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* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Myanmar-Korea relations and promoting bilateral relations open new chapter

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party arrived back here this morning after paying a State visit to the Republic of Korea, at the invitation of President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak.

They were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Soe Win, Union Ministers, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, departmental heads and deputy head Mr Yun Kang Hyeon from Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar.

On 8 October, the President visited rural development works in Saemaul Undong Central Training Institute in Seoul. In the afternoon, he also replied to the queries raised by political and foreign affairs correspondent Mr Kim Yong Deok of KBS news Agency at Lotte Hotel in Seoul. At 4.30 pm, the President had a discussion with Chairman of Doosuan Co Mr Y. M. Park on investment opportunities in Myanmar.



President U Thein Sein holds discussion with President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak.—MNA

In the evening, the President met with Ambassador UNyunt Hlaing, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Myint Hein, staff and their families from Embassy and Military Attaché office and Myanmar students at Myanmar Embassy. Then, he viewed Han River passing through Seoul on the board.

On 9 October, the President delivered speeches at Myanmar Investment Forum held at

Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) headquarters and a lunch hosted by the Korea Federation of Small and Medium Business (KBIZ) at Lotte Hotel. At 3:30 pm, the President laid a wreath at National Cemetery in Seoul and signed in the visitors' book.

At 4 pm, President Mr Lee Myung-bak welcomed and received President U Thein Sein, at the Blue House.

At 5 pm, President U Thein Sein and party had a discussion on mutual cooperation between two countries with the ROK President and party.

They cordially discussed opening of new chapters in Myanmar-Korea relations and promoting bilateral relations between two countries, boosting mutual cooperation and friendly relations through exchange visits, establish-

ment of Myanmar Development Institute (MDI) in Myanmar, boosting investment and trade volume between two countries and extension of new village movement being undertaken in Myanmar, cash and technical assistance for electric power, agriculture, transport, communications and rail transportation projects, promoting cooperation of energy sector, cooperation in the

sectors of science and technology, environmental conservation, culture and construction, Myanmar's alternate ASEAN chairmanship in 2014, and cooperation and providing assistance for successful hosting of SEA Games in Myanmar 2013.

After the meeting, respective ministers signed aid framework agreements between two governments and MoU on cooperation of (See page 8)



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Scholarship for diploma in nursing in Singapore

YANGON, 12 Oct—On 4 October, University of Nursing from Singapore recruited 45 trainees from Myanmar on a basic of contract free of charge to attend the three-year diploma in nursing course

in Republic of Singapore. The new recruits must be between 16 and 21 years old. They must secure high marks in the matriculation examination. Student allowance and accommodation will be

facilitated to the students while attending the course. The university recruits the trainees once a year. So far, a total of 377 have attended the course," a responsible person from Chantha Aungmyin Co.—Myanma Alin

Depression over India becomes unimportant

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—According to the observations at 10.30 hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over Manipur (India) has become unimportant, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—MNA

NATIONAL

ASEAN-Socio-Cultural Community Council holds coordination meeting



NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—The ministries concerned to host the meetings in 2014 have to assign liaison officers and secretaries groups in order to report back to related ministries concerned in time, however the focal point and skillful communities are arranged for carrying out the tasks when all departments want to do their works utmost smoothly, said Chairman of Myanmar ASEAN-Socio-Cultural Community Council Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu at coordination meeting for preparation of work committee of ASEAN Summit in 2014 and the 8th ASEAN-Socio-Cultural Community Council Meeting held at the ministry this afternoon.

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Locals in Kayah State enjoy free medical treatment of mobile military medical teams

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Kinds handing over ceremony donated by Tatmadaw to locals in Kayah State to ensure regional development tasks and free medical treatment ceremony of mobile military medical team to locals were took place at Dawtamagyi station hospital in Dimawhso Township in Kayah State on 10 October.

State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Htut provided kinds donated by Tatmadaw to officials.

A total of 180 bags of rice, 270 blankets, clothes, 18 kinds of consumer goods, 5 kinds of personal goods, 3 kinds of stationery and 3 kinds of sports gear were donated to locals of Dawtamagyi village in Dimawhso Township.

State chief minister and the commander provided citizenship scrutiny cards to locals free of charge through one stop service according to Moepwint Project (4) Plan.

A total of 30 locals were issued citizenship scrutiny cards in accord with the law in Dawtamagyi village in Dimawhso Township on 10 October.

Health care promotion tasks were being carried out in Kayah State by 5 mobile military medical teams and 2 base medical treatment teams. On 10 October, mobile military medical team (1) gave necessary health care services to 306 patients, mobile military medical team (2) to 609 patients in Dimawhso Township, mobile military medical team (3) to 269

patients in Lobakho village, mobile military medical team (4) to 152 patients in Mawchee village in Pruso Township, mobile military medical team (5) to 1526 patients in Maese Town, base medical treatment team (1) to 332 patients in Loikaw and base medical treatment team (2) to 280 patients in Phahsaung Township.

Altogether 5921 patients including 5 emergency operation patients, 11 minor operation patients and 324 patients were treated by mobile military medical teams in Kayah State from 5 to 10 October.

Mobile military medical teams are providing health care services and knowledge dissemination tasks till fur-flung area for locals of Kayah State.

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Prize presentation marks 3rd Anniversary of Shwe FM

YANGON, 12 Oct—In the Third Anniversary of Shwe FM, the ceremony to present Achievement Award for 2012 was held at the National Theatre in Yangon on 6 October.

The best vocalist award went to So Tay and Aye Thin Cho Swe, the best performance and singer award to Yan Aung and Waing Su Khaing Thein, the best song composer and music award to Hinthada Tun Yin, the top song request award for 2012 to Benny Phyo and the best attire award to Academy Eindra Kyaw Zin.—*Kyemon*

A traffic accident occurs at Insein Overpass

YANGON, 12 Oct—A Mini truck driven by Tin Htwe from Yangon to Insein along Baho Road hit the bicycle ridden by a man of 54 years at the Overpass Junction Traffic Light in Insein at 1.30 pm on 7 October.

Due to reckless driving, the cyclist died on the spot. Traffic Police Force of No. 1 region opened a file of lawsuit against driver Tin Htwe under Section 304 (a) of the criminal law.—*Kyemon*

- Role of the State to be studied in transition period of Myanmar
- Life of people with transparent opinion, confidence and emotion
- Scoops among the public

As of 18 October

Three newspapers will be published in colour in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay daily

Myanma Alin and the Mirror will be in circulation in Yangon every other week

Publication of all newspapers with new forms in colour will be in mid-December

There will be no change in prices. Agents are requested not to rise the original paper prices. Colour advertisements are invited.

Rule of law, anti-corruption and drug fight discussed



NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin received Deputy Speaker of the Swedish Parliament Mr. Ulf Holm and party at the Credentials Hall of the Union Attorney-General's Office at 11 am today. Mr. Ulf Holm asked the matters

related to rule of law, anti-corruption and endeavors to fight against drug of Myanmar. The attorney-general of the Union clarified implementation for rule of law under management of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Union Attorney-General's

Office and Union High Court with participation of the people. He cordially discussed the important role for elimination of corruption in rule of law and Myanmar's efforts for fighting against drug with concerted efforts.

MNA

District News

Speed boats run along Dawei, Myeik, Kawthoung

DAWEI, 12 Oct—The transport services of speed boats from Dawei to Myeik and Kawthoung in Taninthayi Region adjourned in about three months of rainy season. As of 4 October, the No. 77 speed boat runs the D a w e i - M y e i k - K a w t h o u n g route and the No. 27 speech boat, Kawthoung-Dawei route.

Myanma Alin



WORLD

US defence chief says pre-emptive action possible over cyber threat

US

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct—The US military could act pre-emptively if it detects an imminent threat of cyber attack, US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Thursday, urging stronger action to bolster America's defenses against such plots.

In what was described by US officials as the first major policy speech on cyber security by a defence secretary, Panetta lamented under-investment by America's private sector and political gridlock in Washington

control systems that operate chemical, electricity and water plants and those that guide transportation.

"We know of specific instances where intruders have successfully gained access to these control systems. We also know that they are seeking to create advanced tools to attack these systems and cause panic, and destruction, and even the loss of life," Panetta said. Aggressors could derail passenger trains, contaminate the water supply or shut down

cyber security."

To underscore the degree of concern, Panetta pointed to the August cyber attack on Saudi Arabian state oil company, ARAMCO, blamed on the "Shamoon" virus, and a similar one days later that struck Qatar's natural gas firm, Rasgas. "All told, the Shamoon virus was probably the most destructive attack that the private sector has seen to date," he said. Panetta called the "Shamoon" virus sophisticated and noted that in Saudi Arabia it replaced crucial system files with an image of a burning US flag.

"More than 30,000 computers that it infected (at ARAMCO) were rendered useless, and had to be replaced," he said. He also pointed to recent denial-of-service attacks on major US banks, which delayed or disrupted services on customer websites. One US official, briefing reporters before the speech on condition of anonymity, said the United States knew who carried out the attacks cited in Panetta's speech, but declined to disclose that information.—Reuters



US Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta addresses a news conference during a NATO defence ministers meeting at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 10 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

that he said stymied cyber security legislation. He said a presidential executive order was being considered "while we wait for Congress to act." Addressing a gathering of business leaders in New York, Panetta warned that unnamed foreign actors were targeting computer

the power grid in much of the country, he said. Still, he cautioned the gathering of the Business Executives for National Security that although awareness of the threat in America's private sector had grown, "the reality is that too few companies have invested in even basic

Gunmen kill Yemeni who worked at US Embassy in Yemen

SANAA, 12 Oct—Masked gunmen shot dead a Yemeni man who worked in the security office of the US Embassy in Sanaa on Thursday, in an attack a Yemeni security source said appeared to be the work of al-Qaeda. The incident was the latest of a wave of attacks on officials in the impoverished Arab state, which is battling Islamist militants with Washington's help. The attackers, on a motorcycle, opened fire on Qassem Aqlan — who headed an embassy security investigation team — near his house in the center of Yemen's capital, the source told Reuters.

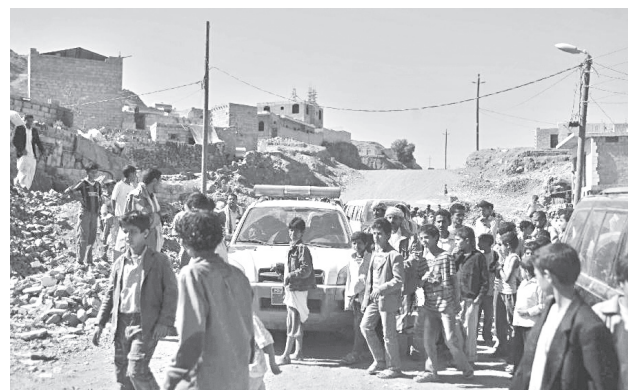
"This operation has the fingerprints of al-Qaeda which carried out similar operations before," said the source, who asked not to be named. Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and other militant groups strengthened their grip on parts of the country during an uprising that ousted veteran President Ali Abdullah Saleh in February. Washington, wary of the growing power of al-Qaeda, has stepped up drone strikes on suspected militants, with the backing of Saleh's successor, President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi. A neighbour who identified

himself only as Fahad said he had noticed strangers roaming the streets over the past three days, suggesting Aqlan was being watched before the attack.

"Once he (Aqlan) stepped out of his house the men shouted his name and when he replied, they shot him in the head and neck," he said. Aqlan, who was in his 50s and had worked at the embassy for more than a decade, was responsible for coordinating security information between the US Embassy and the Yemeni

authorities, the source added. In Washington, US State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said that his main duties included conducting personnel checks ahead of the "foreign service national investigative unit" and serving as a liaison with Yemeni security services.

He worked within the office of the embassy's "regional security officer," who is responsible protecting the embassy, its personnel and information. She also said initial reports that he was involved in the investigation



Police and local people gather at the site where Qasim Aqlan was killed in Sanaa, on 11 Oct, 2012. "Qasim Aqlan, the Yemeni security coordinator between the Yemeni government and the US Embassy in Sanaa, who also works as director of terror-related investigations in the US Embassy, was assassinated earlier Thursday in a street near the residential compound of President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi," the interior ministry's official told

Xinhua. — XINHUA

Turkey says Syrian plane carried Russian munitions

Turkey



A Syrian passenger plane which was forced to land sits at Esenboga airport in Ankara on 10 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

ISTANBUL, 12 Oct — Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said on Thursday a Syrian passenger plane forced to land in Ankara was carrying Russian-made munitions destined for Syria's armed forces, ratcheting up tension with his country's war-torn neighbour. Damascus said the plane had been carrying legitimate cargo and described Turkey's actions as an act of "air piracy", while Moscow accused Ankara of endangering the lives of Russian passengers when it intercepted the jet late on Wednesday.

The grounding of the plane was another sign of Ankara's growing assertiveness towards the crisis in Syria.

Turkey's chief of staff warned on Wednesday the military would use greater force if Syrian shells continued to land in Turkey. "This was munitions from the Russian equivalent of our Mechanical and Chemical Industry Corporation being sent to the Syrian Defence Ministry," Erdogan told a news conference. A spokeswoman for Moscow's Vnukovo airport told state news agency *Itar-Tass* everything put on the plane had cleared customs and security checks and no prohibited items were on board.

Asked about Erdogan's statement, the Russian Foreign Ministry referred to her remarks and declined further comment. Russia's

arms export agency said it had no cargo on the flight, and the *Interfax* news agency quoted a Russian diplomat as saying the cargo seized by Turkey was not of Russian origin. Syrian Arab Airlines chief Ghaida Abdulatif said in Damascus the plane had been carrying civilian electrical equipment. Turkey has become one of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's harshest critics during a 19-month-old uprising that has killed some 30,000 people, providing sanctuary for rebel officers and pushing for a foreign-protected safe zone inside Syria.

Russia has stood behind Assad and an arms industry source said Moscow had not stopped its weapons exports to Damascus. Military jets escorted the *Airbus A-320*, carrying around 30 passengers, into Ankara airport after Turkey received an intelligence tip-off. The Turkish foreign ministry said the plane had been given a chance to turn back towards Russia while still over the Black Sea, but the pilot chose not to do so.

Reuters

Yemen

into the attack last month on the US Embassy by protesters angry over an anti-Islam film made in the United States were incorrect. "We condemn this vicious act in the strongest terms," the spokeswoman said but declined to comment on who may have been behind the attack or why Aqlan may have been targeted, saying it may or may not have had anything to do with his work.

There have been a number of killings and assassination attempts on security officials and politicians since Yemen's army drove Islamist fighters out of several southern towns earlier this year. Last month Abdulilah Al-Ashwal, a senior intelligence official, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Sanaa. Restoring stability in Yemen has become an international priority due to fears that al-Qaeda could become further entrenched in a country which flanks oil producer Saudi Arabia and lies along major international shipping lanes. AQAP, regarded as al-Qaeda's strongest regional wing, has mounted operations in Saudi Arabia and tried to launch attacks against the United States.

Reuters

Hezbollah confirms it sent drone downed over Israel

Middle East



A still image taken from Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) video footage shows what they say is a small unidentified aircraft shot down in a mid-air interception after it crossed into southern Israel on 6 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

BEIRUT, 12 Oct — Lebanese Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah acknowledged on Thursday sending a drone aircraft that was shot down last weekend after flying some 25 miles into Israel. Nasrallah said in a televised speech that the drone's parts were manufactured in Iran and it was assembled by members of the Shi'ite Muslim militant movement in Lebanon. He confirmed a statement by Israel's prime minister earlier in the day saying that Hezbollah was behind the drone flight. "The resistance in Lebanon sent a sophisticated reconnaissance aircraft from Lebanon...It penetrated the enemy's iron procedures and entered occupied southern Palestine," Nasrallah said. Hezbollah does not recognize the state of Israel. Tensions have increased in the region with Israel threatening to bomb the nuclear sites of Hezbollah's patron Iran if diplomacy and sanctions fail to stop Iranian nuclear activity the West suspects is meant to develop a weapons capability. Teheran says it is seeking only civilian nuclear energy.

Iran has threatened in turn to attack US military bases in the Middle East and retaliate against Israel if attacked. Seeking to underline that Hezbollah was capable of reaching targets well inside Israel, Nasrallah said the drone "flew over sensitive installations inside southern Palestine and was shot down in an area near the Dimona nuclear reactor".—Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Space shuttle Endeavour set for road trip to final Los Angeles home Science

LOS ANGELES—12 Oct—The retired space shuttle Endeavour was getting set on Thursday for a road trip unlike any of its previous journeys, one that will see it crawl through the streets of Los Angeles instead of hurtling through the solitary reaches of space.

Endeavour will nose out of Los Angeles International Airport at about 2 am on Friday as it begins a two-day ground journey atop a massive wheeled transporter to its final resting place at the California Science Centre on the edge of downtown.

"It's a working piece of American history. It's a fantastic technical innovation. It represents the very best, I think, of what people can do when they decide to cooperate and do good things," said Ken Phillips, aerospace curator at the science centre, where the hulking craft will go on public display.

The California Science Centre beat out a number of other institutions when NASA chose it as the permanent home for the 80-ton winged spaceship that flew from 1992 to 2011.

Endeavour has hop-scotched across the country from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on the back of a modified Boeing 747. Spectators have cheered and wept at the sight of the space vehicle, which was taken out of service due to the historic end of the NASA shuttle programme that began with a launch in 1981.

Endeavour has been parked at Los Angeles International Airport since 21 September, when it arrived there after a ceremonial piggyback flight around California.

Workers have felled 400 curbside trees along Endeavour's 12-mile land path to ease its road journey. The California Science Centre will plant more than 1,000 trees along the route in place of those uprooted.

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jan Perry said that when the Endeavour flew over the city last month, she and her colleagues ran up to the roof of City Hall where they



The space shuttle Endeavour is seen atop the Over Land Transporter (OLT) in a hangar at Los Angeles International Airport, in this on 24 Sept, 2012 file photo taken by NASA. Endeavour, built as a replacement for space shuttle Challenger, completed 25 missions, spent 299 days in orbit, and orbited Earth 4,671 times while traveling 122,883,151 miles. The shuttle will travel the streets of Los Angeles beginning on 12 Oct, 2012 as it makes its way at 2mph arriving at the California Science Center's Samuel Oschin Space Shuttle Endeavour Display Pavilion on 13 October.

REUTERS

watched it with tears in their eyes.

Perry said she remained apprehensive about the road journey, when she said Endeavour will pass through intersections with as little as 6 inches of clearance. She also anticipates large crowds along the way. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the space shuttle come down your neighbourhood street," Perry said. "How often does that happen?" Los Angeles police plan to begin closing streets as early as 10 pm on Thursday to prepare for what organizers are calling "Mission 26," in reference to the shuttle's 25 previous missions into space. Soon after rolling out of the Los Angeles airport, the shuttle will pass through the nearby city of Inglewood where on Saturday morning it will be star in a massive rally outside an arena where the Los Angeles Lakers once played.—Reuters

Amazon gets US FCC's OK to sell Kindle Fire 4G tablets Tech



An employee demonstrates the new Kindle Fire HD 8.9" at Amazon's Kindle Fire event in Santa Monica, California on 6 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Oct—Amazon.com Inc (AAPL.O) received approval from the US Federal Communications Commission to sell its high-end Kindle Fire 4G tablets, a company spokeswoman said on

Wednesday.

Amazon unveiled the new tablets last month, but the devices had not secured FCC clearance.

The company had to put disclaimers on Web pages and emails promoting the products. FCC approval is required for wireless communications devices to assure that they operate safely and do not improperly interfere with other signals.

The new gadgets are important for Amazon as the world's largest retailer tries to compete with Apple Inc (AAPL.O) for a slice of the booming tablet market.

Amazon brought out a cheap 7 inch Kindle Fire last year, but the new versions come in larger sizes and the most expensive models sport

4G LTE wireless connectivity.

Last month, attorneys and analysts familiar with FCC compliance procedures said the FCC was unlikely to reject the Amazon devices out of hand, or prolong the approval process past its shipping date.

But they said it was unusual for a company to announce major new products without first getting the sign-off from the agency. Amazon is accepting pre-orders now and plans to ship the 4G devices on 20 November.

A company spokeswoman said last month that Amazon expected to receive FCC approval before 20 November.

Reuters

China sets sights on collecting samples from Mars Science

BEIJING, 12 Oct—China, which has yet to put a person on the moon, aims to land probes on more distant Mars to collect samples by 2030, the chief scientist of its lunar orbiter project said in remarks reported on Wednesday.

China's ambition to reach Mars is a reflection of its growing economic might, allowing it to develop its space exploration capability. Bringing back samples from Mars was set as a top priority in a recent US science priorities review, although the cost has been seen as astronomical. But a planning group put out a report in September on how to accomplish the mission affordably. Ouyang Ziyuan, chief

scientist of China's lunar orbiter project, was quoted by the official news agency Xinhua as saying that a three-phase probe to Mars was envisaged. Briefing the Chinese Society of Astronautics on the moon-landing orbiter Chang'e-3, he said that program could help build a telecommunication network that covers a future Mars probe. Chang'e-3 is expected to be launched in the second half of 2013. The three stages of the Mars probe will entail remote sensing, soft-landing and exploration, and the probe would return after automatic sampling, Ouyang said.

Reuters

UNSG's Message on the International Day for Disaster Reduction

13 October 2012

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message for the International Day for Disaster Reduction, observed on 13 October:

This year's observance of the International Day for Disaster Reduction seeks to highlight the need for women and girls to be at the forefront of reducing risk and managing the world's response to natural hazards.

Across the world, women and girls are using their roles within families and communities to strengthen risk reduction.

In Bangladesh, women organized themselves to prepare for and respond to floods by teaching other women how to build portable clay ovens and elevate houses.

In South Africa, marginalized adolescent girls have been empowered to help design plans to reduce the impact of drought and severe wind storms.

In the Bolivian Altiplano, indigenous women have consolidated traditional agricultural and climatic knowledge, which resulted in significant reduction of crop losses from hail, frost and flooding.

In Vietnam, villagers have been introduced to disaster reduction issues through customized radio soap operas that incorporate real-life examples and stories from local women.

And following the tsunami and earthquake in Tohoku region, Japan, women played a central role in re-establishing income opportunities, with a special focus on single mothers.

Such efforts advance understanding of how communities can benefit from encouraging women to take leadership roles in disaster risk reduction, and will only become more valuable as climate change intensifies and as the world struggles to cope with extreme weather and disasters that affect an average of more than 200 million people annually.

On this International Day for Disaster Reduction, let us recognize that, as the theme of this year's observance declares, women and girls are the "[in]Visible Force of Resilience".

UNIC

Internet shopping drives Australia Post profit Tech

SYDNEY, 12 Oct—Australia's love of online shopping has helped Australia Post deliver a 17 percent jump in annual profit, buoyed by a technology once thought to spell the death knell for post offices.

Online sales have been a bright spot in an otherwise lacklustre Australian retail environment, with a local bank estimating Internet-based sales in the year to July 2012 rose 30 percent to A\$14 billion. Australia Post reported an overall net profit of A\$281 million, and said its parcel division was running at peak levels throughout the year, a trend previously only seen during the hectic Christmas period.

Its traditional mail business, however, has been hit by the rise of Internet email and other electronic communications, posting a loss of A\$148 million. In contrast to Australia Post's bumper earnings, the US Postal Service reported a \$5.2 billion loss in just the April through June period.—Reuters



Businessmen sit at computer screens checking the Internet and their email in the AOL Cybercafe at in Beverly Hills on 18 April, 2005.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

US jobless claims fall to lowest in four and half years

Economy



People wait in line to enter a job fair in New York on 15 Aug, 2011. — REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct — The number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits slid last week to the lowest level in more than four and a half years, according to government data that may provide a boost to President Barack Obama a month before voters go to the polls. The Labour Department report on Thursday was the latest data to suggest improvement in the jobs market, though the surprisingly large 30,000 drop in new claims may have reflected distortions due to seasonal adjustments that are likely to be smoothed out in

coming weeks. “The overall trend seems to be that the labour market is improving,” said Brian Kim, a currency strategist at RBS Securities in Stamford, Connecticut. A Labour Department analyst said seasonal factors had predicted a very large increase in claims last week, which he said would be typical for the first week of the quarter. Unadjusted claims did rise, but far less than expected, resulting in the sharp drop in the seasonally adjusted figure. He noted that one state reported a decline in

claims last week when a rise had been expected. No states had been estimated for the report, he said.

“We will likely see some payback in the claims data reported next week. But through this potential volatility, it does look like the trend in the claims is improving somewhat,” said Daniel Silver, an economist at JPMorgan. Silver said that California, given its large population and past “massive swings” in its claims data, was probably the state that caused the sharp drop in the seasonally adjusted figure. But Pam Harris, director of the California Employment Development Department, said the state was not to blame. Harris said California had reported all its unemployment insurance claims data on time. She said a published report stating it had not was “incorrect and inaccurate.” A second Labour Department official said “a processing issue” resulted in the state, which he did not identify, reporting fewer claims than expected.”

Reuters

Japan’s Softbank takes aim at US market with Sprint bid

Business

TOKYO/NEW YORK, 12 Oct — Japanese wireless service provider Softbank Corp is looking to buy about 70 percent of Sprint Nextel Corp in an aggressive move that would make it a major player in the US mobile market. Softbank’s ambitions may not stop with Sprint, which might be looking to buy out its partner, wireless service provider Clearwire Corp. The Japanese company might use Sprint as a vehicle to make a run at smaller Sprint peer MetroPCS Communications Inc, a two-step transaction that would potentially cost more than 2 trillion yen (\$25.55 billion), a Nikkei report said.

That would make the deal the biggest ever overseas acquisition by a Japanese company and vault Softbank into the upper echelons of wireless carriers worldwide. Softbank and Sprint confirmed they are holding talks. While Sprint shares rose more than 14 percent, investors dumped Softbank shares in Tokyo on Friday, pushing the stock down as much as 17 percent to its lowest level in nearly five months. “How Softbank will

finance this deal, what this means for management structure and its finances, that’s where the market is looking at right now,” said Mitsushige Akino, chief fund manager of Mitsuyoshi Asset Management.

Softbank is eyeing a controlling stake in Sprint worth more than 1 trillion yen (\$12.8 billion) and is in talks with several banks on financing the bid, a source with direct knowledge of the matter said. A second source, who would not speak on the matter publicly, said Softbank was seeking a stake of about 70 percent, which it could achieve by buying some

newly issued shares directly from Sprint and tendering for the rest. By raising new equity directly, Sprint would be able to shore up its balance sheet and potentially fund other deals, such as a buyout of Clearwire in which it already holds about 48 percent.

Sprint shares rose as much as 19 percent on Thursday to their highest levels since the summer of 2011, on the heaviest trading volume in the stock’s history. The stock closed 14.3 percent higher at \$5.76 on New York Stock Exchange. Clearwire shares closed almost 71 percent higher at \$2.22.

Reuters



An employee works behind a logo of Softbank Corp at its branch in Tokyo on 2 March, 2011. — REUTERS

BoE to add 50 billion pounds to QE next month on muted recovery

Banking

LONDON, 12 Oct — A lukewarm recovery from recession and falling inflation will spur the Bank of England to top up its asset-buying programme with another 50 billion pounds next month, a Reuters poll showed on Thursday. The economy, meanwhile, probably bounced back to growth of 0.6 percent last quarter, supported by better weather, extra working days and the London Olympic Games, the poll of more than 70 economists taken in the past week predicted.

But it will only expand between 0.2 and 0.4 percent in the following four quarters, according to forecasts unchanged from a poll taken last month. “Indicators suggest the economy is barely achieving some growth, which means the BoE will probably have to downgrade its growth forecast again — and continue to add to stimulus with more QE in November,” said Azad Zangana at Schroders. Britain fell back into its second recession in four years at the turn of the year as tough government austerity measures and the euro zone debt crisis stifled the economy.

Gross domestic product

contracted for a third quarter between April and June, by 0.4 percent, depressed by one-off factors including unusually wet weather and an extra public holiday to mark Queen Elizabeth’s 60 years on the throne. The International



A man walks past the Bank of England, London on 15 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Monetary Fund cut its economic forecasts for Britain on Monday and said more BoE stimulus — and possibly higher public spending or tax cuts — may be needed if the outlook darkens.

The IMF forecast Britain’s economy would shrink 0.4 percent this year, before growing by a 1.1 percent in 2013, down sharply from its July forecasts of 0.2 percent growth in 2012 and 1.4 percent growth the year after.

Britain’s GDP will end

the current year 0.3 percent smaller than how it started, the Reuters poll said, knocked by a downturn in the euro zone — its biggest export market — but agreed with the IMF’s 2013 prediction.

The poll’s 2013 forecast

slipped for a fourth month and the IMF said a mix of government austerity, the crisis in parts of the euro zone and an overhang of indebtedness from before the global financial crisis are weighing on Britain’s prospects.

The jobs market does not look quite as bad as previously feared, with unemployment averaging 8.1 percent this year and 8.3 percent next, revised down sharply from a July poll. The number of Britons on unemployment benefits dropped in August by the largest amount in two years, raising hopes that improved prospects will allow consumers to spend more and get the recovery going.

Reuters

Discrimination a challenge in HIV prevention

Health

BEIJING, 12 Oct — An official from the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warned that social discrimination against HIV carriers may be even more dangerous than the virus itself. Discrimination has caused people with risky behaviour to become reluctant to be tested for HIV, posing a challenge for HIV control and prevention efforts, Wu Zunyou, director of the CDC HIV/AIDS prevention and control centre, was quoted as saying in the Thursday edition of the *China Youth Daily*.

According to an earlier report jointly produced by the Ministry of Health, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS and the World Health Organization, there were about 780,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in China as of the end of September last year, with infections among the student population rising. Sexual relations are the main source of the infections, accounting for 63.9 percent of the total number of cases, Wu said, adding that the number of HIV-positive gay males also increased.

Infections transmitted via homosexual behaviour accounted for 13 percent of the total cases in the first nine months of 2011, an increase from 2.5 percent in 2006, Wu said. Sexually transmitted HIV cases among homosexual men are spreading more quickly in cities with more dense populations, such as Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu, Wu said. Wu said a lack of awareness regarding HIV/AIDS risks, as well as a failure to refrain from engaging in risky sexual activity, have made gay males more susceptible to infection. Wu called on suspected patients to seek out HIV testing as soon as possible, as an early diagnosis and treatment can reduce mortality and stop the disease from spreading. — Xinhua

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives former Governor of New Mexico State and party

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives former Governor of New Mexico State, the United States of America Mr Bill Richardson.
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“ Women and Girls; The Invisible Force of Resilience ”

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by former Governor of New Mexico State in the United States of America Mr Bill Richardson at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall, Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon.

Present together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Secretary of Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe, commission members and officials.

At the call, both sides had a cordial discussion on cooperation between the two countries and improvement of proficiency for undertakings of Hluttaw affairs.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Swedish parliamentary delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Second Deputy Speaker of Swedish Parliament Mr Ulf Holm and party at Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall in Hluttaw Complex here this evening.

Present at the call were Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe, members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Khin Maung Soe, U Than Tun and personnel of Hluttaw Office.

Their discussion focused on matters related to bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries and promotion of cooperation between the two parliaments.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets with Second Deputy Speaker of Swedish Parliament Mr Ulf Holm and party.
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Union Foreign Affairs Minister discusses cooperation with Carter Center

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Ms Sarah Levit-Shore from the Carter Center, the United States of America at 16.00 pm at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed cooperation between Myanmar and The Carter Center.—MNA

Chairman of the association U Sai Ba Nyan and Chairman of the group U Win Shwe formally opened the show and viewed round display of fruits.

Next, Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan and Chairman U Sai Ba Nyan made speeches.

On the first day, Ingapu Agricultural Farm manager U Htay Lin and Azin Agricultural Farm manager U Min Htein Win read the papers on production of pomelo, and on the second day, Executive/Expert Dr Than Than Sein of the association, Mr Chan Seng Kit of FAO and U Myo Myint read the papers on safety fruits production.

On 7 October, resource persons and pomelo growers held discussions. The chairman and executives of the association awarded the winners in the contest.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar, India to cooperate in cultural sector

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu met with Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr V. S. Seshadri, at minister's office here, this noon.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion

on cultural cooperation between two countries, works for renovation of Ananda Pagoda in Bagan Region in cooperation with Archaeology Survey of India (ASI) and future cooperation.—MNA

Truck hits motorcycle on highway



BAGO, 12 Oct—A Hyundai truck hit an unlicensed motorcycle at the junction of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Maha Myaing Road in Bago on 8 October afternoon.

When the motorcycle suddenly stopped in the middle way of the highway for turning to left road, the truck hit it. In the incident, the indicator light of motorcycle was crushed. There was no injured.

Bago Police Station No 3 opened a file of lawsuit against them.—Kyemon

Basic martial arts concludes at UDNR

MANDALAY, 12 Oct—University for Development of National Races is nurturing the students to become outstanding persons who will contribute towards

development of national races. Seven coaches from Myanmar Martial Arts Federation trained 72 male trainees and 166 female trainees from BEd five-year

course No 1 from 10 September to 6 October. The martial arts course No 43/2012 concluded at the sports ground of the university. Rector U Soe Tint made a speech and awarded outstanding trainees.

Kyemon

District News

Pomelo show, contest, paper-reading session held

KYAIKTO, 12 Oct—Under the supervision of Myanmar Fruit and Vegetables Producers Association, the pomelo producers group held the fruit show and contest and paper-reading session at the Seinletin recreation centre in Bokka Village of Kyaikto Township from 5 to 7 October.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan,



NATIONAL

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives former Governor of New Mexico

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received former Governor of the State of New Mexico of US Mr Bill Richardson and party at Crednetials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Present on the occasion together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw and officials.

The two sides frankly discussed assistance for capacity

building of Myanmar Parliament and MPs, matters related to crime and punishment, investment in energy and telecommunications sectors, and assistance to Myanmar in necessary sectors.

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*Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives a delegation led by former Governor of State of New Mexico of US Mr Bill Richardson.*

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**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission**

Nay Pyi Taw

Announcement No. (40/2012)

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(12th October, 2012)

Five Defence Services Personnel

Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute five Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following five Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives hereunder in Notification No. 3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 and No.56/2011 of the commission dated 20-10-2011 with personnel shown against them.

Kachin State Hluttaw

(1) BC 33230	(Substitution)	BC 28324
Major Yazar Hlaing		Major Kyaw Win

Taninthayi Region Hluttaw

(2) BC 27328	(Substitution)	BC 29132
Major Saw Aung Thaik		Major Kyaw Thu Win

Bago Region Hluttaw

(3) BC 33209	(Substitution)	BC 24860
Major Myat Ko Ko		Major Htain Win

(4) BC 33219	(Substitution)	BC 26166
Major Kyaw Zin Htet		Major Zaw Lwin

Yangon Region Hluttaw

(5) BC 33123	(Substitution)	BC 25245
Major Aung Aung		Major Kyaw Zin Oo

By order,
(Win Ko)
Member
Union Election Commission

UEC Chairman meets In-charge representative of Carter Center

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received In-charge representative Sarah Levit Shore from US-based the Carter Center, at his office, here, this morning. At the call, they had a discussion on providing aids to Myanmar's election affairs.

Also present were UEC members U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Nyunt Tin, U Win Ko and officials.—MNA

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye receives In-charge representative Sarah Levit Shore of US-based Carter Center.—MNA



First ever IAC launched in Nay Pyi Taw GPO

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—"Myanmar and the Republic of Korea have cooperated in communication and ICT sector long time ago. ICT plays a crucial role in development of various sectors and has great impact on social and economic development of the nation," said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun in his address at launching of information center at Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office here this morning.

The Union Minister expressed his special thanks to the Korean government for its cooperation especially for its contribution to formulation of ICT Development Master Plans (2005-2010) and (2011-2015). He added that his ministry is fighting tooth and nail for information and ICT development which is requisite for the nation and citizens.

Minister of Public Administration and Security of the Republic of Korea Mr Maeng Hyung Kyu described the information access center as the result of the bilateral cooperation of the two countries. He expressed his pride in successful launching of the IAC and hope for promotion of bilateral ties and cooperation.

The two ministers cut a ribbon to open the center and posed for documentary photo

before looking round training division, internet room and discussion room.

The information access center established with the assistance of Korean government at Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office for easy public accessibility is the first of its kind in Myanmar and is aimed to support the ICT development of the country and infrastructural development for introduction of e-government system.

Equipped with training division, internet room and seminar room, the center can be used for conducting IT courses, free public internet access point, and holding seminar, workshop, meeting and video conference. Present on the occasion were Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong, senior officials from Ministry of Public Administration and Security and National Information Society Agency (NIA), the deputy CPT minister and officials, personnel of Myanmar Computer Association and invited guests.

After the ceremony, the two ministers held talks on accelerated cooperation in ICT development at the CPT Ministry. The two ministers signed Cooperation in the Area of Informatization between the CPT Ministry of Ministry of Public Administration and Security of Korea.—MNA

Stimulant tablets worth K 118 million seized in Lashio

HSIPAW, 12 Oct—IP Tin Drug Squad of Shan State Htay of Lashio Special Anti- (North) and party searched



two motorcycles driven by Lamai Naw Taung, 45, son of U Lamai Tun of Region 4 of Ward 6 in Kutkai and Keng Sein Yi, 41 on Shwethein Road near Royal Rose teashop in Ward 12 of Lashio at 6.30 pm on 6 October.

The authorities seized 295 packets of WY brand pink stimulant tablets containing 59000 weighing 5.31 kilos worth K 118 million.

Lashio No 2 Police Station opened files of lawsuit against the two drug traffickers.

Myanma Alin

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 13 October, 2012

Disaster risk reduction

The nightmare of devastating cyclone *Nargis* is still haunting Myanmar people who were left cursed with wind phobia since it had proven the destructive power of nature. So weak are we to defend ourselves from cruel blow of environmental catastrophe, but still we can do something to reduce the risks.

Nature is often blamed each time disaster strikes. But, we seldom think about human actions that escalate risk and turn danger into disaster. Nowadays, global population live amidst fear of floods, droughts, tsunamis and earthquakes which now and then appear as headlines on newspapers around the world.

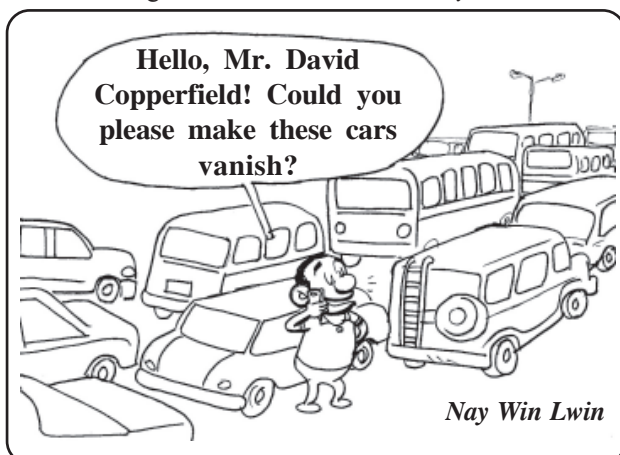
Today marks the International Day for Disaster Reduction 2012, highlighting the role of prevention against disaster. Disaster risk reduction is about understanding our personal and environmental risks of a hazard like earthquake, flood and landslides and seeking ways to reduce this risk so that we are not affected by them or be able to bounce back quickly even if we are affected.

Despite the employment of state-of-the-art technologies in early warning system in developed countries, disasters still inflict heavy casualties. Vulnerability to disaster is growing faster than resilience. In case of Japan, though it had prepared adequately for earthquakes, it still was caught off guard under the sudden attack of catastrophic tsunamis, accentuating the unpredictability of disaster.

It should not be neglected that Myanmar is prone to earthquake, storm and floods due to its geographical features and there have been firm evidences. Therefore, preventive measures must be taken to help reduce disaster risk and it is not the responsibility of the government alone but everyday concern for everybody.

Two persons seized for ordering children to beg

MANDALAY, 12 Oct—At 10 am on 24 September, workers of Sanitation Department under Mandalay City Development Committee seized Ma Hla Win Yi, 19, of Chawseik in Mahaangmyay Township and Ko Sanay (a) Thein Win, 30 of Chaung Village in Ayeyawady Region for their acts to forcibly order the children to beg the people from vehicles that stopped over at red light of Traffic Lights on 78th and 35th streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay and collected the bagged money from the children. Hla Win Yi and Ko Sanay (a) Thein Win were kept at No 8 Police Station and arrangements are being made to take action against them at the court.—*Kyemon*



Nay Win Lwin

NATIONAL



President U Thein Sein cordially greets those present at Myanmar Investment Forum.—MNA

Myanmar-Korea relations and promoting...

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development between two ministries in the presence of the two Presidents.

At 6.30 pm, President Mr Lee Myung-bak hosted a

dinner to Myanmar goodwill delegation, at President Residence.

On 10 October, President U Thein Sein proceeded to Busan via Seoul and visited STX ship building there and Pusan New Port International Terminal. He invited them to make investment in Myanmar.

In the evening, the Myanmar goodwill delegation flew to Myanmar via Seoul.—MNA

Capital income would be most salient point of socio-economic development

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—

In order to fulfill the requirement of capital income, the most salient point of socio-economic development of rural people, conditions of carrying out micro economic programmes, opening of new village activity plan offices, providing more assistances to arise model villages, establishing rural libraries, sending trainees and skilled persons to villages to provide vocational trainings, providing technical know-how for those trainings and signing MoU between the two countries to implement such kinds of works were discussed by Union



Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan in meeting with Mr Maeng Hyung Kyu,

Minister of Public Administration and Security of the Republic of

Korea and party at the Ministry here, this morning.—MNA

Illegal timbers, logs seized in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—The Forest Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is joining hands with the people in taking action against those of illegal extraction of timbers and forest products and illegal trafficking of logs.

According to the information that illegal teak sawn timber and teak door

frames were found at an oil bowser confiscated at Zigon Township Police Force for traffic accident 7.30 am on 4 October, a team led by the Staff Officer of Forest Department together with Myanmar police force members, ward administrators and local people inspected the bowser and seized illegal sawn teak timber, teak door frames and door timbers weighing

3.5804 tons.

On 6 October, the authorities illegal timbers in Suti, Hsinkyon, Ngayapya and Lethsaungyu villages in TadaU Township according to the information from the duty conscientious people.

In the case, the authorities seized 229 logs of teak weighing 33.5820 tons, 976 pieces of sawn teak timber weighing 13.3202 tons, 6286 teak logs

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weighing 2.6400 tons, 507 pieces of teak weighing 9.6614 tons, six logs of hardwood weighing 1.1680 tons, 33 teak doors weighing 0.3158 ton, totaling 68.2604 tons, one illegal saw mill and related equipment.

Arrangements are being made to take action against the crime brokers under the law.—*Myanma Alin*

NATIONAL

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Korean Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Minister of Public Administration and Security Mr Maeng, Hyung Kyu of the Republic of Korea and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this evening.

Present at the call together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, U Zin Yaw and U Ye Htut and personnel. The Korean Minister was accompanied by Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong and Resident Representative of KOICA (Myanmar Office) Mr Shin Man Shik.

They frankly discussed cementing of bilateral ties, human resources development in education, health and technology sectors and further cooperation in other economic sectors.—MNA

Government has proven itself to carry...

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preparedness and preventive measures are to be enhanced and speed up. That's why, one of the reasons, the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) is encouraging its member countries to allocate State fund for



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Minister of Public Administration and Security Mr Maeng, Hyung Kyu and party. MNA

and foreign organizations for example in the wake of Cyclone Nargis in 2008, Cyclone Giri in 2010, Tahlay earthquake, and the flash flood in Magway Region in 2011.

The government has proven itself to carry out disaster risk reduction activities, not just in the country, but also in

responsibilities.

Afterwards, UNRC Resident Coordinator Mr. Bijay Karmachara read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General on the International Day for Disaster Reduction.

Union Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, U Aung Kyi, U Thein Tun, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Khin Yi, Dr Mya Aye, Dr Pe Thet Khin and UNRC Resident Coordinator Mr. Bijay Karmachara awarded winner students of the essay, painting, poem and article contests.

As a gesture of the International Day for Disaster Reduction, those present on the occasion enjoyed the movie on rehearsal for "Tsunami", made in Thingangyi Village in Labutta Township in Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region on 29 September, 2012.

The Union Ministers and guests, then, viewed documentary photos in the booth.—MNA



Union Ministers enjoy documentary photos of International Day for Disaster Reduction.—MNA

disaster risk reduction activities in their respective national budgets.

In Myanmar, at the instruction of Myanmar Disaster Preparedness Agency, Disaster Preparedness Committees have been established at all administrative levels to implement the disaster risk reduction strategies. While these responsibilities and functions of organizations at all levels have been designated, the public involvement is also vital in community-based disaster risk reduction.

Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction has already been approved by the Government, it is crucial for all departments and organizations concerned to implement the short-, the medium- and the long-term projects on this disaster risk reduction.

Since the national development and disaster risk reduction are inseparable, every development project being undertaken in the country should be reflected from the disaster risk reduction perspective.

The first group of people that's going to be affected in the wake of natural disasters will be local populace, and it is the local government who will have to respond immediately to the overarching impact of the natural disasters; that is why it is vital to enhance the capacity and resilience of the local community and the local government, which needs to stress the importance of partnership in the entire process of management.

In Myanmar, the Union Government carries out all stages of supplying of emergency reliefs, resettlement and rehabilitation through effective coordination with various stakeholders such as governments of States/Regions, local

the region to keep abreast with the neighbouring countries. The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) was successfully established in Jakarta, Indonesia to enable dissemination of information on natural disaster management and emergency relief assistance among ASEAN member countries, and Myanmar is one of the signatories of the Agreement on the Establishment of AHA Centre.

In conclusion, he called for active participation of the entire public, in the disaster awareness programmes, preparedness, emergency response, rehabilitation and resettlement, the inclusion of natural disaster risk reduction in the plans of all relevant departments, and social organization to be able to carry out their respective



Resident Coordinator Mr Bijay Karmachara reads out message of International Day for Disaster Reduction sent by the UNSG MNA

News in Brief

Breeding of broilers inspected

Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint inspected breeding of broilers at the livestock breeding farm of Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise in Khaingkamn Village of Tiddim on 10 October.

Development tasks in Twantay, Kawhmu Tsps inspected

Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint on 8 October looked into progress of Yegyaw Bridge construction project in Twantay Township and donated exercise books and stationery to basic education schools in Hsukalat Yegyaw Village of Kawhmu Township.

Preliminary meeting on ICT Investment Forum held

Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thaung Tin stressed the needs to discuss application for e-Government Sector and business opportunity at the preliminary meeting of ICT Investment Forum held at the ministry on 10 October.

Repared road put into service

The repaved Shwechi-2 Street was commissioned into service in Pyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 11 October morning. The road is 3500 feet long and 18 feet wide, built at a cost of K 70 million.

Four electric cars donated to Yangon Region Government

Four electric cars Rupa Theikdi Electric Car Co based on research of ILBC were donated to Yangon Region Government at the latter's office on 11 October. The car carries six 12V batteries. The batteries generated electricity for four hours can be used for 100 km drive and 80km/hr.

WORLD**Europe uneasy in IMF spotlight as Tokyo meetings start** **IMF**

TOKYO, 12 Oct — Greece, Spain and the euro zone's slow progress toward debt reform took centre stage at IMF meetings on Friday despite Europe's best effort to remove itself from the spotlight. The International Monetary Fund recommended that some of Europe's debt-burdened countries take a bit more time to reduce budget deficits, arguing that moving too fast is counter-productive because it hurts the economy. The shift was welcomed by some emerging market countries as well as long-time critics who say that the tough conditions attached to IMF loans inflict undue economic pain and make it harder for countries to grow their way out of debt.

"We have been arguing for some time that single-minded and draconian fiscal policies may be counterproductive and have a tendency to backfire," said Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega. But Germany, Europe's largest creditor country and the key to any lasting fiscal reforms, pushed back against that advice



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde (C) waves to photographers after a family photo session at the annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank Group in Tokyo on 12 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

and said reversing course on promised deficit reductions would only weaken credibility. Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said Europe had made plenty of crisis-fighting progress, echoing comments from other European officials who said there should be greater attention paid to US fiscal troubles too.

"Europe is not the source of all problems in the world," he told reporters at a briefing on Friday. The primary focus is on Greece, which has missed a series of debt reduction targets, and Spain, which is under pressure to seek a bailout as it struggles to rein in central government spending, get a grip on regional debts and recapitalize banks. IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said on Thursday that both countries should be given more time to make needed fiscal adjustments.

The IMF's change of tune on the speed of budget cuts stems from research it released this week showing that aggressive fiscal consolidation crimps economic growth more sharply than previously thought. Nobel prize-winning economist Paul Krugman called the IMF's new research, contained in its latest World Economic Outlook, "an extensively documented exercise in hand-wringing." "Kudos to the Fund for having the courage to say this, which means bucking some powerful players as well as admitting that its own analysis was flawed," Krugman wrote on his blog.

While the IMF has advocated a slower approach to debt reduction, it urged swifter policy action, both in Europe and the United States, to remove economic uncertainty and help lift anemic global economic growth. The IMF meetings officially started on a regal note, with Japan's crown prince in attendance. Lagarde followed with some blunt warnings for the Fund's 188 member countries that they were losing momentum in reforming the global financial system, a running message from the IMF in the build up to the meeting. She said it was not much safer than in 2008, when the collapse of Lehman Brothers triggered a global meltdown.—*Reuters*



The wounded is rushed to a hospital in Turkey's southeastern province of Diyarbakir on 11 Oct, 2012. One military officer was killed and several others wounded when a military helicopter crashed in Turkey's southeastern province of Diyarbakir on Thursday, private Dogan news agency reported.— XINHUA

US, Japan, ROK to meet on DPRK **Dialogue**

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct— Officials from the United States, Japan and Republic of Korea (ROK) will meet next week in Tokyo on issues relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the US State Department said on Thursday.

The trilateral dialogue slated for 17 October will be attended by Glyn Davies, US special representative for DPRK policy, Shinsuke Sugiyama, director general for Asian and Oceanian affairs at Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Lim Sung-nam, ROK's special representative for Korean Peninsula peace and security issues, the department said.

"The trilateral meeting is part of an ongoing dialogue among the three countries to exchange views on the current situation on the Korean Peninsula and reaffirm our continued close coordination on North Korea issues," the agency said in a statement. In addition, Davies will hold bilateral consultations with his Japanese and ROK

counterparts during his visit to the two countries' capitals, the agency noted.

In his eight-day travel to Asia starting on Saturday which will take him to Japan, ROK, China, Myanmar and India, Deputy Secretary of State William Burns will also discuss the DPRK issue. "We always talk about North Korea when we're in North Asia and our efforts to try to get them to show some new movement and new commitment in the context of the proposals that the six parties have made," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters on Thursday.

The six-party talks involve the DPRK, ROK, Japan, China, Russia and the United States over denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula. In a 2005 joint statement, the DPRK committed itself to abandoning all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs and returning at an early date to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Xinhua

Hunt for 10-year-old Colorado girl turns up dismembered body **US**

WESTMINSTER, 12 Oct — The search for a 10-year-old Colorado girl who authorities believe was abducted on her way to school has led to the discovery of a dismembered body at a park several miles from where the fifth-grader vanished, police said on Thursday. But Westminster Police Inspector Trevor Materasso said authorities haven't confirmed if the body is that of Jessica Ridgeway, who went missing on her way to school six days ago.

"The process is complicated because the body is not intact," Materasso said, declining to elaborate.

He said authorities may release the identity of the body on Friday. Jessica Ridgeway vanished last Friday after leaving for school in the Denver suburb of Westminster.

Her mother, Sarah Ridgeway, said she last saw her daughter when the girl left home for the short walk to school. A night-shift worker, Sarah Ridgeway said she sleeps during the day and did not hear the phone call from the school notifying her that Jessica was absent, so it was several hours before she was reported missing.

Police said on Wednesday

that the girl's parents were not suspects in their daughter's disappearance, and they were shifting the probe toward a stranger abduction. The girl's father, Jeremiah Bryant, lives in Missouri and came to Colorado when he learned his daughter was missing, police said. The case made national headlines in the days following Jessica's disappearance as hundreds of police officers, several bloodhounds and scores of volunteers scoured the girl's neighborhood looking for any clue to her whereabouts.

Reuters



Jessica Ridgeway, 10, who vanished on 5 Oct, 2012, after leaving for school in the Denver suburb of Westminster, Colorado is shown in this undated photograph.

REUTERS

Death toll of US drone strike in Pakistan rises to 16 **Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 12 Oct — The death toll of the US drone strike launched on Thursday in Pakistan's northwestern tribal region has risen to 16 while leaving several others injured, local media reported. According to local Urdu TV Channel Geo News, the US pilotless plane targeted a religious seminary in the Bilandkhel area of the Upper Orakzai, one of Pakistan's seven northwestern restive tribal regions near Afghanistan border.

The drone fired four missiles at the compound that killed seven people on the spot while injuring 15 others. Local

media, quoting some sources, reported that seven people were killed on the spot while nine others succumbed to their injuries on the way to hospital. The seminary was being run under the supervision of Maulvi Shakirullah, who is considered to be a close aid of Haqqani Network. There was no report about Shakirullah, whether he was present in the school at the time of attack or not.

Earlier on Wednesday morning, at least five people were killed when an US drone strike fired at a suspected compound in the country's northwest tribal area of North

Waziristan. According to Xinhua's tally, Thursday's strike is the 33rd of its kind (counted on daily basis) in 2012 in which at least 243 people have been killed so far.

The US and the NATO forces fighting in Afghanistan believe that Pakistan's bordering areas especially North Waziristan is the safe heaven for the militants who allegedly attack NATO forces in Afghanistan. Pakistan, on a number of occasions, protested and showed reservations over such attacks, terming them the violation of its sovereignty and a big reason of collateral damage.—*Xinhua*

Media reports of Japan's shift to the right exaggerated: ambassador **Japan**

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct — Japanese Ambassador to the United States Ichiro Fujisaki on Wednesday described recent US media reports of Japan shifting to the right following territorial rows with its neighbours as "vastly exaggerated." "Japan will continue to deal with these issues in a calm manner. We have no intention of heightening tension," Fujisaki said in an article he contributed to US online media outlet Huffington Post, denying the idea that nationalism is mounting in Japan, as suggested by some US media, including *The Washington Post*.

The US media had argued that Japan was shifting to the right due to disputes with China over the Japan-administered Senkaku Islands, claimed by China and Taiwan, and with South Korea over the islets in the Sea of Japan known in Japan as Takeshima and in South Korea as Dokdo. The days of using

force or coercion to solve disputes over land should be left in the last century, Fujisaki said, noting the importance of preventing the issue from developing into an "emotional" one and handling the matter peacefully. He also said the US government has repeatedly confirmed that the Senkaku Islands are covered by Japan-US security arrangements. "Such reassurances constitute an important deterrence," he said.

Meanwhile, the Japanese Embassy in the United States protested against *The Washington Post's* running of advertisements on Wednesday placed by Taiwan promoting its claim over the Senkaku Islands. The Taiwanese advertisements state Japan's sovereignty over the islets is "invalid." The paper responded to the embassy saying the content of the advertisement represented the views of the client and the newspaper does not support the idea as a company.—*Kyodo*

REGIONAL



Two visitors are pictured in front of baby carriers displayed at a toy exhibition in Shanghai, east China, on 11 Oct, 2012. The 11th International Trade Fair for Toys & Hobby Articles (China Toy Expo) kicked off Thursday at the Shanghai New International Expo Center, displaying nearly 100,000 new type toys of more than 1,000 participants. XINHUA

Toyota recalls 53,000 cars in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Oct— A total of 53,000 Toyota cars in Indonesia have been recalled due to faulty window switches, local media reported on Friday.

The recall applies to Yaris, Vios, Corolla Altis and Camry models produced between 2006 and 2008, Toyota Astra Motor's marketing director, Joko Trisanyoto, said on

Thursday.

He added that the recall was part of the global recall of 7.43 million vehicles announced on Wednesday by Japan-based Toyota.

"In Indonesia, we've identified that four models produced in Thailand in 2006-08, namely the Yaris, Vios, Corolla Altis and Camry, are probably having a problem with their master power-window switches," Joko was quoted by the *Jakarta Globe* as saying. "To date, we haven't received any complaints regarding the problem in Indonesia. But there have been complaints in Japan," he added.

Citing the results of an investigation by Toyota,

Automobile

Joko said a lack of lubrication used to smooth the master switch's movements was likely to blame for the problem, which was not with the driver's side window, but with the cars' three other windows.

According to him, Toyota Astra Motor, the sole distributor of Toyota vehicles in Indonesia, would soon ask local owners of the four cars to pay a visit to their nearest Toyota dealer.

"Our dealers are preparing to make calls and are scheduling the checks," Joko said.

Xinhua

Cambodian PM to join 7th CLV Summit in Vietnam next week

ASIA

PHNOM PENH, 12 Oct— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen will lead a high delegation to attend the 7th CLV (Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam) Summit on the Development Triangle Area on 10-20 October in Ho

Chi Minh City, according to a press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Friday.

The CLV Development Triangle Area is aimed at accelerating of economic growth, poverty reduction, social and cultural progress

in 13 provinces of the three countries, including four in Cambodia, four in Laos, and five in Vietnam.

The prime ministers of the three countries will sign a joint declaration at the end of the summit, according to the release.— Xinhua

Japan

Crown Prince gives thanks for int'l support for disaster-hit Japan

TOKYO, 12 Oct — Japanese Crown Prince Naruhito on Friday extended his gratitude for the international support after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami struck northeastern Japan, at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

In the opening address of the plenary meeting, the crown prince said, "I am glad that today I can show you a nation that is recovering steadily from the damage, thanks to the support of the international community."

Noting that international cooperation is crucial in promoting economic growth, stabilizing international finance, restoring employment

and reducing poverty, he expressed hope that the IMF and the World Bank will play an increasingly important role in tackling the global challenges.

The crown prince said Japan recognized the importance of mutual assistance and solidarity after the deadly earthquake, adding such values are also important to the international community.

"I hope that the annual meetings held here in Japan will offer an opportunity to strengthen the solidarity among countries, which will help to promote our efforts in unity for addressing global challenges," he said.

Kyodo

Japan, China officials agree to seek breakthrough in frayed ties over Senkakus

Asia

TOKYO, 12 Oct— Senior Japanese and Chinese government officials agreed on Thursday to hold bilateral vice ministerial-level talks soon to seek a breakthrough regarding a territorial dispute which has severely strained relations between the two countries over recent months, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said.

The agreement was reached at a meeting in Tokyo between Shinsuke Sugiyama, director general of the Japanese ministry's Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, and Luo Zhaohui, director general of the

Chinese Foreign Ministry's Asian Affairs Department, it said.

The territorial dispute over the Japanese-administered Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea intensified after the Japanese government purchased three of the five main islands in the group from their Japanese owner a month ago.

China claims that the islands have been part of its territory since ancient times and that Japan "stole" the islands from China in 1895 at the end of the Sino-Japanese War.

Kyodo



Giant panda Tao Tao crawls out of the cage to the wild mountain forest in the Liziping nature reserve in Shimian County of Ya'an City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 11 Oct, 2012. As the first artificially raised giant panda released to the nature in China, Tao Tao's condition will be tracked after its reintroduction. Six more giant pandas are under the systematic wildness recovery training as Tao Tao, in the Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre. XINHUA

Indonesia's Bali recalls horror of bombs 10 years on

KUTA, (Indonesia), 12 Oct — Worshippers at the Ar-Rahmat mosque in the Indonesian town of Kuta have prayed every night for the past 10 years for the victims of bombs that blew up in their tourist town on Bali island in 2002. "We will pray for the rest of our lives," said Usman, a Kuta resident, wearing a white gown and skullcap that mark him out as a Muslim on the mostly Hindu Indonesian island.

Usman heard the explosions on 12 Oct, 2002, when two Islamist suicide bombers set off explosives at nightclubs packed with tourists killing 202 people, including 88 Australians and one of Usman's close friends, whose remains were never found. The blasts, just over a year after the 11 Sept, 2001, attacks on the United States, were a watershed for Indonesia, a secular state

with the world's largest population of Muslims the majority of whom are moderate. The bombs forced Indonesia to confront the presence of a small but dedicated group of followers of Osama bin Laden bent on attacking Western targets. For Australia, the Bali bombs were the worst peacetime attack on its citizens, many of whom regard a holiday on Bali as a sun-drenched rite of passage.

One effect of the attacks was to strengthen relations between the neighbors who had long eyed each other suspiciously. Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa, along with relatives of some of those killed, attended a ceremony in Bali on Friday to commemorate the 10th anniversary. "They attacked our people and through

them, sought to overwhelm our values. Here on these bustling streets, they inflicted searing pain and grief that will never end," Gillard told the commemoration.

"But even as the debris fell, it was obvious the attack on our sense of ourselves — as Australians, as human

beings — had failed," she said.

The attack also scarred Bali, a majority Hindu island until then seen as a tropical paradise of gentle people, temples and rice terraces shimmering on the fertile flanks of volcanoes.

Reuters



Workers place flowers on a photo of a 2002 Bali bomb blasts victim, in front of the memorial monument, ahead of the tenth anniversary of the incident in Kuta, Bali on 11 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

M6.7 quake occurs near New Guinea island

Earthquake

JAKARTA, 12 Oct — An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.7 struck off the southern coast of Papua, which comprises the Indonesian part of New Guinea island, on Friday morning, the US Geological Survey reported.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

The agency, which monitors global seismic activity, said the quake struck at 9:31 am at the epicenter located between New Guinea and the Aru Islands.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: FORTUNE SHIPPING & AGENCY
PTE LTD.**

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Photo taken on 10 Oct, 2012 shows the landfill gas plant in east China's Shanghai. The largest project of landfill gas power generation in Asia was connected to grid Wednesday. The project is expected to provide daily electricity for about 100,000 households in Shanghai annually when works at full capacity.

XINHUA

Bolivia, Brazil, Peru to forge anti-drug deal

LAPAZ, 12 Oct— Bolivia, Brazil and Peru plan to forge a trilateral deal to fight cross-border drug trafficking, production and shipping, Bolivia's Interior Minister Carlos Romero said on Thursday. Romero said the main goal was to bolster the joint anti-drug fight to prevent Bolivia from being used as a transit for drugs, mostly headed to Brazil and Europe.

As much as 60 percent of the cocaine seized in Brazil originates from Peru and is shipped through Bolivia, he added. The agreement will be finalized before a November meeting of the Southern Common Market in Brasilia, according to authorities of the three South American countries.

It is essential to hold a trilateral meeting to coordinate interdiction actions against drug trafficking and improve the exchange of information between anti-narcotics forces in the three countries, Romero said. —Xinhua

China's Huawei faces int'l barriers but should not be scared away

THE HAGUE, 12 Oct — Shortly after a US congressional investigation report said Huawei and ZTE were potential security threats, three Dutch members of parliament (MPs) raised questions to the cabinet on the cooperation between Huawei and its Dutch partner KPN. "In the US Congress report, a number of incidents are mentioned," Liberal MP Han ten Broeke told Xinhua. "This is the direct reason for us to raise questions on these companies in the Netherlands." Huawei is ready to face questioning by the MPs, said Liu Haosheng, COO of Huawei Technologies Netherlands. "We understand the concerns of the Dutch government," Liu told Xinhua.

"Huawei is committed to cooperating transparently with any and all government agencies who wish to carry out an open and impartial dialogue about our company and the products and services that have made us successful internationally," he said. The international strategy makes

Huawei (the Netherlands) a very popular model among foreign investors for a long time. It has integrated into Dutch business society very well. Xin Wen, CEO of Huawei Technologies (The Netherlands), got the certificate of appreciation earlier this year from the Dutch National Foreign Investment Agency as one of the first two Chinese Foreign Direct Investment Ambassadors. "In Europe, Chinese telecom companies such as Huawei have been present for a long time already. It would be too late to stop them," said Frans Paul van der Putten, a senior research fellow at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague.

According to van der Putten, the parliamentary questioning "could increase the concerns of Chinese investors that the Dutch investment climate in strategically important sectors such as telecommunication might be influenced by the US developments." "This could form a barrier for Chinese

investments," he said. "The fact that questions are raised could also indicate to some Chinese investors the emergence of a more negative view of China's economic influence in the Netherlands," van der Putten said. "Besides, there is a possibility that pressure from the US could result in a more restrictive approach from European companies to seek technical cooperation with Chinese companies," he said. But according to Han ten Broeke, questions and investigations related to the Sino-Dutch cooperation should not scare Chinese investors away.

"If I would scare away Chinese companies just by raising questions about the national security, then I think these companies should not come to the Netherlands at all. If you don't have anything to hide, then these questions will not scare you away," said the politician.

It is not the first time for Huawei to encounter questioning. They have to battle with all kinds of

Market

barriers, visible or invisible, on the way of internationalization. "We, like many companies in our industry, have benefited from free and fair trade and the process of globalization, and we will continue to push for open markets, cooperative innovation, and equal opportunity for all companies," Liu told Xinhua.

Earlier this week, the US House of Representatives Intelligence Committee issued a report, alleging that the two leading Chinese technology companies, Huawei and ZTE, pose possible threats to US national security. The move would make it extremely hard for the two companies to enter the US market, despite the fact that they are operating normally in over 140 countries. Huawei and ZTE, both based in Shenzhen in southern China, denied the allegations and accused the United States of obstructing Chinese companies from entering the overseas market.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Mila Kunis favourite for Fifty Shades Of Grey role?

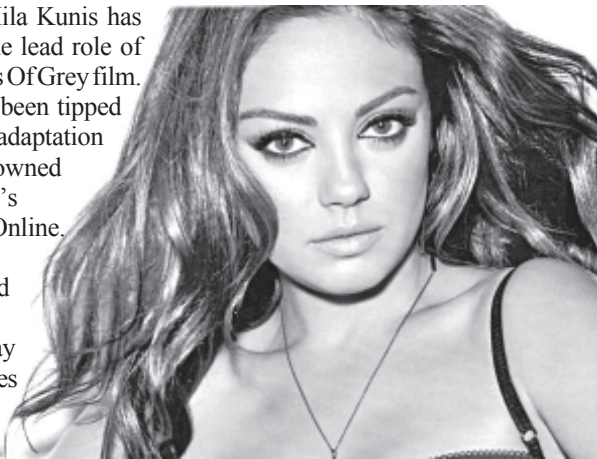
Actress Mila Kunis

LONDON, 12 Oct—Actress Mila Kunis has emerged as the frontrunner for the lead role of Anastasia Steele in the Fifty Shades Of Grey film.

The Black Swan actress has been tipped to be cast as Steele in the movie adaptation of the saucy novel after being crowned the Sexiest Woman Alive by men's magazine *Esquire*, reported Sun Online.

The 26-year-old brunette's girl-next-door charm has propelled her to the top of the list of actresses being considered to play the naive female lead, who becomes lured into an S&M lifestyle by billionaire Christian Grey.

Harry Potter star Emma Watson and Twilight actress Kristen Stewart are also favourites to star in the big screen adaptation of EL James' erotic bestseller. Ryan Gosling and The Vampire Diaries star Ian Somerhalder are popular choices to play mysterious businessman Christian. Meanwhile, Kelly Marcel has been chosen to write the script for Universal and Focus Features' new movie.—PTI



Richard Gere asked to leave restaurant after flirting

NEW YORK, 12 Oct—Hollywood star Richard Gere was ordered out of restaurant by an irate husband after allegedly flirting with his wife.

Gere's close attention to an attractive blonde at restaurant led to a confrontation with her angry husband. The 63-year-old actor, who is married to actress Carey Lowell, was told to stay away from the woman after he reportedly left his table to chat to her, reported *New York Post* online.

"Gere was told to 'Get out of here' after he made a beeline for the woman. He had been staring at the woman

while they both dined at the restaurant," a source said. Gere was at the restaurant celebrating with his agents after picking up a lifetime achievement award at the Hampton's International Film Festival. Over dinner the unnamed is said to have caught Gere's eye. "He kept staring at this woman. Her husband seemed agitated by it. He approached the other table. He didn't acknowledge anyone around her. He was leaning in and trying to talk to her, leaning into her ear," the source added. Gere is said to have ignored the shouted threat, and continued to talk

to the woman before making his exit. The husband is said to have followed Gere outside to make sure that he left the restaurant where other A-list celebrities including actress Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin and Gwyneth Paltrow's mother Blythe Danner were dining.

A spokesman for Gere claimed the incident had been misinterpreted. "Reality is, he was at a table with his agents and their wives. On his way out, he stopped to say hi to the people at that table, and joked with the people briefly before leaving," said his spokesman.—PTI

UK singer Brightman to be Russia's next space tourist

MOSCOW, 12 Oct—British singer Sarah Brightman said on Wednesday she had bought a seat to fly on a Russian spaceship, describing it as a chance to live out a childhood desire "beyond her wildest dreams".

Brightman, 52, who once had a hit song called "I Lost My Heart to a Starship Trooper", plans to rocket some 250 miles (400 km) above Earth to the International Space Station — becoming the first space tourist since Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte donned a red clown's nose on his 2009 trip.

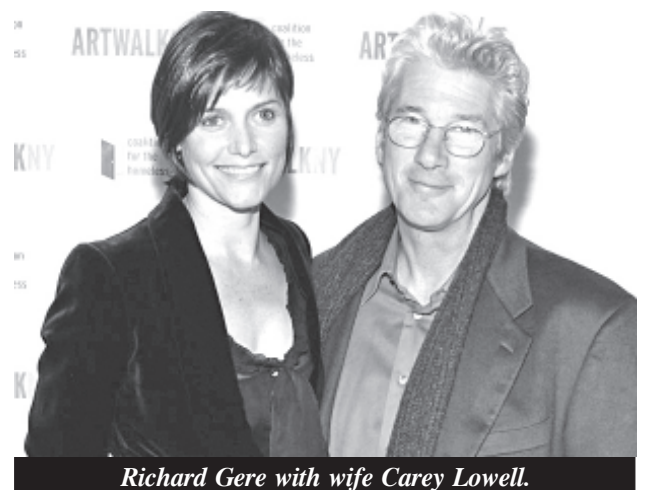
"I am more excited about this than I have been about anything I have done to date," Brightman, in platform heels and a silky black dress, told reporters in Moscow.

"Most of my life I have felt an incredible desire to take the journey to space that I have now begun," she said.

"This is beyond my wildest dreams."—Reuters



British singer Sarah Brightman



Richard Gere with wife Carey Lowell.

Tom Hanks to make Broadway debut in new Nora Ephron play

NEW YORK, 12 Oct—Tom Hanks will make his Broadway debut playing a tabloid journalist in "Lucky Guy", a new drama by the late Nora Ephron, producers said in a statement on Thursday.

The Hollywood star will continue his long collaboration with Ephron that has included "Sleepless in Seattle" in 1993 and "You've Got Mail" in 1998. Ephron died in June at the age of 71 of complications from leukemia.

Based on a true story, "Lucky Guy" opens in April next year, the statement said, and dramatizes the rise and

fall of former tabloid columnist Mike McAlary as he covers the police scandals of a polarized, crime-ridden 1980s New York. McAlary died aged 41 in 1998.

Hanks, 56, has won two best actor Oscars for his performances in "Philadelphia" and "Forrest Gump" and is known for other popular films, but his stage acting has been limited to small Shakespeare productions in the 1970s.

Ephron started as a tabloid reporter before becoming known as a writer of essays, books and screenplays. She penned romantic comedies such as

1989's "When Harry Met Sally", and wrote and directed 2009's "Julie & Julia".

"Lucky Guy" is billed as a drama with touches of her famed acerbic tone.

Her first Broadway play, "Imaginary Friends", was produced in 2002 and starred Cherry Jones and Swoosie Kurtz. The play was largely panned by critics. She also co-authored "Love, Loss, and What I Wore" with her sister Delia, which was performed Off-Broadway to positive reviews in 2009 and enjoyed a long run followed by a national tour.

Reuters

Tom Cruise spanked by a drag queen in London

NEW DELHI, 12 Oct—Tom Cruise was spanked by a drag queen during a night out in London.

The actor was invited to Matt Damon's 42nd birthday bash by his All You Need Is Love co-star Emily Blunt whose husband John Krasinski arranged the celebrations at The Box nightclub and Tom and Matt were both cornered by the drag queen.

An insider told *The Daily Star* newspaper: "Emily Blunt's husband John Krasinski organized the kinky party, and chose to have it at Simon Hammerstein's The

Box club. He knew the birthday boy would see the funny side. Within the first



Tom Cruise

couple of hours Tom and Matt were both paddled on their rears by the club's cross-dressing hostess. Matt got

extra spanking, of course, as it was his special night."

Other actors at the event included Chris Hemsworth and Bill Paxton and Tom enjoyed partying with his new friends.

The insider added: "It was a celeb-packed night, with stars including Chris Hemsworth and Bill Paxton turning out for Matt. Tom had arrived solo, but was soon having fun with his A-list friends. They all had a fantastic night enjoying the naughty stage shows and partying until the end of the night."

PTI

Jim Carrey dating a 26-year-old make-up artist

NEW DELHI, 12 Oct—Actor Jim Carrey, 50, is said to be smitten with ambitious Irish beautician Cathriona White, who he has been seeing for the past month, and insiders say she is hoping his celebrity status can help her with her career.

A source told RadarOnline: "Jim and Cathriona have been dating for over a month now. She comes from a very small rural village in County Tipperary and left Ireland for Los

Angeles after studying to be a beautician. Cathriona is ambitious and is working as a make-up artist in Hollywood — and she's already worked on many film sets since arriving in the States. She's very focused on making this work and will do anything she can to make sure she's successful."

"And dating Jim certainly can't hurt her career. His status will certainly give her a leg up in the industry and open doors for her that

could have been more difficult if she didn't know him.

"She's definitely living in a dream world right now."

Jim was previously married to waitress Melissa Womer from 1987 to 1995 and his 'Dumb and Dumber' co-star Lauren Holly from 1996 to 1997, and to actress.

He split from long-term girlfriend Jenny McCarthy in 2010.

PTI

Actor Jim Carrey



Cast member Tom Hanks (L) and his wife Rita Wilson arrive for the premiere of the film "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" in New York, on 15 Dec, 2011.—REUTERS

SPORTS

Button focuses on F1 constructors' title

YEONGGAM, (South Korea), 12 Oct—Jenson Button has turned his focus on trying to secure McLaren a first Formula One constructors' championship since 1998 after accepting he has little chance of the drivers' title this season.

The 2009 world champion is 63 points adrift

Bull drivers) don't," Button told reporters ahead of Sunday's Korean Grand Prix.

"The constructors' is definitely on and that's the big aim I think...when I get out of the car at the end of the race and look at the points, that's the bit I really look at," added the Briton. "Winning the drivers' championship is



McLaren Formula One driver Jenson Button of Britain

of Ferrari's Fernando Alonso with five races, worth 125 points in total, still to come.

McLaren are second in the constructors' standings, a far less massive 41 behind champions Red Bull with 43 available at every race.

"We can claw that back (the deficit) in one race, that's the great thing, if both Lewis (Hamilton) and I get a good result and those two (the Red

such a slim opportunity and if it happens, it happens. But I am not going to get too excited about it." Hamilton is fourth overall, 42 behind Alonso, after finishing fifth in Japan last Sunday with Button fourth. Red Bull still scored five more points thanks to Sebastian Vettel winning and Australian Mark Webber coming ninth.

Red Bull were dominant

Motor Racing

in Suzuka, with double world champion Vettel winning from pole and setting the fastest lap but Hamilton was far from downcast after discovering that his car had a mechanical problem.

The 2008 champion was particularly relieved that the problem had been traced to a particular part and that his car's lack of pace was attributable to it rather than a mistake in setup choices.

Hamilton, winner of three races this year, had blamed himself after Suzuka for going in a wrong direction.

"I know my car really well so I know...it's very rare that I get it wrong and if I do it's only a little bit wrong and I can still manage with it," said the 27-year-old, who is joining Mercedes next year.

"But this was worse than I had ever set it up and I was really shocked that I had done that and thought it was my fault. Fortunately after the race the guys did an analysis and found that we had a failure of part of the rear suspension.

"That's comforting because it means I'm not crazy and happy that we found it so it won't be a problem this weekend."—Reuters

Kaka scores on return for six-goal Brazil

STOCKHOLM, 12 Oct—Kaka scored on his Brazil comeback after a two-year absence and Oscar notched a brace as the 2014 World Cup hosts demolished Iraq 6-0 in a one-sided friendly in Sweden on Thursday.

Chelsea midfielder Oscar set the South Americans on their way to an easy win in Malmo with two goals in a five-minute spell midway through the first half against opponents who are coached by former Brazil captain Zico.

Real Madrid's Kaka, who last played for his country at the 2010 World Cup, added the third early in the second half before Hulk, Neymar and Lucas shared three more goals as Brazil's incisive passing sliced through the Iraq defence.

Iraq goalkeeper Noor Sabri prevented Brazil from inflicting further embarrassment with an inspired performance.

Iraq, unable to play at home for security reasons, face Australia in a World Cup qualifier in neutral Doha on Tuesday and Zico was unhappy at the timing and venue of the Brazil match.

"We left Qatar where it was 35 Celsius, travelled for 10 hours to a place where it's

Soccer



Brazil's Kaka (L) celebrates with Oscar after Oscar's goal in their international friendly soccer match against Iraq at Swedbank Stadium in Malmo on 11 October, 2012. REUTERS

five Celsius and we have to go back again afterwards," he told Brazilian media before the match. "It wasn't the right moment."

"I wanted to play Wales and they gave me Brazil."

Brazil broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute when Neymar carried the ball forward and set up Oscar, who slotted it past the oncoming Sabri. Five minutes later, Kaka pulled the ball back from the byline and Oscar turned it in from close range for the second.

Sabri then denied David Luiz, Neymar and Kaka in quick succession and Paulinho headed against the

underside of the crossbar, leaving Iraq grateful to be only two goals behind at halftime.

Three minutes after the break, Kaka burst down the left, slipped past a defender and fired the ball into the roof of the net from a narrow angle.

Sabri made two more saves before Hulk scored the fourth in the 55th minute, cutting inside his marker and firing a low shot into the bottom far corner.

Neymar scored the fifth with a curling shot in the 75th minute and then played a one-two with Lucas who completed the rout.

Reuters

Cole admits FA charge over

Soccer Twitter insult

LONDON, 12 Oct—England defender Ashley Cole has admitted a misconduct charge from the Football Association (FA) for an insulting comment he made on Twitter, the governing body said on Thursday.

"Ashley Cole has admitted an FA charge in relation to a Twitter comment which was improper and/or brought the game into disrepute," read a statement on the FA website (www.thefa.com).

"Cole has requested a non-personal hearing, the date of which has yet to be set," added the FA.

The Chelsea defender was charged by the FA following his offensive tweet after the governing body's independent commission had queried what they described as his "evolving" evidence in the John Terry racial abuse verdict.

Terry was found guilty of racially insulting Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand and banned for



Ashley Cole and Wayne Rooney in training section.

four matches. Cole gave evidence on his Chelsea team mate's behalf.

Cole, who has played 98 times for England,

apologised personally to FA chairman David Bernstein for the insult and deleted the tweet a few hours after it was posted last Friday.—Reuters

Rose beats Woods to set up final with Westwood

BELEK, (Turkey), 12 Oct—Justin Rose beat 14-times major champion Tiger Woods in the semi-finals on Thursday to set up a title showdown with fellow Englishman Lee Westwood at the World Golf Final exhibition event.

World number five Rose (69) carded two birdies and an eagle in the last six holes to defeat world number two Woods by one shot.

Westwood blitzed his way past 2011 US Masters champion Charl Schwartzel by six shots, the world number four firing two eagles and eight birdies in a 10-under 61.

Earlier, Woods beat world number one Rory McIlroy by six shots in their much-anticipated Group One tussle at the Antalya Golf Club.

Reuters

Golf

Justin Rose of England celebrates his victory against Tiger Woods of the US after their World Golf Final semi-final match in Antalya, southern Turkey, on 11 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS



Djokovic reaches Shanghai

quarters with ease

Tennis

SHANGHAI, 12 Oct—Second seed Novak Djokovic served well and barely broke a sweat as he marched past Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-3 to reach the quarter-finals of the Shanghai Masters tennis on Thursday. The world number two from Serbia, who last week won the China Open in Beijing, served 12 aces and lost seven points on his serve to continue his rich vein of form.

"I'm trying to enjoy the efficiency of my serve," Djokovic told reporters. "I'm not very well known around the tour for big serving. But so far in this tournament, and also in Beijing, it has been working very well for me."

"It has been giving me a lot of free points, a lot of

confidence in the matches."

Defending champion Andy Murray, who had a bye in the first round and a walkover in the second, also had an easy outing against Ukraine's Alexandr Dolgoplov and won 6-2, 6-2 in under an hour.

Big-serving American John Isner, seeded number eight, hit 17 aces to Radek Stepanek's four but the Czech still managed to eke out a 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 victory to set up a quarter-final date with third seed Murray.

Fourth seed Tomas Berdych battled past American Sam Querrey 6-2, 6-7, 6-4 in two hours 13 minutes to keep alive his hopes of qualifying for November's season-ending World Tour finals in London.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, seeded fifth, also remained on course for London by defeating Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 6-2, 7-6.

Reuters



Serbia's Novak Djokovic serves against Spain's Feliciano Lopez during their singles tennis match at the Shanghai Masters tournament on 11 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

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- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
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- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
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- 4. Health Programme
- 7:50 am
- 5. Documentary
- 8:05 am
- 6. Poem Garden
- 8:20 am
- 7. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education Level) (Women)
- 11:00 am
- 8. Martial Song
- 11:50 am
- 9. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 2:10 pm
- 10. Teleplay

- 2:45 pm
- 11. AFF Cup 2012 Group Stage Foot ball (Live) (Laos Vs Myanmar)
- 4:55 pm
- 12. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
- 13. International Science News
- 5:10 pm
- 14. Dance of National Races
- 5:20 pm
- 15. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 6:35 pm
- 16. Celebraity and Dinner
- 8:00 pm
- 17. News
- 18. Cartoon Series
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

Soccer Uruguay striker Suarez says he must improve attitude

MONTEVIDEO, 12 Oct—Uruguay's Luis Suarez, in the eye of a diving storm in England, has recognised refereeing decisions to avoid more suspensions.

The Liverpool striker, set to play in Fridays was banned for last month's 4-0 defeat by Colombia and then booked for dissent on his return in the 1-1 draw with Ecuador.

Suarez is one of seven Uruguayans carrying a yellow card who will miss Tuesday's match in Bolivia if they are booked against Argentina. "As the years go by you realise what you have to correct," Suarez told the Uruguayan daily *El Pais* on Thursday. "I'm 25 and there are things I must improve like my attitude on the pitch."

"But that's how I've played since I was a kid. I try to correct it but there are times when my anxiety makes me play that way. Everyone knows I gesture a lot, talk and protest and those are things I must improve on."

In England, where Suarez was suspended for eight matches last season for racially insulting Manchester United's French defender Patrice Evra, there have been demands this week for the striker to be punished for alleged diving.

Stoke City manager Tony Pulis complained on Sunday that, during his team's 0-0 draw with Liverpool, the Uruguayan had dived attempting to win a penalty.

Suarez said earlier in the week he felt reassured by the backing of Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers. "That the manager supports me and is with me is important," he explained.—Reuters



Luis Suarez

Death toll from meningitis outbreak climbs to 14 in US

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct—At least 14 Americans have been killed, 156 others sickened in a deadly fungal meningitis outbreak linked to contaminated drug, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Thursday.

The outbreak has claimed lives in six states—Tennessee, Michigan, Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Indiana, the CDC said in its latest update. Tennessee remained the hardest-hit state with 49 cases; Michigan added 11 cases and was at 39 on Thursday, with Virginia adding three to reach 30 and Indiana six to reach 21.

Public health officials were contacting patients in 23 states who received the potentially contaminated steroid injection—typically for back pain—and urging them to be tested for the rare fungal infection. The CDC said some 14,000 patients could be at risk of contracting meningitis.

The Food and Drug Administration said it has detected a fungal contaminant in a sealed vial of the drug produced by the New England Compounding Centre. While further testing is required to confirm it was the source of the outbreak, the company has issued a recall of all of its products and shut down all operations.

Xinhua

Climate Snow falls across Australia's New South Wales, capital in mid-spring

SYDNEY, 12 Oct—Snow has fallen across a large part of Australia's New South Wales and the nation's capital in the mid-spring, local media reported on Friday.

Overnight snow fell in the areas of Blue Mountains and Southern Highlands in NSW while Canberra received about 10 centimeters of snow as cold weather hit the region, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) reported. The Bureau of Meteorology said the snow is a result of a very cold air mass that has moved across NSW, though it is unusual. The bureau said the snowfall is expected to ease into showers around noon on Friday.—Xinhua

Fisher on song in Portugal, hails inspirational Ryder Cup

Golf



Britain's Ross Fisher

NEW YORK, 12 Oct—Briton Ross Fisher fired a six-under 65 in the first round of the Portugal Masters on Thursday and promptly set his sights on qualifying for another Ryder Cup team after missing out on this year's event.

The 31-year-old Englishman, who took a joint one-shot lead in Vilamoura with Scotland's Stephen Gallacher on Thursday, helped Europe win at Celtic Manor in 2010 but was reduced to being a spectator for last month's miraculous comeback win at Medinah.

Despite watching Europe reel in a four-point deficit to beat America 14-1/2 - 13-1/2 from his sofa, he said the team's unexpected success had been a huge moment for him.

"If that doesn't inspire me and all of these other guys to get in the Ryder Cup then you shouldn't be playing the game of golf," Fisher told the European Tour's website (www.europeantour.com).

Fisher said he was more nervous watching than he was while making his debut at the biennial team event two years ago.

"I've experienced it in Wales and it's something that I think—Rory (McIlroy) said it once—you've played in one, you never want to miss another one," Fisher said of his twice-major winning former team mate, now the world number one.

"So that did spur me on to get out and work hard. I think 17th in the world was my best, I'm not there now but I'm working hard and I'm improving, so one step at a time and we'll be back hopefully soon enough."

Fisher, currently ranked 140, has not won for over two years before he secured a berth on Colin Montgomerie's 2010 team in Wales and scored two points from four in Europe's nailbiting one-point triumph.—Reuters



Jazmin Lopez and Miguel Osorio train in a library before the First Regional Dance Competition on Wheelchair Sports in Cancun last month. Jazmin was hit by a car when she was two years old, and Miguel was born with a congenital disability. Both dance for recreation and as a form of expression.—REUTERS

Mobile Internet access booming in New Zealand

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WELLINGTON, 12 Oct—More than half of New Zealanders are now accessing the Internet through their mobile phones, the government statistics agency announced on Friday. Total Internet connections by mobile phone rose by 34 percent in the 12 months ending June to more than 2.5 million, according to Statistics New Zealand's Internet Service Provider Survey.

"Smartphone use is rising quickly, and people are increasingly connecting to the Internet using these devices wherever they go," information and communication technology statistics manager Hamish Hill said in a statement. "Using the Internet to shop, look for places to visit, or even watch their favorite TV shows is becoming a part of everyday life for Kiwis."

Internet service providers had increased their data caps, so there was more choice and flexibility when surfing the web on fixed broadband connections, he said. The total number of subscribers with data caps of 50 gigabytes (GB) or more increased by almost 800 percent this year, while those with no data caps increased by more than 270 percent. In June, the average subscriber used an estimated 16GB of data per month, compared with 9GB in June last year.—Xinhua

Government has proven itself to carry out disaster risk reduction activities, not just in the country, but also in the region to keep abreast of neighbouring countries

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses ceremony of International Day for Disaster Reduction 2012.



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NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the ceremony of the International Day for Disaster Reduction 2012 held at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, at 8:45 am today.

Also present on the occasion together with the Vice-President were Union Ministers and Deputy Ministers, UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Bijay Karmachara and officials concerned, NGOs, INGOs, students who won prizes in the International Day for Disaster Reduction 2012 high-school level and middle-school level essay and painting

contests and their families and distinguished guests.

In his speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that natural disaster is accepted as the unexpected event caused by nature, such as, fire, landslide, cyclone, flood, earthquake and tsunami. And so, the theme of this year IDDR Event is “Women and Girls; the invisible force of Resilience”. Each vulnerable group has been prioritized by the UN as the target group for each and every year’s annual occasion.

The reason to pay special attention to women and girls this year is that the role of women and girls should not be left out in building a community of resilience. The gender equality is one of the main characteristics of our country.

In disaster risk reduction activities, along with other member societies, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA) and Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation (MWF) are also taking an active role. Further more, it is necessary to encourage these visible and invisible forces of women and girls in safeguarding the communities, before, during and after the disasters, and it is also important for the

public to acknowledge and recognize these capabilities.

Today, every country around the world is experiencing the negative impacts of global warming and climate change. In the year 2011 alone, 302 cases of natural disasters were registered throughout the world, claiming more than 29,000 lives and resulting in the loss and damage of US\$ 366 billion. Altogether 101 national suffered from the impacts of those natural disasters, and the Philippines, the United State of America, the People’s Republic of China, India and Indonesia were the most seriously affected countries among them.

The Philippines, as ASEAN member country, had an unfortunate experience of 33 natural disaster incidents in 2011 alone. According to the statistics, the highest human casualties were registered in seven Asian countries out of top countries, and the casualties among them are said to be top 83.1 percent of the global casualties.

So, it is appropriate to say that the Continent of Asia where we are living is one of the hot-spot areas frequently hit by natural disasters. These highlight that our disaster (See page 9)

CBM has yet to give permission to any foreign banks

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct— Some journals reported recently that an investment bank is established in Myanmar firstly. At present, the Central Bank of Myanmar hasn’t granted permits to any foreign banking services yet. And the Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration had yet to allow company registration, announced the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

The press release states that those wishing to run the monetary service as well as banking is to have permission from the Central Bank of Myanmar in line with the existing laws. To avoid the fraud, people may inquiry at the Ministry

of Finance and Revenue (Ph 067-410552, 410046), the Central Bank of Myanmar (Headquarters) in Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-418206), Yangon (Ph: 01-543762) and Mandalay (Ph: 02-33133).

Section 80 of monetary organization law says that nobody can run any monetary organization without the central bank’s license. Section 82 of that law also states that if he/she is found guilty of breaking the prescriptions of Section 80, he/she will face the fines of K 50000 (or) five-year prison term (or) both.

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Justice minister dismisses resignation over crime syndicate contact



TOKYO, 12 Oct— Justice Minister Keishu Tanaka on Friday dismissed the idea of resigning after a weekly magazine reported he acted as a matchmaker for a senior member of a crime syndicate years ago and made a speech at the syndicate’s party, although he admitted the report was true.

“I was asked by the father (of the senior member) to become a matchmaker and accepted without knowing

that the son was a crime group member,” Tanaka told a press conference. “I later learned he was a crime group member.”

The weekly magazine *Shukan Shincho* reported Thursday that Tanaka acted as a matchmaker for a senior member of an organized crime group and also gave a speech at a group party hosted by its leader around 30 years ago.

While the opposition camp is certain to step up calls for his resignation, Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura indicated he will not urge Tanaka to quit.

Of his attendance at the party, Tanaka said that members of the crime syndicate “happened to be there” and that he “would not have gone” if he had known they would be there.

Kyodo News

France coach Deschamps wary of Japan threat



PARIS, 11 Oct— France coach Didier Deschamps is braced for a tough encounter when the former World and European champions play Japan in a friendly in Paris on Friday.

France have never lost to Japan in five meetings, but Deschamps says the Asian champions have made giant strides forward in the last decade and described them as a sharp outfit under Italian coach Alberto Zaccheroni.

“Japan are a well-organized and disciplined team. It will be a difficult match,” Deschamps told a news conference on the eve of the World Cup qualifying warm-up at Stade de France.

“They have improved a great deal in the past 10 years. The team has a lot of pace in

attack and it won’t be easy,” added the former Les Bleus captain, whose team face world and European champions Spain in World Cup qualifying on Tuesday.

After the France match, Zaccheroni’s men move to Poland to play five-time world champions Brazil on Tuesday in their final tune-up before Asian qualifying for Brazil 2014 resumes for the Blue Samurai with a trip to Oman on Nov. 14.

“We have had two games organized for us against two strong teams that play a different kind of game than we are used to and both games are very important,” said Zaccheroni.

“It is not a simple case of if you win you gain confidence and if you lose you find things you need to work on. You can still find 10 things you need to improve on even if you win and take positives from a game even if you lose.

Kyodo News

European Parliament panel approves free trade talks with Japan

BRUSSELS, 12 Oct— The International Trade Committee of the European Parliament on Thursday passed a resolution to approve free trade negotiations with Japan.

The European parliament is expected to adopt the resolution within this month. The resolution has no binding power and a bilateral free trade agreement would have to be

approved by the parliament to take effect. The European Commission in July proposed the Japan-EU free trade negotiations to the 27 EU member nations.

But some EU countries including France are still opposed to the proposal, fearing that a free trade agreement with Japan could lead to a sharp rise in Japanese car imports into the EU market.—*Kyodo News*

Kaka scores on return for six-goal Brazil



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