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## President U Thein Sein receives Swedish PM

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov— President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Swedish Prime Minister Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Ministers at the President Office U Soe Thein, U Aung Min and U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, departmental heads, and Swedish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Klas Molin.

The meeting focused on cooperation and Swedish assistance for democracy, human rights and the rule of law, inter-governmental cooperation for improvement of human rights in Myanmar, sharing Swedish experiences, Swedish investments in oil,



natural gas, rubber, wood, fishery and livestock breeding and further cementing friendship between the two countries.

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*President U Thein Sein receives Swedish delegation led by Prime Minister of Sweden Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA*

### Republic of the Union of Myanmar

#### President Office

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#### Press Release on Evacuation and Rehabilitation efforts in quake-hit areas

1. A severe earthquake hit the central Myanmar at 7 hours, 42 minutes, 37 seconds on 11 November 2012, damaging pagodas, religious edifices, houses, schools, offices and construction works and killing and injuring some people in Sagaing, Shwebo, Kyaukmyaung, KhinU, Mandalay, Amarapura, Singu, Kyaukse and Thabeikkyin townships in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions.
2. As it was not convenient for the President to go to the quake-hit areas in the aftermath of the strong quake, he immediately sent a team led by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham to the quake-hit areas to supervise the rescue, relief and rehabilitation works and to comfort the local people.
3. The President would like to express his heartfelt condolences to the local people who lost their lives and property in the quake. The President would like to thank the local people for their quick aids to the victims and rescue efforts during the emergency time though it cannot be able to predict when an earthquake can jolt. The Union Government will make utmost efforts for evacuation and rehabilitation in the areas.
4. In so doing, the Union Government will cooperate with the people from all walks of life, organizations and INGOS.

### Flying Soccer Stadium

- \* It is amazing  
Like a picture painted by a Master Painter.  
I've never seen before in our Country.  
But it is Real.
- \* Just like a flying Saucer landing from the other Planet.  
This is our Football Stadium with flying colours in our Greater Nay-Pyi-Taw.  
Thirty Thousand Seated, Air Conditioned, Two electric Lifts, Field Lighting system, Sound System, fire fighting system, Field Irrigation & Field drainage system.
- \* CATV, CCTV, PABX systems included as International standards.  
Rooms for the Players, Athletes, Conference, Media Room, Mall, Gymnasium, Warming up, Medical Care Room etc.  
Whatever you need, There are All.
- \* Now it is getting near to be Completed.  
All are moving forward to the winning goal.  
Join Hands in Hands firmly.  
Don't miss a second.
- \* Can See smile in every face.  
Who dares win.  
We all are Max Myanmar.  
Yes, MAX MYANMAR.  
We never walk alone.

(Honour to All Max Myanmar)

Hla Min

Chief Engineer (MMCC)



## 16 local and foreign companies to invest in development of Mandalay International Airport

MANDALAY, 12 Nov—Local and international investments were invited to participate in development of Mandalay International Airport for creating the airport as aviation and transportation centre. Thus, a total of 16 companies from seven countries applied to improve the airport. Of them, the number of applicants was from the local companies, said the Department of Civil Aviation.

The applicant

company list comprises five from Myanmar, three from China, three from France, two from Thailand and one each from Germany, Japan and Singapore, totaling 16.

“International trade and business competitiveness is gathering momentum across the world. Thus, the role of international airports is kept on the front row, so the emphasis is being placed on development of Mandalay International Airport. It is a focal point for aviation and logistic

sectors,” said U Tin Naing Thein, Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation.

According to the geographical conditions, Mandalay International Airport is playing a key role in transportation of the commodities from the west to the east and from the east to the west and saving the fuel.

Mandalay International Airport was commissioned into service on 17 September 2000.—*Myanma Alinn*

## Illegal saw mill, timbers seized



KYAIKTO, 12 Nov—An eight-member team from Kyaikto Township Forest Department of Thaton District on 5 November

arrested two persons together with 1.7354 tons of sawn timber, one saw mill and other equipment in Sittoung Village of Kyaikto

Township.

Likewise, a seven-member team from Yaksawk Township Forest Department of Taunggyi Township at the end of October seized two persons together with 47 blocks of teak weighing 1.5074 tons and two trawleries near 18<sup>th</sup>-mile camp of Yaksawk Township.

In October, Shwebo District Forest Department of Sagaing Region confiscated 2.1212 tons of hardwoods in block 110 of Thaw forest reserve in Kanbalu Township.—*MNA*

## Saw Creek Bridge collapses

SAW, 12 Nov—Saw Creek Bridge on which a GMC driven by U Aung Myint passed through collapsed at 9 pm on 8 November.

The bridge located at the entrance to Saw linked Chauk, Seikpyu, Saw and Kanpetlet Townships.

While passing the bridge, the GMC carried 7000 pieces of brick. In the incident, it was reported that there was

no casualty.

Due to the broken bridge, the local people face difficulty in transport along Seikpyu-Chauk-Magway in Magway Region from Kanpetlet of Chin State.

*Myanma Alinn*

## Vehicles under 10 tons allowed after receiving weighing

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Toll gates allowed buses and trucks under 10 tons of loads not to receiving weighing at the scales as of 4 September for their convenience.

At present, the regulation has been changed to allow them with loads of commodities after receiving weighing. If the vehicles have not loads of commodities, they do not need to receive weighing.

It is because the vehicles under 10 tons took opportunities that they did not need to receive weighing and broke the rules of loading the commodities. That is why the Ministry of Construction changed the regulations to be able to prevent unacceptable loading of commodities.

*Myanma Alinn*

## Snatchers with gold wares seized within 90 minutes



MAUBIN, 12 Nov—There was a significant event in Maubin Township that as 28 gold chains worth K 14 million were lost, the two suspected persons were arrested with the lost gold wears in 90-minute period and then the gold wears were handed over to the owner.

At 5 pm on 16 October, while owner U Myint Thein was preparing to close the Thameedaw jewellery, Shop No 3 in Development Affairs Committee Market in Maubin, unknown man and woman arrived there who requested to buy the gold wares. The owner showed the box of gold



## Construction groups, companies emphasize construction of parts of Asian, ASEAN highways

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—A total of 679 groups of special groups, district groups and township groups from Public Works and entrepreneurs are building roads and bridges in the second years of the five-year plan from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 fiscal years.

A total of 13 groups of Public Works and companies are constructing 210.4 miles long Namhsam-Kunhing-Tarkaw-Mong-pying-Kengtung road section included in ASEAN and Asian Highways spending K 6114 million in 2012-2013 fiscal year. Likewise, 13 construction groups and companies are building 112 miles long Monywa-Pale-Gangaw road spending K 2750 million.

Three groups of Public

Works and five companies are also constructing 83 miles long Kalewa-Gangaw road by spending K 3307 million.

Six construction and companies are undertaking construction of 620.2 miles long Yangon-Mawlamyine-Dawei-Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung road section which is included in ASEAN highway, spending K 14402 million.

Two construction groups are also implementing 149.2 miles long Loilem-Panketu-Hsipaw road spending K 3378.73 million.

At the same time, two construction groups

are building 123.1 miles long Pakokku-Pauk-Htilin-Gangaw road which is part of BIMSTEC highway with the use of K 300 million, one construction group 108.5 miles long Myitkyina-Tanai-Padaung Road which is part of Lido Road with the use of K 250 million, three construction groups 115.5 miles long Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa road with the use of K 500 million and two construction groups 102 miles long Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Myawady Road which is part of ASEAN Highway spending K 1 billion.—*Myanma Alinn*

Telecommunications of Sagaing Region on 4 November with the aim of enabling the youth to participate in development tasks of the village by applying the telephone in time.—*Myanma Alinn*

## Mobile phone donated to library

SAGAING, 12 Nov—A ceremony to install a GSM mobile phone worth K 200,000 at Lunge Library was held in Hsintat Village of Sagaing Township.

It was installed by Myanmar Posts and

## Hilux Surf in collision with passenger bus

YANGON, 12 Nov—In front of CP Fresh Mart fried chicken shop between Sanyeiknye and Hledan bus stops in Kamayut Township at 12.20 pm on 10 November, a Hilux Surf driven by Kyaw Kyaw from Insein to Hledan turned to

the opposite way and then collided with a bus from 97<sup>th</sup> bus line driven by Min Min from the straight way of Insein to Hledan.

In the incident, ten passengers from the bus were no injured.

*Myanma Alinn*



**WORLD**

**Greek parliament OKs 2013 budget**

ATHENS, 12 Nov—Greece's parliament on early Monday approved the 2013 budget law, which included further austerity measures to secure fresh tranche of bailout from the debt-ridden country's international creditors.

A total of 167 lawmakers voted in favor of the budget which introduces a fresh round of spending cuts, 128 against and four cast blank votes with 299 MPs present in the 300-member parliament during the roll call vote which was broadcast live on local television stations.

The crucial midnight ballot followed the approval of a new package of austerity and reform measures of 13.5 billion euros (17.1 billion US dollars) for 2013-2014 in a similar tumultuous debate on early Thursday, with a slim majority of 153 votes amid growing dissent inside and outside the parliament.



*Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras speaks to the lawmakers prior to a voting on the 2013 budget law at the Greek Parliament in Athens, Greece, on 11 Nov, 2012. Greece's parliament on early Monday approved the 2013 budget law, which included further austerity measures to secure fresh tranche of bailout from the debt-ridden country's international creditors. —XINHUA*

The parliamentary ratification of the two bills had been requested by European Union and International Monetary Fund (IMF) creditors as "pre-requisites" for the release of further vital aid to Greece.

Without the 31.5 billion euro (40.4 billion US dollars) disbursement, the country could run out of cash reserves on the forthcoming Friday, Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras has warned over

October.

However, as EU and IMF lenders still differ on the ways to ensure the sustainability of the Greek sovereign debt and counter the crisis, Monday's Euro Group meeting in Brussels is not due to give the "green light" for the installment, as expected until a few days ago.

In order to cover its immediate financing needs until the issue will be resolved, Greece will hold on Tuesday a new treasury bills auction as part of its monthly programme of T-bills sales.

Samaras, as well as Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras, who travel to Brussels this week, expressed confidence while addressing the parliament ahead of the vote on Sunday night that Greece will receive the aid in time to stave off disorderly bankruptcy. —Xinhua

**Ireland's children referendum amendment gets passed Ireland**

DUBLIN, 12 Nov—Ireland's children's referendum has been passed with the support of 58 percent of voters, with only three of the country's 43 constituencies rejecting the proposed amendment, state broadcaster RTE reported on Sunday.

The turnout for the referendum was only 33.5 percent, according to RTE.

Three constituencies voted no, namely, Donegal North East, Donegal South West and Dublin North West. The highest yes vote was in Dublin South.

"It is a historic day for the children of Ireland as it is the first time the constitution of this republic will recognize them as citizens in their own

right," said Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny, while welcoming the positive result of the referendum.

"The passing of this amendment will help make childhood a good, secure and loving space for all our children.

It will also give hope, reassurance and confidence to parents, foster parents and vulnerable children," he said.

Meanwhile, Irish Deputy Prime Minister Eamon Gilmore said the referendum is a historic one.

"The decision by the people to insert a dedicated article into the constitution to protect the rights of children draws a line in the sand against the litany of past failures.

Up to now the failure of those in positions of power to protect children has been a blight on our nation's history.

"Today's result is a vindication of the values that we hold and how much we value children and childhood," said Gilmore.

Xinhua

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*Salvador Sanchez Ceren participates in his presentation as presidential candidate of leftist party "Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front" for the 2014 presidential elections, in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, on 11 Nov, 2012. —XINHUA*

**Syrian opposition form new coalition, elect coalition head**

DOHA, 12 Nov—Syrian opposition groups announced here on Sunday the formation of a new coalition and Moaz al-Khatib as the united entity's head.

A formal agreement for forming the National Coalition for the Opposition Forces was signed on Sunday evening in the Qatari capital of Doha by Khatib and George Sabra, the new head of major opposition group the Syrian National Council (SNC), a Xinhua reporter said.

The opposition groups signed earlier an initial agreement for forming the unity front amid increased international pressure to bridge their fractures and set up a united entity that could effectively confront

the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's government.

Khatib, a preacher and scholar born in 1960 in the Syrian capital of Damascus, was elected by 54 out of 58 votes as the president of the new coalition.

Meanwhile, prominent dissident Riad Seif and human rights activist Sohir al-Atasy were chosen as Khatib's deputies, and Mostafa al-Sabbagh as the secretary general.

The opposition groups have been holding meetings for days in Doha to discuss a proposal by Seif on forming a united opposition front to help end the 20-month Syrian crisis and establish a transitional government headed by Seif.

Xinhua

**Philippine gov't, former rebel group resume talks in Malaysia**

MANILA, 12 Nov—The 33rd Exploratory Talks between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front kicked off in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Monday.

The talks, which will conclude on 18 Nov, are expected to center on power-sharing, wealth-sharing, and normalization.

Abdulla Camlian, a member of the MILF peace panel, said the session today will be "very tough" especially on matters of policing, decommissioning, and gradual redeployment of government forces. "I don't

expect a smooth-sailing on the issue of normalization; there will be no breakthrough at least during this meeting," said Camlian in a statement posted on the MILF's website.

He also said that the two parties will discuss the issues of the MILF "political detainees," inter-governmental relationship, transitional arrangement and modalities or political road map, third party monitoring team, independent commission on policing, multitrust fund, and joint normalization committee.

Xinhua

**Indonesia vows to crack down on human trafficking**

JAKARTA, 12 Nov—Indonesia has decided to boost efforts to crack down on human trafficking as the country has been used as a transit point by human smugglers and illegal immigrants, official said on Monday.

"We are intensifying law enforcement against human trafficking by involving the State Intelligence Agency, the Attorney General's Office and the police - all of whom will co-

operate and coordinate with each other in order to better tackle human trafficking cases," said Hasan Kleib, foreign ministry's director general for multilateral co-operation.

Indonesian authorities have arrested at least 15,162 illegal immigrants from 2000 to 2010.

"The immigrants and smugglers used Indonesia as a transit country particularly during emergency situations, such as when

their boats' engines fail in Indonesian waters en route to other countries," he was quoted by Antara news agency as saying.

Xinhua

**Iran ready to cooperate with ESCAP in energy, transit sectors**

TEHERAN, 12 Nov—Iranian Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Salehi said that Iran is ready to boost cooperation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in the energy and transit sectors, Press TV reported on Monday.

The Third Ministerial Conference of the ESCAP kicked off in Teheran on Sunday.

"Considering its high potential in the fields of energy, transit, railroads and ports, the Islamic republic of Iran is ready to increase cooperation with ESCAP

to develop and achieve its objectives in the region and Asia," Salehi was quoted as saying in a meeting with Executive Secretary of ESCAP Noeleen Heyzer on Sunday.

The Iranian foreign minister urged ESCAP to pay greater attention to geographical regions such as southwest Asia.

Heyzer, who is in Tehran to attend the Third Ministerial Conference of the ESCAP, pointed to ESCAP's significant role in promoting economic and social activities as well as improving the living conditions of the member

countries.

Also, head of Iran's Organization for Investment and Economic and Technical Assistance, Behrouz Alishiri, said Iran's infrastructural plans including the construction of dams, power plants, airports and transportation systems will be presented to potential investors during the ESCAP conference, said Press TV on Monday. According to the report, ministers and senior officials from 62 member states are attending the conference that kicked off here on Sunday with a High-level Expert Group Meeting.



*Photo taken on 11 Nov, 2012 shows the scenery in Changxi Village in Wuyuan County, east China's Jiangxi Province. Maple leaves in Changxi turned red recently, attracting numbers of visitors. —XINHUA*

## IBM surprised by Avantor lawsuit, calls claims exaggerated

**Tech**

NEW YORK, 12 Nov — IBM, which is being sued by chemicals manufacturer Avantor Performance Materials for fraud and breach of contract in connection with a software project, said the accusations were blown out of proportion and that it was surprised by the move.

“We believe the allegations in the complaint are exaggerated and misguided and are surprised that Avantor chose to file suit,” the company said late on Friday in an emailed statement. IBM said it had “met its contractual obligations and delivered a solution that Avantor continued to use in its operations.”

Avantor, which pro-



A worker is pictured behind a logo at the IBM stand on the CeBIT computer fair in Hanover on 26 Feb, 2011.

REUTERS

duces chemicals and raw materials for pharmaceutical products, laboratory chemicals and chemicals used in the electronics industry, filed a lawsuit on Thursday in the US District Court for the District of New Jersey.

It said it was seeking

tens of million in damages from IBM, which according to the lawsuit, had misrepresented the capabilities of a software program that runs on a platform by SAP, resulting “in a near standstill” of Avantor’s business.—Reuters

## China launches survey of endangered porpoises in Yangtze

**Science**

WUHAN, 12 Nov — Chinese scientists on Sunday launched a survey of endangered finless porpoises in the country’s largest river Yangtze, as they worried the freshwater mammal is on the verge of extinction.

Consisting of researchers from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the survey team set off in Wuhan, a central Chinese

city along the Yangtze River.

The 40-day survey is the most comprehensive since 2006, when a survey found the population of finless porpoises down to 1,800 and pronounced the white-flag dolphin, a larger mammal native to the river, close to extinction.

There are probably only 1,000 finless porpoises in the Yangtze and two lakes linked to the waterway after continuous drops in the number, said Wang Ding, researcher from the Institute of Hydrobiology

under the CAS.

“Finless porpoises may die out within 10 to 15 years, if strong measures are not taken,” Wang warned.

The survey team will trace the porpoises using sonar system along the middle and lower reaches of the river, collecting data on the species’ population, which will assist in the making of future protection policies. The initial results of the survey will be published in December.

“As the flagship species in the Yangtze, finless

## China to launch new manned spaceship in 2013

**Science**

BEIJING, 12 Nov — China plans to launch its *Shenzhou 10* spacecraft in early June 2013, one of the senior officials in charge of the manned space programme said on Saturday, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported.

The launch marks another step forward in Beijing’s ambitions for a bigger presence in space that include the construction of a space station by 2020.

The crew could include one female and two male astronauts, who are scheduled to enter the *Tiangong 1* space lab module, according to Niu Hongguang, deputy commander-in-chief of China’s manned space

programme.

Niu made the remarks on the sidelines of the Communist Party congress which is meeting to choose a new leadership.

The new plan follows the successful flight of the *Shenzhou 9* spacecraft, which returned to Earth in late June, that put China’s first woman in space and completed a manned docking test critical to Beijing’s space station plan.

China is far from catching up with the established space superpowers, the United States and Russia, but the *Shenzhou 9* marked

China’s fourth manned space mission since 2003, and comes as budget restraints and shifting priorities have held back US manned space launches.

The United States will not test a new rocket to take people into space until 2017, and Russia has said manned missions are no longer a priority.

China plans an unmanned moon landing and deployment of a moon rover and its scientists have raised the possibility of sending a man to the moon, but not before 2020.

Reuters



A logo of Sharp Corp is pictured at CEATEC JAPAN 2012 electronics show in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 2 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

## Sharp aims for near full-output from display plant

**Tech**

TOKYO, 12 Nov — Sharp Corp aims to raise the output from its Kameyama No 2 plant to near 100 percent, from a current 30 percent, as early as the end of 2012, by mass producing larger, high definition, power-saving IGZO screens, the *Yomiuri* newspaper said on Sunday.

The Kameyama plant makes IGZO displays, which consume 10 percent to 20 percent of the power required by conventional panels, for Apple Inc’s iPad tablet. The company has won orders for larger 30-inch displays from manu-

facturers, the report said, without citing sources.

The panels would be used for computed tomography (CT) or game monitors that require clearer definition than conventional high-definition displays, the report added.

Sharp, which secured \$4.6 billion in emergency loans from its banks in September, is looking to IGZO to spark a revival in its fortunes, as it forecasts a 450 billion yen (\$5.66 billion) net loss for the current business year ending next March. (\$1 = 79.4500 Japanese yen).—Reuters

## China province conducts survey of endangered Siberian tigers



China province conducts survey of endangered Siberian tigers.—XINHUA

HARBIN, 12 Nov — Authorities in northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province are conducting a survey to find the exact number of endangered Siberian tigers as their numbers may have increased.

Sun Haiyi, deputy head of the Wild Animals Research Institute of Heilongjiang, said the province had set up more than 20 monitoring sites. Information will be submitted to the country’s relevant authorities.

“Since 2005, wild Siberian tigers have been

spotted many times by monitoring cameras in Laoye Mountain and Wanda Mountain areas in Heilongjiang,” Sun told *Xinhua*.

He estimated that the number of wild Siberian tigers might have increased thanks to the protection efforts in recent years. Dead tigers were also found in Wanda Mountain and Mishan area, he added.

Sun said the conservation of natural forests had contributed a lot to the restoration of the food chain of Siberian tigers.

According to a survey in 2006 and 2007, Heilongjiang has about 12 wild Siberian tigers while neighbouring Jilin Province has eight to ten such tigers, the expert said.

Yang Lijuan, an official with the Dongfanghong Forestry Bureau in Heilongjiang, said the bureau would add six food supply sites, from the current four, for the prey of wild Siberian tigers this winter.

## Iran proposes ECO states to jointly build telecom satellites

TEHRAN, 12 Nov — Iranian Minister of Communication and Information Technology Reza Taqipour proposed the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) member states to start joint production of telecommunication satellites, semi-official *Fars* news agency reported on Sunday. Addressing the first meeting of ECO states’ communication and information technology ministers in Teheran on Sunday, Taqipour called for the start of “studies over the

## Siberian tigers

**Science**

Such artificial feeding could increase the numbers of red deer and roes to ensure the food source for the Siberian tigers, Yang said.

Siberian tigers, one of the world’s rarest animal species, mainly live in east Russia, northeast China and northern part of the Korean Peninsula. Some 500 Siberian tigers currently live in the wild.—Xinhua

possible grounds for building and manufacturing telecommunication equipment and use of common know-how for designing and building joint telecommunication satellites to be sent to the orbits of the member states,” according to the report.

He also asked the ECO members to cooperate and exchange information in software and hardware fields, provide various CIT services and to build infrastructures, and to help cooperation among mobile operators in

various fields.

On Sunday, Iran’s Majlis (parliament) Speaker Ali Larijani stressed the importance of promoting closer cooperation among the ECO states, Press TV reported.

“Under the current circumstances when political and regional equations are changing rapidly, close cooperation among regional countries, including ECO member states, can be effective in maintaining the national interests of countries and their all-out develop-

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ment and progress,” Larijani was quoted as saying.

The ECO is an inter-governmental regional organization established in 1985 by Iran, Pakistan and Turkey with the aim of promoting economic, technical and cultural cooperation among the member states. Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan later joined the organization.—Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Smokers may fare worse after colorectal surgery

NEW YORK, 12 Nov — Smoking has long been linked with slower recovery in general from injuries and surgeries, and now a new study finds that smokers face more complications and higher chances of death following major surgery for colorectal cancers and other diseases. “We wanted to see if smoking has a specific effect on these patients...

In September, a review of surgeries to repair knee ligaments found that smokers tended to have worse outcomes, including not being able to get back full knee function. For the new report, published in the *Annals of Surgery*, Sharma and his colleagues studied patients included in a nationally representative database of US surgeries

were current smokers. The researchers looked at the 30 days after surgery to see how many patients in each group suffered either a major complication — such as severe infection, heart or breathing problems or death — or a minor complication, such as an infection at the surgical site or in the urinary tract. Sharma’s team found that current smokers had a 30 percent greater risk of having a major complication compared to patients who never smoked, and an 11 percent greater risk than ex-smokers.

Among 9,700 current smokers, for example, there were 1,497 major complications and 1,448 minor ones, whereas the 9,136 ex-smokers had 1,374 major and 1,386 minor complications. Never smokers, the largest group numbering 28,738, had 3,316 major complications and 3,462 minor ones. Current smokers were also 1.5 times as likely to die within 30 days of surgery as never smokers. In addition, the longer someone had smoked — that is, the greater their number of “pack years” — the stronger their chances of complications, the researchers note.

Reuters



An ash tray with cigarette butts is pictured in Hinzenbach, in the Austrian province of Upper Austria, on 5 Feb, 2012. — REUTERS

and really wanted to know if patients who stopped smoking had better results,” said lead author Dr Abhiram Sharma, who was at the University of Rochester in New York during the study. Smoking constricts the flow of blood throughout the body and is thought to prevent oxygen from getting to tissues that are trying to heal, according to the authors.

between 2005 and 2010. Overall, 47,574 patients were included in the analysis. All had part of their colon or rectum removed, a surgery known as a colorectal resection, either because of cancer, diverticular disease or inflammatory bowel disease.

About 60 percent of the patients had never smoked, 19 percent were former smokers and 20 percent

Health

GSK rotavirus shot chosen for UK immunisation campaign

LONDON, 12 Nov — GlaxoSmithKline’s Rotarix vaccine has been chosen for Britain’s first routine rotavirus immunization programme to protect babies and children against the most common cause of severe diarrhoea and vomiting. Rotarix, a two-dose oral vaccine squirted into the baby’s mouth, will be added to the childhood immunization schedule for three years from September 2013 to vaccinate all babies aged 6-24 weeks, the government said.

Rotavirus is a common and highly contagious virus that infects the bowel and stomach, swiftly causing gastroenteritis, or diarrhoea and vomiting.

It is the most common cause of gastroenteritis in babies and young children in Britain, where public health experts estimate every child will have at least one rotavirus infection before their fifth birthday.



GlaxoSmithKline’s Rotarix vaccine

Adam Finn, a professor of paediatrics at Bristol University said the new vaccination would help cut down epidemics of diarrhoea and vomiting in babies and young children that occur every winter in Britain. “It will also help hospitals cope in the busy winter months by reducing pressure on beds and front-line staff,” he said. Rotavirus vaccines are already included in routine childhood immunization programmes across the world including in Australia, Austria, Belgium and the

United States.

The GAVI Alliance, which funds bulk-buy immunization programmes for poorer countries, is also helping to roll out rotavirus vaccines in developing nations. In Britain, rotavirus infections have been estimated to cost the taxpayer-funded National Health Service at least 14.2 million pounds (\$23 million) a year. Rival US drugmaker Merck also makes a rotavirus vaccine called Rotateq. (\$1 = 0.6262 pound) — Reuters

Cuba int’l Trade Fair draws 67 nations

HAVANA, 12 Nov — Cuba on Saturday wrapped up the 30th Havana International Trade Fair (Fihav 2012), the largest of its kind in the last decade, with about 3,587 foreign

exhibitors from 67 countries taking part. A number of intergovernmental and inter-institutional agreements were signed during the weeklong event, according to Vice President of Council of Ministers Ricardo Cabrisas.

Cuban entrepreneurs also held talks with companies from Venezuela, Russia, Germany and the European Union, during the period, he added.

Over a dozen of Cuban companies and companies from Brazil, Russia, China, Venezuela and Spain were awarded at the close of the fair.

Products including rums Cubay from local company Cubaron, Mercedes Benz cars, and Tarapaca wine from

Chile also received awards.

Cabrisas said this year’s trade fair was held at a time when the Caribbean island nation is pursuing economic reform that would help boost foreign investment.

“The creation of the first Development Special Zone at the Mariel port (48 km west from the capital Havana) have opened new opportunities for the foreign investment,” he said.

He also said Cuban authorities are providing more opportunities for foreign investors and joint ventures, so as to get more funds, modern technologies and a better positioning of its national products in the global market.

Xinhua

Business

Ally near \$4 billion unit sale, GM seen in lead

NEW YORK, 12 Nov — Ally Financial Inc is nearing a deal to sell its auto financing operations in Europe and Latin America for around \$4 billion, with General Motors Co emerging as the lead bidder if the company decides to sell those operations as a whole, two sources familiar with the situation said.

Ally is still considering whether to split the business geographically — Europe and Latin America — and sell it to two different parties, the sources said on Friday. A deal could come as soon as next week, they said. Details of an agreement have not been finalized, and the outcome could change, the sources said. Ally is still talking to a handful of financial institutions that have made separate bids for its European and Latin American assets, they said.

Ally, which is 74 percent owned by the US government after a series of bailouts during the financial crisis, announced



An Ally Financial sign is seen on a building in Charlotte, North Carolina on 1 May, 2012. REUTERS

in May a plan to sell its international operations in a bid to speed up repayment to taxpayers. GM, also partly owned by the US government after its own taxpayer-funded bailout, declined to comment. An Ally spokeswoman said, “We continue to be focused on maximizing shareholder value and finding the best solutions for the remaining international operations.”

Once known as GMAC, Ally is the former auto lending arm of GM, which has been rebuilding its finance operations. The US automaker bought AmeriCredit Corp in 2010

and in August disclosed that it was among the bidders for Ally’s international operations. Ally Chief Executive Michael Carpenter said last week that the lender had interest from multiple parties for its Europe and Latin American operations and that he expected a sale to be announced this month. Last month, Ally agreed to sell its Canadian auto finance and deposit business to Royal Bank of Canada for \$4.1 billion and its Mexican insurance unit to ACE Ltd for \$865 million.

Those two sales are expected to bring

in about \$5 billion in proceeds, producing pretax estimated gains of \$1.2 billion, Ally said last week. The European and Latin American operations have a book value of about \$3.3 billion. Ally is focusing on US auto lending and banking in a bid to turn its business around.

Its Residential Capital mortgage unit filed for bankruptcy in May, and it is looking to sell most of its remaining mortgage operations. Of the \$17 billion it owes the US government, Ally has paid back \$5.8 billion, including dividend payments. — Reuters

Hong Kong, Canada sign tax pact

HONG KONG, 12 Nov — Hong Kong signed an agreement with Canada for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention from tax evasion on income and capital, the authority announced here on Sunday.

HK’s Secretary for Financial Services & the treasury Prof. KC Chan signed the agreement in Hong Kong, said a governmental news release.

It is the 26th comprehensive agreement for the avoidance of double tax-

tion concluded by Hong Kong with its trading partners.

Under the agreement, tax paid in Hong Kong will be allowed as a credit against tax payable in Canada.

Double taxation will be avoided in that any Canadian tax paid by Hong Kong companies doing business through a permanent establishment in Canada will be allowed as credit against the tax payable in Hong Kong. — MNA/Xinhua

## Israeli FM meets ambassadors over Palestinian UN bid

JERUSALEM, 12 Nov — Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman met on Sunday with Israeli ambassadors to the European Union regarding Israel's response to the Palestinians' bid for upgrading their status at the United Nations.

The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) is expected to submit its application for upgrading their status at the United Nations later this month.

"For the past four years Israel approached the PNA many times with the intent of renewing direct negotiations, but the Palestinians chose to avoid the issue and blamed Israel for all their problems," Lieberman said during the meeting.

The Palestinians have "no interest" in resuming peace negotiations and instead prefer to "erode the Israeli position further and

further," the foreign minister added.

Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians came to a halt in 2010 due to Israel's ongoing settlement construction in the West Bank, a move condemned by the Israeli left-wing, the international community and the PNA.

Despite Lieberman's comments, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas declared on Friday that the Palestinians are ready to resume negotiations and are striving for peace and denouncing violence against Israel.

In a meeting held two weeks ago between Lieberman and EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, the foreign minister said Israel would fight the Palestinian bid "even if it means collapsing the PNA."

In September 2011, the

PNA made its first bid to the United Nations, which was rejected later that month. According to previous reports and assessments, if the Palestinians are to make their appeal again, they can expect the support of 130 out of 193 UN member states.

On 2 Nov, US government reiterated its opposition to a Palestinian bid to seek a non-member state status. "Our comment is not different than that we've been making for more than a year," US State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said in a briefing.

The United States has adopted Israel's position regarding the PNA's UN bid and called on the Palestinians to gain statehood through peace negotiations and not through unilateral statements.

Xinhua

## Republicans say deal can be done on US "fiscal cliff"

US



US Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) takes part in a panel discussion titled "Fixer-Upper: Repairing the US Housing Market" at the Milken Institute Global Conference in Beverly Hills, California 1 May, 2012.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 12 Nov — A senior Republican senator voiced confidence on Sunday that U.S. lawmakers would forge a deal on the year-end "fiscal cliff," while a top aide to President Barack Obama signaled a willingness to compromise over raising tax rates on the rich.

Republican Senator Bob Corker said increasing tax revenues from wealthier Americans would have to be part of the plan, but he stressed closing loopholes rather

than raising top tax rates as many Democrats favour, provided spending is also tackled.

"I am optimistic," Corker told "Fox News Sunday." "I think there is the basis for the deal. ... There is a way of getting there on the revenue side. The real question is: can we come to terms on the entitlement side?"

Obama has invited congressional leaders to the White House on Friday to discuss the issue, with only 50 days left until the end of the year. Unless Congress acts first, \$600 billion in tax hikes and automatic federal spending cuts would take effect at the end of December, with a potentially devastating impact on the economy.

Obama won re-election on Tuesday after a campaign in which he called for wealthier Americans to pay a bit more in taxes. But a range of deductions, including on mortgage interest payments and charitable giving, can significantly lower the effective tax rate that most affluent US households pay.

Another influential Democrat, Senator Charles Schumer, voiced skepticism that it would be possible to raise enough revenue to lower the deficit sufficiently without lifting the tax rate on the rich, but said he is open to hearing other ideas.—Reuters

## Cuba holds municipal elections in provinces hit by hurricane Sandy

Cuba

HAVANA, 12 Nov — Over 140 thousand Cubans residing in the eastern provinces of Santiago de Cuba and Holguin, the most devastated by hurricane Sandy, are casting their votes Sunday to select the two-year and half-deputies to the municipal assemblies of the Peoples Power.

The only exceptions are in Santiago de Cuba, where the head municipality and Palma Soriano will hold their voting process in a proper time to be announce later, because of the devastation left by Sandy.

The National Electoral Commission, (NEC), informed that 477 polling stations have been opened on Sunday in the territories

of Santiago de Cuba and Holguin to elect 170 deputies to the municipal government bodies.

Cuba held on 21 October the first round of general municipal elections, with a participation of the 94.21 percent of the registered electors, according to NEC figures.

In all the constituencies where no candidate obtained more than the half of the valid votes it was held a round off on 4 November, except in the mentioned eastern provinces due to the serious damages of Sandy. The hurricane Sandy swept eastern Cuba on 25 October with winds over the 108 mph, heavy rains, coastal flooding and land slides.

Sandy's hit over the

island left 11 dead, over 3 million people affected, 200 thousand damaged houses and economic losses exceeding the 100 million dollars so far. Santiago de

Cuba, the capital city of the province with the same name, was the most seriously devastated territory by the hurricane.

Xinhua

## UAE hosts oil expo targeting global energy issues

UAE

ABU DHABI, 12 Nov — The 4-day Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) 2012, which kicked off on Sunday, aims to attract 45,500 visitors from 91 countries as more than 1,600 exhibitors and 13 national pavilions show up.

Held under the theme "Sustainable Energy Growth: People, Responsibility and Innovation", the ADIPEC,

running in its 15th edition this year, addressed local and global energy issues locally and showcases advanced technologies needed to sustain oil and gas industry growth.

Covering 38,000 square metres, including a 10,500-square-metre outdoor complex in the Abu Dhabi convention centre ADNEC, ADIPEC 2012 is 8.5 percent bigger than the 2010 show in terms of exhibition space.

The host emirate of Abu Dhabi, which harbors some 7 percent of the world's known oil reserves, has increased production levels to the maximum in the last two years in order to mitigate production losses from post-revolutionary Libya and from Iran, whose oil production fell to 1.25 million barrels per day this year, down from 2.14 million barrels per day in 2011, according to IMF estimates.

These production increases require new technologies in order to reduce drilling costs and to create more efficient upstream process, the ADIPEC organizers said in a statement.—Xinhua



A man looks at the wall showing the names of martyrs in the War Memorial in Canberra, Australia, on 11 Nov, 2012. Ceremonies marking the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, remember the moment in 1918 when the guns of the World War I fell silent.

XINHUA

## Turkey pays final respects to 17 soldiers killed in helicopter crash

Turkey

ANKARA, 12 Nov — Turkish politicians, military officials and thousands of people paid their final respect to 17 soldiers who were killed in a helicopter crash in southeastern Turkey on Saturday, local newspaper *Today's Zaman* reported.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu, Chief of General Staff Gen Necdet Ozel and many other ministers were present at the ceremony for the 17 lost soldiers, which was held at the main airport of the province of Diyarbakir in southeastern Turkey.

The 17 soldiers were killed on Saturday when their Sikorsky helicopter crashed in the province of Siirt in southeastern Turkey due to adverse weather conditions, Turkish officials said.

14 of the victims were members of gendarmerie special forces and the rest were helicopter staff, Siirt Governor Ahmet Aydin said. The soldiers were being transported to a region near the Turkish border with Iraq to help troops in their fight against the rebels of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK).

Aydin said three officers, four non-commissioned officers, one special sergeant and nine privates were killed in the crash.

Xinhua



The Japanese icebreaker Shirase leaves Harumi Wharf in Tokyo Bay on 11 Nov, 2012, for Antarctica to support Japan's 54th expedition team to be deployed there. The 12,650-ton vessel was unable to dock at Japan's Showa Base the previous year, blocked by snow and thick ice, for the first time since 1994, meaning the expedition team had to reach the Antarctic base by air and land.—KYODO NEWS

## WORLD

## Russia to help probe Arafat's death, Palestinian president says

JERUSALEM, 12 Nov— Russia will join an international investigation to determine whether the first Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat, was murdered, the current Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, said on Sunday.

French and Swiss experts are due to exhume Arafat's body in Ramallah later this month in an attempt to discover how he died after an Al Jazeera documentary in July suggested he was killed by a rare radioactive poison.

"There's full cooperation these days between us and the French investigators and Swiss experts, and also from the



Yasser Arafat

Russian government," Abbas told a rain-drenched ceremony on the eighth anniversary of the death in France of the former guerrilla who led Palestinians' campaign to create a state through years of war and peace. Abbas asked Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov for Moscow's help during talks in Jordan last week, Palestinian sources said.

Allegations of foul play have long surrounded the demise of Arafat.

The case returned to the headlines in July when a Swiss institute said it had discovered high levels of the radioactive element polonium-210 on Arafat's clothing supplied by his widow Suha, who called for exhumation of her husband's body.

Polonium is the radioactive substance found to have killed former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko in London in 2006.

Three French forensic experts are expected to visit Arafat's limestone

sepulchre in the West Bank capital of Ramallah on 20 November, and investigating magistrates plan to visit four days later, a diplomatic source told Reuters. Headed by the intelligence chief at the time of Arafat's death, the Palestinians' own forensic team has repeatedly butted heads with French investigators over their supervision of the exhumation, proposed for this month.

Palestinian official Wasel Abu Yousef described contacts with the French as ongoing but insisted that interrogating any Palestinians must be done through Abbas's administration, "as a matter of sovereignty," he told Reuters. Abbas also on Monday accused Qatar-based Al Jazeera of "hyping" the affair.

The investigation is unfolding as West Bank leaders gear up for a UN General Assembly vote on Palestinians becoming an "observer state" later this month.

Reuters

## Gulf Arab construction sector challenged, despite gradual rebound

DUBAI, 12 Nov — The Gulf Arab construction, albeit in a modest comeback mode, suffers from a rough business and financial climate, said the CEO of Dubai-based maintenance and plumber firm Drake and Scull International (DSI) in an interview with Gulf Business on Sunday.

Khalidoun Tabari said the industry shall not be blended by recent reports of a pickup in real estate activity in the Gulf Arab region. "It will remain a challenging market," he told the Dubai weekly *Gulf Business*.

While Tabari affirmed that the construction sector was on a revival track, "a lack of funding options" was weighing on the market, he said, adding that DSI's biggest problem was the collection of payments from customers.

Earlier in the day, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that economic growth in the six member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), namely Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman, reached 7.5 percent in 2011, adding that the growth will remain "robust" this year.

Research figures from

different sources confirm that all that glitters is not gold. According to Middle East Economic Digest (MEED), in 2011 alone real estate projects worth 188.7 billion US dollars were cancelled. Research firm BNC Network said in mid-September that 43 percent of projects in the GCC were on hold.

In the first six months of 2012, DSI's net profit shrank by 34 percent year-on-year, amounting to 63.63 million Dirham (17.35 million US dollars).

DSI's rival Arabtec Construction said last week its net profit for the first quarter declined by 10.5 percent to hit 35 million Dirham (9.54 million US dollars).

Comments from industry experts to *Xinhua* on the industry outlook sound similar. Royee Han, who is an account manager at China National Building Material Company or CNBM said that whilst the Gulf region was "promising," growth was still slow. "We still feel the fallout from the financial crisis," said Han.

Thorsten Schneider, business unit manager Gulf region at Germany's industrial giant Henkel Group and the world's largest

producer of glues, said he was more bullish on Saudi Arabia than on the UAE, not only because Saudi Arabia has the region's largest population, but also "The kingdom has a housing gap of 5 million homes, while residential construction in the UAE is much more volatile and speculative," said Schneider. The UAE is DSI's home market. Since its 2012-peak the DSI share hit in April, the stock lost 18 percent in value.

Xinhua

## Highways closed as snowstorms hit NE China

HARBIN, 12 Nov — Two highways in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province have closed due to heavy snow and sleet, local traffic authorities said on Monday.

Heavy snowstorms in Heilongjiang since Sunday have caused the closure of a highway linking Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang, and Tongjiang City. The other highway to close links Hegang and Jiamusi cities, leaving many coaches and passengers stranded.

The snowstorms prompted Heilongjiang's weather authorities to issue an "orange alert" — the second highest of four weather warning levels, in Hegang and Jiamusi. Snowfall of more than 10 millimeters is expected in Hegang and Jiamusi in the next six hours.

Traffic authorities of Harbin have warned that more coaches will be stranded as more snowstorms are expected.

Flights and railway services in the city, which is forecast to receive snowfall of four millimeters in the next 12 hours, have not been affected as of Monday morning.

Xinhua



Ichiro Ozawa, former leader of the Democratic Party of Japan, arrives at the Tokyo High Court in Tokyo on 12 Nov, 2012. The court acquitted Ozawa later that day over allegations of false political funds reporting.—KYODO NEWS

## Trans-Tasman intelligence sharing pact targets organized crime

WELLINGTON, 12 Nov — Law enforcement agencies in New Zealand and Australia on Monday signed an agreement that will help police on both sides share information on organized crime. Australian Crime Commission (ACC) chief executive John Lawler and New Zealand Police Commissioner Peter Marshall signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Wellington to expand trans-Tasman cooperation.

"Improving national intelligence sharing between the ACC and New Zealand Police will enhance the international picture of organized crime and inform strategies to reduce supply, demand and harm to communities in both countries," Lawler said in a statement

from the New Zealand Police.

"The signing of this MoU reinforces the need for law enforcement across jurisdictions and borders to work together in the fight against organized crime, particularly as organized criminals are more resilient and dynamic than ever before." New Zealand Police director of intelligence Mark Evans said the agreement

was commonsense as modern organized crime networks were agile and innovative.

"They have no respect for international borders and will operate wherever they can make money. New Zealand and Australia suffer from many common threats including drug trafficking, gangs, identity crime and issues such as cyber crime," Evans said in the statement.

Xinhua

## Emirates plane forced to return to Sydney after engine fault

SYDNEY, 12 Nov — An Emirates plane bound for Dubai was forced to turn back to Sydney Airport shortly after taking off on Sunday night, local media reported on Monday.

The passengers of Flight EK 413 heard a loud bang and saw flashes of light coming from one of the engines about half an hour after departure, according to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) reports.

Passenger Ross Clarke said the pilots told people in the cabin that something had gone wrong on the plane's number three engine.

"The aircraft returned, dumped fuel and then landed back at Sydney after about two hours it had taken off," he said.

Emirates said in a statement that an engine fault was to blame for the incident.

"Emirates apologizes for any inconvenience caused to its customers, however the safety of our passengers and crew is of the highest priority and will not be compromised," it said.

The Dubai-based airline has offered the passengers alternative flights.—Xinhua



A contestant prepares before Gansabhauet in Sursee, on 11 Nov, 2012. Gansabhauet (cutting down the goose from a rope) was held in the town of Sursee near Lucerne, central Switzerland on Sunday to celebrate the St Martin's Day.

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**PERSPECTIVES**

Tuesday, 13 November, 2012

**Intellectual property rights**

Ever since Myanmar entered ASEAN, recognition and respect for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property-IP rights in each member state as per the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Intellectual Property Co-operation has become a requisite.

The all-inclusive multilateral agreement on intellectual property rights involves copyright and related rights; trademarks including service marks; geographical indications; industrial designs; patents which include the protection of new varieties of plants; the lay-out designs of integrated circuits; and undisclosed information or trade secrets.

The IP sector has been promoting and protecting human inventions and innovations. Moreover, IP sector's average contribution to the GDP of world nations is about 5 percent.

Copyright covers poems, novels, music, paintings, cinematographic works, etc which are all kinds of creations of the mind. Enacted on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1914, the existing Myanmar Copyright Act is not only old but also does not cover with the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights- TRIPS.

So, Myanmar is now drafting Intellectual Property Law. The Ministry of Science and Technology-MST is working collectively with other relevant ministries. The MST is drafting the Patent Law; the Ministry of Industry, the Industrial Design Law; the Ministry of Commerce, the Trademark Law; and the Ministry of Information, the Copyright Law. The ministries are working in cooperation with the respective academic institutions and scholars.

In the past if there arose any copyright or related problems our people preferred more on solving them through coordination between the persons or parties concerned than through legal procedures as many in Myanmar see copyright as a moral matter and not a legal one.

But after the enactment of the copyright law, we will launch educative campaigns so that copyright problems can be solved through legal means in addition to the traditional means.

Be straightforward! Are you giving me the finger or pointing me out to somebody? Avoid double-edged behaviours.



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**ARTICLE**

**The Louyang Pagoda (Cetiya) of 108 feet in height, the Replica of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and an Insight Meditation Institution being built in Henan Province of the People's Republic of China**

According to concrete historical records, the close religious and friendly relations between the two countries, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have been existed since years ago. As we all Buddhists throughout the Republic of the Union of Myanmar know, the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha from the People's Republic of China has been conveyed to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for four times in order to be able to be paid deep homage by the Buddhists of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The main aims and objectives for building the Louyang Pagoda (Cetiya) of 108 feet in height, the Replica of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and an Insight Meditation Institution in the People's Republic of China are to promote, propagate and flourish the Buddha Sasana (the noble Teachings of the Gotama Buddha) throughout the universe. It is further learnt that the Pagoda is hollow

structure which looks similar from the outside to the solid Replica of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

According to the historical records of Myanmar, during the periods of the successive Kings of Myanmar, friendly and religious relations between the two Kingdoms

Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**Four kinds of Cetiya (Pagodas)**

During the lifetime of the Omniscient Buddha and after the noble demise of the Omniscient Buddha, the four kinds of Cetiya (Pagodas) were built by world Buddhist communities dedicating to the Nine Supreme Attributes of the Buddha. The four kinds

Buddha are enshrined.

It is further learnt that all necessary arrangements and requirements in order to successfully build the Louyang Pagoda (Cetiya) of 108 feet in height, the Replica of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and an Insight Meditation Institution in the precinct of the White Horse Temple in Louyang, the capital city of Henan Province of the People's Republic of China, are being undertaken and carried out by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the concerning authorities of the People's Republic of China. Furthermore, it is learnt that generous donations of cash and other necessary materials for the construction of the Pagoda and the Insight Meditation Institution in the People's Republic of China, can be donated through the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)**

of China and Myanmar have been existed since then.

The first founder of the Myanmar Kingdom of Bagan Period, His Majesty King Anawrahta himself paid an official visit to China to request King of China to permit the conveying of the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha to the Kingdom of Myanmar to be paid homage there. An emerald of Buddha Statue was presented to His Majesty King Anawrahta by the King of China as a Dhamma gift. This emerald of Buddha Statue is being paid homage in Mandalay, the third capital city of the

of Cetiya (Pagodas) are as follows:-

1. Dhatu Cetiya (Pagoda) in which the Sacred Relic of the Omniscient Buddha are enshrined.
2. Dhamma Cetiya (Pagoda) in which scriptures and inscriptions of the Omniscient Buddha are enshrined.
3. Oddhissa Cetiya (Pagoda) in which the Buddha Images and Statues are enshrined.
4. Pariboga Cetiya (Pagoda) in which the materials and objects used by the Omniscient

**Application for registration of political party submitted**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov— The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as a political party. United National Congress submitted the application for registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission today.

MNA

**Public announcement for remonstrations**

1. United National Congress headquartered at No (104), 5<sup>th</sup> floor on 37<sup>th</sup> street in Ward-5 of Kyauktada Township in Yangon Region on 12.11.2012 submitted its application to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Party Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Party Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Union Election Commission



Flag of the United National Congress



Seal of the United National Congress

**Swedish delegation led by Prime Minister of Sweden arrives in Yangon**

YANGON, 12 Nov— A Swedish delegation led by Prime Minister of Sweden Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt arrived in Yangon by special flight this morning. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by

Yangon Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Tin Win, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Swedish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Klas Molin and embassy staff.

MNA

**World Diabetes Day**

November 14, 2012

**Diabetes: Protect Our Future**

Ministry of Health



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**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accepts cash donations for earthquake victims of Sagaing, Mandalay regions**



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accepts cash donations from a wellwisher.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and deputy ministers, this afternoon

comforted patient workers from the earthquake-hit construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) at Shwebo People's Hospital in Shwebo.

After that, the Vice-President delivered an address at the cash donation ceremony for quake victims at the hall of Shwebon Yadana Mingala Palace.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that he arrived there to comfort the quake victims and patients and fulfill the requirements. Natural disasters occur not only in Myanmar but also across the world, he added. In this regard, he said that the occurrences of natural disasters are based on human as well as

nature. Thus, he stressed the need to conserve the environment and natural forests in doing businesses. He pointed out that the government, wellwishers, authorities and entire people are to join hands in relief and rehabilitation tasks after and during the natural disasters.

Next, the Vice-President, the region chief ministers, Lt-Gen Myint Soe and Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin accepted cash donations for the quake victims.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr Aung Than reported on requirements for regional development of Shwebo Township and townselder U Taik Kyi Maung expressed thanks for cash donations.

Today's donations amounted to US\$ 100,000, K75.1 million and five bags of rice.

In Mandalay, the Vice-President attended the cash donation ceremony for quake victims of Mandalay Region at the office of Mandalay Region

Government at 3.30 pm.

Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint reported on loss and damages of religious edifices, residential and departmental buildings and victims in the region.

Next, the Vice-President, Lt-Gen Myint Soe, the region chief minister and deputy ministers accepted the cash donations.

Today's donations for the victims in Mandalay Region amounted to US\$ 100,000 and K 260.15 million.

MNA



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views medical treatments given by military medical service members to local people in Male Village.—MNA*

**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham supervises earthquake-hit area in Sagaing Region**

*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Shwebon Yadana Mingala Palace in Shwebo.*

MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar together with Lt-Gen Myint Soe of Commander-in-Chief Office (Army), Mandalay

Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and members arrived at Male Village in Kanbalu Township by helicopter this morning.

The Vice-President inspected wreckages due to the earthquake and met with earthquake victims. In meeting with them, the Vice-President said that he was there to inspect damages

and wreckages, to provide necessary assistance. Natural disaster like flood, fire, storm and earthquake are not predictable, he said. The Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

Ministry is carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks in the disaster-hit area in cooperation with the Union Governments, Region governments and local people to accomplish the tasks, he added.

Deputy Minister U Phone Swe explained preparedness for natural disasters, Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye implementation of relief

and rehabilitation tasks in earthquake-hit Sagaing Region. Townselders and local people reported on rehabilitation tasks and necessities to the Vice-President.

The Vice-President fulfilled the requirements and viewed medical treatment to locals people provided by Tatmadawmen in the precinct of Male Monastery.—MNA

**Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by General Soe Win leaves for China**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — A Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win left Yangon this afternoon by air to pay a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China from 12 to 19 November.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval

Region Command Commodore Maung Oo Lwin, Commander of Mingaladon Airbase Brig-Gen Thein Naing and senior military officers, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and officials of the military attaches' office.

The delegation comprises Lt-Gen Win Myint of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, Maj-Gen Aung Myo Min, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Aye and senior military officers.—MNA

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Swedish Prime Minister and party



**Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint meets with Swedish Prime Minister Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint held talks with a delegation led by Swedish Prime Minister Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw, here, at 4 pm today.

together with the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw were Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and chairmen of the committees, secretaries, responsible persons from the Hluttaw Office and embassy staff of Sweden.

sides cordially discussed assistance of gaining achievement of democracy process, national race affairs and implementing peace making process, matters of Rakhine State discussed in Hluttaw, formation of two Hluttaws and work procedures.

Present at the call At the call, both MNA

## Deputy Foreign Affairs Ministers meet Chinese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — A six-member Chinese delegation led by the law professor of Shanghai International Studies Department of the People's Republic of China visited Myanmar from 4 to 9 November. During their visit to Myanmar, they called on

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw, here, on 6 November and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw on 7 November separately.

While in Yangon, the Chinese delegation held talks on regional cooperation in East Asia, China's role in the

region and regional matters with officials of Myanmar Strategy and International Studies on 4 November, International Relations Department on 5 November and Myanmar Human Rights Commission on 6 November separately.

MNA

## IWT launches Hlinethaya-Sint-o-dan Tanhlyat vessel

YANGON, 12 Nov— Inland Water Transport launched Tanhlyat vessel plying between Hlinethaya jetty and Sint-o-dan jetty this morning.

The opening ceremony at Sint-o-dan jetty was

attended by Yangon Region Road Transportation Minister U Aung Khin, Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and IWT Managing Director U Win Pe.

The route is launched

to offer an alternative for commuters in the face of the traffic jam in the largest city of Myanmar.

Simultaneously, iPay card service for fares of the vessel was introduced.

MNA



## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Swedish Prime Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a Swedish delegation led by Prime Minister of Sweden Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this evening.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker was accompanied by chairmen of Hluttaw committees U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw and U Hla Myint Oo, the secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace Making Committee, committee members and officials of the Hluttaw Office. Together with the visiting Swedish Prime Minister, Minister for Trade Dr. Ewa Bjorling, Swedish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Klas Molin and high-ranking officials attended the meeting.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker gave an account of parliamentary activities



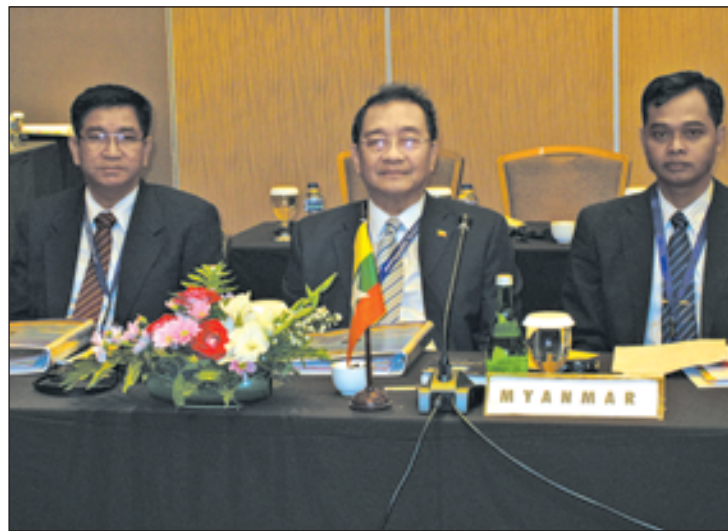
**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Swedish Prime Minister Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt.—MNA**

of Myanmar and political and economic reforms in Myanmar, and held comprehensive discussions with the Swedish Prime

Minister on boosting Myanmar-Sweden friendship and further cooperation between the two countries.

MNA

## Union Attorney-General back from Indonesia



**Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin attends 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senior Officials of the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.**

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov— Myanmar delegation led by Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin attended 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senior Officials of the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters held in Bandung of Indonesia from 5 to 7 November.

At the meeting, the union attorney-general said that Myanmar has signed the treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters in 2004 and has approved it in 2009. Moreover, Myanmar has been party to treaty of trans-border crimes in 2004 and has been cooperating

with ASEAN and other countries, he added.

Union Attorney-General met with Indonesian Law and Human Rights Minister Dr Amir Syamsu Din on 5 November and talked about legal affairs discussed at 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN legal affairs ministers meeting.—MNA

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REGIONAL

Taipei, mainland hold seminar on

Sun Yat-sen

Taipei

TAIPEI, 12 Nov— Taipei and the Chinese mainland have held a joint seminar on Sun Yat-sen and his wife Madame Soong Ching Ling in Taipei.

The seminar, held at the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall on Sunday in Taipei, was organized by the mainland-based China Soong Ching Ling Foundation and the Taipei-based Sun Yat-sen Cultural Foundation.

Six scholars from the

mainland and nine from Taipei submitted a total of 11 research papers on Sun and Soong. Extensive discussions on subjects relating to the couple were held.

Qi Mingqiu, vice chairman of the Soong Ching Ling foundation, said that the seminar marked a "historic moment" as it was the first time for the mainland and Taipei to jointly hold such an event.

The former residence of Soong in downtown Beijing was repurposed as

a public memorial site and museum after she passed away in 1981. It holds many historical items.

Qi invited scholars from Taipei to visit the residence as part of efforts to deepen cross-strait exchange on academic research on Sun and Soong.

Hsu Shui-te, chief of the Sun Yat-sen foundation, said that both Taipei and the mainland had witnessed economic prosperity, in line with Sun's ideals. He called on the two sides to "join hands in creating a better future for the Chinese nation."—Xinhua



Photo taken in the town of Minamisanriku, Miyagi Prefecture, on 11 Nov, 2012, shows regional coast guard members conducting an intensive search for people still listed as missing a year and eight months after the massive earthquake and tsunami in Japan's northeast.—KYODO NEWS



People attend a lecture by Aoyama Gakuin University professor Toshiro Kojima as part of a series of "Minamata Disease University" courses on 10 Nov, 2012, at Rikkyo University in Tokyo's Toshima Ward. KYODO NEWS

China, Australia mulling direct currency trading

China

BEIJING, 12 Nov— Chinese and Australian central banks are considering to launch direct trading between the yuan and the Australian dollar, China's central bank governor said on Sunday.

If the deal is reached, the Australian dollar would be the third major currency allowed to be traded directly against the Chinese currency, following the US dollar and the Japanese yen.

Other major currencies that have been used as intermediaries for the China-Australia currency trading are sometimes instable, said Zhou Xiaochuan, governor of the People's Bank of China.

The bilateral trade, investment and tourism relations between China and Australia have developed rapidly in past years, resulting in growing demand for the direct currency trading, Zhou told reporters at a group interview on the sidelines of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

The Chinese and Australian central banks support the direct trading, said Zhou, adding that such a direct trading would be "a good thing, a matter of course and a choice that respects the market."—Xinhua

Rail services disrupted in Japan's Kyushu

Japan

OSAKA, 12 Nov—Train services on the Kyushu Shinkansen Line (high-speed line) have been suspended since the morning hours on Monday due to overhead wire damage occurred near Kumamoto station in Kumamoto City of southwestern Japanese island of Kyushu, affecting thousands of passengers and their

travel, local Press reported. The accident occurred at around 9:00 am local time after the 17-meter-long arm of a truck crane hit the overhead wire and caused a series of system problems to provide power for the high-speed line according to Japan's public broadcaster NHK.

Xinhua

China's Guizhou Ethnic Customs Exhibition held in Ankara

China

ANKARA, 12 Nov— China's Guizhou Ethnic Customs Exhibition opened in the Turkish capital of Ankara on Sunday.

The five-day exhibition, organized by China's State Ethnic Affairs Commission and the Ethnic Affairs Commission of Guizhou Province, will demonstrate the minority customs, clothing and culture in China's southwestern province of Guizhou.

Minister Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Turkey Wang Xiaoning said at the opening ceremony he hopes the exhibition will help the Turkish people deepen their understanding of Chinese culture and policy. The exhibition has been held from Wednesday to Saturday in Turkey's southeastern Province of Malatya, and will open on next week in the western Province of Denizli.—Xinhua

Pakistan hosts regional meet on Counter-Narcotics on 12-13 Nov

ISLAMABAD, 12 Nov— Ministers from twelve regional countries would be participating in the Regional Ministerial Conference on Counternarcotics in Islamabad from 12 to 13 November, officials said on Sunday. The invited countries included Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

The Foreign Ministry said the aim of the Ministerial Conference is to share national experiences in countering the menace of illicit drugs and

discuss prospects of regional cooperation in developing pragmatic, comprehensive and sustainable ways of addressing the multifaceted challenge posed by illicit drugs production, demand and trafficking.

President Asif Ali Zardari, who has taken the initiative, will inaugurate the conference, Foreign Ministry spokesman Moazzam Khan said. The democratic government of Pakistan has taken a number of steps in the recent past to address the growing threat of narcotics.

Xinhua



Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda (R) shares time with children at the Kodomo Sogo Centre child-care facility in Tokyo's Shinjuku Ward on 11 Nov, 2012. KYODO NEWS

Two miners killed in gold tunnel collapse in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 12 Nov— Two miners have been believed killed when a gold tunnel collapsed in southern Philippines, officials said on Sunday.

Days of continuous rains caused a mine shaft to collapse in Mount Magdiwata, San Francisco town, in Mindanao's Agusan del Sur Province late on Saturday, according to mayor Jenny de Asis.

But the bodies of Ronnie Lawangon, 36, and Glenn Casher, 27, both of San

Francisco township have yet to be found over a day after the 4 pm incident in Manag-as Creek, Alegria village, as fears of new avalanche due to continuous rains loomed, causing the local government to suspend retrieval operations, De Asis said. Local and provincial officials two years ago have ordered the stoppage of gold mining operations in the area due to environmental concerns.—Xinhua

Philippines

Philippine, Australia to cooperate on military exercises

MANILA, 12 Nov—The Philippines and Australia have started discussions for the possible participation of Australian troops in the annual Philippine-US Balikatan exercise and the participation of Philippine troops in Australian exercises with other countries, Philippine military announced on Sunday.

The Department of National Defence (DND) Office of the assistant Secretary for Strategic Affairs said in a statement, "explored in the meeting were Australian troops taking part in Philippine-US Balikatan Exercises while Philippine forces joining the Australian Kakadu and Pitch Black Exercises."

Kakadu is a vital maritime exercises involving Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, Japan and Malaysia. Meanwhile, Pitch Black is an air combat exercises conducted by Australia with Singapore,

New Zealand and Thailand. The discussions occurred during a joint defence cooperation committee meeting held on 24 and 25 Oct in Manila. The meeting occurred three months after the Senate's ratification of the Philippine-Australia Status of Visiting Forces Agreement.

The statement also said, "Australia would continue to contribute to Philippine defence capacity building, offering a number of graduate and training courses as well as subject matter experts and mobile training teams for 2013."

In a phone interview, Department of National Defence spokesman Peter Paul Galvez said more discussions will be held regarding the participation of Australia in the Balikatan exercises. Also, he said the United States would have to agree before Australia can join the activity.

Xinhua

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**Singapore's demand for foreign workers expected to increase**

SINGAPORE, 12 Nov—Singapore's demand for foreign manpower, such as those working in the health-care and construction sectors and foreign domestic helpers, is expected to increase, the government said on Monday.

The demand for health-care workers is expected to grow from 50,000 in 2011 to 91,000 in 2030, partly due to the ageing population, the National Population and Talent Division said in a report. Of this total, 28,000 will be foreign health-care workers, up from 13,000 in 2011.

The division, a department in the Prime Minister's Office, said the projections are not targets but illustrate the growth and change in demand for workers in these sectors based on certain assumptions drawn from the country's demographic and demand trends.—Xinhua

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**UN day on Pakistani girl injured in Taliban attack observed**

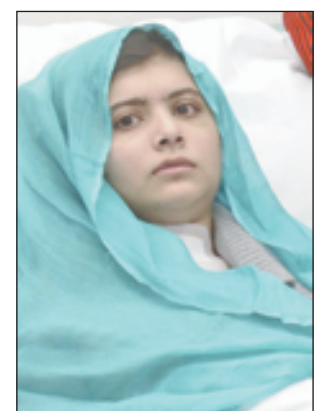
ISLAMABAD, 12 Nov — School children in Pakistan on Saturday offered special prayers for Malala Yousafzai, a 14-year-old girl shot and injured by Taliban in the country's northwestern Swat valley last month for her quest to promote education among the girls, local media reported. The United Nations had announced to observe 'Malala Day' on Saturday to pay tributes to Yousafzai, who is now

getting medical treatment in the UK. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon had extended his support to the young girl and her fight for education, describing her as the "global symbol" of every girl's right to education in his video message. Ban Ki-moon's Special Envoy for Global Education, former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown arrived in Islamabad on Friday on a three-day visit to participate in functions to

mark "Global Day of Action for Malala Yousafzai".

Yousafzai was attacked in Swat valley for her quest to promote girls' education and is now under treatment in a hospital in Britain.

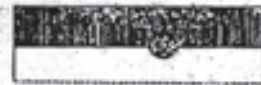
Gordon Brown spoke at a function along with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, who launched an initiative whereby over 3 million children of the poor families of the country would be provided financial assistance



Malala Yousafzai

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for enrolling them in primary schools in next four years. The former British Prime Minister also presented to President Asif Ali Zardari a petition carrying 1 million signatures of the people across the world to show solidarity with Malala Yousafzai, presidential spokesman said.

ENTERTAINMENT

Swift, Bieber win three apiece at MTV Europe awards



FRANKFURT, 12 Nov —Taylor Swift and Justin Bieber shared the spoils in Frankfurt on Sunday at the MTV Europe Music Awards, each scooping three prizes at one of the biggest nights in the pop calendar outside the United States. American country singer Swift, who left the Country Music Association awards empty-handed less than two weeks earlier, picked up honours for Best Female, Best Live and Best Look.

“Drei? Drei? I can’t believe you gave me three awards,” Swift, who was

nominated in five categories, told the boisterous crowd of 7,000, trying out her best German. One of the night’s most popular performers was dance sensation Psy with his record-breaking hit “Gangnam Style”, which won Best Video. Skipping through the venue and on to the main stage in a sparkly blue jacket with his horse riding-inspired dance, he became the first South Korean artist to perform at the annual awards. “This is beautiful. This is my very first time to participate, perform, be nominated, as an Asian art-

ist, as a Korean artist, so I don’t know what to say,” he told journalists backstage. He added that his next album would have more English songs on it. Gangnam Style has been viewed more than 670 million times on YouTube and received a record-breaking 4.9 million “likes” on Facebook since being released in July. Host Heidi Klum, who this year filed for divorce from singer husband Seal, also teamed up with Psy for a tongue-in-cheek performance of the dance. “It was pretty,” Psy said of the duet.—Reuters

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Sushmita Sen, tantrum queen or just plain careful?



As the clause of wearing the watch was not included in her contract, she preferred not to flaunt the time piece.

PTI

MUMBAI, 12 Nov —Sushmita Sen may not have any films on hand but she continues being the diva. The actress was the showstopper at Rohhit Verma’s recent fashion show in Mumbai.

At the event, all those who walked the ramp including Sunny Leone and Sonu Sood wore watches designed by Shilpa Mari-gold. But Sushmita Sen refused to wear the time piece as she was not paid for doing so.

A source said, “Rohhit requested her to wear the watch as all the models as well as the celebrity models wore it. But Sushmita remained adamant and went ahead without it on the ramp.”

Buzz is that Sushmita Sen was paid nearly Rs 11 lakh to be the showstopper.

As the clause of wearing the watch was not included in her contract, she preferred not to flaunt the time piece.

Rohhit however said, “Sushmita was ready to wear the watch but it was not fitting her well. Initially she decided to hold it in her hand and walk the ramp.

But after she realised

that the watch was worth a crore, she chose to be cautious as she did not want to drop it on the catwalk. Finally she handed it over to a crew member in the green room.”

However, even without the watch Sushmita’s sense of timing was perfect and acted like a diva. —PTI

Robbie Williams takes UK pop charts’ crown

LONDON, 12 Nov —Robbie Williams was the king of the British pop charts on Sunday after he secured both the UK single and album number ones, the Official Charts Company said.

Williams’s album “Take The Crown” beat a swathe of other new releases for the top spot, giving him his 10th number one album in 15 years as a solo artist. Violinist Andre Rieu debuted in second place with “Magic Of The Movies”, with boy band JLS



another new entry in third with “Evolution”.

Last week’s chart-topper, “18 Months” by Scottish producer and singer

Calvin Harris dropped to fourth, with Military Wives, a choir made up of the partners of British military personnel, new in fifth

British singer Robbie Williams arrives on the red carpet for the German premiere of “Cars 2” in Munich on 28 July, 2011.

REUTERS

with “Stronger Together”.

In the singles chart, Williams enjoyed his second week at the top with “Candy”, written with Take That band mate Gary Barlow. Labrinth and Emeli Sande stayed second with “Beneath Your Beautiful”, with boy band The Wanted new in third with “I Found You”.—Reuters

Demi Moore celebrates low key 50th birthday

LOS ANGELES, 12 Nov —Actress Demi Moore has reportedly flown to

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The actress, who split from 34-year-old Two And A Half Men star Ashton Kutcher last November after six years of marriage, is not distressed about the milestone but wants the occasion today to be a private affair, reported People magazine.

“She’s not unhappy about turning 50. She looks beautiful and is feeling good after a really, really tough year,” a source said.

The mother-of-three jetted to the United Arab Emirates from India after celebrating the 50th birthday of Naomi Campbell’s billionaire boyfriend Vladimir Doronin at a lav-

ish party at the Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Moore was photographed at the extravagant bash wearing a traditional ghagra choli by Indian designer Manish Malhotra. Sources close to Moore, who was hospitalised amid fears for her health earlier this year, say the actress has finally comes to terms with the end of her third marriage.

“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,” the source added.—PTI

Ranbir Kapoor clears the air about Karan Johar film

MUMBAI, 12 Nov—Actor Ranbir Kapoor says he has no problems playing second or even third fiddle

to anyone as long as a film’s script is good.

He has responded to recent reports which claimed that Ranbir is in two minds about sharing screen space with Shah Rukh Khan in Karan Johar’s next film, a period love story. Even while Johar has denied having locked any such script, Ranbir cleared the air from his side too.

“There is nothing that has been offered to me. I don’t believe in first lead, second lead, third lead. I had myself done a film called Raajneeti, where there was nothing like I am

the first lead or somebody else was second lead. It was a good script and if it’s a character that individually excites me first as an actor, of course I do it. But there is no film as such that has been offered to me,” said Ranbir.

The actor was present at the DVD launch of Barfi! and was also accompanied by director Anurag Basu and actress Ileana D’Cruz. On the film front, Ranbir is busy shooting for Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani. Besides that, he will also be seen in Besharam and Bombay Velvet.—PTI



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Asha Bhosle to record Guru Nanak’s verses

MUMBAI, 12 Nov —Veteran singer Asha Bhosle, who has left for Dubai for a holiday, says she will record Sikh saint Guru Nanak’s verses once she returns home.

“Short break with fam-

ily in Dubai before getting back to work in BOM (Mumbai). Shall begin with recording Guru Nanak’s verses,” she tweeted.

The singer’s daughter Varsha committed suicide in October. —PTI

## Ronaldo urges Neymar to ignore expectations



RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Nov — Brazilian football legend Ronaldo has urged Neymar to ignore growing expectations on the starlet in the lead up to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

Himself the victim of a panic attack the night before Brazil's 1998 World Cup final loss to France, Ronaldo warned of the danger of allowing outside pressure to affect his performance on the pitch.

"If I could give him one piece of advice it would be to not pay too much attention to what people are saying regarding the World Cup," Ronaldo told Brazilian television network Globo on Sunday night.

"He should concentrate on training hard and enjoying his football. That will go a long way to helping Brazil win the tournament," he added.— *Xinhua*

*Brazilian football legend Ronaldo*

## Kings centre Cousins suspended for two games

LOS ANGELES, 12 Nov — Sacramento Kings centre DeMarcus Cousins has been suspended for two games by the National Basketball Association for confronting an announcer in a hostile manner, the league said on

*Sacramento Kings forward DeMarcus Cousins (15) holds his groin after getting hit by a ball during the second half of their NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz in Salt Lake City, Utah, on 15 March, 2011. — REUTERS*

Sunday.

The incident between Cousins and Spurs announcer Sean Elliot took place after San Antonio's 97-86 win over Sacramento on Friday.

Cousins, a first-round pick in the 2010 draft, will miss Sunday's game at the Los Angeles Lakers and Tuesday's home contest with the Portland Trail Blazers.— *Reuters*



## Golf

## Beljan wins in Florida two days after hospital stay

LOS ANGELES, 12 Nov — PGA Tour rookie Charlie Beljan claimed the Children's Miracle Network Classic in impressive fashion on Sunday, winning by two strokes in Florida to secure

Garrigus (68) and Matt Every (68) who tied for second at 14-under while Brian Gay (70) was a shot further back in fourth.

Suffering heart palpitations and shortness



*PGA Tour rookie Charlie Beljan*

a PGA Tour card for the next two years just two days after a hospital stay. Beljan fired a three-under-par 69 to finish at 16-under-par for the season-ending tournament, besting fellow Americans Robert

of breath during the second round, the 28-year-old spent Friday night in hospital but still managed to enter the final round with a two-stroke lead. "This is the greatest feeling ever. I'm speechless.

It's wonderful," Beljan told reporters after his first PGA Tour win. "My family flew in last night and I have everybody back home rooting for me.

I didn't even think I was going to get to finish my round on Friday. "Yesterday I showed up just trying to be able to finish 18 holes and now here I am the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic champion... what a joy." Starting the week at 139th on the money list and facing the prospect of losing his tour card for 2013, Beljan traded two bogeys with two birdies over the first five holes, leading many to believe his symptoms would eventually get the better of him. But in a stunning turn of events he rammed home

five birdies in a six-hole run between the seventh and 12th holes to put a gap on the field and lead by as many as five.

"I did not feel well this morning," Beljan revealed. "Not the same symptoms but my stomach was hurting, my head was pounding and I thought 'Here we go again.' "But you know what, it may have taken a lot of the other nerves off that I may have felt if I was thinking about the golf." A nervous double bogey after tree and sand trouble on the 13th was just a temporary stumble as another birdie on the 14th allowed Beljan to regain control of his round and although he bogeyed the final hole he still did more than enough to claim the win.

*Reuters*

## Houston take big step towards MLS final

WASHINGTON, 12 Nov — The Houston Dynamo took a big step towards the MLS Cup final with a 3-1 win in the home leg of their Eastern Conference championship against DC United on Sunday. Dynamo came back from a goal down for a victory which

opens up the possibility of a repeat of last season's final when Houston lost to the LA Galaxy.

The Galaxy hosted their first leg of the Western Conference final later on Sunday against the Seattle Sounders. Rookie Nick DeLeon, whose goal against

the New York Red Bulls on Thursday earned DC their place in the conference final, struck again with a 27th minute opener. DeLeon fed Lionard Pajoy down the left who cut inside and hit the right post but DeLeon responded quickly and slotted in the rebound.

Two-times MLS champions Houston went close to an equaliser eight minutes before the break when Macoumba Kandji's diagonal shot from the left was pushed wide by Joe Willis. That was a sign of things to come in the second half.—*Reuters*

## Soccer

## Chelsea makes no comments on reports about Lampard's move to China



*Frank Lampard*

LONDON, 12 Nov — Chelsea manager Roberto Di Matteo said on Sunday night that he knew nothing about the latest reports that the Blues' midfielder Frank Lampard will be transferred to Chinese Super League during the winter.

"Not so far as I concerned," said the Italian in the Press conference after Chelsea's 1-1 draw with Liverpool in the league clash. According to some latest reports, the 34-year-old Lampard has been linked with CSL side Guizhou Renhe.

"We never make comments on transfer rumours, speculations," said Chelsea media official Steve. If the reports become true, Lampard will become

the first current England international player to play for a Chinese club.

Lampard, along with fullback Ashley Cole, whose current contracts expire in the next summer, have recently been linked with

the reported move to French and American clubs. Former Chelsea strikers Nicolas Anelka and Didier Drogba were both transferred to China's Shanghai Shenhua club in a row during the past 12 months.— *Xinhua*

## Vintage Federer sets up showdown with Djokovic

LONDON, 12 Nov — Roger Federer provided an emphatic reminder that he will be chasing more major titles next year with a vintage display to outclass Britain's Andy Murray on Sunday and set up a season-ending blockbuster with Novak Djokovic.

The Swiss 17-times

grand slam champion, who will turn 32 next year, continued his dominance of the ATP World Tour Finals with a 7-6, 6-2 victory over the man who deprived him of Olympic singles gold at Wimbledon. In his eighth final in 11 years at the ATP's blue-riband tournament, Federer will face world number one Djokovic after the Serb's granite-like defences helped repel the brute force of Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Neither semi-final lived up to their pre-match billing although Federer's majestic form after a slow start against Murray had a sell-out crowd at the O2 Arena in raptures even if he was playing a home favourite.

Murray, who bounced back to win Olympic gold

and then the US Open after the heartache of losing to Federer in this year's Wimbledon final, made a lightning start, breaking in the opening game, but ultimately played second fiddle to the master.

Federer edged an hour-long first set after an exemplary tiebreak and then turned on the style in the second to move one victory away from winning a hat-trick of titles at the Thames-side arena that has been hosting the championships since 2009.

"I love playing Novak," Federer said, looking ahead to Monday's final. "I think for both of us, it's pretty straightforward. I think we've got to press out the last juice that's left in our body and make it a successful year end."— *Reuters*



*Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates winning his men's singles semi-final tennis match against Britain's Andy Murray at the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London on 11 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS*

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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(13-11-12 09:30 am ~ 14-11-12 09:30 am) MST

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- \* Marketable Goods (Straw Painting)
- \* News
- \* Buddhist Religious Relevant Myanmar-Japan Goodwill Photographic Exhibition
- \* News
- \* Annual Amazing Festival in Pinyinana

- \* Brand Ambassador
- \* News
- \* "Topic on Journal" The Consequences of Climate Change
- \* Press Conference for First of Biggest Fashion Event in Myanmar
- \* News
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(13-11-2012, Tuesday)

- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am 4. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:05 am 5. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:15 am 6. Song Of National Races
- 4:05 pm 7. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm 8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Business Management)
- 4:45 pm 9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm 10. Sweet Melody
- 5:00 pm 11. Documentary
- 6:20 pm 12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:40 pm 13. Sing A Song
- 7:40 pm 14. Centenary of Alinga Kyawzwar Myoma Nyein (Composer)
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Bakery World
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. India Drama Series

General knowledge at book corners



NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Information and Public Relations Department of Ministry of Information launches its planto keep book corners as public service media at Yangon Railway Station on 1 November and domestic departure lounge (2) of Yangon International Airport on 3 November.

Yangon International Airport.

A student of 14-15 years old who was waiting for train at Yangon Railway Station said, "If we borrow a copy of journal, we must pay K 100 for it. The opportunity of reading free of charge can save money and push us to read more."

Moreover, two book corners worth K 100,000 each donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation will be laid at Yangon Railway Station and domestic departure lounge (3) of

Book corners are kept open from 7 am to 5 pm daily without holiday, according to an official of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department.

Myanma Alin

Obama hails veterans, pledges continued support

WASHINGTON, 12 Nov—President Barack Obama laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to mark the Veterans Day holiday on Sunday, declaring that soldiers' needs would be met even as the country winds down wars in the Middle East and Asia. In the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Obama pledged continuing support for veterans as they make the transition to civilian life.

"This is the first Veterans Day in a decade in which there are no American troops fighting and dying in Iraq," the president said at the cemetery across the Potomac River from Washington, where soldiers' graves are marked with row upon row of simple white stones.

"After a decade of war, our heroes are coming home," he said. "Over the next few years more than a million service members will transition back to civilian life." The president touted the work of first lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden, wife of Vice President

Joe Biden, for their work in the Joining Forces campaign, which urges businesses to hire veterans. He also reaffirmed his commitment to continuing the post-9/11 GI Bill programme, which provides college education funding for those who have served, and said soldiers suffering war-related health problems will get the care they need.

"No one who fights for this country overseas should ever have to fight for a job, or a roof over their head, or the care that they have earned when they come home," he said. After the ceremony, Obama visited with people in an area of the cemetery known as Section 60, where many of the soldiers who died in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are buried. The Democratic president won re-election to a second four-year term on Tuesday and now faces tough negotiations with Republican congressional leaders to avoid sharp spending cuts that loom at the end of the year. A big chunk of those reductions would

come through a decline in defence spending.

During the campaign, Obama and Biden regularly pledged their commitment to bringing troops home from Afghanistan and taking care

of American veterans. Obama criticized his opponent, Republican Mitt Romney, for failing to mention the war in Afghanistan during his speech to the Republican National Convention.—Reuters



US President Barack Obama applauds for military veterans during a Veterans Day observance at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, on 11 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Al-Qaeda linked tribal leader under house arrest in Yemen's Aden

ADEN, 12 Nov—A prominent tribal leader with alleged links to the Yemen-based al-Qaeda offshoot was put under house arrest in the southern city of Aden, a Yemeni government official told Xinhua on Sunday.

Tariq al-Fadli, a tribal leader suspected of having links to the al-Qaeda, was moved out of his besieged residential compound in neighbouring Abyan Province to the port city of Aden, where he will live under house arrest, the local government official said on condition of anonymity.

"Al-Fadli along with his family are now under

house arrest in Aden. He left his residential compound late on Saturday night after deadly armed clashes with pro-government militiamen," he said.

On Saturday, armed clashes erupted between pro-government militiamen and supporters of Al-Fadli in Abyan, leaving at least two people killed and three others injured, a security official said. Two bodyguards of al-Fadli were among those injured, according to the official.

Tariq al-Fadli, who was raised in Saudi Arabia and fought in Afghanistan, heads a prominent tribe in Abyan.—Xinhua

Nailatikau reappointed as Fijian president for another three years

SUVA, 12 Nov—Fijian President Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, who was first sworn in as president in November 2009, was formally sworn in for another term of three years in office at the Government House in Suva on Monday. The re-appointment process was carried out under the Executive Authority Decree after the Great Council of Chiefs — the body that used to appoint the president — was suspended in the 2006 coup and formally disestablished by decree

earlier this year.

Nailatikau had a long career in the military, diplomatic service, and the Fijian government. From 2001 to 2006, he served as Speaker of the House of Representatives, which is the lower and more powerful chamber of the Fijian Parliament. On 17 April, 2009, Nailatikau was appointed vice-president by the military government. On 30 July, 2009, he became acting president after the retirement the 88-year-old Ratu Josefa Iloilo and was sworn in as president on 5 November, 2009.—Xinhua



Libyan Chief of Staff of the Air Defence Forces, Brigadier Jomaa al-Abani delivers a speech during the dismantling of war remnants, in Tripoli, on 11 Nov, 2012. Experts were assigned to dump the toxic chemicals found in the air defence missiles and ammunition left over from the former Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi's regime, under the supervision of the United Nations.—XINHUA



Canadian Governor General David Johnston (3rd R) and his wife Sharon (4th R) arrive at the National War Memorial to attend Canada's observance of Remembrance Day in Ottawa, capital of Canada, on 11 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

# Union government plans relief and rehabilitation of quake victims



**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views damages of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theingha).—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint, Deputy Ministers Dr Maung Maung Htay, U Phone Swe, Dr Win Myint, U Aye Kyu, U Aung Than Oo and U Han Sein, left Mandalay by helicopter

this morning and arrived at Kyaukmyaung of Sagaing Region at 8.45 am.

They were welcomed by Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and officials.

After viewing the damaged Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theingha) hit by earthquake, the Vice-President heard reports on brief history of the bridge,

progress of construction tasks, damages of the bridge in 6.8 Richter Scale earthquake on 11-11-2012 morning by Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin and Managing Director U Kyaw Lin. They reported that the 208 meters long frame of the bridge between pier RP 1 and PR 3 fell into the pier RP 3 on Singu side. Due to falling of erection tower and erection crane on the frame, one barge and one Z-craft

were sunk into Ayeyawady River. One personnel was dead and five missing in the incident. Eighteen wounded workers are receiving medical treatment at the hospital.

Arrangements are being made to take off the parts of the damaged bridge frame, choose the parts of the frame

that cannot be repaired and substitute more iron frames in the place of damaged parts in cooperation with the outside experts.

The Chief Minister of the region submitted reports on damages and losses of religious edifices and departmental buildings, and casualties and the number of

missing people.

After giving necessary instructions, the Vice-President cordially greeted the local quake victims at the briefing hall and gave words of encouragement that the Union government is making arrangements for relief and rehabilitation of the victims.

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**Photo shows damaged frame of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theingha) in recent earthquake.—MNA**

## Vice-President visits Kanbalu hospital, comforts train blast victims



**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comforts patients injured in train blast at Kanbalu Hospital.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and party, visited 100-bedded

Kanbalu Hospital this morning.

The Vice-President comforted 86 patients from Chetgyi Village of Kanbalu Township who were injured in the train blast and donated cash to them and the hospital.

A total of 90 out of 98 villagers who were injured

in the blast of the train derailment near Chetgyi railway station on 9 November received medical treatment at the hospital. Four among them were dead. Remaining eight patients are receiving treatment in Kyunhla hospital.

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## A glance on investments from Sweden in Myanmar

**By Soe Soe Naing**

Entrepreneurs from Sweden are visiting Myanmar along with the Prime Minister of Sweden recently to explore opportunities for trading and investment in Myanmar. In the wake of confirmed interest of Swedish investors, I interviewed Daw Marlar Win, Managing Director of the UMG (Myanmar) Company, the sole distributor of the Volvo which has already made investment in Myanmar.

Q: Let me know the name of your company which is currently standing as the sole distributor

of Volvo and when you established the company?

A: The United Mercury Group (Myanmar) was established in 2003 and the reason why we used Myanmar is there are also branches of UMG in other countries.

Q: Are there any branches of UMG (Myanmar) in other towns, apart from the Headquarters in Yangon?

A: Yes. We have opened our branch offices in 25 towns to directly reach out to our customers and to provide best and quick services to our customers.

Q: As the sole distributor of the Volvo, how many employees are there in your company?

A: There are over 1300 employees to provide services to our customers throughout the country and more than half of our employees are engineers. Both experienced and new engineers of our company have received practical training at

home and abroad before they are assigned to their jobs.

Q: Which products from the Volvo are put on sale in Myanmar and let me know your achievement after a decade of investment in Myanmar?

A: We have distributed Volvo brand heavy machinery and provided spare parts and services to our customers. After a decade, we have won about 45% of the market share. The key to our success is our best and quick services to our customers.

Q: As the last question, which advice do you want to give to Swedish businesses which are going to enter Myanmar?

A: We can give a helping hand to other businesses so that they can make investment in Myanmar which is on the track of rapid development.

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(Translation: AMS)



**Daw Marlar Win**