

Abhidhamma Day celebrated at pagodas across the country

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — Pagodas across the country were packed with Buddhist devotees on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut today, celebrating lighting festival to mark the end of the Rain Retreat of Buddhist Monks and to mark the Abhidhamma Day.

A ceremony to mark the 4th Abhidhamma Day was held at the Uppatasanti Pagoda here today and members of the religious associations and devotees received the Nine Precepts from the Ovada Cariya Sayadaw of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt presented offertories to the members of the Sangha.

The congregation led by members of the Nay Pyi Taw

Council lit 9,000 oil lamps at the pagoda dedicating to the Lord Buddha.

Similarly, ceremonies to mark the Abhidhamma Day were held at the Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Zabuthiri Township and pagodas in Pyinmana.

Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees conducted a lighting festival to mark the Abhidhamma Day at the pagoda yesterday evening and today.

Buddhist devotees pay homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda from dawn to dusk today, doing meditation and offering flowers, water and lights to the pagoda.

Similarly, ceremonies to mark the Abhidhamma Day were held at Sule Pagoda, Botahtaung Pagoda, Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda, Maha Wizaya Pagoda, (See page 8)



Uppatasanti Pagoda packed with pilgrims on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Abhidhamma Day. —MNA

Lt-Gen Hla Min and Lt-Gen Thein Htay meeting with local people of Pauktaw Township.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army) and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay together with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing and departmental heads made an inspection tour of Pauktaw Township this morning in order to observe the real situations

on recent incidents in Rakhine State.

In meeting with townsenders, Hluttaw representatives, personnel of political organizations, departmental officials and local people at the meeting hall of Pauktaw Township General Administration Department, Lt-Gen Hla Min said that the past incidents would be solved by using the way of taking actions against

them. But unacceptable incidents occurred again due to revenge triggered by emotions; that he was here to listen to the voices of the people and frank suggestions of those present.

Among those present, Advocate U Saw Tun Sein, U San Shwe Khine, a local, Chairman of National Unity Party U Tun Myint, U Oo Hla Saw of Bawunchaungwaisu ward,

retired township education officer Daw Tin Nyunt of Alepaing ward of Pauktaw, U Tha Tun Aye of Rakhine Nationals Progressive Party, Secretary of Union Solidarity and Development Party U Khin Maung Thein, Acting Pauktaw Township Administrator U Kyan Aye, township education officer U San Myint and Rakhine State Hluttaw Representative CEC member of Rakhine Nationals Progressive Party U Tet Tun Aung expressed their views, outlooks and attitudes and reported on

evidences and facts of incidents and suggestions. In response to the reports, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay said that everyone has a same wish to enjoy peace and stability in future in spite of holding different views. The government is making strenuous efforts for ensuring the rule of law. The rule of law means that each and every person enjoys equal rights under the same law. Anxieties, discontents and revenge are illegal. Only when the country

sees peace and stability, should the focus be on socio-economic development. Although a person has different political point of view, he or she cannot avoid his or her daily livelihood. In an attempt to foster economic development, the country would have to make effort for keeping abreast with regional countries as well as the globe. He said if he was a local, he would like to pay attention on infrastructural development with the aim of passing (See page 9)

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Bonpyan Monastery in need of repair

MONywa, 30 Oct— Bonpyan Monastery of over 150 years old situated in Amyint, 13 miles south-



west of Monywa, is under repair with the contribution of local people led by the presiding Sayadaw.

The thirteen-tired roof of the weather-beaten building was damaged and windows and doors are always shut as it is very difficult to open, resulting that the inside of the building is in the dark. Out of four stairs, the east stairs has a crack in it.

Min Latwah built and donated the 1220 feet long Bonpyan monastery supported by 136 poles with a girth of 36 inches each.

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Paleik natural lake shallow-water region: safe place for hibernation of migratory birds



MANDALAY, 30 Oct— As a gesture of raising public awareness of protection of Paleik natural lake region in Mandalay Region, a safe place for hibernation of migratory birds, an educative talk on migratory birds hibernation in Paleik natural lake region was held in conjunction with a photo show at Oriental House in Mandalay on 26-27 October.

Photos taken by Patron of Myanmar Bird and Nature Society U Kyaw Myo Naing and members are shown at the ceremony where Chairman of Myanmar Bird and Nature Society U Soe Nyunt made an opening address. Ornithologist Dr Thiri Dewi Aung gave an account of Paleik natural lake hibernation birds and their hibernation ways. Adviser to Myanmar Fisheries Federation U Hla Win explained fish species and sustainable fishing methods.

Paleik natural lake, nine-mile and three-furlong

south-west of Mandalay situated at an altitude of 89 metres. Paleik natural lake which is 2.3 metres long and 3.1 metres wide is an inland shallow water region. Its water surface area is 327.76 hectares in rainy season. Paleik natural lake is home to different kinds of bird and fish species. According to the survey conducted from 22 to 25 February, there are 29 water bird species and 10 migratory birds that go into hibernation and 19 home-grown bird species in the sanctuary.

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Unregistered vehicle seized

BAGO, 30 Oct — An unregistered Honda Fit saloon was seized at Nanndawyar ward in Bago on 24 October. A lawsuit over the vehicle was filed.

A combined force— police officers of the Office of Bago Region Police

Commander, Bago District Police Station and No (1) Police Station seized an unregistered vehicle while carrying out a search of a house on Kyidawkon 3rd street in Nanndawyar ward acting on a tip-off they had received.— *Kyemon*



On the eve of Thadingyut Fullmoon Day, fruit prices went up in the market in Yangon. Photo recently shows fruits stall in Yegyaw where oranges cost K 2000 for three, guava cost K 2000 for three, pineapples and papayas cost K 1000 per each and a bunch of flowers cost K 800 or K 1000.

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Swimming pool for XXVII SEA Games meets 65 per cent completion

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct— Construction works of building swimming pool project for XXVII SEA Games to be held in 2013 in Myanmar are being carried out day in, day out.

Construction of swimming pool which is 50 metres in length, 26 metres in width and 10 feet in depth is under construction, meeting international standards.

The training pool is 164 feet long, 82 feet wide and 4.5 feet deep, and

the whole project had been completed.

The events of 42 sports of XXVII SEA Games will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwe Hsaung from 8 to 22 December in 2013.

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building is 143.4 metres (485 feet) in length, 57.8 metres (315 feet) in width and 60 feet in height above ground and 15 feet in height in the basement.

The building can seat a sports fan of 2474.

diving pool is 25 metres long, 2 metres wide and 18 feet deep.

A responsible person of Max Myanmar Construction said that the project started in September 2011, and 65 per cent of

New school for offspring of company staff, gold miners in Mohti Moemi region

YAMETHIN, 30 Oct— The opening of Basic Education Primary School (Branch) was held at the new school in Mohti Moemi region in Wahpyutaung village-tract in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region on 24 October morning.

Chairman of National Development and Prosperity Groups of Company U

Soe Tun Shein and district education officer U Myint Thein cut the ribbon to open the new school.

With the aim of facilitating the education of offspring of company staff, gold miners and workers in the gold mining region, the new school was put into service.

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Nippon Foundation's goodwill towards national races in Myanmar



YANGON, 30 Oct — Regarding rice and medicines worth US\$ 3 million in humanitarian aid pledged by Japan-based Nippon Foundation for national races who are in need of help in Myanmar, a press brief

was held at Sedona Hotel, here, yesterday. Chairman of the foundation Mr. Yohei Sasakawa explained matters related to medical, education and humanitarian aid programmes, and answered the queries raise by media men.— *MNA*

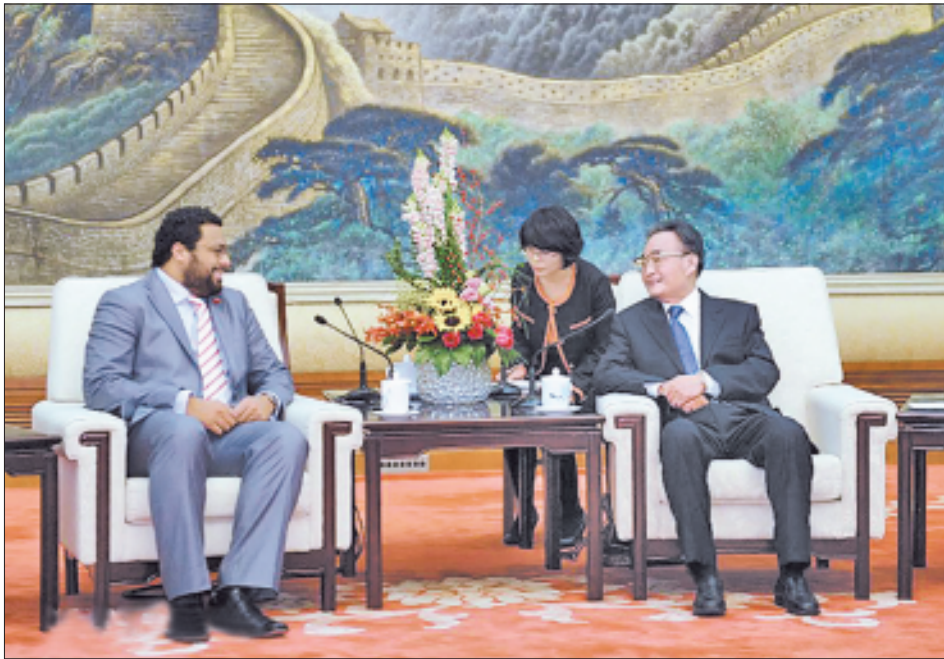


Photo shows illuminated Mandalay city at night on 29 October, on the eve of Thadingyut Fullmoon Day.— KYEMON

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China's top legislator meets Tongan Parliament speaker

China



Wu Bangguo (R), chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, meets with Lord Fakafanua, speaker of the Tongan Parliament, in Beijing, capital of China, on 29 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 30 Oct—China's top legislator Wu Bangguo has pledged to further advance parliamentary exchanges and substantial cooperation with Tonga.

He made the comments during a meeting with Lord Fakafanua, speaker of the Tongan Parliament, in Beijing on Monday.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), said China-Tonga relations have maintained good momentum of development since the two countries forged diplomatic

ties in 1998. China appreciates the adherence of the one-China policy by the Royal Family, the government and the parliament of Tonga, said Wu. China is ready to enhance substantial cooperation in fields such as agriculture, fishery and tourism, said Wu.

He added that China will continue to provide assistance to Tonga within the realm of its capabilities under the framework of South-South cooperation.

The top legislator also spoke highly of the parliamentary exchanges between the two countries.

He said China's NPC is willing to conduct multi-level exchanges and cooperation with the Tongan Parliament in order to make parliamentary ties as a constructive force for sound and stable development of China-Tonga relations.

Fakafanua said the current visit deepened his understanding of China, the Communist Party of China and the NPC. He said it made him fully recognize that China's characteristic political system ensured the country's prosperity and stability.—Xinhua

French president calls for competitiveness to promote growth

PARIS, 30 Oct—French President Francois Hollande on Monday said competitiveness was a prerequisite for economic growth, but should be mobilized by reforms and changes, after a meeting with major international economic organization chiefs in Paris.

The French leader attributed the country's deteriorating competitiveness to the "lack of political decision," adding that decisions would be "taken in November in all spheres of competitiveness."

"Competitiveness requires reforms and changes which are transparent and understandable to all," Hollande told a press conference at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) headquarters.

The French head of state held talks with World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, International Monetary Fund Managing Di-



French President François Hollande

rector Christine Lagarde, World Trade Organization Director-General Pascal Lamy, International Labour Organization Director-General Guy Ryder and OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría, focusing on discussion about measures to increase growth, jobs and competitiveness.

The French president identified three challenges that France faces: debt "which could become unbearable in the long term," a worrying economic situation particularly marked by

rising unemployment, and ways to stimulate French competitiveness.

The Socialist politician reiterated his government's commitment to address each of these challenges. "We also have to restore our public finances and put them on a healthy base. This was the most urgent task we had to face," Hollande stressed.

The president admitted "because of high unemployment, our productive capacity cannot be entirely efficient."

Algerian president, Clinton meet over regional issues

ALGIERS, 30 Oct — Visiting US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met on Monday with Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika over regional issues, especially the situation in Mali, the official APS news agency reported.

"We had very detailed discussions on the situation in the region (Sahel), especially in northern Mali," Clinton told reporters after her meeting with Bouteflika.

Their meeting also focused on the issue of terrorism and drug trafficking in the region, added Clinton, who began on Monday morning a working visit to



Visiting US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (L) and Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika brief the Press following a meeting in Algiers, Algeria, on 29 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

Algeria.

Clinton's visit comes shortly after the first session of Algerian-US strategic dialogue, which was held on

19 October in Washington. Clinton's last visit to Algiers was on 25 February, as part of her tour in the Maghreb region.—Xinhua

Immigration reform still important in US presidential race

US

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct — Immigration reform is still an important issue in the US presidential campaigns as both candidates pledge to support it, though they differ on how.

In their second presidential debate on 16 October, President Barack Obama reiterated his support for comprehensive immigration reform, and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney also said he would support it, but blamed Obama for failing to get the issue done in his first term.

For Obama, a Democrat, it is important to

pledge to his supporters that he would finish the unfinished in his second term on immigration reform, while for Romney, a Republican, it is a chance to win support from those who thought he would not support immigration reform.

Hispanics and other ethnic voters are strong supporters to immigration reform. Neither candidates want to lose those votes.

There are 52 million Hispanic citizens in the United States, including 24 million who can vote, which represent 11 percent of the electorate in the

country.

According to the Pew Hispanic Institute, those voters rank immigration as one of their five chief concerns behind the economy and jobs.

That could tip the balance in states with a large Hispanic population, including battleground states Nevada, Colorado and Florida.

A recent poll by polling body Latino Decisiones shows that Obama has about 71 percent of support among Hispanic voters, while Romney has only 20 percent.—Xinhua

France

However, he affirmed that a five-year plan would be introduced to ease the sluggish economy and achieve growth. Hollande said he would propose a "competitiveness pact" to help areas as housing, education, innovation and labour costs.

The pressure has been mounting on the French government in recent days as nearly 100 business leaders called for cutting employer contribution to welfare charges by 30 billion euros (38.7 billions US dollars) in a bid to reduce labour cost which is seen as main obstacle for companies' falling competitiveness.

The meeting, the first of its kind for the French leader with heads of five major international organizations, came as France struggles with a flagging economy and record unemployment.

Reuters

Lithuania at risk of political stalemate after election

VILNIUS, 30 Oct — Lithuania's president vetoed plans on Monday by three opposition parties to form a government after a weekend election, saying claims of vote buying and tax fraud made one of them unfit to rule. Voters turned against Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius' austerity-minded administration on Sunday, in a warning for other European governments pushing through tough budgets.

That put an alliance of the opposition Social Democratic Party, the Labour Party and the party of an impeached former president in prime position to succeed him. But President Dalia Grybauskaitė, a former EU budget commissioner who is popular with the electorate, refused to accept the Labour Party, which faces allegations of buying votes during the two rounds of balloting.

"A party which is suspected of gross violations in

the election, which is suspected of false accounting and non-transparent activities cannot participate in the government's formation," Grybauskaitė told a news conference. The three opposition parties had said they would ease the pain of Kubilius' harsh budget cuts, which have forced many Lithuanians to emigrate in search of work. The parties would also remain fiscally responsible, an approach that economists view as inevitable given Lithuania's high borrowing needs.—Reuters



Lithuania's Social Democratic Party leader Algirdas Butkevicius listens during an interview in Vilnius on 2 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

Surface tablet buzz starts, Windows 8 hype

muted

SEATTLE, 30 Oct — US shoppers woke up with mild Surface fever on Friday, lining up in moderate numbers to buy Microsoft's (MSFT.O) groundbreaking tablet computer designed to challenge Apple's iPad.

The global debut of the Windows 8 operating system was greeted with pockets of enthusiasm, but not the mania reserved for some previous Apple Inc (AAPL.O) launches.

Microsoft is positioning the slick new computing device, which runs a limited version of Windows and Office with a thin, click-on keyboard cover, as a perfect combination of PC and tablet that is good for work as well as entertainment.

"I like the flexibility of having the keyboard and the touch capability," said Mike Gipe, 50, who works in sales for bank Barclays, and was planning to buy a Surface tablet at Microsoft's pop-up store in Times Square in New York.

"It's the combination of having the consumer

stuff and the work stuff," he said, looking forward to using Excel spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations on the new device.

The Times Square store was the first to sell the Surface — Microsoft's first ever own-brand computer — and other Windows 8 devices late on Thursday and will be open through the holiday shopping season. On Friday morning it was crowded with a mix of tourists and local office workers, but the cash tills were not jammed. "With the other tablets you're a consumer.

With this you can have input," said Peter Townsend, on vacation in New York from Australia with his wife, who bought a Surface tablet because he liked the keyboard.

Mark Pauluch, 28, who works for a New York private equity firm, said he would like a Surface because he does not want to take a laptop on a plane, but was disappointed when the sales representative told him the wifi-only Surface would not work with Cisco VPN networking. "I can't

use this to replace my work laptop unless it supports VPN," he said.

Elsewhere in the United States, there was solid but not overwhelming interest for the Surface.

"It's a good tablet. I am not a huge i-everything fan, I like Windows," said Matt Shanahan, a software developer who drove four hours to the tiny Michigan Avenue pop-up store in Chicago from Grand Rapids, Michigan to buy a Surface. "My friend and I are software developers and this gives us an opportunity to develop new apps," he said. In a pop-up store at the San Francisco Centre mall about 50 people lined up to buy the new Surface.

"On an iPad you have to use half the screen for a keyboard, or buy an accessory. I love that the Surface is so integrated, that you can type and use Word and all my other programs," said Malte von Sehested, a textbook creator who bought a Surface.

"With the Surface you get a steeper learning curve—I had to get someone to show me how to side-swipe, swipe out to get the menus for in-

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stance," he said.

"It may take a week, before it all becomes natural. That could be a problem for Microsoft. My old dad, he would get hit by that steeper learning curve."

Wall Street and tech industry experts failed to show great enthusiasm for Windows 8, but were prepared to give Microsoft time to succeed. "Microsoft did not come out with Windows 8 thinking it will be an overnight success," said Daniel Ives, an analyst at FBR Capital Markets. "But there's hope that this could be the silver bullet of growth (for Microsoft) as well as giving the PC industry some optimism that there's better days ahead."

The next six to 12 months is a "crucial period" for Microsoft to get traction with consumers, added Ives.

Sarah Rotman Epps, an analyst at tech research firm Forrester, said consumers may be best served waiting for tablets running the full Windows 8 Pro and Intel Corp (INTC.O) chips, which are due out early next year.

Reuters



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is seen during an interview prior to the launch event for Microsoft Windows 8 in New York, on 25 Oct 2012.—REUTERS

Microsoft CEO says Windows 8 demand outpaces Windows 7

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Oct — Microsoft Corp Chief Executive Steve Ballmer said on Monday demand for the company's new Windows 8 operating system, released to the public on Friday, was running at a higher rate than its last release, Windows 7.

"We're seeing preliminary demand well above where we were with Windows 7, which is gratifying," Ballmer said at an event launching new Windows phones.

Windows 7 is the best-selling version of Windows so far, selling more than 670 million licenses in three years since release in 2009.

"Over the weekend we saw an incredible response around the globe to Windows 8 and the Microsoft Surface," said Ballmer, referring to Microsoft's first own-brand tablet, designed to challenge Apple Inc's iPad. He did not give out any sales figures.

On Friday, there were moderate lines at Microsoft's 60 or so stores across the United States for the Surface.

Ballmer was in San Francisco speaking at an event

showcasing phones running its new Windows Phone 8 software, which go on sale this weekend.

Microsoft has struggled to make headway in the smartphone market, holding just 3.5 percent of the worldwide market, compared to 68 percent for Google Inc's Android devices and 17 percent for Apple's iPhone, according to tech research firm IDC. The company highlighted how the new phones make use of Microsoft's SkyDrive cloud service, enabling users to sync and transfer music, documents and photos between PCs, tablets and the Xbox game console. Microsoft added that it now has 120,000 apps in its online store for phones, still far fewer than the number available for iPhone and Android users.

Ballmer and other Microsoft executives showed off slim and colorful phones from handset makers Nokia, Samsung and HTC.

The phones will be rolled out in the United States by carriers AT&T, Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile during November.—Reuters

Nokia unveils new Lumia 822 for Verizon Wireless

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HELSINKI, 30 Oct — Nokia said that US mobile phone provider Verizon Wireless will begin selling its new Lumia smartphones this autumn, helping it to expand its presence in the United States. The Nokia

Lumia 822 will include an 8 megapixel camera, it said. No details on pricing or exact sale dates were available.

AT&T will start selling Nokia's high-end Lumia 820 and 920 phones in early November.—Reuters



A sign for Nokia Theatre is pictured in Los Angeles, California on 9 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Poland stumbles on journey from low-cost to hi-tech



Senior technologist Dariusz Czolak prepares to present the process of epitaxy in the Institute of Electronic Materials Technology (ITME) laboratory in Warsaw on 23 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

WARSAW, 30 Oct — Polish scientist Mirosław Grudzien built the infrared detectors that NASA uses to explore Mars, but getting a business development loan nearly defeated him.

His firm, which made sensors on the US space agency's Mars rover Curiosity, sought financing from banks for a new production facility.

Because the loan was to be partly paid back from European Union funds, the government had to sign off on it. In the end, Grudzien got his money, but it took a year, forcing his company, VIGO System, to delay the launch of a new range of high-technology sensors.

"Civil servants do not care if I get the credit today, in a year or in three years.

They do not have a clue that in modern technologies one year of delay in financing can mean defeat," Grudzien, the firm's chief executive, said.

Such stories are common in Poland. The biggest economy in eastern Europe, it has seen two decades of vigorous economic growth and yet — based on several different measurements — is one of Europe's least innovative economies.

Up to now, that has not been a problem. It has thrived on attracting low-value-added businesses such as television assembly plants and off-shore accounting and call-centres.

However, that type of economy depends on low costs. This advantage is being eroded by rising living

standards which last year reached 65 percent of the EU average.

Long-term, underlying growth, meanwhile, has already slowed to 3 percent from 6-7 percent four years ago, the central bank estimates. To compete in the future, Poland will need to replace its low costs with innovation.

The government says it is working on that. "The time has come to invest more heavily in policies that support development ... the state will stimulate these policies very heavily," said Science and Higher Education Minister Barbara Kudrycka.

But Poland has a long way to travel if it is to catch up on its more innovative

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competitors.

It filed 8 patents per million citizens to the European Patent Office in 2010, Eurostat data show, one more than Greece's 7 and compared with an average of 108 in the whole European Union and 266 in Germany.

Unless Poland turns itself into an innovative, knowledge economy, it risks heading down the same path as Spain, Greece, or Portugal, said Maciej Bukowski, head of the Warsaw-based Institute for Structural Research (IBS).

Those countries experienced rapid growth but failed to shift in time the structure of their economies away from low-cost industries. Now they are wealthier and their costs have gone up, they struggle to find a niche in the world economy.

"These counties share a few characteristics. One is a very low level of research and development spending and innovation in general.

Another is a bad regulatory environment and the third one is a rigid labor market," Bukowski said.

"Poland has all those three characteristics... This is something that the politicians do not take account of."—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Apple software, retail chiefs out in sweeping

Business

overhaul

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Oct—Apple Inc Chief Executive Tim Cook on Monday replaced the heads of its software and retail units in the company's most sweeping executive shake-up in a decade following embarrassing problems with its new mapping program and unpopular store-related decisions.

Software chief Scott Forstall, who oversaw the launch of the flawed mapping software and much criticized Siri voice-enabled assistant,

will leave Apple next year and serve as an advisor to Cook in the meantime.

Forstall, seen as a polarizing figure inside Apple, had been billed as one of the future candidates to take the top job at Apple. He was the executive behind the panned Apple Maps app that the company announced with much fanfare in summer.

The moves, which come a little more than a year into Cook's tenure as CEO, were described by Apple as a way to increase "collaboration"

across its hardware, software and services business.

"These changes show that Tim Cook is stamping his authority on the business," Ben Wood, analyst with CCS Insight, said. "Perhaps disappointed with the Maps issues, Forstall became the scapegoat."

Critics of the maps debacle, which led Cook to apologize to customers, had been calling for Forstall's head. "Does Apple have a Scott Forstall problem?" Fortune editor Philip Elmer Dewitt wrote on 29 Sep.

The moves hand over substantially more responsibility to Cue, the head of Internet Software and Services who helped create the iTunes music store and App Store. The 23-year Apple veteran already is in charge of



Scott Forstall, senior vice president of iOS Software at Apple Inc, speaks about iPhone 5 apps during Apple Inc.'s iPhone media event in San Francisco, California on 12 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Cloud services and will take on Apple Maps and Siri.

Apple said a search is underway for a new retail chief to replace John Browett and that the retail team would report directly to Cook. Browett had riled up the retail store staff when he decided to reduce the number of retail employees. Browett took over as head of Apple's retail stores

earlier this year, replacing Ron Johnson, who went on to become the CEO of JC Penney. Last week Apple delivered a second straight quarter of disappointing financial results, and iPad sales fell short of Wall Street's targets, marring its record of consistently blowing past investors' expectations.—Reuters

Sept jobs data dim Japan's economic outlook

TOKYO, 30 Oct — The government released a set of data on Tuesday that suggested Japan's employment conditions have come under growing pressure from the slowing economy, with job availability marking its first fall in over three years.

The unemployment rate stayed at 4.2 percent in September, unchanged from the previous month. But the result, which almost matched market forecasts, underscored that the struggling economy is finding it hard to expand overall payrolls, while signs of weakening were increasingly observed among manufacturers.

Job availability, or the ratio of employment offers to seekers, slid to 0.81 last month from 0.83 in August, meaning 81 positions were available for every 100 job seekers. It was the first deterioration since July 2009, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare said.

Kyodo News

Health

German finance minister rules out Greek debt

Business "haircut"



Germany's Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaueble speaks during a news conference at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund.—REUTERS

BERLIN, 30 Oct—German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaueble ruled out public investors accepting a debt restructuring, or "haircut", on their Greek bonds but said in an interview to be aired on Sunday that a debt repurchasing program could be considered.

"(A haircut) is a discussion that has little to do with the reality in the member states of the euro zone," Schaueble said in an interview with Deutschlandfunk radio. Schaueble said sovereign states could legally not write off billions of euros of losses on their official holdings of Greek government bonds.

With frustration rising over a worsening recession and tough austerity reforms, Greek Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras said on Wednesday Athens was seeking a form of haircut by reducing the interest and extending the maturities of its bailout loans. Schaueble reiterated no agreement had been made on how to help Greece implement austerity cuts after Stournaras said international lenders had given Athens more time and a package of austerity measures would be put to parliament next week.

Any agreement with near-bankrupt Greece would have to be sustainable—last longer than six months—and be trusted by financial markets. A deal on the package is crucial for Greece's efforts to unlock more aid under its latest bailout, with the country just three weeks away from running out of cash. A debt repurchasing program, in which Greece would get new loans in order to pay back old debt, could be an option, Schaueble said.

"That is a consideration that one can make seriously. It has been put up for discussion by some members of the central bank board."

But he refused to speculate on such a program until the troika of the European Central Bank, European Commission and International Monetary Fund had presented their final report on Greece's progress.

Schaueble also said an agreement with Greece could include ideas such as cutting aid if spending went out of bounds. "All those kinds of things—a control mechanism, a corrective mechanism—could perhaps restore the credibility we haven't so far reached for the Greek program," he said.

Reuters

IBA signs \$40 million US cancer facility deal

Health

BRUSSELS, 30 Oct—Belgian cancer treatment equipment maker IBA said it has signed a \$40 million deal for the installation of a treatment facility in Louisiana.

The treatment room, which will receive its first patients in early 2014, will use a system designed by Dutch group Philips, which will allow patients to select comforting ambient

sound and lighting before starting the therapy. The installation in Shreveport in northern Louisiana is the first such project to be realized with Philips, IBA said on Sunday.—Reuters

Six new cases reported in meningitis outbreak

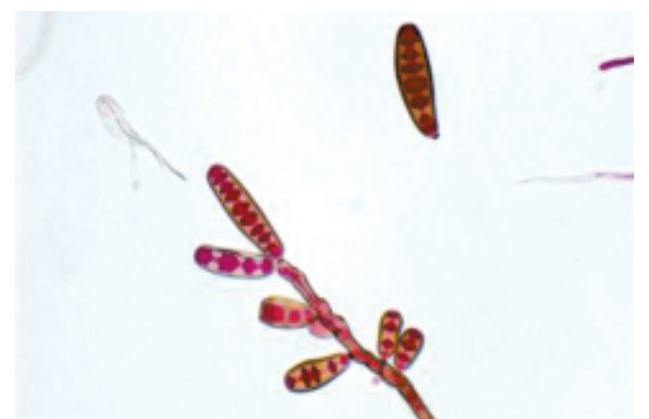
NASHVILLE, 30 Oct—Six new cases of fungal meningitis have been reported in an outbreak tied to contaminated steroid injections that has led to 25 deaths in the United States, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said on Saturday.

The CDC reported three new cases in Florida, two in Ohio and one in Indiana, raising the total number of meningitis cases attributed to the tainted steroid to 337 in 18 states. This type of

meningitis cannot be spread person-to-person.

There also are seven reported cases of infections after the tainted steroid was injected into a joint such as a knee, hip, shoulder or elbow.

The steroid was supplied by New England Compounding Centre of Massachusetts, which now faces multiple investigations. Health authorities have said its facility near Boston failed to make medications in sterile conditions.—Reuters



Exserohilum rostratum, a type of fungi, is seen in this handout image from the Centres for Disease Control, on 13 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Cancer docs often delay referrals to hospice care

Health

NEW YORK, 30 Oct—Cancer doctors often refer their patients to palliative care very late in the course of disease, according to a new survey from Canada.

About a third of oncologists said they refer patients to palliative care, or hospice, when they diagnose a cancer that has spread and therefore usually is incurable.

Another third, however, said they wait until chemotherapy has been stopped, which is often just a few months or even weeks away from death.

"All palliative specialists

believe that palliative care should be involved early," said Dr Camilla Zimmermann of Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, who led the study with funding from the Canadian Cancer Society.

"Despite that and despite guidelines to refer early, many studies have shown that palliative still happens too late, in the last few months of life." Rather than providing aggressive medical treatments, palliative care focuses on improving a person's well-being by offering pain management as well as psychological, social

and sometimes spiritual care. "It is basically team-based whole-person care," Zimmermann told Reuters Health. "The take-home message for me is that the palliative care specialists and oncologists need to work more in collaboration."

The new findings, published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, are based on a survey of 603 physicians. Most of the doctors did have palliative services available to them, although some were more comprehensive than others.

In the US, the picture might be different. A

previous survey found six out of 10 National Cancer Institute-designated centers had access to palliative clinics, whereas less than a fourth of cancer centers that didn't carry that designation had such access. There are also differences in the insurance coverage of hospice between the US and Canada.

Zimmermann said patients in the US cannot receive hospice benefits if they are still getting chemotherapy, which would be an obvious barrier to early referral.

Reuters

Australia expects strong relationship with China

CANBERRA, 30 Oct—Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer Wayne Swan said on Tuesday that Australia will continue to build and strengthen relationships with China.

China is expected to have a leadership transition at the 18th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party scheduled to be held on 8 November. Swan said at the 2012 China Advanced Leadership Programme conference that despite the transition, China and Australia will “remain intertwined.”

He said the leadership transition comes at a time

when enormous shifts are also taking place in the economic and social fabric of the Chinese nation.

“As we forge further ahead into the 21st century, China’s transformations, its urbanization, its extraordinary mega-cities, the growing middle class, are not just a sign of progress, they also symbolise China’s return to pre-eminence in the global economy,” he said.

“The immense scale and pace of China’s transformation, along with the rise of other countries in the region, is going to see Asia achieve some

incredible milestones in the years ahead,” Swan said. The Australian government released its Australia in the Asian Century White Paper on Sunday, which sets out how Australia can capitalise in the rise of Asia in the coming decade and beyond.

“The white paper aims to emulate some of the foresight of Chinese and Australian leaders past, recognising that Australia’s future will be very much affected by our region and spelling out a set of pathways that will enable us to face its challenges and opportunities,” Swan said.

Xinhua



A signboard shows all flights are cancelled at Sendai airport, northeastern Japan, on 30 Oct, 2012.—KYODO NEWS

All Sendai Airport flights cancelled as dud shell found near runway

SENDAI, 30 Oct—All 92 domestic and international flights scheduled for Tuesday at Sendai Airport in northeastern Japan have been cancelled after an unexploded shell was found at a construction site near its runways, airport authorities said.

After closing the airport’s two runways, Ground Self-Defence Force personnel will dispose of the shell later in the day, they said.

The US military shell, 110 centimetres in length and 35 cm in diameter with a weight of 250 kilograms, was found on Monday night about 1.2 kilometres west of the airport’s building, according to the authorities and local police.

Kyodo News

Canada swears in new top military officer

Canada

OTTAWA, 30 Oct—Lt-Gen Thomas Lawson, a former fighter pilot and air force veteran, was sworn in on Monday as new chief of the defence staff, Canada’s top military post.

Lawson, 54, formally succeeded Gen Walt Natynczyk, who held the post since July 2008, at a change-of-command ceremony at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

The new military chief, who has been in the air force for 37 years and most recently served as deputy commander of the North American Aerospace Defence Command, was appointed to the new post in August.

Under a 20-year defence strategy, the annual budget of about 18 billion US dollars for the Department of National Defence and the Canadian armed forces was scheduled to almost double to more than 30 billion dollars between 2027 and 2028.

However, an independent analysis recently predicted that the federal government could cut 2.5 billion dollars by 2014 to 2015 as part of Ottawa’s deficit-reduction plan.

The armed forces’ budget “will be tighter than what we had expected,” Lawson told reporters after the ceremony.

Xinhua



Thousands of people waving national flags and pictures of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the revered founding father of the modern Turkish Republic in 1923, gather at Istiklal Street and march to Taksim Square, to celebrate the country’s Republic Day in Istanbul, Turkey, on 29 Oct, 2012.

XINHUA

Hurricane Sandy knocks hundreds of thousands of Americans out of power before making landfall

Disaster

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct—Hurricane Sandy has already knocked hundreds of thousands of residents across the Eastern Coast out of power even hours before it is going to make landfall, the US Department of Energy reported on Monday.

As of 2 pm EDT, the impacted states in a stretching area from North Carolina up to New Hampshire reported a total of 316,500 power company customers without power, including 105,089 in New York and 87,649 in New Jersey.

“This is going to be a

big and powerful storm and all across the Eastern Seaboard I think everybody is taking the appropriate preparations,” said Obama earlier on Monday noon during a televised White House statement.

Obama also said a lot of power outages can be expected in the affected areas and urged people to be prepared for the fact that it will take a long time to clear up after the storm due to its nature of slow moving and wide swath.

Speaking on CNN’s State of Union on Sunday,

Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell said the state had learned lessons from the last storm which left many local residents without power for days, and already got about 2,000 additional people this time to help with the state’s power supply.

As of 5 pm EDT, the National Hurricane Centre reported that Hurricane Sandy was moving quickly toward southern New Jersey and anticipated it to make landfall early this evening with life-threatening storm surge and hurricane force winds.—Xinhua

3 killed, 5 wounded in landslide in West Java, Indonesia

Landslide

JAKARTA, 30 Oct—Landslides in Bogor of West Java, Indonesia on Monday killed three people and injured five others, Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman of disaster management and mitigation agency told Xinhua by phone.

Xinhua

Penguin, Random House to merge into world leading publisher

LONDON, 30 Oct—Education, media and publishing giant Pearson Group on Monday announced a merger plan between its publishing arm Penguin and German publisher Bertelsmann’s Random House to create a world leading publishing organization.

Pearson and Bertelsmann have agreed to establish a joint venture named Penguin Random House headquartered in New York, of which Bertelsmann will own a 53-percent stake and Pearson 47 percent. Both must keep their shares in the venture for at least three years.

Under the plan, the new joint venture will exclude Bertelsmann’s trade publishing business in Germany and Pearson will retain rights to use the Penguin brand in education markets worldwide.

Penguin chairman and chief executive John

Makinson will be chairman of Penguin Random House, and Markus Dohle, currently chief executive of Random House, will be its chief executive.

Penguin Random House is estimated to seize 25 percent to 30 percent of the global consumer publishing market. Pearson and Bertelsmann hope to cope with the ebook era through combination of the two leading publishers.

The two sides believe that the combined organization will have a stronger platform and greater resources to invest in new digital publishing models and high-growth emerging markets, and they will also save their money on joint warehousing, distribution and printing.

The merger is expected to complete in the second half of next year, and Pearson chief financial officer Robin Freestone said the deal would be approved.—Xinhua



UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon (L) and South Korean Prime Minister Kim Hwang Sik meet in Seoul on 29 Oct, 2012. Ban is formerly a South Korean foreign minister.—KYODO NEWS

LOCAL NEWS

Woman killed in Taungdwingyi Township

TAUNGDWINGYI, 30 Oct—A woman was killed beside the cart way, two furlongs west of Myokaing Village of Sittar Village-tract in the area of Hsathwa Police Station in Taungdwingyi Township.

In-charge of the village U Tin Myint informed the police station of murder case through telephone at 12.45 pm on 22 October.

Police Inspector Tun Tun Aung of the police station reported on the

case to Commander of Taungdwingyi Township Police Station Police Captain Myint Swe immediately and inspected the case.

In the scene, Ma Htay Htay, 40, daughter of U Sein Maung, shopper at the school, was killed with bruises at right side of neck, chin and left ear.

Hsathwa Police Station opened a file of lawsuit under Section 302 of Criminal Law to arrest the murderer.

Myanma Alinn

Models show beauty and skill

YANGON, 30 Oct—Yangon Region Women's Sports Team's Success Committee Patron's Cup Women's Model Contest will be held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township on 17 November.

To be able to successfully hold the contest, the demonstration of contestants was held for scrutinizing the talents and performances at MCC at 10 am on 27 October.

Altogether 60 contestants enlisted at the contest.

The Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Physical Culture Federation jointly conducted arrangements of the contest. Executives of the federation Daw Yi Yi Win, Daw Nweni Win and Daw Pyone Shwesin Cho and Staff Officer Daw Mya Min Min Mu of the Ministry of Sports supervised the demonstrations of the contestants.

The participants will be allowed with suits to take

part in international miss contest, traditional costume contest and physical culture contest.

Model Physique Aye Aye Soe, Yutyi Soe and Wutyi Phyo who secured awards in the 46th Asian Physical Culture Contest



held in Guangzhou of the People's Republic of China will present demonstrations on the talent and model

Cricket marketable food in Katha



KATHA, 30 Oct—Cricket flows into the market during the period at the end of the rainy season and start of cold season in mid-October. The crickets are marketable at the end of November.

Boats small and large carrying crickets arrive at jetties of Katha Township. So, the jetties are bustling with cricket buyers and brokers.

Dead crickets are processed with ice and transported to Mandalay

by train. Some merchants chartered the motorboat to transport crickets along Ayeyawady River.

Crickets from Katha are exported to markets in China and Thai border via Mandalay. Due to one or two days transport delays on the route, the merchants face loss.

Rural people catch crickets with the use of various ways and means to earn more incomes.

Myanma Alinn

New escalators installed at western stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 30 Oct—Shwedagon Pagoda, the symbol of Myanmar, is packed with pilgrims from various regions of the country and tourists daily.

Escalators and lifts have been installed at the platforms for convenience of the pilgrims.

The escalators installed at the western stairway of the pagoda in 1990 are being substituted with new ones.

Regarding the new escalators, an official of the Pagoda Board of Trustees said, "Six Mitsubishi brand

escalators worth US\$500,000 have been installed in the placements of old escalators at the western stairways of the pagoda. Now, the escalators are on test. Before December, the facilities will be provided to the pilgrims."

A pilgrim expressed his opinion, "We all the pilgrims call "well done" three times for installation of new escalators. It is because older persons and disabled persons will have easy access to pay homage to the pagoda through escalators."

Myanma Alinn

Cartoon show launched on Yekyaw Street

YANGON, 30 Oct—In commemoration of the lighting festival in the month of Thadingyut 1374 Myanmar Era, the cartoon show organizing committee of Ward 10 launched the cartoon show on 50th street (upper block) in Pazundaung Township for the second time this evening.

Over 200 works of famous cartoonist 100 in

successive eras will be displayed up to 31 October.

"The works of the veteran cartoonists are the best. The works are sure to blossom the smiles of the viewers. The cartoons highlight opinions on social, education and environmental conservation. Especially, the cartoons create the best way for youths," said a visitor.

Myanma Alinn

ASEAN-India car rallies under preparations

YANGON, 30 Oct—The ASEAN-India car rallies will be held along the route from Myawady to Tamu from 24 November to 26 December 2012.

Preparations are being made for welcoming the participants along the route for their smooth and convenient participation.

Students and people in Myawady will wave miniatures of Myanmar and India to the contestants

and placards on Myawady friendship bridge.

Moreover, preparations are being made for taking documentary photos and videos and present information in the newspapers and TV in time.

As facilities, ambulances and management vehicles are deployed along the route to be able to successfully hold the rallies.

Myanma Alinn



UNDISCIPLINED ACT: Cattle seen on Pyinmana-Taungnyo concrete road in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 24 October. Motorcyclists face much difficulty in dodging herd of cattle.

MYANMA ALINN

Awareness of landmines developed in Loikaw

LOIKAW, 30 Oct—In accord with the provisions in the Paragraph 38 of the UN Convention on Rights of the Child, an educative course on landmine and workshops were jointly organized by Social Welfare Department and UNICEF of Myanmar for disseminating knowledge about dangers of landmines to the local people residing in the areas with danger of landmines and armed using areas. The courses are aimed at providing knowledge on danger of landmines to the children as they have natural habits with lack of experiences

and assessment around their environs. Likewise, the course was conducted for serving the interest of the children in Kayah State, said Kayah State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Soe at the opening ceremony of the Course on

performances.

Natray and designer Nu Yi Pwint of Bogyoke Market will sponsor

Danger of Landmines at Yaungni U Office of Kayinni Nationalities People's Liberation Front in Pangan Village of Loikaw on 23 October morning.

Chief of Child Protection of UNICEF Ms Jeannette Wijnants explained the

traditional costumes and model physique suits for the contestants.

Myanma Alinn

purpose of the course.

Chairman of Kayinni Nationalities People's Liberation Front -KNPLF (Ka La La Ta) U Tun Kyaw briefed all the participants on danger of landmines.

Altogether 34 trainees attended the four-day course.—Myanma Alinn

YCDC to implement Affordable Housing Project

YANGON, 30 Oct—Under the permission of the Yangon Region government, the Yangon City Development Committee will implement the Affordable Housing Project that will comprise

5000 apartments on 114 acres of land on Bo Bahtoo Road in Ward 48 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

The housing will be facilitated with greening relaxation area, playground,

car park, shopping mall and mini bar. The housing will be implemented within three years and then will be sold to the people at reasonable price.

Myanma Alinn

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 31 October, 2012

National industrialization

As the people's aspiration is an industrial nation, we must make preparatory programs including efficient long-term, short-term national industrialization plans based on domestically available resources.

Here we must aware of economic and political changes taking place in the world as well as in our country, while taking into consideration the possible environmental impacts caused by the growing number of industries. So, there must be laws and legal enforcement to deal with the matter.

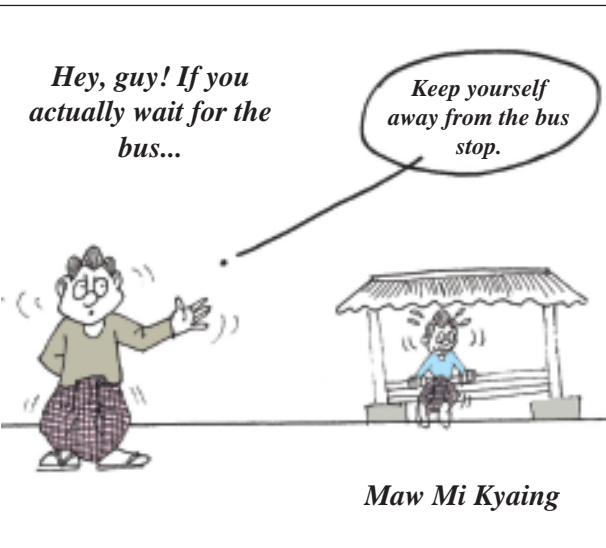
One of the important factors for economic growth is the formation and promotion of economic and social public institutions. Another is the advance programs for schools and the media. The aim is to foster national spirit of the people to work hard with national pride.

We are in the process of adopting flexible investment, trade and taxation, and financial and monetary policies as per the global norms. Technology is the main driving force for sustainable economic development of our country. Accordingly, universities will have to set up more research laboratories to upgrade their standard. In fact, proficiency courses are the best for producing efficient labour.

We will have to deal more with other countries when our economy and industries grow. Hence, we must make foreign language courses including English, Japanese, Chinese, Russian and French available at reasonable charges in the whole country.

Healthy and fit labour is another requisite. In consequence, we need to disseminate public education on healthy lifestyles (For example we must avoid eating oil-rich or salty foods). Another important factor is the speedy operation of deep-sea ports at the time when our industries grow. Here we need high work efficiency.

We must built new airports, motor roads and railroads and upgrade the existing ones to facilitate transport. All these we are trying to achieve for our national industrialization is one of the democratic goals.



Maw Mi Kyaing

NATIONAL



Abhidhamma Day celebrated...

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Kyaikwaing Pagoda and Buddha's Tooth Relic Pagoda, Kyaikkasan Pagoda, Shwephonepwin Pagoda, Loka Chantha Abhaya Labhamuni Buddha Image and Buddha Images and pagodas in Yangon today.

Some bus-lines and taxis ferry passengers free of charge today.

At night, buildings and roads in Yangon are illuminated and Nivarna markets are held to mark the Abhidhamma Day traditionally.

Ceremonies to mark the Abhidhamma Day were held at the Maha Muni Buddha

Buddha image at Kaba-Aye Pagoda packed with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Abhidhamma Day.—MNA



Image in Mandalay and Buddha Images and pagodas in Mandalay.—MNA

Shwephonepwin Pagoda thronged with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Abhidhamma Day. —MNA

World Stroke Day observed in Mandalay



NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct— "About 15 million of the world's population suffers

from stroke annually. Of them, about six million are dead," said Union Minister

for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, at World Stroke Day commemorative ceremony

held at Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay), in Mandalay yesterday.

At the ceremony, the professors gave talks on stroke. After that, the Union Minister and party visited the booths. Then, the Union Minister enjoyed health care at University's Hospital at University of Technology (Mandalay) in Patheingyi Township. World Stroke Day is observed annually on 29 October. This year motto is "Because I care..."

MNA

Myanmar delegation shares knowledge on hydropower production, RCC dams

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct— Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myint Zaw participated in the 5th supervisory meeting on technology in Madrid, Spain, on 22 October.

The Myanmar delega-

tion led by Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw discussed with AF-Colenco Co Ltd from Switzeerland on 22 October challenges with the hydro-power projects being implemented by the ministry.

The delegation also

attended by the 6th international forum on sharing technology over Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) dams from 23 October to 25 at Zaragoza. U Zaw Min San, Deputy Director of the Hydropower Implementation

Department, read papers on experience made with retarder admixtures at two RCC dams in Myanmar and Assessment of RCC construction methodology between Yeywa and upper Paunglaung RCC Dams in Myanmar. A total of 105 papers on RCC dams were read by experts during the 6th conference. —MNA

NATIONAL



Information for ADSL users

1. A person who wants to surf ADSL system of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Municipal Area of Yangon Region could download the application form of ADSL system through www.mpt.net.mm Website and apply to the Chief Engineer, Department of Information and Telecommunications (IT), Head Office based Overseas Communication Building, 8th mile, Mayangon Township, Yangon with necessary documents.

2. A person who wants to surf ADSL system of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in State/Region areas could download the application form of ADSL system through www.mpt.net.mm Website and apply to State/Region Manager with necessary documents.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

Streets and roads in Mandalay crowded with holiday-makers on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.
MNA

Photo shows illuminated Thabyegon roundabout at night on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—MNA

Everyone has a same wish to enjoy peace...

(from page 1)
development on to future generation. They should not pay the attention only to the emotion, but to the development. The world countries have to face similar incidents. Now collective efforts are being made for it by all countries. He said they no needed to disregard national cause. They should carry out national cause by mean of promoting the standards of culture and traditions. They needed to walk out the history for the country's development he said. Although Rakhine State which is a role model for patriotic spirit is rich in natural resources, people

should not live below the poverty line. The conflicts should come to an end by solving them in the legal framework. Authorities concerned are to solve it by legal and peaceful means by finding the root cause of the conflict.
It is time to call for legal requirement step by step. Protection of national races is the cause of the State. All are urged to solve the problem in cooperation with the State and people by holding clear and tolerant view.
Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin said, in his speech, that combined forces were formed for ensuring stability



of the region, they are duty bound to keep making efforts

for rehabilitation tasks for the victims of both sides after the recent riots, it needs to form State/District/Township/Ward/Village level combined forces with the aim of not allowing further such incidents.
He continued that those cases might create less progress of development of the state; especially the youth generations; and it must flourish stability in the state where mushrooming

industry zones is required for job opportunities, as well as lending a hand to the victims.
At the meeting, Lt-Gen Hla Min from the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office said that the meeting intends to really know public wishes. The Government is going to carefully work out the scrutinizing process on citizens, should-be-guess citizens and should-not-be citizens in a peaceful way.

He urged those present to join hands with the government to restore stability and development of the state without following any instigations.
Afterwards, they met with the displaced persons at Donywa Village in Pauktaw Township, who received cash and assistance, and comforted the victims at relief camp near Kyeinni Village.
MNA



Lt-Gen Hla Min and Lt-Gen Thein Htay meeting with displaced victims of Kyeini village in Pauktaw Township.—MNA

Union I&P Minister inspects Yangon Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct— Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met immigration staff who were discharging their duties at Yangon International Airport on 27 October morning. In meeting with the staff, the Union minister urged them to make good relations with passengers,

to stay away from corruption and to ensure work proficiency and capacity building.
An official reported on arrival and departure of flights and passengers, arrival of foreigners with arrival visa, extension of immigration counters and necessities for immigration inspection task.

The Union minister inspected the immigration control of the airport and extension of immigration counters.
Union Minister U Khin Yi and party also inspected record rooms and file stalls at Immigration and National Registration Department and met with the staff.
MNA



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi meets tourists at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Hong Kong commerce secretary visits Cambodia to boost ties

Hong Kong

PHNOM PENH, 30 Oct — Gregory So, secretary for commerce and economic development of China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, visited Cambodia to promote trade and economic ties and to lobby support for Hong Kong's request for accession to the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA).

Speaking at a meeting with Cham Prasidh, Cambodian minister of commerce, on Tuesday, So said that he wanted to hear Cambodia's stance and recommendations on Hong Kong's request for accession to the ACFTA.

Cham Prasidh expressed his welcome and said that the Hong Kong's request for accession to the ACFTA is very important, but there are some complications relevant to legal frameworks and conditions because Hong Kong is in China, and China has had a Free Trade Agreement with ASEAN already.

As the chair of ASEAN, Cambodia will act as a neutral mediator in order to seek win-win solutions for all, he said, according to a press statement from the Ministry of Commerce after the meeting.

The minister also advised Hong Kong to set up an expert team in order to initiate talks in the framework of ASEAN+2 (ASEAN+China and Hong Kong) on that matter.

So arrived here on Monday. Shortly after his arrival, he held a meeting with President of Cambodian Chamber of Commerce Kith Meng.

So said Cambodia was the first leg of his three Southeast Asian nation tour from 29 Oct to 2 Nov which will bring him to Singapore and Indonesia.

Speaking at the 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting in Siem Reap province on Aug. 27, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen advised the ASEAN economic ministers to sub-



US chairman of joint chiefs of staff, General Martin Dempsey (4th L) arrives at a base of Iron Dome anti-missile system of Israel Defence Forces near Ashkelon, Israel, on 30 Oct, 2012. —XINHUA

mit studies on the impact of Hong Kong's accession to the ACFTA to ASEAN leaders in the 21st ASEAN Summit in November for their decision.

He said that Hong Kong is one of the 10 largest trading partners of ASEAN.

Hong Kong expressed

its interest to join the ACFTA to the secretary-general of ASEAN in October 2011.

The ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Xinhua

Thai ruling party elects new leader

BANGKOK, 30 Oct — Jarupong Ruangsuan, a newly-elected vice prime minister of Thailand, has been chosen as the new leader of the ruling Pheu Thai Party as expected.

Being the only candidate for the party's top post, the 66-year-old politician won without competition, pocketing 332 votes out of a total of 334 in the election on Monday. —Xinhua

Beijing beefs up security, logistic support for upcoming CPC congress

BEIJING, 30 Oct — Beijing authorities have geared up support for security and logistics, as the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) is approaching.

The municipal government on Tuesday initiated an emergency response programme, asking relevant departments to ensure water, electricity, gas, heat, transportation and fire control services in the event of an emergency.

The programme re-

quires emergency response teams to restore normal operations within 15 minutes in case of an emergency, such as a technical malfunction.

Vehicles carrying toxic or dangerous chemicals will not be allowed to enter the municipality from 1 to 18 Nov. The valid term for permits to enter Beijing will also be shortened from seven days to three days, according to the city's traffic management bureau.

The municipal fire

department started a campaign in mid-October to check and remove fire risks at venues that will serve the congress and the central government compound, as well as hotels, hospitals, schools, markets, stores, cinemas, clubs and Internet cafes.

Sanitation workers have been asked to strengthen food safety and cleanliness inspections in hotels and restaurants.

"Services for every post and every section

should be assured so as to ensure a successful congress," said Guo Jinlong, secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee.

The CPC's 18th National Congress will be convened on 8 Nov, with more than 2,000 CPC delegates gathering for the meeting, which occurs every five years. A new CPC leadership will be elected during the meeting, setting a new direction for the country's development in the near future. —Xinhua

China



Palestinians carry the body of a militant during his funeral in the Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis on 28 Oct, 2012. A Palestinian militant was killed and another wounded early on Sunday in an Israeli airstrike in northeast Gaza Strip, medical sources said. —XINHUA

Malaysia investigates suspects linked to Al-Qaeda

Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Oct — Malaysian government has started investigation into two of its nationals who were arrested in Lebanon for terrorists link, officials said Sunday. It was very unusual for Malaysians to be involved in terrorist group outside the region such as Al-Qaeda, said Malaysian Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein, who told reporters that the government is greatly concerned about the incident and his ministry is probing the background of the two suspects.

"We'll investigate the

suspected involvement of Malaysians with Al-Qaeda and Taleban in depth as it's a matter of grave concern," he was quoted as saying by the official news agency of *Bernama*. The Malaysian Ambassador to Lebanon has confirmed the arrest of the two Malaysians, aged 21, and 28 years old respectively, at the Beirut International Airport a few days ago for allegedly linked to the terrorist group.

Lebanese media has reported that the two were in the country for terrorist attack.

Xinhua

Thai King endorses cabinet

Thailand reshuffle list

BANGKOK, 30 Oct — The Thai King issued a royal command on Sunday to endorse Yingluck Shinawatra's new cabinet. It will be the second cabinet reshuffle since the female prime minister took office last August.

Under the new lineup, around 20 cabinet posts will change hands and 11 cabinet members will be left out of ministerial jobs, including Deputy Prime Minister Yutthasak Sasiprapa,

Energy Minister Arak Chonlatanon and Education Minister Suchart Thada-Thamrongvech, according to a report on *the Bangkok Post*.

The reshuffle list was submitted for endorsement on 25 October.

Earlier, two ministers, former Agriculture and Cooperatives minister Theera Wongsamut and Deputy Prime minister and Interior minister Yongyuth Wichaidit, resigned their positions. —Xinhua

Hawaii tsunami warning canceled after lower than expected waves

US

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — Hawaii state officials on Sunday canceled a tsunami advisory prompted by a powerful earthquake off the Canadian coast that sent thousands of people fleeing to higher ground, but did not cause major damage.

The advisory was canceled shortly before 4 am local time (1400 GMT) after the anticipated waves rolled in lower than expected, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre.

Kevin Richards, earthquake and tsunami manager for Hawaii State Civil Defence, said water, gas and power lines were not damaged by the smaller-than-expected waves. "Everything is normal," Richards said. "We're in good shape with this one." Tens of thousands of people fled shoreline areas on Saturday night following siren blasts and a tsunami warning from the center that waves as tall as 6 feet could hit in some places.

Scientists downgraded the warning to an advisory shortly after 1 am Sunday (1100 GMT) and there were no reports of injuries, serious

flooding or damage. The highest wave measured 2.5 feet, and that hit Kahului harbor on the island of Maui, said Dr Gerard Fryer, senior geophysicist at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre.

All beaches were reopened on Oahu, the most populated island in Hawaii, on Sunday morning, Richards said. Beaches remained closed on the island of Hawaii, but were set to reopen shortly.

Tsunami warning sirens began blaring across the islands at about 8 pm on Saturday as state officials ordered a coastal evacuation, prompting a mass exodus that clogged roadways as motorists fled low-lying areas.

On Oahu, the sirens prompted an immediate crush of traffic in Honolulu, with many motorists stopping at service stations to top up with gasoline. Vindell Hsu, a geophysicist at the tsunami warning centre, said the evacuation affected an estimated 100,000 to 150,000 people who live in Hawaii's coastal zones.

Reuters



Flower decorations are seen on the street to greet the upcoming 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Oct, 2012. The CPC's 18th National Congress will be convened on 8 Nov, with more than 2,000 CPC delegates gathering for the meeting, which occurs every five years. A new CPC leadership will be elected during the meeting, setting a new direction for the country's development in the near future. —XINHUA

REGIONAL

Typhoon-triggered flooding leaves 70 boats missing on China-Vietnam border river

China

NANNING, 30 Oct—Typhoon Son-Tinh has brought strong wind and downpours to south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region since Sunday, sinking six boats and causing another 70 to go missing on a China-Vietnam border river, police said on Tuesday.

No casualties have been reported so far, said a spokesman with the public security bureau of the city of Fangchenggang.

The typhoon caused a flood on the Beilun River,

with 70 boats reported missing, six sunken and another one stranded in Vietnamese territory, the spokesman said.

The region's flood control and drought relief headquarters said heavy rains are still pounding the city of Dongxing.

The headquarters has asked the local government to take precautionary measures to prevent mudslides or other disasters.

Typhoon Son-Tinh has killed one person and left another five missing, the

Ministry of Civil Affairs said on Monday.

It weakened to a strong tropical storm on Monday morning after sweeping across south China's Hainan Province, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region and north Vietnam, forcing the relocation of tens of thousands of residents.

Maritime authorities in Guangxi rescued 26 Vietnamese women and children who were trapped on their boats on the Beilun River on Monday morning.

Xinhua



The four-day Sibos conference of world banking and financial leaders opens on 29 Oct, 2012, in Osaka, with more than 5,000 people expected to attend the industry organization's first-ever meeting in Japan.—KYODO NEWS

Japan's ruling DPJ losing grip on power with more

Japan

TOKYO, 30 Oct—Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda's ruling Democratic Party of Japan saw its grip on power weaken again on Monday following two more defections from the lower house of parliament.

The latest to abscond from the ruling party are lawmakers Atsushi Kumada and Tomohiko Mizuno.

Both previously voted against Noda's key social security and tax reforms, and have remained opposed to the prime minister's way of handling crucial policies — including his signature plan to double Japan's sales tax by 2015, sources close to the matter said on Monday.

The sources also said the two will likely join the Genzei Nippon (Tax Cut Japan) party, which will

provide the group with the five parliamentarians necessary by law to be recognized as a national political party.

Noda's own power base is eroding and with the resignation last week of his justice minister over mob ties, the opposition bloc is insisting Noda dissolve the lower house and call a snap election before key talks between the parties on authorizing the issuance of essential deficit-financing bonds can take place.

"Endless energy continues to be expended on fighting for power by exploiting an issue everyone faces," Noda said today in his opening remarks on the first day of the extraordinary Diet session. The Japanese premiere went on to urge

the opposition to cooperate to pass the bill "as soon as possible" and used the phrase "responsibility for tomorrow" more than 20 times in his policy speech, an expression aimed at softening the opposition bloc's stance on refusing to hold talks, or block key bills in the opposition-controlled upper house, unless Noda calls a snap election, observers said.

According to the Finance Ministry, the government, already facing a public debt burden of more than double the size of Japan's economy, must pass this legislation through a divided parliament during the parliamentary session ending on 30 November, as without it, the government's funds will dry up, the ministry said.

Xinhua

EU Council President to visit Cambodia to boost ties, pay respect to late King-Father

PHNOM PENH, 30 Oct—Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, and his wife Geertrui Windels-Van Rompuy will make a three-day visit to Cambodia to boost ties and pay their last respects to recently deceased former King Norodom Sihanouk, according to a media statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday.

The statement said that the official visit will start from 2-4 November at the invitation of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen.

During the visit, Herman Van Rompuy will hold official talks with Hun Sen and pay a courtesy call on President of the National Assembly Heng Samrin. On 3 November, Van Rompuy and his wife will pay respect to late King-Father Norodom Sihanouk at the Royal Palace.

Besides, they will visit the National Museum, Toul Sleng Genocidal Museum and the world heritage Angkor Wat Temples in Siem Reap Province.—Xinhua



ASEAN's Secretary General Surin Pitsuwan speaks during the opening ceremony of ASEAN Integration Development Cooperation Forum in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 29 Oct, 2012. The half-day forum aimed to narrow development gaps and help realize the ASEAN Community by 2015.—XINHUA

S Korean presidential hopeful presses rival for S Korean campaign merger

SEOUL, 30 Oct—Moon Jae-in, the presidential nominee for South Korea's main opposition Democratic United Party, officially proposed Tuesday talks with his rival over fielding a single candidate against conservative favorite Park Geun-hye.

The fate of the 19 Dec presidential election, observers say, hinges in large part on prospects for a possible merger between Moon and independent candidate Ahn Cheol-soo, who are both seen as liberal alternatives to the ruling Saenuri Party's Park.

Moon has consistently voiced hopes for merger talks since his primary sweep in September, in fear that failing to unite behind a single candidate will split the opposition vote and hand an easy victory to Park. He went as far as to suggest a coalition government that assigns more power to a prime minister, which currently is a mostly ceremonial position, in a proposal observers said had Ahn in mind.

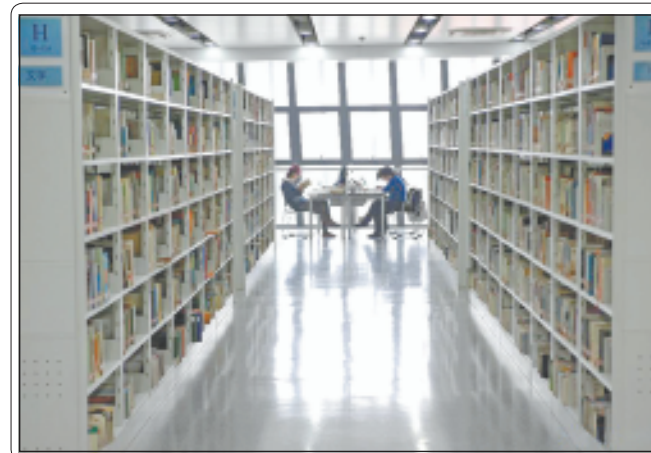
Ahn, a political nov-

ice whose outsider image appeals to disillusioned voters, has deftly deflected questions about the possible union and instead demanded the Democrats carry out political reforms before launching any talks for an alliance.

As Moon courts Ahn and Ahn looks away, Park continues to lead opinion polls despite damaging controversies over the legacy of her father, late military strongman Park Chung-hee.

With the election clock ticking, Moon's campaign finally proposed what can be interpreted as a dead-

line for talks. "We can no longer delay merger talks," Moon's spokesman Woo Sang-ho said during a press conference in Seoul. "Detailed negotiations should start no later than early November." The two candidates should form an alliance before they are required to register with the National Election Commission on 25 Nov, the spokesman said, adding the continued delay "goes against the popular aspirations" for change.—Xinhua



Students read books at the newly-built Duxia Library of Nanjing University in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 29 Oct, 2012. The library, located in the Xianlin campus of the university, officially opened on Monday and provided some three million books for readers.

XINHUA

Indian data analytics outsourcing to become 1.15 b USD by 2015

India

KOLKATA, 30 Oct—At a time when analytics is becoming more pervasive helping businesses across various sectors, India is expected to maintain its edge over major offshore destinations who present analytics services outsourcing.

According to a recent report by a financial services firm Avendus Capital, India will continue to estab-

lish its leadership position in analytics services over other competing countries or regions such as China, the Philippines, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

The demand for this service from India will be driven by a host of factors such as availability of talent pool, maturity of the industry and wide spectrum of services.

Data analytics is the science of using raw data by extensive use of statistical and quantitative analysis for the purpose of drawing business related conclusions and for predicting business outcomes.

Among the industries, banking and financial which is one of the earliest adopters of knowledge services is the largest user of

the analytics services followed by retail, healthcare and pharmaceutical industries.

According the report, by 2015, the data analytics market in India is expected to reach 1.15 billion US dollars to become 21 percent of the overall Indian KPO market opportunities of 5.6 billion US dollars.

Xinhua

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Dated 31 October 2012

Affordable Housing Project to be Implemented

Yangon City Development Committee have a plan to implement the "Affordable Housing project" at Bo Ba Htoo street, No. 48 ward in Dagon Myothit (North).

The project is established in land area of 114 acre and it has recreation center, playgrounds, car-parking, shopping malls, mini marts and apartment complex of good ventilation and lighting. All of constructions must be completed in three years. After project, the apartments will be sold to public fair price.

Explanation and discussion will be in No(4) meeting room, City Hall at 08:00 morning on 14 November. Whoever, external or internal Contractors and Bankers, interested in project, can register in advance and attend the discussion. The last date for registration is 2012, 7 November and the place is Engineering Department (Building). Anyone, want to know may contact Committee Office, Yangon City Development Committee and phone no 370982

Armed men attack Afghan oil tanker, kill one

PUL-E-KHUMRI, (Afghanistan), 30 Oct — Unidentified armed men opened fire on an oil tanker late Monday night killing one person and injuring two others in Dushi district of Baghlan Province 160 km north of Kabul, an official said on Tuesday.

"Unknown armed men presumably anti-govern-

ment militants attacked an oil tanker in Dushi district late last night leaving one person dead and injuring two others," district governor Shamsudin Sarhadi said to *Xinhua*.

The oil tanker was also caught fire and turned to ashes, he asserted.

Taliban militants fighting the government and

often target government interests including oil tankers have yet to comment. Baghlan has been the scene of Taliban-linked militancy over the past couple of years and just early this month over a dozen people including six security personnel had been killed in clash there.

Xinhua

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION
Announcement of Prequalification
Hanthawaddy International Airport Project

1. The Prequalification Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Transport has evaluated the prequalification documents submitted by thirty applicants for the Hanthawaddy International Airport Project and has selected the best qualified seven firms based on (a) Financial Strength (b) Experience Record (c) Qualified Personnel and (d) Equipment Resources.

2. Accordingly, the Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Transport hereby announce the following list of firms which are prequalified to submit tenders for the Hanthawaddy International Airport Project.

No	Reg. No.	Leading Firm	Consortium	Country
1	001	Yangnam-CAPE-JCG Consortium	Yangnam Holdings Limited JCG Corporation Changi Airport Planners and Engineers Pte.Ltd.	Singapore Japan Singapore
2	021	Taisei Corporation	Taisei Corporation	Japan
3	028	Gamuda-Crec Joint Venture	Gamuda Berhad China Railway Group Limited.	Malaysia China
4	031	BOUYGUES BATIMENT INTERNATIONAL	BOUYGUES BATIMENT INTERNATIONAL FMI First Pacific Company Yoma Strategic Holdings Ltd.	France Myanmar Hong Kong Singapore
5	044	INTEL International Pte. Ltd.	INTEL International Pte. Ltd. IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited (ITNL) FLUGHAFEN MUNCHEN GmbH (FMG)	Singapore India Germany
6	051	VINCI Airport	VINCI Airport Muhibbah Engineering (M) Bhd	France Malaysia
7	060	Incheon Airport Consortium	Incheon Airport Consortium Hyundai Engineering Construction Kumho Kumho Industrial Co. Ltd. Halla Engineering and Construction Doewoo International Corporation	Korea

Note: The List is in order of the registration number of the firms at the time of purchase of prequalification documents from the Department of Civil Aviation.

3. The Department of Civil Aviation will inform in writing to the firms in the above list the date and terms and conditions for purchase of the tender documents.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
Yatanarpon Teleport Co. Ltd

OPEN TENDER FOR CAPACITY EXPANSION OF EXISTING 3G (UMTS) MOBILE TELEPHONE NETWORK

Ref : 001/3G/Expansion-2012

Date : 30-10-2012

Tender Closing Date : 9th November 2012

In order to provide quality and reliable services at affordable prices, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) and Yatanarpon Teleport Co. Ltd (YTP) are planning to expand 3G Mobile Telephone capacity upon existing network for major cities in the various Regions throughout the country.

Detailed information, including Technical Specifications, Tender Terms and Conditions and Tender Forms will be made available to qualified interested parties on 1st November 2012 at 4 pm and can be obtained from :

Yatanarpon Teleport Co. Ltd (Yangon Branch)

Hlaing University Campus Road

Hlaing Township

Yangon, Myanmar

Tel : 01 652 300, 01 652 233 Ext. 1101 during working hours

Quotations are therefore invited from all such qualified interested parties for the supply of all necessary equipments and services for 3G Mobile expansion upon existing network and which must reach the under-signed on or before the above Tender Closing Date.

Quality Controlling & Bargaining Committee
Yatanarpon Teleport Co. Ltd

Afghan police kill 12 Taliban militants

KABUL, 30 Oct — Units of Afghan police during series of operations have killed a dozen Taliban militants across the country over the past 24 hours, Interior Ministry

said in a press release here on Tuesday.

"The police during operations carried out in Kapisa, Balkh, Zabul and Ghazni provinces have killed 12 Taliban rebels over the past

24 hours," the statement contended.

Taliban militants fighting the government have yet to make comment.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

**INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER
TENDER NO(6) (ES) A.M.D (2012-2013)**

1. Open Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following stores (in Myanmar Kyats.)

LOT: No	Description	Quantity
1.	TN-800 Tractor Spare Parts	26 Items
2.	SH-654 Tractor Spare Parts	57 Items
3.	SONALIKA Tractor Spare Parts	31 Items
2.	Tender Closing date: 14-11-2012, 16:00 hrs	
3.	Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD office No. 50, Naypyitaw, during office hours from (1-11-2012). Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.	
4.	For more details, Contact; 067-431243	

**Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department**

Demi Moore wants to fall in love again

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct— Actress Demi Moore has finally come to terms with the end of her marriage to Ashton Kutcher—who she split from in November 2011 after a five-year union—and is reportedly looking forward to finding romance again.

A source said: “She’s not desperate to date again but she is actually open to it which is a really good step. She wants to experience something new. She wants to fall in love again.”

Demi has also realized that Ashton is in love with his new girlfriend Mila

Kunis which has been one of the main factors in her wishing to move on.

The insider added to America’s *OK!* magazine: “Demi seems to have rounded a corner. She’s been forced to get real. As much as it hurts her to see Ashton in love with Mila, it’s also been the push she needed to finally accept it’s over for good between them.

“She truly believed she’d spend the rest of her life with Ashton so it’s not easy for her to simply move on but she’s determined to do it.”

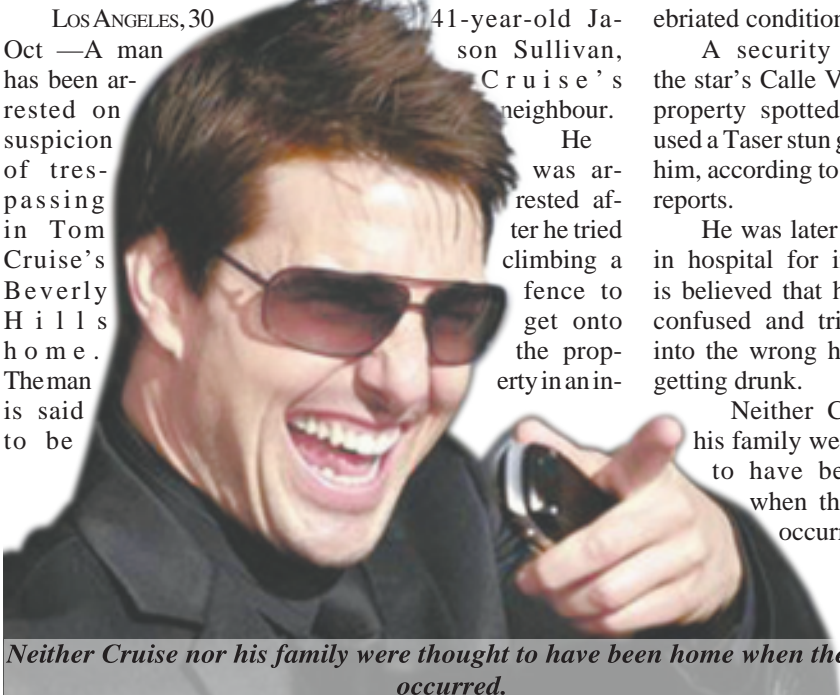
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Neighbour arrested for trespassing in Tom Cruise’s home

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct —A man has been arrested on suspicion of trespassing in Tom Cruise’s Beverly Hills home. The man is said to be



Neither Cruise nor his family were thought to have been home when the incident occurred.

41-year-old Jason Sullivan, Cruise’s neighbour.

He was arrested after he tried climbing a fence to get onto the property in an in-

ebriated condition.

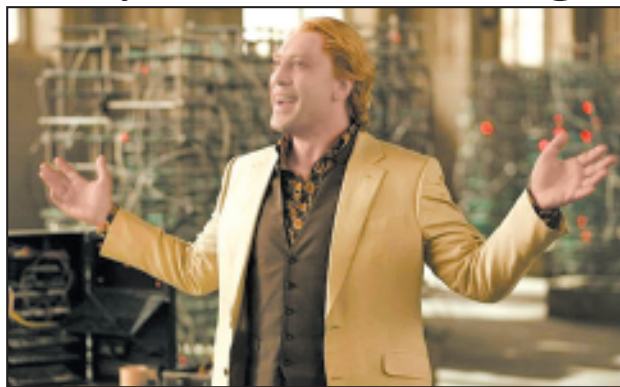
A security guard at the star’s Calle Vista Drive property spotted him and used a Taser stun gun to stop him, according to US media reports.

He was later examined in hospital for injuries. It is believed that he became confused and tried to get into the wrong house after getting drunk.

Neither Cruise nor his family were thought to have been home when the incident occurred.

PTI

Why Javier Bardem might be the best Bond villain ever



Javier Bardem plays Raoul Silva, a dandyish cyberterrorist in Skyfall

LONDON, 30 Oct — Javier Bardem is being hailed by the British media for his performance in *Skyfall*, the latest installment in the James Bond series, with critics saying the character played by the Spanish actor may be one of the best villains to ever take on 007.

Bardem plays

Raoul Silva, a dandyish cyberterrorist, in the film directed by Sam Mendes, taking on Daniel Craig’s Bond. The 23rd installment in the 007 series has won over critics, with many calling the film the best in the long-running franchise, thanks to the Spanish actor’s performance.

30 mins of ads before Skyfall begins at theatres

LONDON, 30 Oct — James Bond fans in the UK are being forced to sit through as long as 30 minutes of advertisements before the screening of *Skyfall* at movie halls. The 23rd Bond film, which released in the UK on 26 October, is being used as a medium to promote a number of brands with a number of commercials and previews being shown long before the opening credits, reported *Daily Mail*.

Five of the adverts feature the secret agent, including ones for Heineken, Omega watches and a Bond aftershave.

And even before Adele’s opening theme, the spy, played by Daniel Craig, appears in an action sequence with the camera

lingering on his Omega watch.

The onslaught of brands prompted many fans to complain on Twitter.

“Product placement aplenty and Adele hasn’t even sung yet,” said one.

Another wrote, “Wow, sickening number of Bond product placement ads. Am sick of 007 and *Skyfall* hasn’t even started yet!”

Many grew even unhappier once the film began. They were irked by seeing Bond enjoying Heineken instead of his trademark Martini, and by the frequent use of Sony products.

Heineken had a product placement deal for Daniel Craig’s previous two Bond films, *Casino Royale* and *Quantum of Solace*, but this

“The moments that elevate *Skyfall* from the efficient to the inspired can be attributed to one man: Javier Bardem, the hulking, 43-year-old Spanish actor whose delicious performance as Raoul Silva, sniggering cyber-terrorist, makes him a convincing contender for best Bond villain of all time,” Ryan Gilbey wrote Sunday in “The Observer”.

“Bardem is brilliant as the kind of insane old-school Bond villain we haven’t seen for a while,” Alex Zane wrote in his review of *Skyfall* in *The Sun*.

“Channelling all different flavours of crazy, and Christopher Walken’s hair from *A View To A Kill*, he is a superb adversary for 007,” Zane said of the film, which hit theaters in Britain

last Friday.

“Silva is almost as inscrutable as The Dark Knight’s Joker himself: Bardem’s lip-lickingly camp turn makes him the oddest Bond villain since the Roger Moore era, and his nicotine hair flops queasily over his forehead in a way that calls to mind Julian Assange,” Robbie Collin wrote in his review of the film in *The Daily Telegraph*.

“Mendes has gone back to basics: chases, stunts, fights. At the same time, he has subtly re-invented the franchise, throwing in far greater depth of characterization than we’re accustomed to in a series of films that are often proudly superficial,” Geoffrey McNab wrote in *The Independent*. —PTI



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is the first time he is seen drinking the beer.

It has not been confirmed how much the *Skyfall* deal is worth, but before agreeing to it the producers

had reportedly already raised 29 million pounds from product placement deals - approximately a third of the film’s budget.

PTI

Liam Neeson splits from girlfriend

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct — Actor Liam Neeson has reportedly ended his romance with PR executive Freya St Johnston.

The *Taken 2* actor ended his two-year-old relationship in order to focus more on his work and two sons, the *Ace Showbiz* reported.

“Liam is heading back to America at the start of next month to work on his new film *Non-Stop*,” a friend said.

“He told Freya that he wants to take a break and concentrate on his family.”

The 60-year-old actor and 38-year-old mother of two were spotted spending time together in Rome just two weeks ago.

Neeson started dating the businesswoman just



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18 months after his wife, Natasha Richardson, died of severe head injury in a skiing accident at the Mount Tremblant Resort

in Quebec.

From his marriage with Natasha, he has two sons named Michael and Daniel.

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McIlroy edges Woods to claim China exhibition victory

ZHENGZHOU, (China), 30 Oct — Rory McIlroy staked an early lead before holding on to win by a stroke in his “Duel at Jinsha Lake” 18-hole exhibition event against Tiger Woods on Monday. “It was a pretty exciting day and the match was pretty close all day,” Northern Ireland’s McIlroy told reporters just 24 hours after finishing second in the European Tour BMW Masters event in Shanghai. The world number one moved into a lead he would never relinquish against his American opponent when he birdied two of his opening three holes and Woods dropped a shot on the third, before going on to sign for a bogey-free five-under 67.

On a cool and misty day in front of an enthusiastic gallery, double major winner McIlroy made the turn two shots clear of Woods at three-under par in the medal match-play encounter. Woods, who was playing in China for a first time in two years, clawed a shot back when he chipped in from off the green at the par-three 12th but slipped two behind



Rory McIlroy (R) of Northern Ireland holds the winner's trophy as he poses with Tiger Woods (L) of the US and Feng Changge, Chairman of Henan Harmony Group, after the matchplay exhibition event at the Jinsha Lake Golf Club in Zhengzhou, Henan Province on 29 Oct, 2012. Woods and McIlroy, the world's current top two players, are competing in the 18-hole exhibition medal match the day after they competed in two different Asian tournaments. — REUTERS

again with a bogey on the next. The world number two birdied the 14th to reapply the pressure back on McIlroy and after both players picked up shots on the 15th, they each parred the final three holes with Woods almost forcing a playoff when he almost

chipped in on the last.

“I got off to a good start and had a little bit of advantage for the first few holes but then Tiger birdied a few on the back nine. All I was trying to do was to keep myself ahead and I managed to do that,” McIlroy added.

Woods arrived in Zhengzhou having finished fourth in the CIMB Classic in Malaysia on Sunday and was looking for a repeat win over McIlroy after handing the Briton a seven-shot round-robin defeat in the recent World Golf Final in Turkey.—Reuters

49ers crush slumping Cardinals

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Oct — The San Francisco 49ers flexed their muscles with a dominant 24-3 road win over the slumping Arizona Cardinals on Monday night to stretch their lead at the top of the NFC West to two games. In a matchup of two stout defences, it was the 49ers (6-2) who lived up to their reputation by holding Arizona (4-4) to just seven yards rushing and handing them a fourth straight defeat. San Francisco quarterback Alex Smith rebounded from his four interceptions in the previous two games to toss three scores without a turnover. He also completed 18 of his 19 pass attempts to keep the visiting team marching forward.

and Randy (Moss) had some great runs after the catch.” Crabtree caught a pair of touchdowns in the first half as the 49ers ran out to a 17-0 lead before Moss broke the game open with a 47-yard reception for a score in the third quarter. Arizona quarterback John Skelton was sacked four times and the team’s running game simply failed to get going on another forgettable day for the Cardinals. “It was a big test for us tonight and everyone saw how it went,” said Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt.

“It was disappointing to say the least. We have things to fix and we have the guys to do it. We’re going to go back to work.” Arizona were one of the surprise stories of the season after starting 4-0 but



Arizona Cardinals LaRod Stephens-Howling gets smothered by San Francisco 49ers defence in the first half during their NFL football game in Phoenix, Arizona on 29 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

“He was on fire,” 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh told reporters, of his signal-caller. “We were running the ball extremely hard and physical. (Receivers) Michael Crabtree

their Cinderella story quickly took a dark turn. Skelton was injured in the season opener and his replacement Kevin Kolb went down two weeks ago.—Reuters

Djokovic to finish year as world number one

Novak Djokovic

LONDON, 30 Oct — Novak Djokovic will move above Roger Federer to number one in the world rankings next week and is guaranteed to retain the top spot until the end of the year, the ATP Tour said.

The Serbian, who lost the top spot to Federer in July, will be the first player to top the men’s singles rankings at the end of consecutive seasons since the Swiss did it four times from 2004 to 2007.

Djokovic has won five tournaments this year — including the Australian Open and Masters series titles in Miami, Canada and Shanghai — and pocketed more than \$8 million in prize money. The 25-year-old, who is scheduled to compete at the Paris Masters this week, will be presented with a trophy to recognise his feat at next week’s season-ending championships in London, the ATP said.— Reuters



Ronaldo fears losing World Cup record to Klose

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 Oct — Brazilian legend Ronaldo has admitted he hopes Germany’s Miroslav Klose does not play at the 2014 World Cup in

Brazil. Ronaldo currently holds the record as the most prolific World Cup scorer with 15 goals, one more than Klose and former German forward Gerd Muller.

In an interview with Brazil’s Sportv on Monday, Ronaldo expressed concern at Klose’s impressive form this season. “That guy still plays, doesn’t he?” the three-time FIFA world player of the year remarked upon being asked about the German.

When the reporter speculated that Klose was unlikely to be selected as a 36-year-old in 2014, Ronaldo said: “I hope you’re right.”



Klose has scored seven goals in 10 matches for Italian Serie A club Lazio so far this season. He also made a brace at Germany’s 4-4 World Cup qualifying draw against Sweden earlier this month.—Xinhua

Soccer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 Oct — AC Milan is reportedly preparing a move to offload Brazilian winger Robinho in exchange for highly rated Vasco da Gama defender Dede. The Rossoneri are understood to be willing to accommodate Robinho’s desire to return to Brazil having decided the 28-year-old former Real Madrid and Manchester City man is surplus to their needs, *O Globo* reported on Monday.

The report says Milan considers Dede as “the heir apparent to Thiago Silva”, who left the club

AC Milan eyes Robinho-Dede swap

last summer to join Paris Saint-Germain. The Rio de Janeiro outfit is said to have placed a 15-million-euro price tag on the 24-year-old, who could leave during the upcoming January transfer window. Dede has played six matches for Brazil’s national team since making his

international debut last year. He is considered by coach Mano Menezes as one of the prime candidates — alongside Chelsea’s David Luiz — to partner Thiago Silva in the heart of Brazil’s defence at the 2014 World Cup.—Reuters



Vasco da Gama defender Dede

GENERAL

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- (31-10-12 09:30 am ~ 1-11-12 09:30 am) MST
- * News
 - * The News Generation of the 4th Pillar
 - * News
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 - * News
 - * Tast of Myanmar "Shan Style Clay Pot"
 - * News
 - * Press Confercen for First of Biggest Fashion Event in Myanmar
 - * New Generation Contestant
 - * News
 - * National Day and Armed Forces Day of

- the Republic of Korea
- * The Great Po Sein
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 - * The observance of Thadingyut Festival
 - * Myanmar Movie "Runaway Righteous Guy"

MYANMAR TV (31-10-2012, Wednesday)

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1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:00 am
4. Health Programme
- 8:15 am
5. Cultural Dance
- 8:30 am
6. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:00 pm
7. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
8. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
9. Dance of National Races
- 4:10 pm
10. Joint Performance By State Traditional Orchestra
- 4:45 pm
11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Law)
- 4:55 pm
12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
13. Classical Song
- 5:30 pm
14. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm
15. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm
16. Shwe Yin Chon Than
- 7:30 pm
17. BEAUTY STAR (Beautician Contest)
- 8:00 pm
18. News
 19. TV Drama Series
 20. Myanma Video

Saloons in high demand at automobile show



YANGON, 30 Oct— Saloons are marketable at the automobile show at Myoma Ground near Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, from 27 to 30 October, said an official of a car company.

Depending on models, cars are on sales at prices of arranging from K 7.8 million to K 11 million through installment.

Indonesian president to be knighted during British visit

JAKARTA, 30 Oct — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will grant a medal of knighthood to Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono during his visit to Britain, which is set to kick off on Tuesday, media quoting official reported here on Tuesday.

"The medal is called the Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. It is said to be a recognition [of some sort], but I don't know exactly what [it'll be given to Yudhyono] for and will not make any guesses," Indonesian presidential spokesman Teuku Faizasyah was quoted by the *Jakarta globe* as saying. The spokesman said that there would be no special ceremony for the presentation of the medal, but the queen was expected to give it to Yudhyono after a lunch banquet in London on Wednesday.

Past recipients of the order include former US president Ronald Reagan, former French president Jacques Chirac and current Turkish president Abdullah Gul. The Order of the Bath is the fourth-most senior of the British Orders of Chivalry, after The Most Noble Order of the Garter, The Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle and The Most Illustrious Order of St Patrick.

The Knight Grand Cross is the highest of three classes within the Order of the Bath, which is awarded

per cent of price and take the car. The remaining amount of money which does not need to pay interest rate are to be paid three-month installment.

Some car companies reduce 20 per cent of price of car at the show, according to the market.

Automobile shows are held with the aim of enabling the people to buy the cars at fair prices.—*Myanma Alinn*

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to military members or civilians who have made outstanding achievements.

President Yudhoyono departed for the United Kingdom on Tuesday morning for a three-day working visit, press officer at the Presidential Palace told *Xinhua* by phone.

In Britain, Yudhoyono will also hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister David Cameron, the Prince of Wales, chairman of the Liberal Democrat Party Nick Clegg and opposition leader Ed Miliband.

"The state visit by the Indonesian president, at the request of Queen Elizabeth II, will hopefully enhance cooperation between the two countries, bilaterally or in the context of joint efforts in facing various global issues," Faizasyah said.

He said that during Cameron's visit to Jakarta in April, it was agreed that bilateral cooperation would focus on trade, investment, education, environment, democracy and interfaith cooperation. The president will also deliver speeches at several forums, including the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indonesia, the Royal College for Defence Studies and Wilton Park.

He is also scheduled to co-chair the second high-level panel on post-millennium development goals.

Xinhua

Israeli PM Netanyahu to visit Paris on Wednesday

PARIS, 30 Oct — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will visit Paris from 31 Oct to 1 Nov for bilateral talks, the French foreign ministry announced here on Monday.

During his two-day visit, Netanyahu will meet with French President Francois Hollande and discuss issues that "notably focus on the prospects for strengthening bilateral relations, the need to relaunch the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and political developments in the region," the foreign ministry said in a routine Press briefing.

"This visit bears witness to the quality of the relationship between France and Israel," the ministry added.

Netanyahu will also meet with French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault and Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius during the visit.—*Xinhua*



Photo taken on 29 Oct, 2012, shows flowerbeds set up at Osaka Station City in the city of Osaka.—KYODO NEWS

Greek man threatening suicide arrested near PM's office

ATHENS, 30 Oct—A Greek man was arrested on Tuesday near the prime minister's office in central Athens, after threatening to commit suicide, local media reported.

The 58-year-old man told the police officers, who approached him and cordoned off the area,

that he was strapped with explosives and he would blow himself up, according to the Greek national news agency *AMNA*.

After his arrest, as an expert was negotiating his surrender, it was found that he only had a mobile phone, a battery and a tele control in his jacket.

According to police sources, he was diagnosed with psychological problems and he told investigators that he was trying to convince his Bulgarian girlfriend who broke up with him to return.

Before his detention, according to eye witnesses, he was shouting that he has "no economic problems, unlike Greece." *Xinhua*

Iraq to hold local elections in April 2013

BAGHDAD, 30 Oct— The Iraqi cabinet on Tuesday set April 20 next year as the date for the country's provincial elections, except for the Kurdish region in northern Iraq, a government spokesman said.

"The Council of Ministers decided in its regular session today to set 20 April, 2013, as the date for the elections of the councils of provinces which are not organized into regions," Ali al-Dabbagh said in a statement.

The decision was based on a proposal presented by the country's Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC), which is responsible for organizing polls in the country.

The statement said that the provincial elections will be held in provinces which are not organized into regions, which means that the elections will be held in 15 of the country's 18 provinces, as the other three provinces are part of the autonomous region of Kurdistan.—*Xinhua*



National Policy Minister Seiji Maehara (C) meets the press in Tokyo on 29 Oct, 2012. The home of Maehara's secretary, registered as the main office of his support group in Tokyo, booked over 10 million yen in costs between 2005 and 2010 in political funds reports, though it is not clear whether substantive work was performed there, people familiar with the matter said the same day.—KYODO NEWS



Shwedagon Pagoda packed with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.(News on page 1)—MNA

Singapore Airlines to launch daily flight between Yangon and Singapore



Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung, Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Singaporean Ambassador Mr. Robert Chua and Vice-President Mr. Mak Swee Wah from Singapore Airlines formally open maiden flight. MNA

YANGON, 30 Oct— The launch of daily flight of Singapore Airlines plying from Singapore to Yangon was held at Yangon International Airport on 28 October. The flight arrived at the airport as a maiden flight. Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung extended greetings and Vice-President Mr. Mak Swee Wah from Singapore Airlines explained the daily flight of

SAI between Yangon and Singapore.

Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Singaporean Ambassador Mr. Robert Chua and Vice-President Mr. Mak Swee Wah cut the ribbon to launch the flight.

SAI will fly Yangon-Singapore 18 flights a week using Boeing 777 aircraft. Silk

Air is currently operating 16 flights a week using A-320 aircraft.

Five more airlines namely- Korean Airlines, Qatar Airlines, EVA Airlines, All Nippon Airlines and ANA had launched their flights to Myanmar during September and October. Moreover, Hong Kong-based Dragon Air, Condor Air and Trans Asia Airways are preparing

to operate their flights to Myanmar.

SAI celebrated its 5th Anniversary on 25 October. The airlines started its operation since its establishment as a world's largest commercial airlines.

SAI is an international airlines and has operated over 24000 flights handling 9 millions passengers during 5 years.—MNA

Monster storm Sandy leaves New York, eastern US crippled

NEW YORK, 30 Oct— Millions of people in the eastern US awoke to flooded homes, fallen trees and widespread power outages caused by the giant storm Sandy, which swamped New York City's subway system and submerged streets in Manhattan's financial district.

A possible levee breach in northern New Jersey on Tuesday, flooded three

towns with 4 to 5 feet of water in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, prompting the evacuation of hundreds from their homes.

A huge fire erupted in Breezy Point in Queens, destroying over 50 homes.

The NYSE plans to test a new contingency plan to resume stalled equity trading today. Exelon declared an "alert" at its New Jersey

Oyster Creek nuclear power plant due to a record storm surge.

Correspondent John McCrank investigates the heated debates that led to the last-minute decision to close the NYSE. As the deadly storm barreled ashore on the paralyzed East Coast, the presidential campaign went into what amounted to a deep freeze just when Obama and Romney had planned to launch their final push for votes.

Reuters

Depression over Bay of Bengal intensifies into cyclone

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct— According to observations at 2:30 pm today, a depression formed in southwest of Bay of Bengal intensified into a cyclone called Nilam. The centre of the depression is about 250 miles of Chennai, India.

Nilam is forecast to move west or northwest and it is likely to move towards southern coast of India during next 24 hours commencing this evening, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Myanmar-Korea cultural festival to promote business relationship: organizer

YANGON, 30 Oct—A Korea Week activities featuring the largest Myanmar-(South) Korea cultural festival will be launched here in November, aimed at providing opportunity to build business relationship with South Korea, said the organizer Tuesday.

The Korea Week, which will run from November 8 to 14, comprise Korean Expo-2012 displaying Korean best products from 55 Korean companies, the 7th Korea Film Festival, K-Pop Cover Dance and Face of Myanmar Contest, K-Drama OST Myanmar-Korea Joint Concert, the 6th Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championship and the 10th Korean Speech Contest, the organizer said without disclosing further details.

South Korean film festival has been held in Myanmar since 2006 aimed at strengthening the mutual friendship and boosting cultural exchange between S. Korea and Myanmar.

In October 2011, a four-day South Korea film festival was held in Yangon under the cultural exchange programme between the two countries, in which four Korean films featuring sports were screened, namely "Forever The Moment", "A Barefoot Dream", "Bronze

Medalists" and "Like A Virgin".

In 2010's Korean film festival launched here in November, famous Korean celebrities and directors including actor Song Il Gook (Jumong) and actress Lee Hana attended the opening ceremony.

Korean speech contest was also held by the Korean Embassy here annually to encourage Myanmar people to study the East Asian country's language. Contestants who passed level-4 or higher of Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) were allowed to take part.

Meanwhile, the South Korean government is offering scholarships for Myanmar's pre-university students to study Korean language in Korean universities with the Chonnam National University of Korea tasked to conduct Korean language courses, testing of the language, compilation and distribution of a Myanmar-Korean language dictionary.

In 2006, a technology, culture and business education center was jointly established in Myanmar by the Korean university and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.—Xinhua

