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## President U Thein Sein visits Saemaul Undong Central Training Institute

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct— President U Thein Sein visited Saemaul Undong Central Training Institute in Seoul of South Korea this afternoon.

Chairman of Saemaul Undong Central Training Institute Mr Lee Jai Chang extended greetings and explained rural development and conducting courses for trainees from some Asian and African countries including Myanmar.

The chairman presented the uniform of the training school to the President who then presented the gift and spoke words of thanks.

Next, the President signed the visitors' book and posed for a documentary photo together with the Chairman and members.

The President then planted a

commemorative pine tree and viewed round the museum.

The institute is 29 kilometers far from Seoul. Saemaul Undong means New Village Movement and was initiated by the then President Park Chung-Hee in 1960 for rural development and poverty alleviation.

The movement succeeded in improving living standards of rural people, increasing incomes, upgrading infrastructures, boosting morale of the people and narrowing the wealth gap. The movement sowed the seeds for current development.

The President received Doosun Company Chairman Mr Y M Park at Lotte Hotel where he stayed in the evening.

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President U Thein Sein views Saemaul Museum.—MNA

## President U Thein Sein arrives in Seoul, ROK



President U Thein Sein gives to interview to Mr. Kim Yong Deok, Political and Foreign Affairs correspondent of KBS News Agency of ROK.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct— At the invitation of President of the Republic of Korea Mr. Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein together with delegation members Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein, U Tin Naing Thein, U Khin Maung Soe and U Aye Myint, Chief Ministers U Myint Swe, U Ye Myint and U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers U Han Sein and Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay and departmental heads left here by air yesterday to pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of Korea and arrived at Incheon International Airport in Seoul, the Republic of Korea at 7.35 am local time today.

They were welcomed at the airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea Head of Protocol Department Mr. Bae Jae Hyun, Head of South Asia and Pacific Affairs Mr. Hae Yun Park, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae Yong, Myanmar Ambassador to ROK U Nyunt Hlaing, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Myint Hein, personnel and families of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office.

The President and delegation members arrived at Lotte Hotel in Seoul on a motorcade.

At 1 pm, the President gave a TV interview to Mr. Kim Yong Deok, Political and Foreign Affairs correspondent of KBS News Agency of ROK, at the hall of the hotel. — MNA

### Weather forecast for second dekad of October 2012

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—A low pressure area may form over the West Central Bay of Bengal and it's likely to intensify into a depression. Weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Rain will be above normal in Mandalay Region, Kachin, Shan,, Rakhine and Kayah States and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Rainy days are expected about (6) to (7) days in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States and about (4) to (5) days in the remaining Regions and States, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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Azarenka overwhelms Sharapova to claim career first-ever China Open title

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## Union Border Affairs Minister meets UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct— Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay received a delegation led by Mr. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

At the call, they exchanged views on the three main tasks; eradicating extreme poverty and hunger in Myanmar in 2015, one of

the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), ensuring environmental sustainability, and development of democracy and human rights through good governance; proposed by UNDP to be implemented in Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Rakhine and Shan States under three-year plan (2013-2015).

Though aspiration of UNDP donors is to show their priority on development of democracy

and human rights by setting up good governance, Myanmar has still needs to start those two tasks. Therefore, an international workshop on mentioned rural development would be held in December so as to start the three tasks all together.

The workshop covers discussions from the World Bank, donor countries, international organizations, UN organizations, as well as local community.—MNA



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay receives Mr. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General.—MNA

## Myanmar Medical Science Academy held AGM for 2011-2012



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addresses at AGM of Myanmar Medical Science Academy for 2011-2012.—MNA

## Large amount of narcotic drugs seized in Chindwin River

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—It is learnt that narcotic drugs worth more than K 1337 million were seized by the authorities in a motorized boat running in Chindwin River on 29 September. Together with the seized drugs, five culprits were arrested.

Seized drugs were 13.06 million of pseudoephedrine-based cold and flu tablets weighing 2005 kilos worth K 1306 million and nine kilos of ephedrine worth K 31.5 million totaling K 1337.5 million.

A squad led by Inspector Shwe Tha Tun of Monywa Anti-Narcotic Task Force seized narcotic drugs in 65 bags after a search of a motorized boat running in Chindwin River near Latpansu Village in Kani Township at the midnight

on 29 September and arrested Thura Soe, Maung Hlaing, Po The of Khameik Village, Hsaung Lin of Tamu and Kyaw Kyaw Win of Shine Village in Kani Township who were on board. Plans are underway to arrest accomplice.

“It could be assumed as saving many lives. I’ve seen drug addicted students who lost their future. Parents should encourage their children to soak well in any kind of sports, computer, hobby, reading, English or any other subject. They should care about their children not to take the wrong path, wasting time with unimportant stuff and all sorts of friends. They should guide them to talks and seminars on drugs. The parents themselves should

have knowledge on drugs so as to disseminate it to lads in time,” an experienced teacher of Monywa commented on the seizure of the massive drugs.

“A son of a neighbouring family used drugs. His parents noticed it by his abnormal gestures. They first thought, ‘There is no smell. It is not alcohol. Heartbreak?’ They began to know that these were symptoms of drug abuse as they asked a lad and saved their son in time. It is lucky that the amount of seized drugs is pretty much. My special thanks go to Officials of Myanmar Special Anti-Narcotics Squad. They have discharged duties day in and day out. I wish for their promotion,” said a parent.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The union government has been doing reforms drastically. It’s a good time to bring full of prosperity to the country, inviting prospects said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at annual general meeting of Myanmar Medical Science Academy for 2011-2012 held at Nursing University (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Road on 6 October morning.

In order to keep abreast of other developing countries, arrangements are being to carry out technological jumps, pointed out the Union Minister.

Myanmar medical science academy was formed with scholars to take good suggestions from them

for development of health sector, he noted.

Myanmar needs not only good infrastructures to stand among regional and global countries but also effective and efficient health care management system to carry out effective health care management, he stressed.

Qualified intellectuals and intelligentias are needed as human resources and knowledge, skill and attitude will be fundamental points, said the Union Minister.

The useful suggestions concerning under graduate and post graduate curriculum syllabus are being invited from those people, said the Union Minister.

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## Myanmar-Philippine traditional boxing held

YANGON, 8 Oct—The Myanmar-Philippine traditional boxing challenge was held at Theinbyu Gymnasium, Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 3 pm yesterday.

Khaing Lin Oo (Myanmar/Taungkalay) drew his fight against Janito (Philippines). In the second challenge, Thaddhi Aung (Myanmar/Taungkalay) knocked out his rival Rolando (Philippines) in the first round timing 1 minute and 40 seconds.

The final match favoured Twaymashaung (Myanmar/Nagarman) who knocked out Mike Ganado (Philippines) in the second round timing 2 minutes 45 seconds.—MNA

## Fire engine handed over to Shwegu Township FSD

SHWEGU, 8 Oct—With the contribution of township level departmental personnel and wellwishers of Shwegu Township, a ceremony to hand over a fire engine to Township Fire Services Department was held at the city hall in the township on 27

September afternoon.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi made a speech, and Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Win Naing

explained the purpose of donations. Chairman of the fund-raising committee U

Win Maung Thein explained the fund raising work and financial statement. Head of Township Fire Services Department U Tin Maung Toe spoke words of thanks.

The fire engine donated on a self-reliant basis is worth K 15 million.—MNA



**WORLD**

**Venezuela's Chavez re-elected to extend socialist rule** **Venezuela**



*Venezuelan voters wave their national flags near an election poster of presidential candidate Henrique Capriles near the Venezuelan consulate in Bogota on 7 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS*

CARACAS, 8 Oct — Venezuela's socialist President Hugo Chavez won re-election on Sunday, quashing the opposition's best chance at unseating him in 14 years and cementing himself as a dominant figure in modern Latin American history.

The 58-year-old Chavez took 54.42 percent of the vote, with 90 percent of the ballots counted, to 44.97 percent for the young opposition candidate Henrique Capriles, official results showed.

Chavez's victory would extend his rule of the OPEC member state to two decades, though he is recovering from cancer and the possibility of a recurrence hangs over his political future.

Jubilant supporters poured onto the streets of Caracas to celebrate the victory of a man who has near-Messianic status among Venezuela's poor, and there was relief too among leftist allies around the region — from Cuba to Bolivia — who rely on his

oil-financed generosity.

"I'm celebrating with a big heart," said Mary Reina, a 62-year-old Chavez supporter who lives in the hillside slum where the president cast his vote.

"Chavez is the hope of the people and of Latin America." Chavez fans partied and set off fireworks in the streets.

The mood was grim at Capriles' campaign headquarters, where opposition supporters broke into tears.

The opposition will now have to regroup quickly for state elections in December. Since taking power in 1999, the flamboyant former soldier has become a global flag bearer of "anti-imperialism," gleefully baiting the US government while befriending leaders from Iran to Belarus whom the West views with suspicion.

At home, casting himself as an heir to independence hero Simon Bolivar, Chavez has poured billions of dollars in oil

revenues into anti-poverty programmes, and skillfully used his humble roots and folksy oratory to build a close connection with the masses.

Reuters



*Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, casts his ballot during the presidential elections in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, on 7 Oct, 2012. Venezuela held presidential election on Sunday. —XINHUA*

**Japan to share post-quake lessons at disaster risk management meeting**

**Japan**

TOKYO, 8 Oct — When a two-day international conference on disaster and development opens from Tuesday in the disaster-hit northeastern Japanese City of Sendai, Japan will have its moment to shine — as a nation that survived last year's catastrophic earthquake and tsunami with lessons to share about disaster preparedness.

Global leaders, disaster experts and survivors will gather in Sendai for the "Sendai Dialogue," a meeting hosted by the Japanese government and the World Bank to focus on ways to reduce the economic impact of natural disasters.

It will draw lessons from the 11 March, 2011 earthquake and tsunami that devastated vast areas of Japan's northeast, especially the three prefectures of Iwate, Fukushima and Miyagi.

The dialogue, which is part of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Tokyo starting also from Tuesday, will be attended by finance and development ministers as well as top officials from international institutions including World Bank President Jim Yong Kim and IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde. Delegates are scheduled to visit sites in disaster-stricken areas, including an elementary school that was one of the few buildings in Sendai's Arahama coastal district to remain standing after the tsunami.

With devastation by natural disasters a shared reality for developed and developing nations, the Sendai meeting aims to create a global consensus on how to better prepare for disasters and learn from Japan's multiple disasters last year, organizers said.

The Sendai Dialogue will open with a plenary session in which Japan's experiences will be conveyed through speeches given by Sendai Mayor Emiko Okuyama and reconstruction minister Tatsuo Hirano as well as stories told by local high school students who survived the disasters.

Japanese delegates are expected to stress the need to both enforce disaster prevention measures and pursue urban development for disaster-resilient infrastructure, while discussions will also focus on challenges facing developing nations when drawing up disaster prevention measures, the organizers said. —Kyodo

**Sanctions are no good resolution to Iranian nuclear issue**

**Iran**

BEIJING, 8 Oct — US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta on Saturday warned Iran of more sanctions over its controversial nuclear programme, while the European Union (EU) has also threatened recently to impose a ban on Iran's gas export into Europe.

However, instead of forcing Iran to give in, the mounting pressure from the West has only triggered harsh rhetoric from the Islamic republic.

The Iranian oil ministry described the EU threat as a "propaganda campaign," and an Iranian lawmaker said the "illegal" sanctions imposed on Iran by the Western countries are blatant violation of human rights.

In recent months, because of mutual mistrust, talks between Iran and the UN Security Council's five

permanent members plus Germany, the so-called P5+1, have come to a deadlock, and those between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have also hit an impasse.

Past experiences show sanctions and sabre-rattling cannot bridge differences, but only inflame animosities and trigger tit-for-tat actions.

For instance, Iran has recently accelerated its nuclear programme in spite of sanctions from the West. According to an IAEA report, Teheran has doubled its centrifuges in the past few months and increased its high-level uranium to a total of 189 kilograms, which has provoked international concern.

Although the sanctions have brought some

difficulties to Iran's economy, they have failed to change Teheran's nuclear policy. On the contrary, anti-Western sentiment in the Iranian public keeps rising, aggravating the antagonism between the two sides.

Moreover, the biggest victims in the sanctions are innocent people in Iran. As UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has said, the Iranian people are suffering from the international sanctions as inflation and unemployment continue to rise and lifesaving medicines are in short supply.

The Iranian nuclear issue is complex and sensitive. The concerned sides should not expect the chronic issue to be resolved at one go. Dialogue is the only proper approach, and they should show good faith and flexibility in the

negotiating process.

The West should realize that blindly ratcheting up pressure on Iran cannot resolve the crisis. —Xinhua

**Israeli air strike wounds two militants, eight bystanders in Gaza Strip** **Middle East**

GAZA, 8 Oct — A missile fired by an Israeli aircraft hit and wounded two Palestinian militants and eight bystanders in the southern Gaza Strip on Sunday, Palestinian hospital officials said. The militants were riding a motorcycle near the town of Rafah which borders Egypt's Sinai peninsula. One of them and a bystander were in a critical condition, the officials said.

The bystanders included three children, a woman and an elderly man. The Israeli military said the two militants were members of "Global Jihadist" groups based in the Gaza Strip who had for years attacked Israeli civilians and troops and were also involved in weapons manufacturing.

The military named the two men as Talat Jarbi and Mohammed Makawi and indicated the strike was aimed specifically at them.

Israeli uses manned and unmanned aircraft to strike

at militants in the Gaza Strip which is controlled by the Iranian-backed Islamist Hamas group. Hamas has for months taken a back seat in attacking Israel, leaving other groups to take the lead.

But Israel holds Hamas responsible for security in Gaza which the Islamists seized in 2007 from the Western-backed Mahmoud Abbas, who remains the Palestinian leader in the occupied West Bank.

There was no immediate comment from Hamas on the strike, but in the past Gaza's ruling faction has accused Israel of escalating violence in the Gaza Strip and provoking militants to carry out further attacks. —Reuters

*A man carries a wounded Palestinian boy into a hospital following an Israeli air strike in Rafah camp in the southern Gaza Strip on 7 Oct, 2012.*

REUTERS



**Separate shootings leave two seriously injured in Berlin** **Germany**

BERLIN, 8 Oct — Two persons were seriously wounded by separate gunshots in Berlin over the weekend, German media reported on Sunday.

A 23-year-old man was shot in central Berlin on Sunday morning, lying in a doorway at a train station when he was found by passersby, German news site the Local reported, adding that the hospitalized victim was in a critical condition.

Investigation is underway on the identity of the attacker, the police said.

On Saturday, another 22-year-old was shot in the stomach after attending a party in the early morning. A stranger shot him after an argument.

Police are appealing for witnesses, the report said, adding that no clues have emerged so far. —Xinhua

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## India to launch 58 space missions in next 5 years

### Science

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct — India is planning to launch 58 space missions, including sending spacecraft to Moon and Mars, an exclusive satellite to keep a round-the-clock watch on the country and deploy hundreds of transponders in the next five years, reported *Press Trust of India* on Sunday.

The India Space Research Organization also aims to deploy its own version of the Global Positioning System by putting into orbit a constellation of seven satellites which would form the Indian Regional

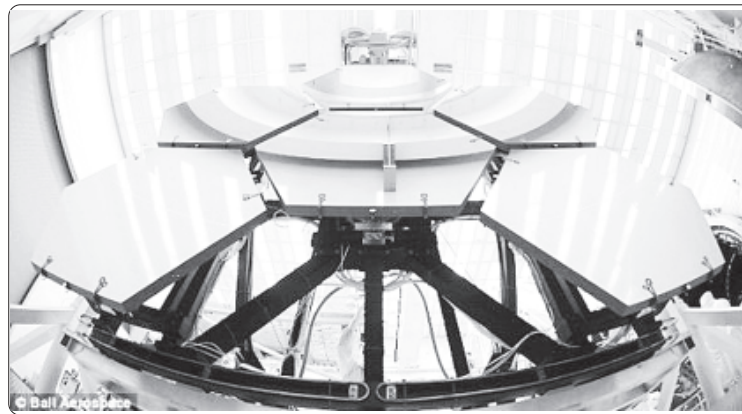
Navigational Satellite System, during its 12th Five Year Plan, approved by the government last week, said the report.

An indicative plan outlay of 397 billion rupees (about 7 billion US dollars) for the 12th Plan has been made for the department of space.

“Overall, 58 missions are planned for realization during 12th Plan period which includes 33 satellite missions and 25 launch vehicle missions,” the 12th Plan document was quoted as saying.

The space agency is also designing a special Geo-

Imaging Satellite to be stationed 36,000 km above to maintain round-the-clock vigil and assist state authorities to tackle natural disasters, floods and forest fires and keep a watch over the country’s sensitive borders, according to the report.—*Xinhua*



The project, which aims to build the world's most powerful telescope, 100 times more sensitive than the Hubble space telescope, is on track to launch in 2018.  
XINHUA

## Hacking victims pressure British PM on media rules

### Tech

LONDON, 8 Oct—Prime Minister David Cameron said Britain would avoid “heavy-handed state intervention” of its national press after phone hacking victims urged him on Sunday to remain open-minded about the recommendations of an inquiry into media ethics.

Actor Hugh Grant, singer Charlotte Church and more than 50 other victims of press intrusion said in letter to Cameron they feared he had already decided to reject statutory regulation of the

media before the inquiry’s findings were published.

Cameron said he would not prejudge the inquiry and confirmed he had told Grant he would implement its recommendations providing they were “not bonkers”.

“It’s quite clear people have been abused, people’s families and lives have been torn up by press intrusion. The status quo is not an option,” he told BBC television.

Cameron ordered the wide-ranging investigation at the height of a scandal last year into illegal phone hacking at Rupert Murdoch’s now-closed *News of the World* tabloid when it emerged that reporters had hacked the phone of a murdered schoolgirl.

The inquiry, led by judge Brian Leveson, revealed the inadequacy of British newspapers’ current system of self-regulation and is expected to recommend a

tougher regime to ensure victims of Press intrusion can receive effective redress.

Leveson has yet to publish his findings after eight months of hearings that ended in July.

Cameron will have to navigate a difficult political path in responding to the recommendations to avoid being accused of trampling on press freedoms or being soft on tabloid excesses, especially given his close ties to two of those who have been charged with offences relating to phone hacking.

His ex-spin doctor Andy Coulson was a former *News of the World* editor and as was his friend Rebekah Brooks, who later oversaw Murdoch’s *News International* arm. Their trial has been set for September next year. “We don’t want heavy-handed state intervention. We’ve got to have a free Press,” Cameron said.

“We all want to put in

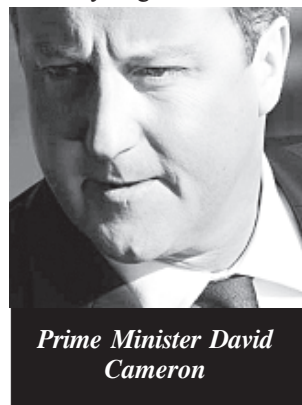
place a sensible, regulatory system. We’re hoping that Lord Justice Leveson is going to crack this problem for us, but we must let him do his work first.”

Some newspapers have proposed a beefed up form of contractual self-regulation as a way of avoiding statutory control, an approach the hacking victims rejected as inadequate.

Grant, a director of the Hacked Off lobby group that organized the letter to Cameron, said he wanted a new media regulator who would be independent of both the newspaper industry and government.

“It’s actually the way solicitors are now regulated, it’s the way doctors are now regulated, and they’re not complaining,” he told BBC television.

“I do not see the slightest danger to freedom of expression, freedom of speech from that.”—*Reuters*



Prime Minister David Cameron

## Shopping or browsing on Main St? India’s Big Data firms know

### Tech

BANGALORE, 8 Oct—Shopping in a US department store? Surveillance cameras may be watching, and not because you might be a shoplifter. In minutes, video of which aisles you visited, what products you picked up and put down, what you bought and the displays that caught your fancy will be sent to a company in Bangalore, India.

“These logs can be analyzed to determine propensity to purchase, what a customer’s intent, satisfaction, sentiment is,” said Dhiraj Rajaram, CEO of Mu Sigma, which says it is among the world’s biggest pure-play data analytics companies.

The business of storing, decoding and analyzing unstructured data—think video, Facebook updates, Tweets, Internet searches and public cameras—along with mountains of facts and figures can help companies increase profits, cut costs and

improve service, and is now one of the world’s hottest industries.

It’s called Big Data, and although much of the work is done in the United States, India is getting an increasing slice of the action, re-energizing an IT sector whose growth has begun to falter.

One reason for the emergence of Big Data as India’s next big thing in IT is the dramatic fall in the costs of storing and working with huge volumes of data with the advent of cloud computing and open-source software programmes such as Hadoop. “There are hundreds of (analytics) boutiques in India right now.

Every other week I hear some of my friends have started on their own,” said Santosh Nair, who quit a job in an IT services provider four months ago to open Analytic Edge.

The Bangalore firm has studied pharmacy sales, population trends and other



data to help a US funeral company pinpoint areas for its marketing campaigns.

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REUTERS

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## Message from the Director General of the UPU International Bureau on World Post Day 2012

9 October 2012

### A new strategy for a new world

Ours is an era of new information and communication technologies, of mobile telephones and the Internet. And yet, Posts are not standing idly on the side lines: they are an integral part of the increasingly digital world. The postal community is constantly changing and adapting in the face of a sometimes mercurial market.

As strong drivers of economic growth, Posts must continue to innovate, develop efficient and accessible postal services, adopt common standards and exploit new technologies to diversify and improve services. Post offices – whether physical or virtual – serve not only customers’ communication needs but also allow them to conduct official business, pay bills, send or receive money, order goods or track and trace letters or parcels along the entire distribution chain.

Traditional letter-post services still account for the majority of postal revenues but Posts can benefit from the globalization of mail exchanges in other ways. They should seize the opportunities offered by e-commerce. Many Posts are wisely readying their operations for the e-commerce boom, which has resulted in increased parcel volumes. And rightly so; industry-watchers predict that e-commerce sales will surpass the trillion-euro mark in 2013. Many of the goods ordered online will be delivered as parcels to customers and who better than the Post to fill that role?

For its part, the UPU will continue to help Posts better interconnect their networks to facilitate exchanges. It will also continue to provide know-how and technical expertise, encourage the development of innovative postal products and services to better meet customer needs and sustainably develop the postal sector.

Governments too must step up to the mark. Their support of the postal sector is crucial. With it, Posts across the globe will fulfil their potential as motors of national economies.

Despite this changing world, the postal community is still well placed to guarantee the integrity of the universal postal service and the free circulation of mail items within the single postal territory.

I wish you the very best on World Post Day 2012.

UPU



The loading screen of the Facebook application on a mobile phone is seen in this photo illustration taken in Lavigny on 16 May, 2012.  
REUTERS

**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**HSBC China services PMI recovers to 54.3 after one-year low** **Business**

BEIJING, 8 Oct — China's services sector rebounded in September after its growth hit a one-year low in August, according to a private sector survey on Monday that follows last week's much more gloomy official assessment.

The HSBC services sector Purchasing Managers' Index rose to 54.3 in September from 52.0 in August, rebounding to its highest level since May thanks to an uptick in the new business sub-index to 54.0 - also the highest level in four months.

The sunny results are in marked contrast to an official non-manufacturing PMI released on 3 October, which showed activity in September slowing to the weakest level since November 2010. The

official survey, published by the National Bureau of Statistics, tends to reflect larger state-owned firms, and the two do not necessarily move in tandem.

Monday's survey also contrasts with both the HSBC and the official PMI ones of China's vast manufacturing sector, which indicate that China is headed for a seventh straight quarter of slowing growth.

"This is likely an indication of a gradual improvement of domestic economic conditions due to the earlier easing measures and the stronger consumption demand in the run-up to the Golden Week holiday," said Hongbin Qu, HSBC's chief economist for China.

HSBC's "prices charged" sub-index rose above 50 — the line that



Employees make circuit boards at an electronic component factory in Hefei, Anhui province on 2 May, 2012. —REUTERS

separates expansion from contraction —for the first time since March. The rise could reflect the holiday as well as reflecting an increase in inflation after a summer trough.

Analysts expect 2012 to be China's weakest full year of growth since 1999 at just 7.7 percent, according a Reuters poll that forecasts annual growth of 7.4 percent in Q3, down from Q2's 7.6 percent.

Two cuts to interest rates, the easing of bank

reserve requirements that freed about 1.2 trillion yuan (\$190 billion) for lending and the approval of infrastructure projects worth more than \$150 billion have so far failed to arrest the decline in China's overall economic growth pace.

Analysts have had to repeatedly push back their expectations for when growth might begin to accelerate again. Beijing has resolutely kept a grip on the vital real estate sector and — contrary to the hopes of some — has refused to launch a major stimulus programme.

But there are signs that the real estate sector — the main driver of wealth for China's prosperous city dwellers in the past 15 years — is bottoming out, wrote analysts Stephen Green and Lan Shen of Standard Chartered in a report before Monday's PMI data was released.—Reuters

**Business**  
**Australia's St George Bank cuts home loan rates by 17 basis points**

SYDNEY, 8 Oct — Australia's St George Bank announced on Monday that it would cut its variable home loan rates by 17 basis points to 6.69 percent, after the Reserve Bank of Australia's decision to cut the cash rate by 25 basis points on 2 October.

The new rate takes effect from 15 October, St George said.

On Friday, three of Australia's four big banks announced their interest rate

cut decisions. National Australia Bank and Commonwealth Bank both cut 20 basis points, leaving their standard variable rates at 6.58 percent and 6.6 percent respectively, while Westpac, the owner of St George, cut its standard variable rate by 18 basis points to 6.71 percent.

ANZ Bank, one of the big four banks, will announce its decision after its regular monthly meeting on 12 October.—Xinhua



St George Bank branch in Chatswood, New South Wales, Australia. XINHUA

**Walmart, Amex to make financial services announcement on Monday**

NEW YORK, 8 Oct—Walmart Stores Inc and American Express will hold a conference call on Monday to make a financial services announcement, the two companies said in a statement on Sunday.

Details of the announcement, which will take place at 8:30 am EST, were not disclosed.

Walmart, the world's largest retailer, has long tried

to serve the large group of its low-income shoppers who have little or no access to credit.

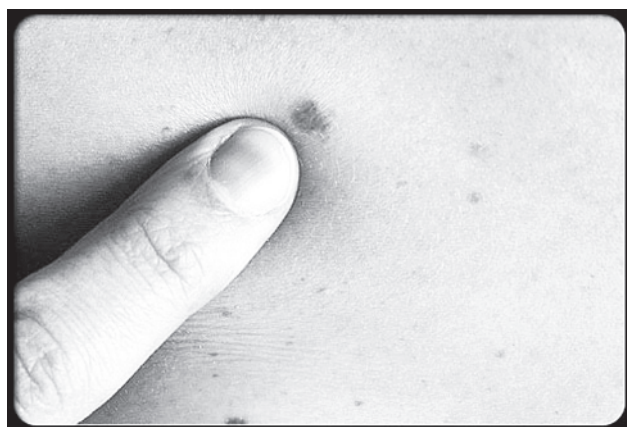
The retailer offers check cashing at low rates and other services as it tries to appeal to shoppers without bank accounts.

Walmart has said in the past that about 85 percent of transactions at its US stores are paid for with cash. Reuters



A shopper carts her purchases from a Wal-Mart store in Mexico City, on 24 April, 2012. —REUTERS

**Australian researchers to develop a cream against skin cancer** **Health**



Most moles on a person's body look similar to one another. A mole or freckle that looks different from the others or that has a diameter larger than a pencil eraser or any characteristics of the ABCDEs of melanoma should be checked by a dermatologist. It could be cancerous. The ABCDEs are important characteristics to consider when examining your moles or other skin growths, so learn them in the slides to come.—XINHUA

CANBERRA, 8 Oct—Researchers have developed a peptide that imitates a melanoma-killing virus, in a biomedical engineering advance that could lead to the development of a cream to target and treat skin cancer, a latest study from Melbourne's RMIT University showed on Monday.

The research team has successfully synthesized a peptide that mimics the activity of a virus protein, with laboratory tests showing the peptide kills melanoma cells while leaving normal human skin cells unharmed, according to the statement of RMIT University.

They tested the efficacy of a peptide — a short chain of amino acids — that was designed to work like the proteins of the myxoma virus, a cancer-killing virus shown to be toxic to melanoma in previous studies.

"Australia has the highest incidence of melanoma in the world, with more than 11,000 new diagnoses each year," said Lead investigator Dr Taghrid Istivan in the statement.

Currently the only effective treatment for early stage melanoma is surgery to cut out the tumour and healthy skin surrounding the affected mole. But with further research, it can

hopefully develop a cream to treat early stage melanoma effectively.

Dr Istivan is presenting the research findings at the 40th Congress of the International Society of Oncology and Biomarkers (13-17 October, Jerusalem). Xinhua

**Asia shares fall as earnings caution sets in** **Share**

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—Asian stocks and other riskier assets such as commodities fell on Monday as investors remained cautious about the outlook for the global economy and corporate earnings despite better-than-expected US jobs numbers last week. Wall Street stocks dipped late on Friday as an unexpected drop in the US unemployment rate was overshadowed by concerns about the earnings season, which kicks off with Alcoa Inc on Tuesday, and S&P 500 futures traded in Asia eased on Monday.

"It (the jobs number) looks good if you were worried about an imminent collapse back into recession or if you had performed badly in a presidential debate," said Russell Jones, global interest rate strategist at Westpac bank in Sydney, in a note. S&P 500 earnings for the third quarter are forecast to have fallen 2.4 percent from the year-earlier

period, which would be the first decline in three years, according to Thomson Reuters data.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia Pacific shares outside Japan fell 0.7 percent. Japanese financial markets were closed for a public holiday. Equity markets have been rallying since hitting their nadir for the year in early June, receiving a renewed burst of impetus last month when major central banks rolled out fresh measures to support fragile economies. MSCI's Asia Pacific ex-Japan and All Countries World Indexes are both up around 13 percent over the year-to-date.

China, the engine of global growth in recent years and a key consumer of commodities, is due to release at the end of next week its growth data for the third quarter, which analysts expect to be the weakest three months of the year.—Reuters

## WORLD

## Turkey fires artillery into Syria after shelling **Turkey**

ISTANBUL, 8 Oct— Turkish forces fired across the frontier into Syria on Sunday after a shell launched from Syria landed in Turkey's border town of Akcakale, underlining Ankara's warning that it will respond with force to any violence spilling over into its territory.

It was the fifth consecutive day of Turkish retaliation against incoming bombardment from northern Syria, where President Bashar al-Assad's forces have been battling rebels who control swathes of land close to the Turkish frontier.

were killed on Wednesday in previous Syrian artillery fire.

The Syrian Observatory for Human rights said shells fired in retaliation from Turkey on Sunday landed near the Syrian town of Tel Abyad, where rebels have been battling Assad's forces. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

A Turkish border unit also returned fire after a mortar bomb launched from Syria at around 7 pm hit an uninhabited area of Altinozu at the western end of the Syrian border, the Hatay Province governor's office



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron speaks on the BBC's Andrew Marr Show, during the Conservative Party annual conference, in Birmingham, central England on 7 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

BIRMINGHAM, 8 Oct— Britain will have to keep cutting public spending to reduce the budget deficit, Prime Minister David Cameron said on Sunday, underlining the government's tough task of pulling the country out of recession while winning back waning public support.

Cameron cited the euro zone crisis in explaining the problems facing the British

economy, comments which are likely to please the influential euroskeptic wing of his Conservatives as they gather for the party's annual conference. "It is a very challenging situation, you only have to switch on your television set and look at what is happening in the euro zone. We have got many countries going into quite a deep recession, these are very difficult times," Cameron

## Firing at political gathering kills six, injures ten in southern **Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 8 Oct.— At least six people were killed and ten others injured when two rival groups fired at each other on a political gathering in Pakistan's southern District of Khairpur on Sunday night, reported local media quoting police and eyewitnesses.

Local Urdu TV channel Geo quoted police and eyewitnesses as saying that the firing took place at about 8:20 pm when two rival groups opened fire at each other after fierce argument at a political gathering organized by the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)

in Khairpur, a district in northern part of Pakistan's southern Sindh Province. Nafeesa Shah, member of National Assembly and daughter of Chief Minister of Sindh Province, who was addressing the gathering, told local media that the firing was an outcome of an old enmity between two local groups.

One local journalist working for the government-run PTV was also killed in the incident.

Hospital sources said that some of the wounded were in critical condition and the death toll may further rise.

Xinhua

## Cameron warns Britons to expect more budget cuts **UK**

said. An aide said the government was paving the way for the next phase of austerity rather than signaling bigger than planned measures, but economists say longer or deeper cuts look likely after a return to recession cast doubt over its deficit targets.

The next election in 2015 will be fought on the economy and how best to get the deficit, which peaked at 11 percent of the nation's annual economic output, under control. Cameron's Conservative-led coalition planned to all but erase the deficit by 2015 but has been forced to project two more years of cuts.

Underlying borrowing between April and August was a fifth higher than last year, suggesting that either bigger cuts or a further extension of austerity could

be on the cards when the government updates its economic forecasts on 5 December. "We inherited a budget deficit at around 11 percent, it is down to 8 percent," Cameron told the BBC. Referring to this year, he added: "It is too early to say where they will end up."

Official figures in March predicted a fall to below 6 percent this year, a target which now looks uncertain. Abandoning the austerity plan would prove politically disastrous for the Conservatives, who staked their 2010 election campaign on it.

"The economy is healing. But it's a longer and harder road that we have to travel down," finance minister George Osborne told the *Mail* on Sunday. "There will have to be further cuts."

Reuters

## Iran warns Israel to lose 10,000 troops if it attacks Iran **Iran**

TEHRAN, 8 Oct — A senior Iranian official said that Israel would lose at least 10,000 troops in the event of a military strike on the Islamic republic, Press TV reported on Sunday. "If the Israelis attack, Iran's deterrent power would deal a mortal blow to them and the Israeli death toll would not be less than 10,000. Therefore, they would be stopped soon," Mohsen Rezaei, secretary of Iran's Expediency Council, was quoted as saying.

"We don't want war, but are fully prepared to defend our country against any strike. Of course the Zionists don't dare to invade Iran and

only speak of war to win concessions from the next US president," said Rezaei, a former chief of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC). The United States and Israel have not ruled out the possibility of a strike on Iran's nuclear energy facilities.

The United States and its Western allies believe Iran is working toward a nuclear weapon capability. Teheran denies that, saying its atomic programme is "peaceful."

Rezaei also accused the West of trying to derail the Islamic Awakening movement by interfering in Syria.

Xinhua



Smoke rises at the Akcakale border gate after a shell fired from Syria landed on the Turkish-Syrian border in Sanliurfa Province on 7 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

The exchanges are the most serious cross-border violence in Syria's revolt against Assad, which began in March last year with protests for reform but has evolved into a civil war with sectarian overtones which threatens to draw in regional powers.

The Syrian shell landed near a plant belonging to the Turkish Grain Board, the *Dogan* news agency reported, several hundred meters from the centre of Akcakale where five civilians

said. It said the mortar bomb, believed to have been launched by Syrian government forces, did not result in casualties.

The violence continued inside Syria too, with state media and opposition activists saying a car bomb exploded near a police headquarters in the capital Damascus. State TV said one person was wounded.

The Observatory said people had been killed and wounded but gave no details.—Reuters

## Ivory Coast to reopen border with Ghana following 2-week closure **Africa**

ABIDJAN, 8 Oct — Ivory Coast announced it would reopen its border with eastern neighbor Ghana on Monday, more than two weeks after it was shut over a series of deadly attacks Ivorian officials said were launched from Ghanaian territory.

The Ivorian government blamed the raids, which targeted police and army installations in the commercial capital Abidjan and a border town on 20 and 21 September, on supporters of former president Laurent Gbagbo currently living in exile in Ghana.

Ivorian Defence Minister Paul Koffi Koffi

said in a statement broadcast on state television late on Sunday that both countries had reinforced security along the border "with the aim of stopping all incursions". "As a result President Alassane Ouattara decided that from Monday 8 Oct, 2012 at seven in the morning the land and sea borders will reopen," he said. Though Ivory Coast reopened its airspace to flights from Ghana on 23 September, the closure has blocked the main transportation route along the Gulf of Guinea, stretching from Ivory Coast to Nigeria.

Ghana has promised to help investigate the attacks, which further worsened relations already strained by Accra's refusal to act on international arrest warrants targeting former members of Gbagbo's regime issued by Ivory Coast last year. Gbagbo's refusal to accept defeat in a 2010 election won by Ouattara sparked a brief war last year that killed over 3,000 people.

He is currently awaiting trial before the International Criminal Court in The Hague on charges of crimes against humanity.

Reuters

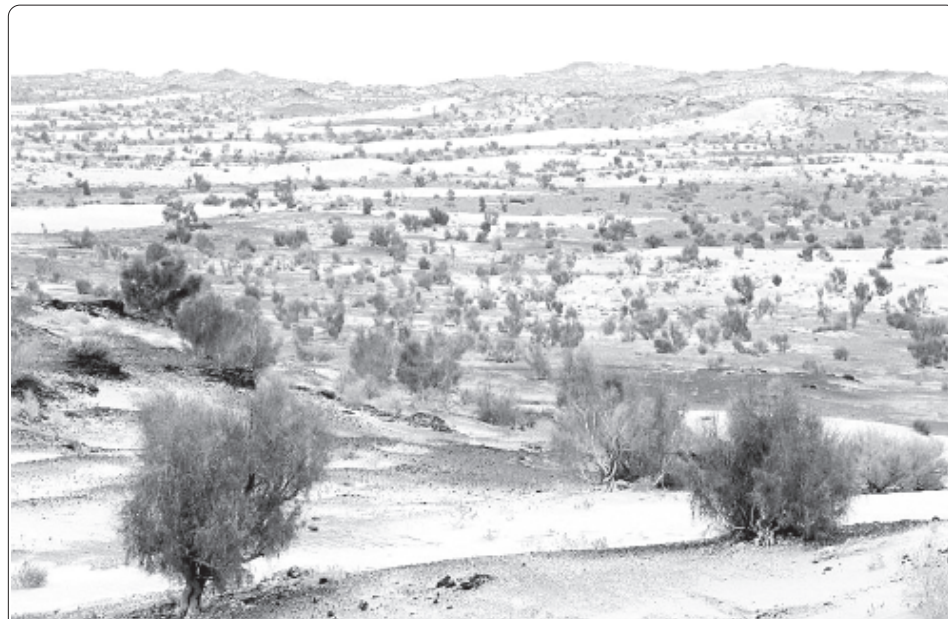


Photo taken on 6 Oct, 2012 shows the forest belt for wind sheltering and sand fixation in the Ulan Buh Desert, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. A 191-kilometre-long and one-kilometre-wide forest belt has been built to prevent the Ulan Buh Desert from moving eastwards.—XINHUA

WORLD

**31 suspected terrorists killed in northern Nigeria**

**Nigeria**

DAMATURU, (Nigeria), 8 Oct—Nigeria's Joint Task Force in northeast Yobe State said on Sunday that it has killed 31 and arrested 10 suspected terrorists during a gun battle in Kandahar and Cemetery areas of Damaturu, the state capital.

The announcement was made in a statement issued by spokesman Lt Eli Lazarus in Damaturu, who added that a field commander of the terrorists was among the suspected Boko Haram members killed. The task force said it was working hard to track down other members of the group.

Weapons recovered included six rifles and 90 rounds of ammunition. Other items recovered were knives, bows and arrows, and three cans of improvised explosive device.

Reuters

**Germany says Merkel visit to Athens does not mean aid for Greece**

**Europe**

BERLIN, 8 Oct—German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said on Sunday that Chancellor Angela Merkel's trip to Greece this week did not mean the debt-stricken country would receive the next tranche of aid from its bailout. "The chancellor will not discuss with Greece a matter which the troika must report on first," Schaeuble told broadcaster ZDF in an interview, referring to the "troika" of the International

Monetary Fund, European Commission and European Central Bank.

Greece is stuck in tough negotiations with "troika" inspectors over a new wave of budget cuts for the next two years, a condition for getting an installment of the 130 billion euro bailout that is keeping the country afloat.

"Greece must fulfill its obligations for the next tranche to be paid," said Schaeuble.

Reuters



German Chancellor Angela Merkel casts her shadow on an European Union (EU) flag as she arrives for a news conference after talks with Yemen's President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi in Berlin, on 4 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

**US welcomes peace deal in Philippines**

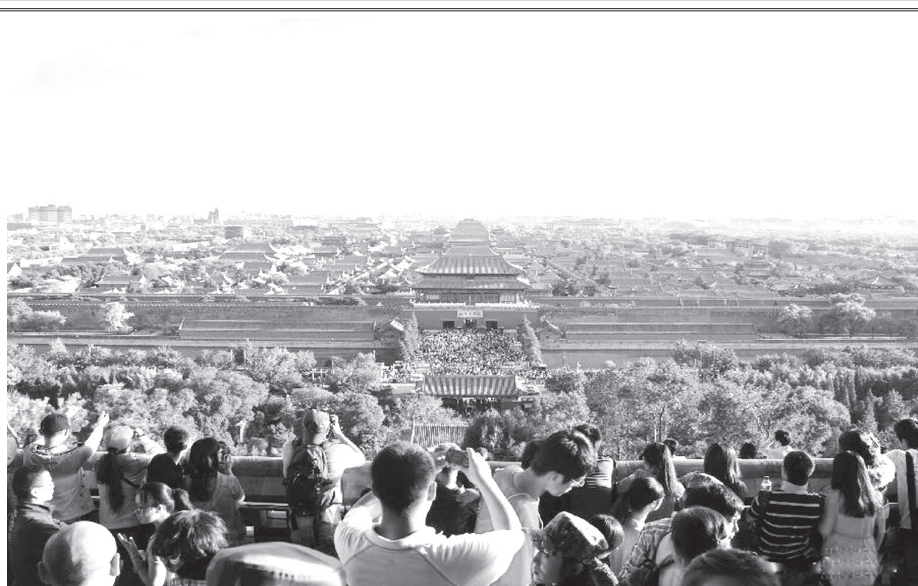
**US**

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Sunday welcomed the announcement of a framework peace agreement between the Philippine government and the country's largest rebel group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). "This agreement is a testament to the commitment of all sides for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the southern Philippines," the top US envoy said in a written statement.

"The next steps will be to ensure that the framework agreement is fully implemented," she added, urging all parties to work together to "build peace, prosperity and greater opportunities for all the people of the Philippines."

The landmark deal, announced by Philippine President Benigno Aquino III earlier on Sunday, was reached after the latest round of peace talks between the government and the MILF in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia.

Under the deal expected to be signed on 15 October, the rebels shall be accorded a larger share of power and wealth in a new autonomous region by 2016. The new region, named Bangsamoro, shall have its vested property rights protected, the basic rights of its minorities and indigenous groups recognized and the law enforcement transferred gradually from the Armed Forces of the Philippines to a reformed police.—Xinhua



Tourists visit the Jingshan Park in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Oct, 2012. China's "Golden Week" holiday justified its title with a rise in tourism revenue, National Tourism Administration (NTA) statistics showed on Sunday. The country's 119 major scenic spots received a total of 34.25 million visitors during the eight-day holiday, up 20.96 percent from the corresponding period last year. Tourism income surged by nearly a quarter from 2011 to 1.77 billion yuan (278.39 million US dollars), the NTA said.—XINHUA

**Chinese tourists' per capita expenditure in Singapore triples in 10 years**

**Tourism**

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—More and more Chinese tourists choose to visit Singapore for longer time, with visit arrivals doubled and per capita expenditure tripled during the past ten years from 2002 to 2011.

According to official data from Singapore Tourism Board (STB), China was once the third largest in-bound market for Singapore in 2002, with only 670,000 visitor arrivals. But since 2003, China has become the second largest in-bound market, from which about 1.578 million people visited Singapore last year, a dramatic increase of 35 percent from 2010.

"The growth momentum continued into 2012. Between January to May 2012, we received 856,000 visitors, registering a year-on-year growth of 30.7 percent, when compared with the same period last year." Edward Chew, Chief Representative Regional Director of Greater China Region in STB told Xinhua.

During their stay in Singapore, shopping and accommodation are the two main expenditure items, typically making up about 70 percent of Chinese visitor expenditure. "China has also consistently been one of our top five markets

that generated the highest tourism receipts. In terms of per capita expenditure, this was about 1,337 Singapore dollars (1,087 US dollars) in 2011, up from 467 Singapore dollars (380 US dollars) in 2002." Chew said, adding that the data has excluded the expenditures from sightseeing and entertainment due to commercial sensitivity of information.

Some industry insiders also mentioned that the consumption capacities of Chinese tourists have now exceeded those of Japanese. They seem to be the enthusiasts of some top-brand luxuries in Singapore.

China's outbound tourists also pay more attention to the quality of their travels. Wu Na, Director of Meridian International Travel, said a lot of Chinese tourists she received now choose to stay in Singapore for more than one day rather than simple sightseeing when transiting to other countries.

She said the change are partly due to the tourism campaign conducted by Singapore's government, but the preference for more leisure time and high-level travel experiences play more important role when Chinese people's choose their travel plan nowadays.—Xinhua

**Two killed during Venezuelan election**

**Venezuela**

CARACAS, 8 Oct—Venezuelan media reported on Sunday a shootout that killed two at the sidelines of Venezuela's presidential election, as well as a series of minor incidents that are unlikely to affect the final outcome. Newspaper *El Universal* reported a shootout close to a polling station in Tacarigua, in northern Miranda state, between armed men on motorbikes. However, it did not say whether the incident was linked to political disputes.

Separately, a top military official said security on the streets of Venezuela was reinforced on Sunday as voters went to the polls in the most contested presidential election in the past 14 years.

Wilmer Barrientos, head of the Strategic Operational Command of the National Bolivarian Armed Forces, said "we are stepping up patrols ... to be able to resolve any problems that may arise."

Barrientos made the remark after delivering a report on the progress of the election, saying the homicides were apparently unrelated to the day's electoral events.

"Unfortunately, there have been shooting deaths, but they have nothing to do with the electoral process," Barrientos said.

During elections, the agency under his command executed a so-called Plan of the Republic to safeguard the security of voters, candidates and electoral officials. As part of the plan, some 139,000 troops were stationed throughout the country, 8 percent more than in the 2006 presidential election, when 128,900 troops were mobilized.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez won the 2006 election, his second, with more than 60 percent of the votes, but this year's race against opposition candidate Henrique Capriles was

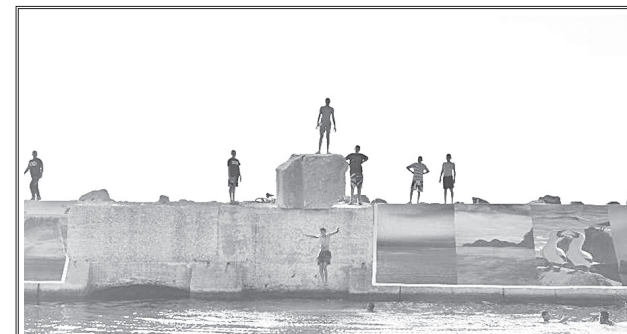
expected to be tighter.

Some 19 million Venezuelans at home and 100,000 overseas were registered to elect a president who will serve a six-year term starting January 2013. Polling began at 6 a.m. local time (1030 GMT) and is set

to close at around 6 p.m. local time (2230 GMT).

Also on Sunday, observer organization Education Assembly Election Watchdog Network (ROE-AE) reported five irregularities across the 567 polling stations it covers.

Xinhua



A boy jumps off a breakwater displaying photographs during the 2nd International Photography Festival at the Jaffa Port, Israel, on 7 Oct, 2012. Some 200 photographers and as many as 30 curators take part in the 2012 International Photography Festival, which has been holding at the Jaffa Port, Israel, from 2 to 8 October. According to the organizers, this year's festival focuses on the theme of the environment, community, and art.

XINHUA

# PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 9 October, 2012

## Education and motivation

Literacy, the basic of all education, as the bedrock of intellectual capital is an indispensable minimum condition for national development. But this is not just sufficient in this increasingly complex modern world. While innovative approaches must be developed to increase knowledge dissemination through radio, TV or other means to literate adults with little or no formal education, there is a critical need to improve the present quality of education.

The recent public debate over quality of education reminds us that the majority of so-called educated population is lacking in professional expertise to keep pace with and take advantages of changes worldwide, leaving aside the high illiteracy rates at rural regions. Sweeping reforms are required to promote of effectiveness of the entire educational institution, especially in the basic education sector to ensure the younger generation can effectively deal with the challenges of future world.

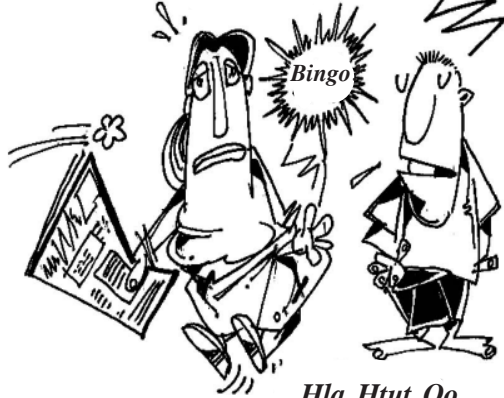
But, daunting challenges are just ahead of us on the path to national economic prosperity and global social entitlement and visible success would still be a castle in the air unless the present capacity of the working population, especially of the managerial level, is improved.

The demotivating effects of the defects in institutional structure have facilitated poor productivity and competitiveness of the working class, especially of the white-collar. Every performance would prove to be ineffective when there is a lack of any one of the elements of success—ability, motivation and opportunity. When one feels that there is no a glimmer of hope for personal achievement even though he has fought tooth and nail, his confidence would erode over the time with no thirst for success.

Practical and creative approaches must be applied into knowledge delivery to help tap the potential intellectual ability of the youth who need to think freely without being restricted within the old ideological framework.

If minor errors are forgiven in this transition period, it would be better.

These laws exist long ago.



## NATIONAL



President U Thein Sein receives Chairman of Doosuan Co Ltd of ROK Mr. YM Park.

(News on page 1) —MNA

### Union Religious Affairs Minister deals with religious matters

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung on 6 October inspected the chosen site in Sinywagwin, Sinywa Myinmu village-tract, Amarapura Township where Jade stupa and Jade Dhammayon are kept.

He then delivered an address at the coordination meeting of holding the 18<sup>th</sup> Sasana Sakasila Conferring Ceremony and viewed titles and insignia.—MNA

### Palethwe paddy harvesting ceremony held in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 8 Oct—The Palethwe hybrid paddy model farm harvesting ceremony at field No (326) in Mayingon village of Mohnyin Township grown by farmer U Tun Shwe was held at the farm on 6 October, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Soe Lay, Deputy Commissioner U Myint Hlaing and departmental staff and farmers.

Per acre yield of



Palethwe hybrid paddy model farm harvesting ceremony in Mohnyin Township in progress. NLM-001

Palethwe hybrid paddy is 157 baskets and necessary technical, pesticides and fertilizers were provided by Agriculture Department, said Staff Officer U Htin Aung at the ceremony.

Farmer U Kyaw Maung from Mayingon village said his opinion to correspondent of the New Light of Myanmar that Palethwe hybrid paddy need to use more fertilizers and most farmers are eager to grow Hsineikari (3) paddy than Palethwe as it is marketable crops.

NLM-001

### Each and every school of Mawlamyine holds Pathana Desana recitation ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Under the supervision of Mawlamyine Education Family and donor retired Director U Khin Win of the Ministry of Industry and family, a ceremony to recite Pathana Desana and present prizes was held at Zekyozaytan

Dhammayon, Mawlamyine on 30 September.

At the ceremony, U Khin Maung Win gave cash prizes to the first prize religious association winner of No.2 BEHS, the second prize religious association winner of BEMS (Sangyi), the third

prize religious association winner of No.11 BEHS, the fourth prize religious association winner of No. 10 BEHS and the fifth Thukhawady religious association winner of No.2 BEHS.

Donor U Khin Win and

family donated an electric cooling machine worth K 1,800,000 to Mawlamyine Township Mortuary Maintenance Committee.

The Pathana Desana recitation competition has started since 24 September and 40 religious association of each and every basic level school in Mawlamyine Township took part in it.—MNA



**NATIONAL**

**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker ...**

(from page 16)  
the Speaker called for making direct contacts with work committees and officials concerned for the success of

the works. He urged those present to attend to the needs of Hluttaw representatives with care as they are peoples' representatives. It would be

the sign of showing respects to the people, he added. He called for friendly and open relations between the official concerned for the interest of the State and the Hluttaw.

MNA

**Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win receives Singaporean Military Attachés**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win received Military Attaché of the Republic of Singapore to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Colonel Terry Siow Meng Meng who had completed his tour of duty and his successor Colonel Chua Boon Keat at the hall of Zeyarhiri Beikman here this morning.

Also present were Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore

Tin Aung San, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Brig-Gen Aung Ye Win of Commander-in-Chief's Office and Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye.

MNA



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Chairman of Saemaul Undong Central Training Institute Mr Lee Jai Chang. (News on page 1)—MNA

**Container vehicle upside down**

YANGON, 8 Oct—A container vehicle driven by Ye Zaw Tun of MITT Co

from Thilawa Port to Diamond Star Flour Factory in Dagon Myothit (Seikka) Township occurred upside down at the junction of Maungmagan Kantha and Ayeyawun Roads in Dagon Myothit (South) Township at 1.30 pm on 4 October.

The driver managed escape from the incident. The Traffic Police Force opened a file of lawsuit against the driver.

Kyemon



**Corrigendum**

Please read MoA instead of MoU in the news under the heading of "MoU on implementation of gas-fired combined cycle power plant project (Thaketa) inked" on page 7 of this daily issued on 6 October. Error is regretted.—NLM

**Japanese investors set to make huge investments in Myanmar**

Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

As Myanmar has become a shining star on the international stage with a series of political and economic reforms, multinational entrepreneurs are looking to Myanmar to make massive investments.

Especially, Japanese companies and entrepreneurs are shuttling between the two countries.

Under the arrangement of U Ye Htut, General Secretary of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association, we have picked up the chance to interview Japanese entrepreneurs in Nay Pyi Taw. Here is the interview with Mr Kazuhiro Okinaka, General Secretary of The New Business Conference Kansai, on Myanmar-Japan mutual economic prospects and investments.

MNA: What makes you visit Myanmar?

KO: Fourteen entrepreneurs I lead visit Myanmar to make investments.

MNA: What is your view on Myanmar's initiatives to invite foreign investments?

KO: The people of this country are sincere, following the teachings of Buddha and adhering to Five Precepts. From my personal point of view, this is the best country. I think we lately find it. We, the Japanese companies, have invested in many factories in China. We look forward to invest more in Myanmar in the future.

MNA: What do you expect from the forthcoming foreign investment law?

KO: We hope it would be the best legislation for both potential foreign investors and Myanmar. Foreign investors including us are awaiting it. Why we are in Nay Pyi Taw today is to discuss it with officials. We are accompanied by entrepreneurs from small and medium enterprises including construction materials manufacturing, printing industry, real estate, plastic industry and pipe industry.

MNA: I would like to know the views of most of Japanese entrepreneurs on future economic prospects in Myanmar.

KO: Most of Japanese entrepreneurs who are going to invest in Myanmar have the same views that I have. They are thinking to make a considerable amount of investments in Myanmar. They are hoping to have a certain place in Myanmar after Foreign Investment Law was approved. I see Myanmar as a country that guarantees to do business safely.

MNA: What do you think of Thilawa Economic Zone which is in progress?

KO: I think it is a perfect opportunity for Japanese entrepreneurs.

MNA: What do you want to say about Myanmar?

KO: Now, Japanese entrepreneurs are making investments, particularly in neighbouring countries of Myanmar. Although it is impossible to draw back from there now, the situation is to make a gradual withdrawal in future. So they will come here soon after making decisions to invest in Myanmar. I would like to say Myanmar government and people to give a very warm welcome to us.



**News in Brief**

**Agricultural Machinery Operating Course commences**

Agricultural Machinery Operating Special Course No 5/2012 was opened at Central Training School of Agricultural Mechanization Department on 5 October morning, with an address by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing.

**Development of SMEs, industrial zones discussed**

The workshop on development of small- and medium-scale industries and upgrading of industrial zones took place at the meeting hall of Taninthayi Region Government in Dawei on 5 October.

**Flag of Victory handed over**

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe handed over flag of victory to Secretary of Region Organizing Work Committee for Performing Arts Competition U Myat Thu to take part in the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition.

**World Teachers' Day marked**

World Teachers' Day ceremonies were observed in Dawei of Taninthayi Region, Sittway of Rakhine State, Mawlamyine of Mon State, Loikaw of Kayah State and Taunggyi of Shan State on 5 October.

**Social security law clarified**

A clarification on implementation of new social security law and extension of social security project was made at the city hall in Monywa on 3 October. Chairman of Social Security Board U Yu Lwin Aung explained matters related to Social Security Rules and future tasks.

**Players chosen for Universities' football team**

Outstanding footballers were picked out for Universities' Selected Team to take part in the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN University Games to be held in Vientiane of Laos in December 2012, at the Universities' football ground on Thaton Road in Kamayut Township on 4 and 6 October.

**Spoken English course kicks off**

Mon State Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee jointly opened spoken English course at Mawlamyine Township MCWA Office on 6 October morning. Faculty members from Mawlamyine University teach the trainees 10-week course.

## WORLD

### Brazil ruling party struggles in big cities in municipal vote

**Brazil**

BRASILIA, 8 Oct—Brazil's ruling Workers' Party clinched a runoff for the mayorship of the country's biggest city on Sunday in municipal elections marked by fraying relationships with coalition parties crucial to its grip on federal power since 2003.

Fernando Haddad, the left-leaning party's candidate, dodged defeat in Sao Paulo after trailing a popular evangelical candidate and a veteran centrist in most of the polls before the vote.

Haddad was hand-picked to be a candidate

by former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and received support from current President Dilma Rousseff, as their party, known by its Portuguese initials as the PT, seeks to begin transferring power to a younger generation of leaders.

The 49-year-old former education minister will now face Jose Serra, a centrist former minister and presidential candidate, in a runoff in three weeks.

The mayorship of Sao Paulo, like the top office in other big Brazilian cities, is considered a launching

pad for national office. Top municipal offices are also lynchpins of regional power in a country, Latin America's biggest, where democracy is marked by noisy and constant multiparty negotiations.

Sunday's elections, for mayors and local council members in 5,500 cities across Brazil, took place with the backdrop of a historic corruption trial involving former aides to Lula, who is still considered Brazil's most popular politician.

Voters also cast their ballots amid the most sluggish economy in once-booming Brazil since the PT came to dominate its political landscape.

Brazil's Supreme Court is expected to convict Lula's former chief of staff, Jose Dirceu, this week for running a vote-buying scheme that used public funds to shore up support for the PT-led coalition in the first two years of Lula's 2003-2010 presidency.

Opposition politicians wielded the scandal around the "mensalao," or big monthly payment, against PT candidates throughout the campaign.

Reuters



*Fernando Haddad of the Workers Party (PT), a candidate for Sao Paulo Mayor, gestures to photographers after voting at a polling station in Sao Paulo on 7 Oct, 2012.*

REUTERS



*Visitors watch the exhibition of Raphael (1483-1520) at Teylers Museum in Haarlem, the Netherlands, on 7 Oct, 2012. The exhibition with 90 drawings at display is the first exhibition of Raphael in the Netherlands.*

XINHUA

### One person killed in mine blast in SE Turkey

**Turkey**

ANKARA, 8 Oct—One person was killed and another wounded in a mine blast in southeastern Turkey on Sunday, private *Dogan* news agency reported.

The mine, probably planted by the members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), exploded when a tractor hit the mine at Sennoba area of Uludere town of Sirmak Province, leaving the 18-year-old Turkish citizen dead and a village guard wounded, according to the report.

The wounded was taken to Sirmak State Hospital for medical treatment, said the report.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Xinhua

### Violence claims 11 lives in Karachi, Pakistan

**Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 8 Oct—At least 11 people were killed and several others were injured in separate incidents of violence and target killings in Pakistan's southern port City of Karachi over the last 24 hours, local media and police reported. Some unknown gunmen shot down a middle-aged man, Abbas Qadri, on Sunday afternoon in Sarjani Town area of the city. Police later confirmed that the deceased was an activist of a religious party, and his killing seemed to be an incident of sectarian attack.

A teenager was shot dead in Gulshan Iqbal area of the metropolis while three others were gunned down the restive Lyari and Korangi areas.

At least five people were killed in Orangi town area of Karachi over the last 24 hours. Police also recovered mutilated body of an unknown woman from Kemari area of the city. At least ten people including two activists of Awami National Party were also injured in firing in separate incidents of gunfire in the city.—Xinhua

### Australian radio host faces withdrawal of ad after comment on PM's late father

**Australia**

CANBERRA, 8 Oct—When Sydney radio talk show host Alan Jones told a Sydney University Liberal Club fundraiser a fortnight ago that Prime Minister Julia Gillard's father "died of shame" because of her lies, he would not have expected that all the sponsors would withdraw from his show.

The Macquarie Radio Network which owes Jones' high-rating Sydney 2GB breakfast show announced on Sunday it would be temporarily suspending all advertising on the show, after an "unprecedented focus" on the controversial shock jock through mainstream and social media. Jones confirmed the news in his programme on Monday morning.

After his comments on Gillard's father was made known, Jones had immediately arranged a Press conference to publicly apologize and made a further "unambiguous and unconditional" apology on air last Tuesday.

Despite his damage-control efforts, more than 85,000

people signed a petition last week calling for his sacking, while the Facebook page Destroy the Joint urged followers to write to advertisers and "destroy Alan's joint".

By 2 October, more than a dozen sponsors including Woolworths, Coles, Mercedes-Benz and ING Direct had canceled or suspended advertising on his program, estimated to make around 2 million Australian dollars (2.04 million US dollars) a month for the radio network. By 5 Oct, the network's share price had dropped 14 percent.

Jenna Price, who set up the Facebook page Destroy the Joint, said: "We are thrilled with the reaction, but you can't think that this is going to fix the problem."

"I'm not a person who wants to sack Alan Jones. I want to re-educate Alan Jones," she told the *Australian Associated Press* on Sunday. Price launched the Facebook page about a month ago, following comments by Jones suggesting some female leaders were "destroying the joint".—Xinhua



*A performance is staged during the 2012 Kuandu Arts Festival in Taipei, on 7 Oct, 2012. Artists from 14 countries and regions have been invited to give performances in the festival, which kicked off Sunday.*

XINHUA

### Australia's Queensland Gov't to sell 1.5 bln AUD worth of shares in QR National

BRISBANE, 8 Oct—Australia's Queensland Government has confirmed it will sell 1.5 billion AU dollars (1.52 billion US dollars) worth of shares in Australia's largest rail freight operator QR National in a deal which will maximize benefits for Queensland taxpayers, Treasurer Tim Nicholls said on Monday.

The deal involves a sale

of 1 billion AU dollars of shares via a selective buyback to QR National and a 500 million AU dollar placement to a small number of cornerstone investors. Treasurer Tim Nicholls said the deal was a great result for Queensland taxpayers as the price the Government achieved for the sale would see more funds available to pay down Labour's legacy of debt. The sell-off will reduce the Government's

stake in QR National from 33.9 percent to 16 percent. Nicholls said the Queensland Government continued to be a significant shareholder in QR National.

"Whilst the Government will continue to review its investment in QR National, we have no current intention to sell any of our remaining shares in the near term," he said in a statement.—Xinhua

### Honda to recall 489,000 CR-Vs in US, Europe

**Automobile**

TOKYO, 8 Oct—Honda Motor Co said on Sunday it would recall about 489,000 CR-Vs sold in the United States and the Europe after finding rain water may enter the vehicles' power window switch on the driver's door, which could eventually cause the switch to overheat and catch fire.

The Japanese automaker

will be recalling about 220,000 CR-V sport utility vehicles in Europe, around 268,000 units in the United States and fewer than 100 in Africa, a Honda spokeswoman said. All the vehicles are produced between 2002 and 2006.

There have been reports of five switch fires, but no injuries have been reported

related to the issue, the spokeswoman said.

The Japan's third-largest automaker did not give estimated costs for the recall. The recall follows Honda's announcement on 1 Oct that it will recall around 603,000 Accord vehicles sold in North America to correct a fault discovered in power steering parts.—Xinhua

**REGIONAL**

**Southeast Asia splashes out on defence, mostly maritime**

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—Indonesia is buying submarines from South Korea and coastal radar systems from China and the United States. Vietnam is getting submarines and combat jets from Russia, while Singapore—the world’s fifth-largest weapons importer—is adding to its sophisticated arsenal.



Crew members of a South Korean destroyer fire an anti-submarine torpedo during military drills in the Yellow Sea of South Korea in this on 5 Aug, 2010 file photo.

REUTERS

Wary of China and flush with economic success, Southeast Asia is ramping up spending on military hardware to protect the shipping lanes, ports and maritime boundaries that are vital to the flow of exports and energy.

Even for those away from that fray, maritime security has been a major focus for Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore.

“Economic development is pushing them to spend money on defence to

protect their investments, sea lanes and exclusive economic zones,” said James Hardy, Asia Pacific editor of *IHS Jane’s Defence Weekly*. “The biggest trend is in coastal and maritime surveillance and patrol.”

As Southeast Asia’s economies boomed, defence spending grew 42 percent in

real terms from 2002 to 2011, data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) shows.

High on the list are warships, patrol boats, radar systems and combat planes, along with submarines and anti-ship missiles that are particularly effective in denying access to sea lanes.

“Submarines are a big thing,” said Tim Huxley, executive director for Asia at the International Institute for Strategic Studies. “They can do immense damage without being seen, without being anticipated, and they can do that anywhere in the region.”

For decades, much of Southeast Asia spent little on weapons other than guns and small tanks.

Most threats were internal and the umbrella of US protection was deemed enough to ward off any potential aggression from overseas.

With China’s growing muscle and more funds available, the shopping lists are getting more sophisticated. Most countries in the region are littoral, so the emphasis is on sea and air-based defense.

Reuters

**World Bank revises down 2012 GDP growth estimate in E. Asia to 7.2%**

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—The economy in the East Asian region excluding Japan will grow 7.2 percent in 2012, down 0.4 percentage point from a projection released in May, and stage a modest recovery next year, the World Bank said in an economic outlook report Monday.

The Washington-based lending agency attributed the downward revision in the region’s projected real gross domestic product growth to sluggish exports blamed on the eurozone debt crisis.

GDP growth in the region could recover to 7.6 percent in 2013 with weak exports being more than offset by brisk domestic demand, the World Bank said. GDP grew by 8.2 percent in the region in 2011. —Reuters

**5.8-magnitude quake hits northern Chile: USGS**

SANTIAGO, 8 Oct—A 5.8-magnitude earthquake jolted Antofagasta, northern Chile on Sunday night, the US Geological Survey said.

The quake occurred at 21:50 local time (0150 GMT Monday), with its epicenter at a depth of 115.30 km.

So far, there has been no report of casualties or damage. Xinhua

**NZ PM Key brushes off idea to print money to lower currency**

WELLINGTON, 8 Oct—New Zealand’s Prime Minister John Key brushed off suggestions by opposition party to print money to lower the country’s strong currency because it would create inflation and increase business costs.

“The latest idea of the Green (Party) to print money that is a pretty whacky idea,” Key told Television New Zealand on Monday.

“Printing money makes you rich. Zimbabwe would be the richest country on the planet and it’s not.” Key reiterated inflation remains the primary focus of the country’s

monetary policy, adding that increasing money supply would raise inflation.

“That means your interest rates will go up. Your mortgage costs will go up, your business costs will go up. The costs of everything you buy will go up,” he said.

“It might bring your currency down, it might be a by-product of that, but it’s quite a cost and risk to the consumers.”

Key said New Zealand’s economy was not in a “bad shape”, adding that it was growing at one of the fastest rate in the countries grouped under OECD.

Reuters



New Zealand Prime Minister John Key gives a speech at the Trans-Tasman Business Circle Lunch in central Sydney on 5 July, 2012.

REUTERS

**India successfully testfires BrahMos supersonic cruise missile**

**India**

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct—India on Sunday successfully testfired its BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a warship off the coast of the western state of Goa, sources said.

“The testfiring was successful.

The 290-km range missile was fired by the Indian Navy from *INS Teg* warship and it hit the target ship accurately on the Arabian Sea,” the sources said.

*BrahMos*, the world’s fastest cruise missile in operation, is capable of carrying a conventional warhead of 300 kg. The missile travels at speeds of 2.8 to 3.0 Mach.

The land-launched and ship-launched versions of the missile are already in service with air-launched and submarine-launched versions currently under testing phase.

The supersonic cruise missile project is actually a joint venture between India’s Defence Research and Development Organization and Russia’s NPO Mashinostroyeniya.—Xinhua

**Two road accidents kill 19 in China**

BEIJING, 8 Oct— Two separate road accidents killed 19 people in China on Sunday as the weeklong National Day holiday ended.

In one case, 14 people were confirmed dead after two passenger coaches collided on an expressway in east China’s Shandong Province.

A passenger coach hit a sedan near Zibo City at 11:44 am, then broke through median barriers and collided with another coach traveling in the opposite lane, according to local traffic police. The second coach rolled over into a trench alongside the expressway, which links Qingdao in Shandong to Yinchuan in northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

Six people died on the spot. Eight died in hospital. Currently, six injured people are receiving treatment.

In another accident in Ningdu County of east China’s Jiangxi Province, five people

died and two others were injured after a rear-end collision between a truck and a commercial vehicle at about 5 pm. The collision happened on a section of the expressway linking Jinan of Shandong and Guangzhou of south China’s Guangdong Province.

Four of the dead and injured in the accident are Hong Kong citizens, according to police. The causes of the accidents are under investigation.

China’s peak traffic season during the National Day holidays saw an extra surge of road travels as a result of the government’s new toll-free policy during public holidays for small passenger cars. According to statistics from the Ministry of Transport, a record of 80.87 million people traveled by road each day during the holidays, adding the total volume to 647 million.

Xinhua



Vehicles run past an entrance to the Zhengzhou Yellow River Highway Bridge in Zhengzhou, capital of central China’s Henan Province, on 7 Oct, 2012. The 5,549-metre-long bridge, which was opened to traffic on 1 Oct, 1986, will stop charging toll from 8 Oct.—XINHUA

**Thousands of public servants walk off job across Australia’s New South Wales**

**Australia**

SYDNEY, 8 Oct— More than 40,000 public servants have walked off the job across New South Wales (NSW) of Australia to protest against the state government’s planned job cuts, local media reported on Monday.

The Public Service Association (PSA), a union

representing the government employees, authorized its members to stop work and attend mass meetings at more than 40 locations across the state on Monday morning.

PSA NSW General Secretary John Cahill said that thousands of workers in NSW are facing job cuts and

cuts to conditions under the state government.

Hundreds of PSA members are rallying outside Sydney Town Hall, where a vote is to be held to determine whether to escalate industrial action, according to the *Australian Associated Press* (AAP) reports.—Xinhua

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

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

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

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**China tests world's fastest  
alpine railway**

HARBIN, 8 Oct—China on Monday showcased the world's first alpine high-speed rail line, which threads through the country's three northeastern provinces. A test train departed from Harbin West Station, located in the capital of Heilongjiang Province, on Monday morning for Dalian, a port City in Liaoning Province. With a trial speed averaging 300 km per hour, the train completed the 921-kilometer journey in about four hours.

Engineers with the railway project said the rail track built using cutting-edge technology can accommodate temperatures between 40 degrees Celsius below zero and 40 degrees Celsius above freezing. Trains will be able to run at an average of 350 km per hour on the line after safety tests are conducted. They have adopted the eight-compartment CRH380B train model built by China Northern Railways.

The rail line, featuring 24 stations, is expected to go into normal operation by the end of the year. The populous northeastern provinces are known as China's key industrial base, and the high-speed rail line is expected to ease the transportation bottleneck in the region. Harbin West, the line's originating station, has been designed with 10 platforms with a combined dispatched passenger capacity of 7,000 passengers per hour at peak times.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 6 Oct, 2012 shows the cab interior of a high speed train for test run in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province.—XINHUA

**S Korea's imported car sales hit new high in Sept**

SEOUL, 8 Oct—Imported car sales in South Korea hit a new high last month due to continued demand for foreign luxury car models, data by the local trade association showed on Monday.

Sales of imported cars reached a fresh record high of 12,123 vehicles in September, topping the previous high of 11,708 units tallied in May, according to the Korea Automobile Importers and Distributors Association (KAIDA). The figure was up 20.6 percent from the same month last year, and was up 14.6 percent from a month earlier.

For the first nine months of this year, imported auto sales amounted to 95,706 units, up 20.1 percent from the same period last year. The double-digit growth trend was attributable for rising demand for luxury models and consumption tax cuts for cars. "The September imported car registration increased on an on-month basis due to launch of some new models, delivery

of delayed orders and tax cut for cars," said Yoon Dae-sung, executive director of KAIDA.

German luxury carmaker BMW ranked first in terms of best-selling brand last month with 2,308 vehicles sold here. It was followed by Mercedes-Benz with 2,062 units and Volkswagen with 1,831 units. Audi ranked fourth with 1,441 units sold and Toyota came next with 972 units.

The most popular model was Mercedes-Benz's E300 model with 593 units sold to beat Camry manufactured by Toyota with 531 units sold. It was followed by BMW's 520d with 515 units sold. By size, vehicles with an engine capacity of 2-liter or less were most popular, posting 48.5 percent market share in September. This was followed by cars with an engine displacement of between two and three liters that accounted for 33.1 percent of market share.—Xinhua

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**Rihanna's "Diamonds" reaches UK pop chart summit**

*Singer Rihanna performs with dancer. —REUTERS*



LONDON, 8 Oct—Korean pop star Psy and his Barbadian pop singer Rihanna climbed to the top of the British charts on Sunday with her new single "Diamonds", ousting South Korean pop star Psy and his internet video sensation "Gangnam Style" from the number one spot. Local boy band One Direction were new in third

place with "Live While We're Young", while London-born singer Adele burst in at number four with the theme song for the latest James Bond film "Skyfall".

English singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding arrived in fifth place with her new single "Anything Could Happen", the Official Charts Company said.

British stadium rockers Muse shot to the summit of the album charts with their new release "The 2nd Law", including the track "Survival", the official song of London's 2012 Olympic Games.

Boy band Overtones entered the charts at number six with their second album release "Higher".

Veteran British rock band the Electric Light Orchestra re-entered the list at number 10 with their 2005 greatest hits compilation "All Over The World", notching up a 173rd week in the charts.

Reuters

**Mila Kunis is thinking about converting to**

**Kabbalah**

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct—The actress was spotted accompanying her boyfriend

Ashton Kutcher to Rosh Hashanah holiday services at the Kabbalah Centre in New York City last month. A source told *US Weekly* magazine: "The men and women were separated (during the service), but Ashton always smiled at her. They were clapping and praying. She was taking it all in."

They were seen arriving at the centre holding hands on 18 September.

Following the service, the *Two and a Half Men* actor

reportedly "ran to embrace her."

The 34-year-old actor began following the sect in 2003 with his now-estranged wife Demi Moore. The couple turned to a Kabbalah counselling centre in a bid to save their marriage after he cheated on her last year.

Ashton Kutcher is said to be determined to make his new relationship with his 29-year-old former *That 70s Show*

**Kristen Stewart still in touch with Rupert Sanders**

LONDON, 8 Oct—Twilight star Kristen Stewart is reportedly still in contact with director Rupert Sanders.

The 22-year-old actress, who cheated on boyfriend Robert Pattinson with the married director, has been texting Sanders, reported Showbizspy.

"Kristen is saying all the right things to Rob, but she is not being totally honest with him. Rob made her promise to stop talking to Rupert, and she has broken that promise already. Kristen justifies it because, technically, she is not actually talking to him, so she feels like she is still keeping her word," a source said. "Kristen swears she is only keeping in touch with Rupert because she feels sorry for him. His wife, Liberty Ross, has totally turned her back on him, and Kristen feels somewhat responsible for that."

"She does not want to hurt Rob, but she does not see the harm in exchanging text messages with Rupert so that he doesn't feel so abandoned," the source added. —PTI



Twilight star Kristen Stewart and director Rupert Sanders.

**Reese**

**Witherspoon is thrilled to have her new baby boy back home**

co-star last.

The low-key couple - who started dating six months ago - are said to be getting serious and are even considering adopting a dog together.

An insider recently said: "Mila and Ashton have been touring shelters looking for an abandoned dog that needs a loving home."

"They have their hearts set on a big dog - either a golden retriever or a Labrador." —PTI

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct—The Water for Elephants actress welcomed baby Tennessee James - her first child with talent agent husband Jim Toth - on 27 September but they only returned home from the hospital in recent days.

A source told *People.com*: "Everyone is bonding with the baby. And Jim has had a lighter workload and has been spending a lot of time at home with the baby as well."

"She definitely feels settled in her family life with Jim and her kids. They can't wait to start life with their baby." Reese was spotted dining out with the newborn at Huckleberry Bakery and Cafe on Wednesday (03.10.12) in Santa Monica, California.

Her husband Jim - whom she married in March 2011 after a year of dating - was not nervous about becoming a dad for the first time. —PTI



Reese Witherspoon



Mila Kunis

**James Bond car sells for nearly \$400,000**

LONDON, 8 Oct—A 2008 Aston Martin car used by Daniel Craig in the James Bond movie *Quantum of Solace* has been sold in an auction of Bond movie memorabilia for 241,300 pounds (around \$389,000), Christie's auction house said.

The cost of the 2008 Aston Martin 6 litre V12 DBS 2 door coupe, which went to an anonymous buyer, was 1.5 times higher. The trading took place in the presence of 600 VIP guests, and many items of the auction were presented by the stars of the film.

Actress Judi Dench, who plays M, presented one of the most piquant lots, a pair of blue trunks worn by Daniel Craig in the film *Casino Royal*. "All I can tell you, they are unwashed," the actress said. The trunks were sold for 44,500 pounds and will be given to a charity fund Women For Women.

The second most expensive item in the auction was an Omega watch made of titanium and used by Craig in the upcoming James Bond movie *Skyfall*. The watch was expected to be sold for some 8,000 pounds but was sold for 157,300 pounds. Former Bond Roger Moore presented a musical score of the soundtrack for the same film signed by the British singer Adele, performer of the title track. The lot was sold for 13,800 pounds.

The total cost of 11 pieces was 752,100 pounds. All proceeds will go to various charitable organisations. The auction was held to mark the 50th anniversary of the first James Bond movie.

Reuters



Daniel Craig

**SPORTS**

**Messi, Ronaldo trade blows in 2-2 Clasico draw**

MADRID, 8 Oct—Real Madrid came away with a point but failed to secure the victory they needed to trim the gap to leaders Barcelona when the outstanding Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo each struck twice in an attritional 2-2 draw in La Liga on Sunday. A stuttering start by Jose Mourinho's Real side had left them eight points behind their great rivals after six matches, threatening to derail their title defence before it had even got off the ground.

While they will take comfort from preventing Barca making it seven wins out of seven this term, they may feel they let slip an opportunity in the opening league 'Clasico' of the campaign after Ronaldo gave them a deserved 23rd-minute lead in front of almost 100,000 fans packed into an electric Nou Camp arena.

With millions more around the world watching the heavyweight clash, Messi levelled eight minutes later after a defensive lapse by Pepe and the Argentine World Player of the Year curled in a stunning free kick just after the hour to make it 2-1.

Real were level within five minutes when Mesut Ozil slid the ball through to Ronaldo and the Portuguese forward beat Victor Valdes for a second time with a powerful low strike.

Barca twice came close to a winner in a frenetic finale when substitute Martin Montoya crashed a long-range effort against the crossbar in the 89th minute and Pedro dashed on to an Andres Iniesta pass in stoppage time only to fire wastefully wide.

"We were superior at

times but it was a very even game," Barca midfielder Sergio Busquets said in an interview with Spanish television.

"Everything is the way it was but with one match less," added the Spain international.

Barca have 19 points from seven games, three ahead of unbeaten Atletico Madrid, who host third-placed Malaga in Sunday's late kickoff.

Real, who have already lost twice, the same number of defeats as they suffered in



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (R) and Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo fight for the ball during their Spanish first division soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona, on 7 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

**Vettel wins in Japan after Alonso exit**

SUZUKA, Japan, 8 Oct—Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel won the Japanese Grand Prix on Sunday and blew the Formula One championship wide open with five races remaining after Ferrari's Fernando Alonso spun out at the start. Alonso's pre-race lead over reigning champion Vettel, chalking up his

second win in a row and third of the season, was cut to four points from 29 with the Spaniard in danger of falling behind in South Korea next weekend.

"It was an important step today but there's still a long way," said Vettel after holding aloft the winner's trophy and making the familiar raised

forefinger gesture as number one.

"These things happen and obviously you don't hope for those things to happen to yourself," he added of Alonso's exit into the gravel following contact with former Ferrari champion Kimi Raikkonen's Lotus.

"We have so many

**Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany (C) tosses his trophy on podium next to second placed Ferrari Formula One driver Felipe Massa of Brazil (L) and third placed Sauber Formula One driver Kamui Kobayashi of Japan after the Japanese F1 Grand Prix at the Suzuka circuit on 7 Oct, 2012.**

REUTERS



**West Indies beat Sri Lanka to clinch World**

**Cricket Twenty20 title**

COLOMBO, 8 Oct—West Indies were crowned the World Twenty20 champions after beating hosts Sri Lanka by 36 runs in a bowler-dominated final at the R Premadasa Stadium on Sunday.

Sri Lanka restricted West Indies to 137 for six wickets to boost their chances of winning their maiden World Twenty20 title but the dream did not materialise as they were shot out for 101 runs in 18.4 overs. Chasing a seemingly modest victory target, Sri Lanka were going steadily at 48 for one before their batting order caved in, partially because of their anxiousness to stay ahead of the par score in case of a rain interruption which seemed so imminent. Skipper Mahela Jayawardene (33) and former captain Kumar Sangakkara (22) got the starts but could not carry on and only one more Sri Lankan — Nuwan Kulasekara (26) — managed double figure in an otherwise abject batting capitulation. Spinner Sunil Narine was the pick of the West Indies bowlers, claiming three for nine runs to cap his excellent run in the tournament.—Reuters

**Soccer**

the whole of last season, are fifth on 11 points. With the world's two richest teams meeting in probably the biggest fixture in international club soccer, Messi and Ronaldo continued their personal goal-scoring duel on a balmy night in the Catalan capital.

Ronaldo's goals made him the first player to score in six 'Clasicos' in a row, while Messi's 16th and 17th strikes in Real-Barca matches put him one short of the leading marksman, Real great Alfredo Di Stefano.

Ronaldo's first of the night came when Karim Benzema played him through on the left of the area and he struck a powerful low shot just inside Valdes's post.

Pepe collapsed in a heap in the area allowing Messi to volley in the equaliser before last year's La Liga top scorer thrilled the home support with a spectacular 30-metre effort that left Spain keeper Casillas flapping at thin air.

Ronaldo then netted his 10th 'Clasico' goal when he raced on to Ozil's fine through ball and scored with another powerfully-struck low shot.

Reuters



American goalkeeper Brad Friedel (L)

**Friedel's record run over as Spurs bring in Lloris**

LONDON, 8 Oct—American goalkeeper Brad Friedel's record run of consecutive Premier League appearances ended on Sunday when French international Hugo Lloris was preferred for Tottenham Hotspur's home game against Aston Villa.

Friedel, 41, has not missed a top-flight game since the end of the 2003-04 season,

a remarkable sequence of 310 successive matches for Spurs and former clubs Villa and Blackburn Rovers.

Lloris joined Spurs from Olympique Lyon on the last day of the transfer window in August for a transfer fee of 12 million pounds.

Former US international Friedel has featured in three World Cup squads.

Reuters

**Azarenka overwhelms Sharapova to claim career first-ever China Open title**



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus holds the trophy during the victory ceremony for the women's singles final against Maria Sharapova of Russia at the 2012 China Open tennis tournament held in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 Oct, 2012. Azarenka won 2-0 and claimed the title.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 8 Oct—China Open witnessed a new female champion this year as Victoria Azarenka easily cruised past the world top two contest by smashing Maria Sharapova on 6-3 and 6-1 here on Sunday.

Although having reached a career Grand Slam by winning Roland Garros this year, Maria Sharapova, the 10th women all-time and 6th in the Open Era, failed to bid for her first Premier Mandatory title by suffering a quick loss to the World No1 Victoria Azarenka.

Standing on the top in her 4th appearance at Beijing, Azarenka grabbed her fifth title of the season, which is her career first more-than-three titles in a season and the 23-year-old Belorussian enjoyed a 7-5 advantage against Sharapova.

Neither player has dropped a set en route to the final as Azarenka has dropped 21 games and Sharapova 20, but the final didn't turn out to be a close match-up as Azarenka led a 68% to 57% first serve points won percentage and a higher 50%-29% second.

Azarenka enjoyed a decent start with 4-0 by breaking Sharapova's first and third serve in the opening set before the second seed closed it on 3-5 as the world No1 answered another break to take the set at 6-3 within 42 minutes.

With one set in hand, Azarenka started to call the shots in the second to storm to a 5-1 lead, while the Russian sweet found it hard to get the match back as Azarenka sealed the victory at 6-1.

Xinhua

**Formula One**

It could happen. We don't know what happens in the next race, it's good to take the points today." Ferrari's Felipe Massa came second, 20.6 seconds behind Vettel, for the Brazilian's first podium finish since October 2010 with Japan's Kamui Kobayashi delighting his home crowd with third place for Sauber.

Only the third Japanese to stand on a Formula One podium, he was the first since Takuma Sato at Indianapolis in 2004. Only Aguri Suzuki, in 1990, had previously finished in the top three at Suzuka. "Fantastic, unbelievable," he said, sharing a podium with Vettel for the first time since their Formula Three days and addressing the fans in Japanese.—Reuters

**West Indies' Kieron Pollard plays a shot during their World Twenty20 final cricket match against Sri Lanka in Colombo on 7 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS**



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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(9-10-12 09:30 am ~ 10-10-12 09:30 am) MST

- \* News
- \* Myanmar Indonesia Joint Cultural Show 2012
- \* News
- \* Evergreen Classical Music (Part-11)
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Betels
- \* News
- \* Keep the Value of Myanmar Culture
- \* Myanmar Art Peeps Beyond the World
- \* News
- \* "Topic on Journal" Wearing Traditional Dress, Reflecting

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- \* Malaysia Expo & Healthcare Seminar 7:50 am
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- \* One of the Sunset along Yangon River 8:30 am
- \* Better Days for Farmers 8:30 am
- \* News 8:30 am
- \* Taxidermy For Eternity 8:30 am
- \* News 8:30 am
- \* Development of Lumbini, Nepal 8:30 am
- \* Myanmar Movie "A Fragrant Flower From Bagan" 8:30 am

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- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region
- Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 3. Dhamma Puja Song 7:50 am
- 4. Nice & Sweet Song 8:00 am
- 5. Health Programme 8:30 am
- 6. Selected Songs For 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Classial Song) (Basic Education) (Level Men & Women) 8:40 am
- 7. International News 4:00 pm
- 8. Martial Song 4:10 pm
- 9. Musical Programme 4:20 pm
- 10. Teleplay (Traffic) 4:40 pm
- 11. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Botany) 4:55 pm
- 12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit 5:45 pm
- 13. Road to 27th SEA GAMES (Bicycle) 6:00 pm
- 14. Evening News 6:35 pm
- 14. Sing A Song 7:10 pm
- 15. TV Drama Series 8:00 pm
- 16. News 17. International News 18. 19th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competition (2012) Interview (Narration of religious stories) 19. Bakery World 20. India Drama Series



Chinese saxophone player Li Gaoyang (2nd, L) performs with American keyboard player Jim Schneider (L), Australian drummer Cameron Reid (R) and Swedish bass player Peter Scherr at the outdoor concert of 2012 Hong Kong International Jazz Festival in Hong Kong, south China, on 7 Oct, 2012. Musicians from over 10 countries and regions gathered and performed in the festival from on 7 to 12 Oct. XINHUA

Japanese firm, Indian textile giant to develop rayon for global markets

KOLKATA, 8 Oct— Japanese firm Omineshi and India's textile giant Aditya Birla Group's flagship company Grasim Industries has entered into an agreement to develop new international

markets for rayon products, a company executive said Monday. Omikenshi is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Under the terms of the agreement, Omikenshi and Grasim are to develop the

technology together and manage the increased production anticipated as they enter new markets. However, the financial details of the agreement are yet to be revealed.

In addition to specific products at the core of the agreement, the two companies are to also explore future collaboration through a joint research and development programme.—Xinhua



Staff members of Mexico's Anthropology and History National Institute (INAH, by its acronym in spanish) carry a sacrificial stone found in the Sacred Spot of Tenochtitlan, in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 5 Oct, 2012. Tenochtitlan was the capital of the Aztec Empire, before the spanish conquest 500 years ago. Some 45 human skulls and 250 human jaws were discovered by INAH in the ceremonial temple of Tenochtitlan's Sacred Spot. Buried under this group of human skulls and jaws were a sacrificial stone and another five fractured skulls. Archaeologists assume that, the sacrificial stone and the human remains were part of a "tzompantli", an Aztec monument to expose the skulls of the slaughtered. —XINHUA

Kenyans sweep Buenos Aires marathon

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Oct— Kenya's Eric Luusa Nzioki won the Buenos Aires marathon Sunday, beating out a record 8,135 runners, and leading his country's clean sweep of the top three spots.

The number of participants in this year's 42-kilometer run surpassed last year's 7,225, setting a new record for the annual event through the streets of Argentina's capital.

Nzioki won with a time of 2:12:05, followed by fellow Kenyans Patrick Wachira Muriuki (2:13:12) and Robert Matu Mwangi (2:14:43).

In the women's race, Kenya's Lucy Karimi won

the top spot with a time of 2:41:38, followed by compatriot Frasiyah Nyambura Withaka (2:41:42) and Argentina's Andrea Graciano (2:49:22).

The Buenos Aires city government helped organize the event put on by the Nandu Foundation with the sponsorship of mobile phone company Claro and athletic-gear maker Adidas. The long-distance race forms part of the international circuit recognized by the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) and the AIMS (Association of International Marathons), according to the city's Sports Under-secretariat.

Xinhua

Anti-tank mine explosion kills three farmers, injures 3 others in northwestern Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 8 Oct— Three Cambodians have been killed and three others seriously injured in an old anti-tank mine explosion in the country's Battambang Province, police confirmed on Monday.

The explosion happened at 4:40 pm (local time) when a home-made tractor ran over an anti-tank mine in Samlot district, Battambang province, about 300 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh, Nguon Nuy, deputy police chief of Samlot district said. "All of them are farmers. They trucked corn from their farms and met the

incident," he told Xinhua over telephone, adding that the mine was likely to be planted during the chronic war in the 1980s. "The area is a former battlefield and landmines have not been cleared from the area yet," he said.

This is the second remarkable mine explosion incident in the province in less than two weeks. The first one occurred on 30 Sept, in which six people were killed and two others seriously injured.

Cambodia is one of the countries suffered worst from mines as the result of nearly

three decades of war and internal conflicts from the mid 1960s until the end of 1998.

The country's five most mine-laid provinces are Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Oddar Meanchey, Pailin and Preah Vihear. According to the government report, during the first eight months of this year, landmines killed 26 people and injured 101 others.

It is estimated that the country needs about 30 million US dollars a year until the year 2020 to entirely get rid of mines.

Xinhua

Russia unveils torch relay route of 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics

MOSCOW, 8 Oct — Russia on Sunday unveiled the torch relay route of the 2014 Winter Olympics to be held in Black Sea resort City of Sochi, saying the longest-ever relay would be launched within 12 months in the country.

The 123-day relay will run across some 65,000 kilometers from Russia's westmost exclave of Kaliningrad to the frozen Chukotka in the Far east, more than one and a half times the circumference of the Earth. According to Dmitry Chernyshenko, president of the Organizing Committee of the Sochi Games, the main task of the relay was to unite the whole country.

"We have to fulfill a responsible and ambitious task — to unify our country's people and rediscover the diversity and beauty of Russia, first of all, for ourselves," Chernyshenko said. "We want to allow every

people to feel as a part of the Olympic movement and every town to become an Olympic host for a short time," he said.

By tradition, the Olympic flame will be lit during a ceremony in Olympia, Greece, on Sunday and reach Moscow on 7 Oct, 2013 to begin the relay.

Chernyshenko revealed the relay route covered all 83 Russian regions, adding that the flame would even reach the bottom of the world's deepest Lake Baikal in Siberia.

"Our task is to do our utmost to show the Olympic flame to 90 percent of Russians," he said. More than 14,000 torchbearers and some 30,000 volunteers will accompany the flame.

A total of 130 million Russian residents out of the 141-million population were expected to see the flame. The Sochi Olympics will be opened on 7 Feb, 2014 and run until 23 Feb.—Xinhua

## Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Japanese guests



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received a delegation led by Vice Chairman Mr Masayuki Matsushita of Osaka-based Kansai Economic Federation (Kankeiren) and Panasonic Company from Japan at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this evening.

Present at the call together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Htin Aung, U Thein Aung, Dr Pwint Hsan, Dr Daw Khin San Yi and officials.

At the call, they cordially discussed matters related to promotion of amity between Myanmar and Japan, Myanmar's foreign investment law, human resources development for Myanmar citizens and job opportunities, cooperation for emerging prospects in factory, workshop, agriculture, science and technology sectors.—MNA

*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party pose for documentary photo with Vice Chairman Mr Masayuki Matsushita of Osaka-based Kansai Economic Federation (Kankeiren) and party.—MNA*

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker addresses meeting on holding fifth regular sessions of Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—A coordination meeting on holding the fifth regular sessions of Hluttaw was held at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning with an address by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

Also present were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein members of central committee for holding Hluttaw sessions Union ministers and deputy ministers, work committee members and officials of Hluttaw Office.

In his opening address, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that Hluttaw sessions had been convened successfully up to fourth regular session. He expressed thanks to central



*Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann addresses meeting on holding fifth regular sessions of Hluttaw.—MNA*

committee members and officials concerned for giving helping hands for successfully holding of Hluttaw sessions.

He called on respective committees to help facilitate matters of security, accommodation, transportation and health care

of Hluttaw representatives at the fifth regular session to be held on 18 October.

Next, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko reported on security matters, Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi on informational tasks, Union Minister for U Thein Nyunt

on accommodation, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun on soundproof system, button of voting machine and telecommunication works, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung and Union Minister for Rail

Transportation U Zeya Aung on transportation, Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on preparations for the setting, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung on catering, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aung Than Oo on electrical matters and

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint on health care service.

Then, Secretary of Union Election Commission U Win Ko and Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein explained general matters. In his concluding remarks, (See page 9)

## Baseball: Nishi throws no-no in final game of regular season



FUKUOKA, 8 Oct—Orix right-hander Yuki Nishi saved his best for last — literally. The 21-year-old Nishi pitched a no-hitter against the Softbank Hawks in a 3-0 victory in the Buffaloes' final game of the regular season on Monday afternoon at Yahoo Dome.

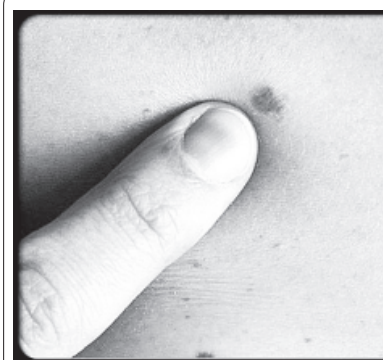
The fourth-year Mie native, who was one walk away from a perfect game, became the third pitcher to throw a no-hitter this season and the 76<sup>th</sup> in Japanese baseball history. He is only the 26<sup>th</sup> to achieve the feat in the Pacific League.

Kyodo

## Water level forecast for second 10 days of October

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The water levels of Ayeyawady River are forecast to rise above the present water level by (45) cm (about 1 ½-feet) at Myitkyina, Bhamo and Katha, (120) cm (about 4-feet) at Mandalay, Sagaing, Pakokku and NyaungU, and (60) cm (about 2-feet) at Chauk, Minbu, Magway, Aungmye, Pyaw, Seiktha, Hinthada and Zalun.

The water levels of Chindwin River are forecast to rise above the present water levels by (60) cm (about 2-feet) at Hkamti and Homalin, and (90) cm (about 3-feet) at Mawlaik, Kalewa and Monywa, according to Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA



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