation consisting of three or more satellites to observe the natural resources and monitor the climate change over the African continent.

The agreement of forming the African satellite constellation ARM was reached between South Africa and other African countries of Nigeria, Algeria and Kenya in 2009.—Xinhua

At least 31 people killed in weekend road accidents in

Zimbabwe

HARARE, 2 Oct—At least 31 people were killed, while several others were injured in road accidents that occurred in the past weekend countrywide in Zimbabwe, one of the bloodiest weekends on record. According to Monday’s *The Herald*, Zimbabwe recorded 13 fatal accidents between Friday and Sunday. On Friday, 15 people died when a commuter omnibus collided head-on with a haulage truck in Rusape along the Harare-Mutare highway.

The figure rose to 21 on Saturday after a bus smashed into a rock, leaving six more people dead along the Matange-Mkwazine Road in Masvingo. At least 26 people were injured in the same accident.

Another person died on Sunday in an accident at Shangani along the Harare-Bulawayo Road. Nine others were killed in separate road accidents in the last three days in several provinces. National traffic police spokesperson Inspector Tigere Chigome confirmed the accidents, saying they were mostly attributed to speeding, faulty vehicles and substandard tyres. “This weekend we have recorded 13 fatal accidents in which 31 people were killed countrywide,” he said. “Several people were injured as a result of the accidents. We suspect that most drivers are speeding.—Xinhua

Fire kills four at Ukrainian home

Ukraine

KIEV, 2 Oct—Four people died early on Monday in a fire that destroyed a private home in eastern Ukraine, officials said.

Emergency Situations Ministry said the fire broke out at around 1:25 am local time (1125 GMT Sunday) and razed the home to the ground in Zmiiv town in Kharkov region. The fire was put out more than two hours later. The dead were probably killed by carbon monoxide poisoning. Initial probe indicates that the fire could be caused by smoking in bed. A further investigation is underway.—Xinhua



People look at a giant mooncake in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 30 Sept, 2012. A mooncake with a diameter of 3.88 meters and a thickness of 0.08 metres was displayed at a square in Hangzhou on Sunday, the Mid-Autumn Day. The mooncake will be distributed to people at long-distance coach stations, welfare houses, etc. XINHUA

REGIONAL

Undersea 6.2 magnitude quake strikes off northeast Japan

SYDNEY, 2 Oct—A 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck off the northeastern coast of Japan on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey reported.

The quake was centred 96 km (60 miles) east-northeast off Miyako at a depth of 9.7 km (6.0 miles). There was no immediate tsunami warning issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre. —Reuters

Search for missing plane with six on board resumes in Australia's Queensland

BRISBANE, (Australia), 2 Oct—A full scale aerial search for a missing vintage plane with six people on board in southeast Queensland resumed on Tuesday morning, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) said.

"Weather conditions in the area have not been favorable but a forecast

indicates they are likely to improve throughout the day," AMSA said in a statement on Tuesday.

The 1930s De Havilland red biplane left the town of Monto in Queensland on Monday morning en route for Caboolture, northwest of Brisbane.

The pilot contacted air traffic services in Brisbane,

New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 1 Oct — The owners of a ship which smashed into a reef off a popular New Zealand holiday spot causing the country's worst environmental disaster in decades have reached a multi-million dollar settlement with

seeking assistance before activating an emergency beacon at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Monday.

AMSA said the beacon was no longer detected and the authority had been unable to establish contact with the plane.

Searches failed to locate the plane on Monday, AMSA said.—Xinhua

Wrecked ship's owners settle New Zealand claims

authorities, the government said on Tuesday.

Daina Shipping, a unit of Greece's Costamare Inc, will contribute NZ\$27.6 million (\$22.8 million) to the government's costs over the grounding of the company's 47,230-tonne Liberian-flagged Rena on a reef a year ago.

"We now have agreements that avoid costly and time-consuming court action with no guarantee of the outcome," said Transport Minister Gerry Brownlee.

New Zealand authorities have spent about NZ\$47 million in the clean up, but the ship's owners were only immediately liable to pay NZ\$11.3 million under existing legislation.

The 236-metre (775-foot) vessel struck a reef about 20 km (12 miles) off Tauranga, New Zealand's biggest export port, in October last year, spewing around 300 metric tons of toxic fuel oil into the ocean, killing thousands of sea birds and fouling beaches up to 100 km (60 miles) from the reef.

The ship's captain and navigation officer, both

Filipino nationals, were jailed for seven months in May for operating the ship in a

permission to leave part of the wreck in place.

"This settlement is a



The bow section of the stricken container ship Rena remains above water about 14 nautical miles (22 km) from Tauranga on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island, in this 4 April, 2012 handout picture.

REUTERS

dangerous manner, releasing toxic substances, and altering the ship's documents.

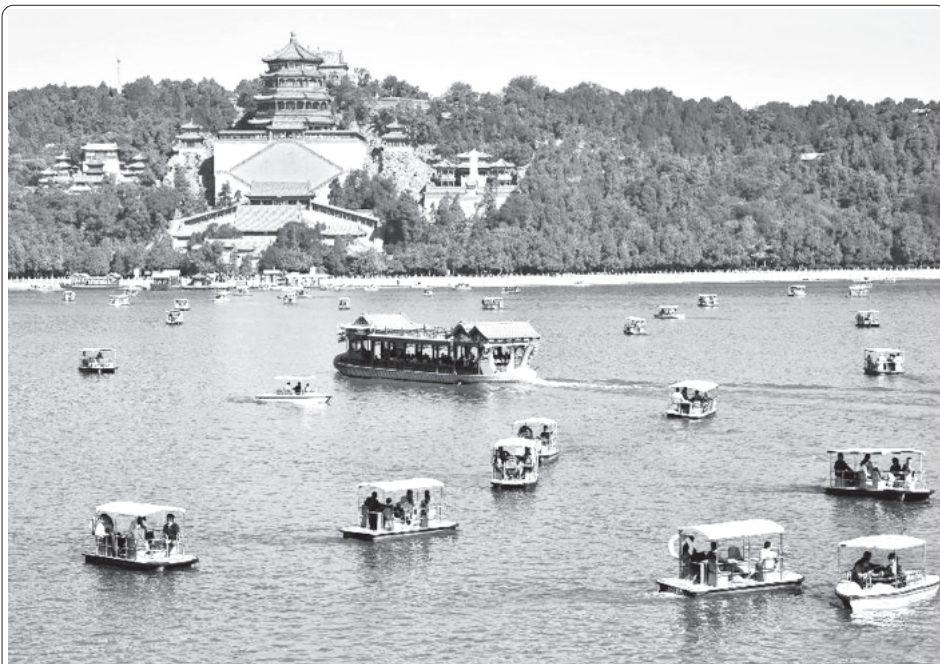
The pair admitted to taking short cuts to ensure the ship did not arrive late at Tauranga. The ship has broken in half. The rear section has fallen off the reef and salvage operators have been cutting up the bow section, which is still aground.

Under the agreement, the Rena's owners will pay another NZ\$10.4 million if they apply for and are granted

vital step forward in our progressive resolution of all the issues," said Daina Shipping spokesman Konstantinos Zacharatos in a statement.

The settlement does not affect court charges laid against the ship's owners for the discharge of harmful substances, which carries a maximum fine of NZ\$600,000 (\$451,000), and an additional fine of NZ\$10,000 for each day the offending continues.

Reuters



Tourist boats dot the Kunming Lake in the Summer Palace on National Day in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Oct, 2012. Beijing's 24 major scenic spots have seen 804,000 travels on Monday, a surge of 80 percent as compared to 447,000 travels on 30 Sept. Chinese cities are expected to receive a tourism peak during the "Golden Week" holiday bridging Mid-Autumn Festival and the National Day holiday from 30 Sept to 7 Oct. —XINHUA

Singapore to gradually consolidate container port operations at one place

Singapore

SINGAPORE, 2 Oct — Singapore will work towards consolidating all its container port activities at Tuas in the west of the island state over the long term, Transport Minister Lui Tuck Yew said on Monday.

The approach, recommended by the Economic Strategies Committee, will free up prime land that are currently occupied by the city terminals at Tanjong Pagar, Keppel and Pulau Brani, he said.

The first set of berths at the new Tuas Port is expected to be operational in about 10 years' time. The port leases for the terminals at Tanjong Pagar, Keppel and Pulau Brani will expire

in 2027.

"Tuas provides a suitable location because of its sheltered deep waters and proximity to both our major industrial areas and international shipping routes," Lui said, adding that Singapore is planning for Tuas Port to be able to handle up to 65 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) per annum.

Consolidation of port activities at Tuas will also improve capacity to meet longer term demands, achieve greater efficiency and economies of scale. It will reduce the need for containers to be moved by trucks between terminals.

There are currently five

container terminals, namely Brani, Keppel, Tanjong Pagar, Pasir Panjang Terminal 1 and Pasir Panjang Terminal 2.

Xinhua

Typhoon "Jelawat" scudding out of Japan Japan

TOKYO, 2 Oct — A subdued tropical storm was speeding out of Japan on Monday after bringing gusty winds to Tokyo and injuring dozens of people, causing blackouts and paralyzing traffic to the south and west of the capital.

The Japan Meteorological Agency had warned Tokyo residents to stay indoors while "Jelawat" — the 17th typhoon this year — passed on Sunday night. The storm once packed winds of up to 126 km an hour but weakened to 108 km per hour on Monday morning.

The typhoon has left 145 people injured in southern and western Japan, about half of whom sustained injuries in the southern Okinawa Prefecture, public broadcaster NHK said. Tens of thousands of homes were without electricity. Kyodo news agency earlier reported one fatality, a man who was swept away by sea water while fishing in Okinawa.—Xinhua

Another bird hits Nepali plane Nepal

KATHMANDU, 2 Oct— Right on the heels of Friday's aviation tragedy due to a bird-strike, another Nepali domestic plane made emergency landing after being hit by a bird at Pokhara Airport on Monday, local media reported.

According to the reports, a Kathmandu-bound

Yeti Airlines 9N1 aircraft force landed minutes after its take off from Pokhara Airport at 3:39 p.m. local time.

However, the pilot managed to ground the plane safely escaping possible untoward casualties. It has been reported that all 26 passengers on board and three crew members were

safe. Officials at the airport commented that "a bird might have hit the plane as visible blood stains were discovered on the aircraft body." The incident occurred just three days after a devastating crash of Sita Air-owned aircraft in Bhaktapur that had left all 19 aboard, including crew members, dead.—Xinhua



The first conductor of China's National Symphony Orchestra Michel Plasson (front L) from France and Chinese pianist Wu Muye (front R) greet the audience during a symphonic concert held by China's National Symphony Orchestra in Paris, capital of France, on 1 Oct 2012.

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US American Airlines

temporarily grounds eight planes after loose seats

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—American Airlines said on Monday it has temporarily grounded eight planes to evaluate them after seats became loose on two flights in the last few days — incidents which have also prompted safety regulators to look into the matter. The airline, whose parent AMR Corp filed for bankruptcy protection in November, is reinspecting eight Boeing Co 757 planes after a row of seats came loose during a Saturday flight and the same thing happened again on a different plane on Monday.

The US Federal Aviation Administration is also looking into the incidents, according to a FAA statement forwarded by American Airlines. FAA representatives were not available for comment after hours. Company spokeswoman Mary Frances Fagan said in an emailed statement that an initial internal investigation "indicated that there could be a possible issue with a certain model of seats and how they fit into the tracking used to secure the seats". The seats were installed by American Airlines maintenance and maintenance contractors and the issue does not seem to be tied to any one maintenance facility or group, the company said.

A *Wall Street Journal* story on Monday said the FAA is looking into why a dozen or more rows of seats on one of the planes were not properly secured, adding that the planes being evaluated had recently undergone maintenance.

The airline, which began implementing cost cuts for its pilots last month, has had to cancel hundreds of flights recently due to an increase in pilot-initiated maintenance requests and sick leave usage. American Airlines said on 27 September that it warned its pilots union it would take legal action if the union fails to ensure the airline operates smoothly.—Reuters

Canadian cities to get federal funding boost for foreign investment **Canada**

OTTAWA, 2 Oct—The Canadian government will provide 3 million Canadian dollars (3.05 million US dollars) in funding to 86 communities and local organizations across the country to help them attract, retain and expand foreign direct investment, Canada's International Trade Minister Ed Fast announced here on Monday.

The money is part of the Invest Canada-Community Initiatives (ICCI) programme, which is one of three components of the Canadian government's Global Commerce Support Programme established in late 2008, and represents the "most ambitious trade-expansion plan in Canada's history," Fast said at a news briefing. The success of the plan "requires collaboration among all levels of government because the competition is fierce in today's global economy," Fast added.

Canada has the lowest overall tax rate on new business investment among G7 countries and "the world's soundest banking system" over the past five years, said the minister, citing World Economic Forum data.

According to Fast, who also serves as Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, the Canadian government is creating conditions needed to attract global investors that create jobs and new sources of economic growth.

"We want Canada's rock solid economic fundamentals and investment advantages to be music to the ears of global investors," said the minister. "When it comes to selling Canada, we need as many voices out there as we can."

Over the past four years, the ICCI programme has supported more than 860 projects that have received over 27 million dollars in funding from the federal government.

Bruce Lazenby, president and CEO of Invest Ottawa, an ICCI recipient organization promoting Canada's capital city on the global stage, said that international competition to attract major corporations to locate in cities is "fierce," and that Canada "has to compete on that basis." This past spring, representatives from eight major Canadian cities including Ottawa embarked on their first major foreign direct investment mission to China, organized by the newly-formed Consider Canada City Alliance Inc. Fast also reiterated the Canadian government's commitment to deepening trade and investment relationship with China.—Xinhua

Veterans agency shaken over wasted expenses, official resigns **US**

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct—The Department of Veterans Affairs acknowledged "serious lapses in oversight" on Monday and a senior official resigned as an investigation detailed funds wasted on elaborate conferences and said employees got gifts like massages and helicopter rides.

The revelations came just months after a scandal and shake-up at another US federal agency, the General Services Administration, also over a lavish conference, and renewed questions about lax supervision of taxpayer dollars in a presidential election year. Lawmakers seized on the findings by the VA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) as proof of poor stewardship of dollars destined for the country's veterans.

"Funding allocated for these conferences was drawn from VA medical accounts, which could have been used toward providing hundreds of veterans with VA healthcare," said Representative Jeff Miller, chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The highest ranking official felled was John Sepulveda, the VA's Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and



A pileup of claims at the Department of Veterans Affairs facility in Roanoke, Virginia, is shown in this undated handout photo.—REUTERS

Administration, who was accused of making false statements to investigators. VA Secretary Eric Shinseki accepted his resignation and two employees were placed on administrative leave, pending review, the agency said. "Misuse of taxpayer dollars is completely unacceptable," the VA said in a statement. The VA's OIG released a 142-page report portraying a sweeping lack of oversight and confused accounting for expenses, which it said topped \$6 million for two training conferences in Orlando, Florida last year. It calculated that \$762,000 of that total was either "unauthorized, unnecessary and/or wasteful expenses."—Reuters

Tunisia

Tunisian tourism eyes Turkish market

TUNIS, 2 Oct—Tunisia will soon open a tourism office in Turkey, the official TAP press agency reported on Monday.

TAP quoted Tunisian Tourism Minister Elyes Fakhfakh as saying that the new travel office aims at tapping the rich potential of the Turkish tourist market.

In 2011 only, 10,000 Turkish tourists visited Tunisia, the minister said when attending the annual meeting of the Tunisian Federation of Travel Agents in Istanbul.

On his part, Ozgur Ozoslan, Turkey's secretary of state in charge of tourism, said the new Tunisian travel office will also enable the two countries to launch a joint promotional campaign in China as part of a cooperation project between the two countries.—Xinhua

Growth, employment should be EU priorities: Austria **Austria**

VIENNA, 2 Oct—As a net contributor to the European Union (EU), Austria should not pay more into the system but aim to change EU spending priorities, Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Michael Spindelegger said on Monday.

Spindelegger made his comments at a Press conference in Vienna where he was joined by President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber Christoph Leitl.

Both wanted more support for small and medium enterprises, environmental technology, and e-government. "We need to put

in place initiatives for growth," said Spindelegger.

By December, the EU will determine its budget outline until 2020, with plans to increase its budget by 3 percent a year over the next few years, Spindelegger said, but added that Austria wanted to freeze its contribution at its 2013 rate.

"Those are the two opposing positions between net contributors and the proposal by the European Commission," he said.

"It is not about spending new money, but about existing money, and how it can be put to better use."

Leitl stressed the importance of growth impulse measures, citing the example of Greece where austerity measures had been implemented but not enough emphasis had been put on growth, leaving the country in continued difficulty.

He also urged measures to curb youth unemployment which he said had increased from 15 percent to 23 percent over the past three years, through measures such as a dual education system in which an apprenticeship is combined with a vocational education.—Xinhua

Peru signs cooperation accords with GCC, Bolivia **Peru**

LIMA, 2 Oct—Peru signed here on Monday cooperation accords with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Bolivia within the framework of the third summit of the South American-Arab Countries (ASPA). A news release from the Peruvian Foreign Ministry said the accords are on cooperation in economy, trade, technology and investment, among others.

Underscoring the importance of its agreement with the GCC, the Peruvian Foreign Ministry said the GCC had only previously signed a similar agreement with the South American Market (Mercosur), the region's largest trade bloc.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Kenny Rogers opens up about childhood, career in memoir

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—Country music star Kenny Rogers offers a revealing look into his life and five-decade-long musical career in “Luck or Something Like It,” his memoir that will be released on Tuesday.

From his humble beginnings in Depression-era Texas, the Grammy-winning singer paints a portrait of his road to success and how he became one of the world’s best-selling musicians with more than 120 million albums sold worldwide.

Rogers, 74, whose hits include “Lady,” “The Gambler,” “We’ve Got Tonight” and “Lucille,” spoke to *Reuters* about his childhood, his father’s alcoholism and why he compares music to a mistress.

Q: In what ways do you think your challenging upbringing has helped shaped you?

A: “I think it made me more determined. One of the

things I talk about in the book is the fine line between being driven and being selfish. I think there were times in my life I was so driven I became very selfish, and I’m not proud of that. I think it’s a realization I came to when I was writing this book.”

Q: You also share your father’s struggles with alcoholism and its effect on you.

A: “I think that one of the real tragedies in my life is that I never really got to know why my dad drank. He was an alcoholic, but during that time, post-War World Two, a lot of people were unemployed and ended up drinking. He couldn’t really support his family and I think it just broke him down. It breaks my heart that I didn’t know that before he passed away.”

“I never drank in my life. I saw it destroy him and saw it destroy other people I work with, so I made a conscious decision about this. Plus I

didn’t know if there was any predetermination for me as the son of an alcoholic to become addicted, so I just never tried it.”

Q: What do you think your father, Floyd Rogers, would have thought about your book?

A: “I think he would appreciate the honesty, the candor and the fact that I don’t take myself that seriously. But I don’t think there is anything in that book that he would be offended by because it’s the truth as I saw it, and that’s really all you can do.”

Q: How about your mom, your siblings?

A: “I don’t think any of my brothers or sisters have read the book yet since it just came out. I’m going to make them buy it. I have to sell all the books I can.”

“I think my mom would have loved it. When I was working on this project, I was told if they like the boy, they’ll love the man. So we spent a



Country singer Kenny Rogers and his wife Wanda.

lot of time talking about my childhood, how we didn’t have a lot of money and how my mom kind of force-fed us religion. She was a true believer with lots of wisdom. When I once complained about going to church, she told me, ‘You can never be more as an adult than what’s put into you as a child.’ She was amazingly astute for a person with a third grade education.”

Q: You have said: “Music, at least for me, is like a mistress, and she’s a difficult mistress for a wife to compete

with.” Can you elaborate?

A: “When I became driven and selfish I was so intent to follow my life that it cost me. I was gone so much from some of my marriages that there was a disconnect.”

“And this may seem like an absurd statement, but every woman I married, I really loved when I married her. And I don’t blame them for the marriage falling apart. I blame myself and my chosen field of music. That’s why I say that music is a mistress, because you can’t wait to get out there to it, and usually the mistress

wins in a situation like that. That’s kind of what happened to me. Hey, you can’t say I’m afraid of commitment. I’ve been married five times.”

Q: So is five times (married) the charm?

A: “Wanda and I have been together now for 20 years, been married 15 years. She’s 28 years younger than me, and I say this from the bottom of my heart - she is my soul mate. She knows me better than anyone else has known me. She loves what I do and I’m not as insensitive to her needs as I may have been in the past.”

Q: So who is the Lucille of your famous song?

A: “My mom, whose name is Lucille, got very upset because she thought (the song) was about her. So I told her it’s not about her, because she had eight kids. But she was so angry because she thought I was putting her business on the street. Roger Bowling wrote the song, and whether he knew Lucille or not is hard to tell. It’s a great story song, though.”

Reuters



South Korean singer Psy dances after a news conference at a hotel in Seoul on 25 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

LONDON, 2 Oct—South Korean singer Psy jumped to the top of the British pop charts on Sunday with the quirky dance track “Gangnam Style”, an Internet phenomenon that has

George Michael cancels Australia tour, cites anxiety

LONDON, 2 Oct—British singer George Michael has canceled his tour of Australia due to “major anxiety” brought on by his recent battle with severe pneumonia, he announced on his website.

The former Wham! frontman said that he would complete his Symphonica Tour dates in Britain in October before seeking treatment. He had been due to open in Australia in Perth on 10 November before performing in Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Hunter Valley on 1 December.

“I have ... announced the cancellation of the shows in Australia which breaks my heart,” Michael said in a statement. The 49-year-old “Careless Whisper” and “Faith” singer fell ill in Vienna last November and was treated under intensive care for a month for a life-threatening illness.

He was forced to postpone his tour but resumed it some 10 months later. “Since last year’s illness I have tried in vain to work my way through the trauma that the doctors who saved my life warned me I would experience,” Michael said.

“They recommended complete rest ... but I’m afraid I believed (wrongly) that making music and getting out there to perform for the audiences that bring me such joy would be therapy enough in itself.”

He said his return to the stage had brought him “great happiness” and that some of his recent performances were his best to date, but concluded: “I was wrong to think I could work my way through the major anxiety that has plagued me since

Korean singer Psy tops UK charts with Internet hit

clocked up more than 300 million views on YouTube.

The 34-year-old became the first Korean artist to top the weekly UK chart, helped by the success of a video shot in locations around Gangnam, an upmarket neighbourhood in the South Korean capital, Seoul.

Psy, whose real name is Park Jai-sang, spawned hundreds of online imitators with his unusual dance move, where he pretends to ride an invisible horse. It topped the US digital songs chart earlier this week.

Last week’s UK number one, Irish band The Script, slipped to second place with “Hall of Fame”. Third place went to US rapper Flo Rida’s “I Cry”. There was a new entry at the top of the album chart for English folk rock band Mumford & Sons and “Babel”.

Reuters



British singer George Michael.

I left Austria last December.

“All that’s left for me to do is apologize to my wonderful Australian fan base and to promise faithfully that as soon as I completed these shows here in the UK, I will receive the treatment which is so long overdue.”

Tickets to his Australian concerts will be refunded.

Michael has sold an estimated 100 million records over his career, but he has hit headlines in recent years for his personal life more often than for his music.

In 1998 he was arrested in California for “engaging in a lewd act” in a public toilet and has had a string of run-ins with British police for possession of narcotics. He also served a term in jail for driving under the influence of cannabis.—Reuters

Adele lends sultry voice to Bond theme for “Skyfall”

LONDON, 2 Oct—Grammy-winning British singer Adele is adding Bond girl to her superstar resume by signing on to write and sing the theme of the latest James Bond film “Skyfall”—her first song to be released since her best-selling heartbreak album “21”—Columbia Records said in a statement on Monday.

Adele, 24, who swept the Grammy Awards earlier this year with accolades in six categories, will release the song on Friday on her official website, to coincide with the Bond film franchise’s 50th anniversary and Global James Bond Day.

The sultry singer wrote “Skyfall” with long-time collaborator Paul Epworth. She recorded it at London’s Abbey Road Studios with a 77-piece orchestra. Adele said in a statement that she was persuaded to do the song after she “fell in love with the script.”

“I was a little hesitant at first to be involved with the theme song for ‘Skyfall.’ There’s a lot of instant spotlight and pressure when it comes to a Bond song,” the singer said.

“When we recorded the strings, it was one of the proudest moments of my life. I’ll be backcombing my hair when I’m 60, telling people I was a Bond girl back in the day, I’m sure.”



Adele.

The James Bond title songs have become a signature of the films, featuring suave British agent 007 holding a gun in a pose that has become iconic.

Singers who have performed the title songs over the past five decades include Shirley Bassey in 1971’s “Diamonds Are Forever” and 1979’s “Moonraker,” Paul McCartney on 1973’s “Live and Let Die,” and more recently, Madonna on 2002’s “Die Another Day.” Jack White and Alicia Keys performed “Another Way To Die” from 2008’s “Quantum of Solace.”

“Skyfall,” the 23rd film in the Bond franchise and the third film with actor Daniel Craig in the lead role, will see the womanizing rogue superspy take on another mission to save the world. The film will be released in Britain and most European nations on October 26. It arrives in U.S. movie theaters on 9 November.

Reuters

SPORTS

Real gunning for Ajax with Barca on their mind **Soccer**

MADRID, 2 Oct— Cristiano Ronaldo is smiling again, Real Madrid are back scoring goals and the side's stuttering start to the season looks to be behind them as they return to Champions League football action away to Ajax on Wednesday.

Jose Mourinho's side turned the corner in their opening Group D match at home to Manchester City two weeks ago when Ronaldo completed a thrilling comeback for a 3-2 win at the Bernabeu which lifted their early-season blues.

The Portugal international's comments that he was 'sad' at the beginning of last month coincided with a poor run of form and two league defeats, the same number they suffered during the whole of last season's championship-winning campaign.

The City comeback, however, has helped to dispel the doubts.

Real followed it up with a 2-0 win at Rayo Vallecano

and thrashed Deportivo Coruna 5-1 at home on Sunday when Ronaldo netted a hat-trick to make it five goals from his last three outings.

"We have achieved three consecutive victories and this is the way forward," Real defender Sergio Ramos told reporters after the win over Deportivo.

"Now we need to enjoy this and think about Ajax and the Champions League. We are very keen to win this title."

Real have reached the Champions League semi-finals for the last two years and the club feel a tenth European title is within their grasp.

However, Ramos also indicated that the side had one eye firmly on next Sunday's 'clasico' at the home of league leaders Barcelona, whom they trail by eight points.

"There are a large number of points between us (and Barca) and the 'clasico' will be a chance to...cut the difference," the Spain



Crigtono Ronaldo(L), Mourinho(c).

international said.

"Ronaldo is in tremendous form. I hope it lasts and that we'll see him this way in our next league game."

ERIKSEN POTENTIAL

Ajax are looking to young playmaker Christian Eriksen to help them improve on a four-match losing streak from the last two seasons against Madrid, when they failed to score a single goal while conceding 12.

"In matches like this, big players stand up and Eriksen has the potential to become such a player," Ajax coach Frank de Boer told reporters.

"That's why I criticise him, just to challenge him. I know he is only 20 years old but still his team mates need his support. If it gets difficult he has to stand up and guide his team through it.

"Barcelona are the ultimate example. They keep passing and dominating as a team until they get the ball to (Lionel) Messi, who can do something with the ball no-one else can."

Without injured Serbian winger Miralem Sulejmani, De Boer is likely to start with the same team that lost their opener 1-0 at Borussia Dortmund.

Reuters

Platini says national FAs will decide on multi-country Euro 2020 **Soccer**

ST PETERSBURG, 2 Oct— UEFA will only press ahead with the idea of staging Euro 2020 across the continent if member associations are in favour of the plan, president Michel Platini said on Monday.

The Frenchman said European soccer's governing body was waiting for feedback on its proposal, first announced at the end of Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine, which he added would be a one-off.

"If the idea is appealing to them we will enter into details to see how we can organise a Euro in several European cities but only in 2020 mind you," Platini told reporters in St Petersburg after a meeting of UEFA's executive committee.

Platini said the competition, which will be expanded from 16 to 24 teams from 2016, would be

too costly for many countries to stage on their own.

His idea of having matches in 12 or 13 nations with the final stages in one venue will be discussed by the executive board in December with a decision made early next year.

Turkey have expressed a wish to stage the tournament on a conventional single-country basis but their bid will be dropped if Istanbul is awarded the Olympics in the same year.

Scotland, Wales and Ireland have also declared their interest in staging the finals.—Reuters



UEFA President Michel Platini.—REUTERS

Sharapova backs plan to muzzle grunTERS **Tennis**

TOKYO, 2 Oct— Plans to muzzle the ear-bashing grunTERS of women's tennis have found an unlikely ally in Maria Sharapova.

One of the worst offenders, Sharapova's screams have been measured at more than 101 decibels - comparable to a chain saw, a pneumatic drill or a speeding train. The sport's governing body is to educate players to turn down the volume after pressure from fans, TV broadcasters and a handful of competitors fed up with the constant shrieking on court - and Sharapova thinks it is the right answer.

The WTA plans to muzzle the next generation with the aid of umpires armed with hand-held devices to measure noise levels on court. Education at major tennis academies and with juniors and players at lower-tier tournaments has already begun.

"Bottom line is the right answer has been taken by the tour," Sharapova told

Reuters, safe in the knowledge she will not be told to shush.

"I started grunting since whenever I can remember," she added at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo. "I see videos of myself and I've grunted for that long. Nobody told me to do it in Russia or in Florida. It's just a natural habit."

DELIBERATE PLOY

GrunTING made headlines again this year after Belarusian Victoria Azarenka and Sharapova screeched their way to the first two grand slam titles of 2012. "The information going towards coaches and academies that are developing talent from a young age is teaching them a certain breathing technique," said Sharapova.

"Because when you start something from a young age and continue it, it's a habit—whether you do grunt or don't grunt.

"The WTA created a plan. That's the smart way to go about it, rather than like taking someone's forehead

and grip in the middle of their career and telling them to change it." However, nine-times Wimbledon singles champion Martina Navratilova calls grunting "cheating, pure and simple" and wants rule changes sooner rather than later.

Tennis coach Nick Bollettieri, who has trained many of the game's super-grunTERS, including Sharapova, has been accused of teaching it as a ploy to distract opponents.

Monica Seles, Larcher de Brito, the Williams sisters and Andre Agassi have all passed through Bollettieri's academy in Florida.

Bollettieri denies the accusation but Caroline Wozniacki's complaints about grunting last year prompted the WTA to approach his academy to discuss ways of preventing the next generation from developing the habit.

Reuters

Mortor Racing

McLaren Formula One driver Jenson Button of Britain drives during the Singapore F1 Grand Prix at the Marina Bay street circuit in Singapore - September 23, 2012. REUTERS

Kenyan cycling develops with Asian photographer's focus **Cycling**

SINGAPORE, 2 Oct— Fascinated by the notion of turning the world's most gifted long distance runners into kings of the saddle, Nicolas Leong packed up his life in Singapore and moved to Kenya's Rift Valley. It mattered little to him that he knew nothing about the world of professional cycling, and barely more about the East African nation he was moving to.

The dream tantalized him relentlessly until finally he stepped on a plane. Now, six years on, the former commercial photographer says the structure is in place for a generation of champions to flourish.

"It was just an idea that wouldn't go away," Leong told Reuters as he reflected on a step some would call foolhardy and others courageous. "All these Kenyans were winning marathons all over the world

(and) I thought it would be really good if you gave them a bike, that was essentially the idea," he added, on a rare trip back to his homeland.

"They have more dominance in the marathon than anybody has dominated any other sport. The Brazilians are not as dominant in football as the Kenyans are running the marathon," he smiled. Leong was, and remains, convinced the country synonymous with world class runners will produce the first black team to

compete in the Tour de France.

With a long history of producing elite distance runners with stamina the envy of the world, Leong felt Kenya could spawn cyclists with the skills to suit the grueling demands of that sport.

Initially, he wrote to many of the cycling sponsors and teams in the Tour de France, the toughest bike race of them all, with his idea but was mostly ignored before deciding to just do it himself and prove them wrong.—Reuters



Kenyan Riders' team members ride at the foothills of the Col du Tourmalet mountain range in France on 28 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Button to take five-place grid penalty in Japan

TOKYO, 2 Oct— McLaren's Jenson Button will take a five-place penalty on the Japanese Grand Prix starting grid this weekend due to an unscheduled gearbox change, his Formula One team said on Tuesday.

The Briton, who won at Suzuka last year, finished second in Singapore but McLaren discovered after the race that his car's gearbox had the same problem that forced team mate Lewis Hamilton to retire while leading.

Button is a long shot for the title, currently sixth overall and 75 points adrift of Ferrari's championship leader Fernando Alonso with six races remaining.

Hamilton, the 2008 champion who has announced his departure for Mercedes at the end of the season, will also have a new gearbox but escapes any penalty due to his failure to finish in Singapore.—Reuters

GENERAL

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
(3-10-12 09:30 am ~ 4-10-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * World Maritime Day 2012 (100 Yrs sfter the Titanic)
- * News
- * Taste of Myanmar (Northern Rakhine Issue)
- * News
- * Korea-Myanmar Industrial Cooperation
- * Road to 27th Sea Games (Table Tennis)
- * News
- * Trustable and Public Company
- * Information Security Awareness Animation

- * News
- * Wathan Film Festival (Closing Ceremony)
- * News
- * Stylish Own Creation Contest Mr. & Miss Taw Win Selection
- * CB Bank Introduce New Monetary MPU
- * News
- * Colourful Lotus Shaped Candles
- * Myanmar Movie "Glass Marble"

MYANMAR TV
(3-10-2012, Wednesday)

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatahandi Paritta

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:50 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
4. Health Programme

8:15 am
5. Cultural Dances

8:25 am
6. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012)(Oldies & Mono Classial)(Basic Education Level) (Women)

4:00 pm
7. Martial Song

4:10 pm
8. Dance of National Races

4:35 pm
9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Myanmar)

4:55 pm
10. Classical Song

5:00 pm
11. Teleplay

5:20 pm
12. ASEAN "Programmmes"

6:20 pm
13. Traditional Boxing

6:30 pm
14. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:00 pm
15. Documentary

7:35 pm
16. Nostalglta to Myanmar Cultural Arts (Prat-1)

8:00 pm
17. News

8:15 pm
18. TV Drama Series

8:30 pm
19. Dramatic Arts Competition (Narration of religious Stories)

DISTRICT NEWS

Workshop on development of industrial sector held in Bago

BAGO, 2 Oct—The Workshop on Development of Industrial Sector in Bago Region was held at the city hall in Bago on 11 September morning.

Managing Director Dr Aung Kyaw Soe of Myanmar Textile Industries discussed development of textile industries, Managing Director Dr Cho Win Maw of Foodstuff and Pharmaceuticals Industries development of foodstuff and pharmaceuticals and Deputy Director Daw Aye Aye Win of Small and Medium-scale Industries Development Centre upgrading of industrial zones, establishment of more industrial zone and creation of job opportunities.

Private industrial entrepreneurs took part in the discussions.—*Myanma Alin*



Hatton to fight Senchenko on return to ring

LONDON, 2 Oct—Former welterweight and light-welterweight world champion Ricky Hatton will fight Ukraine's Vyacheslav Senchenko on his return to the ring in Manchester on 24 November. Briton Hatton, who quit after a devastating two-round knockout by Manny Pacquiao in May 2009, announced his comeback from retirement earlier this month.

Senchenko, 35, represents a stern test for Hatton. He has lost just one of 33 fights, winning 21 by knockout, and is a former WBA world welterweight champion.

"I can't wait to get in the ring now and I'm sure that Vyacheslav Senchenko will give me a good fight. It's one that I am confident I can win though," Hatton told a news conference.

"Senchenko lost the last time he fought to Paulie Malignaggi but he has got a good pedigree. I'm in great shape, I'm feeling good and I know I can put on a performance for all those watching."

Hatton was one of the Britain's most popular fighters but has struggled in recent years.

His love of drinking beer was well documented while he was also photographed apparently snorting cocaine after which he checked himself in to a rehabilitation centre in 2010.

"It's well documented what's happened to me, my life turned to mush," Hatton, whose only other defeat came at the hands of Floyd Mayweather Jr, said earlier this month.

"I'm back to fight for world titles."—*Reuters*

Iran's U16 soccer beats Australia 5-1 to book place in U17 World Cup

TEHERAN, 2 Oct—Iran's Under-16 soccer team beat Australia 5-1 to be qualified for next year's FIFA Under-17 World Cup, Tehran Times daily reported on Monday.

Also in the quarterfinals of the 2012 AFC U16 Championship held here on Sunday, Uzbekistan won over South Korea 5-3 in penalty shootout, Japan defeated Syria 2-1 and Iraq beat Kuwait 3-1 to book

berths in the semifinals of the competitions.

All semifinalists of the AFC U16 tourney automatically qualify for the FIFA U17 World Championship to be held in the United Arab Emirates in 2013.

In the semifinals scheduled for Wednesday, Iran will meet Uzbekistan and Iraq will contest Japan.

Xinhua



Ryder Cup players arrive at Heathrow Airport London's Heathrow Airport late on 1 Oct, 2012. From left: Lee Westwood, Jose Maria Olazabal, Miguel Angel Jimenez and Francesco Molinari. Team Europe beat the Americans in the golf tournament by 14-1/2 to 13-1/2 to retain the trophy Sunday at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Illinois, USA.—REUTERS

LONDON, 2 Oct—Inspired by the spirit of Seve Ballesteros, Europe pulled off one of the greatest comebacks on a golf course

to beat the United States and win the Ryder Cup by 14-1/2 points to 13-1/2 on Sunday.

Needing to claim eight points in the concluding

Europe clinch Ryder Cup with stunning comebacks

singles to retain the trophy, Europe won six of the first eight encounters before Germany's Martin Kaymer secured the vital point to retain the Cup by beating Steve Stricker one up.

After Stricker had coolly holed his par putt from eight feet at the last, Kaymer buried his five-footer for a matching par before thrusting his arms skywards in delight as European fans erupted with deafening cheers at Medinah Country Club

"We believed in our hearts we could win this," said Englishman Luke Donald, who earned Europe's first point of the day in the opening match with a 2&1

win over Masters champion Bubba Watson. "It's been done before and we believed we could turn it around."

The Europeans drew inspiration on Sunday from their beloved Ballesteros, who died last year aged 54 after a battle with cancer, with every player wearing the navy blue colours favoured by the Spaniard in the final rounds of tournaments.

"Seve will always be present with this team," said a teary-eyed Olazabal, for whom his compatriot Ballesteros was both a friend and mentor. "He was a big factor for this event, for the European side."

Reuters

Boxing

LONDON, 2 Oct—Following a hugely popular debut at the London Olympics in August, women's boxing has been included in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, the sports organisers said.

The Commonwealth Games Federation had made the decision at their general assembly meeting in Uganda shortly after the London Games, the International Boxing Association (AIBA) said.

"This inclusion demonstrates the continued growth in popularity of women's boxing that I wish to continue promoting even further," AIBA president Dr Ching-Kuo Wu said in a statement.

"Women boxers have reached world-class levels

Games-Women's boxing to debut at Glasgow Commonwealth Games

over the last couple of years and the Commonwealth Games will be another opportunity for these athletes to showcase their talents."

The women competing in Scotland will fight for three gold medals in flyweight (50 kilogrammes), lightweight (60 kg) and middleweight (75 kg). Weight categories for the men's tournament have yet to be fixed, but 10 gold medals were on offer at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

It will be the first time women's boxing has been included in the Games, held every four years for more than 70 countries, mostly of the former British Empire.

Prior to London, women's boxing had been criticised by many in the sport, including the hugely successful amateur boxing

nation of Cuba, who said it was not appropriate for women.

But the all-out attacking displays at the Games drew huge acclaim and won over many critics as Britain's Nicola Adams, Ireland's Katie Taylor and American Claressa Shields took the first Olympic gold medals in front

of sell-out crowds.

Wu said he would push the International Olympic Committee for at least six weight categories for the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The men's boxing tournament featured 10 gold medals at London, down from 11 at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.—*Reuters*



Ireland's Katie Taylor, left, on her way to beating Britain's Natasha Jonas in their women's lightweight boxing match.—Reuters

Chin State blessed with unspoiled nature, sound foundation for ecotourism

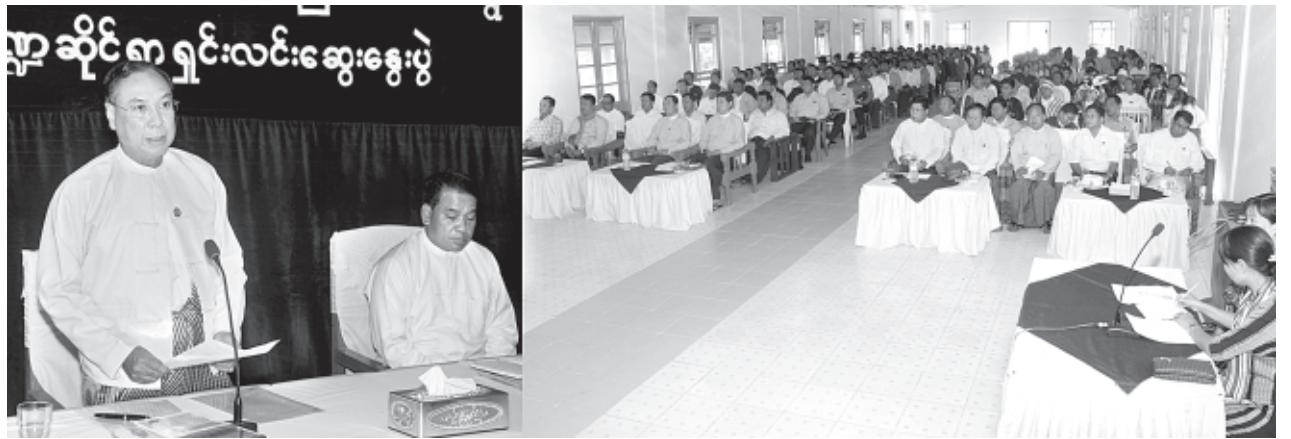
NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Local people in Chin State should take pride of unspoiled nature in the state and conserve it, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said at the ceremony to clarify matters on forestry development and rapid socio-economic development of Chin State at Town Hall of Mindat yesterday.

He said plans were laid to reduce timber and hardwood extraction to 15 percent and 20 percent respectively as of 2012-2013 FY. More attention would be given to export of value-added wood products to avoid decline in export earning, he said.

The minister also revealed long-term plans, speeding up actions against illegal log extraction, eradicating slash and burn farming and establishing community forest plantations.

Chin State has the forest coverage of 62 percent which the minister pointed out is a sound foundation for ecotourism. The state's landmarks and major attractions and Reed lake and Natmataung National Garden which is home to various orchid species still unnamed and a wide range of biodiversity.

The ministry is in cooperation with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Makino Botanical Garden (MBK) to conduct trainings for conservation of



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun speaking at ceremony to clarify forestry development and rapid socio-economic development of Chin State.—MNA

biodiversity which are yet to be recorded.

He said small and medium enterprises would be encouraged in the absence of both state-owned and private

timber enterprises in Chin State, calling for application of U-Bari K technology approved by Forest Department in extracting Eucalyptus oil.—MNA

Third prize winner Myanmar young women return home



YANGON, 2 Oct—The Myanmar National Women's Volleyball Team, that secured the third prize in the 17th South East Asian Junior Women's Volleyball Championships in Nakhonpathom of Thailand from 24 to 28 September 2012 arrived back here by air on 29 September evening.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by

General Secretary of Myanmar Volleyball Federation U Nyi Nyi Lwin and executives.

In the championship, Myanmar played the group matches against host Thailand, Vietnam and Thai-2 teams. Myanmar women's team lost to host Thailand 0-3 on 24 September and also lost to Thai-2 team 2-3 on 25 September. Myanmar young

women team beat Vietnam 3-1 on 26 September and stood third in the group.

On 28 September, third Myanmar and fourth Vietnam played the third-placed match. Myanmar won over Vietnam 3-1 again and then secured the third prize.

In the final, Thai team clinched title with a 3-0 win over Thai-2 team.

Myanma Alin

Plan under way to establish seven industrial zones

YANGON, 2 Oct—According to the Small and Medium-scale Industries Department of the Ministry of Industry, seven more industrial zones will be set up in the nation.

These new industrial zones will be set up in Tatkon Industrial Zone, Yadanarbon Industrial Zone, Hpa-an, Myawady and Phayathonzu industrial zones in Kayin State and Ponnagyun Industrial Zone in

Rakhine State and Namoum industrial zone in Shan State.

The industrial zones are aimed at developing the internal industrial works. That is why there will be 25 industrial zones in the nation.

The new industrial zones will be able to generate a great deal of job opportunities for local people.

Kyemon

Australian Open organizers splash cash at players

MELBOURNE, 2 Oct—The Australian Open has hiked total prizemoney by 15 percent to a record A\$30 million (\$31.15 million) with an eye on satisfying player demands for a better share of grand slam revenues, Tennis Australia CEO Steve Wood told Reuters on Tuesday.

Players from the men's draw said they were on the verge of boycotting last year's tournament after a heated meeting before the tournament, citing frustration over the share and distribution of prizemoney at grand slams and other major ATP events.

Organizers had yet to decide how the prize pool was to be disbursed, but would consult with players in Shanghai next week, Wood told Reuters by telephone.

"We'll make the decision (on distribution) later in the year," Wood said.

"It was really just time to listen to what the players are telling us in terms of the

rewards for the massive growth we've had at the Australian Open and compensating them accordingly.

"And that's what we've done and we're very pleased with that."

The year's first grand slam is the richest event in Australia's sporting calendar, with revenues used to subsidize the game's development across the country.

But critics say the tournament's riches have failed to produce enough world class players Down Under, particularly in the men's game, with 31-year-old double grand slam champion Lleyton Hewitt the last Australian male to win a major at Wimbledon in 2002.

Wood said officials had already budgeted for a significant increase, but would have to do a "little bit of juggling" to allow for it.

Reuters

Low pressure area over West Central Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—According to the observations at 5.30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area has formed over West Central Bay of Bengal, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Obama, Netanyahu got what they hoped for at UN meeting



US President Barack Obama meets with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, 5 March, 2012. PAGE 6

Real gunning for Ajax with Barca on their mind



Cristiano Ronaldo(L), Mourinho(c). PAGE 14