

## President U Thein Sein attends Plenary and Retreat Sessions of 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit



**President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attends Plenary and Retreat Sessions of 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—President U Thein Sein attended the Plenary and Retreat Sessions of 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit at CM Meeting Room on the first floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

at 1.40 pm Local Time yesterday.

President U Thein Sein also attended East Asia Summit together with leaders of ASEAN nations, heads of state/government of China, the Republic of

Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and India, the Foreign Minister of Russian Federation and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

At the meeting, the Chairman of Asia Development Bank and the Deputy Managing Director of International Monetary Fund who were the special guests, explained the regional monetary matters and monetary integration.

Six priority areas for cooperation—energy, environment, education, disaster risk management and ASEAN connectivity—were discussed at the summit. The summit approved The Phnom Penh Declaration on East Asia Summit (EAS) Development Initiative and the Declaration of 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit on Regional Response to Malaria Control and addressing Resistance to Medicines.

After that, Retreat

Sessions of the 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit followed. At the session, President U Thein Sein discussed that Myanmar would make cooperation with member countries in priority areas of East Asia Summit, especially education, energy and disaster risk management.

The leaders exchanged views on regional and international issues. In the evening, President U Thein Sein together with leaders from ASEAN countries, attended the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Negotiation (RCEP) at Nuon Srey Hall of Peace Palace. ASEAN Alternative Chairman Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen delivered an address. Afterwards, President U Thein Sein and leaders from ASEAN countries posed for documentary photos.

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### Regional development tasks inspected in Bhamo

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Sai paid homage to Theindawgyi Buddha Image in Theindawgyi Monastery in Thasi Ward, Bhamo on 16 November morning.

There, he inspected fitness of Zeya Mingala Sasana Beikman.

The chief minister was present at the meeting held at the city hall, and presented assistances worth over K 32.2 million to the persons who were removed due to security reason of the state government, and 100 blankets, 100 umbrellas, K 9.2 million for a medical fund of the hospital, publications to the libraries of Bhamo District, six packages of medicines worth K 1.5 million, 50 exercise books and 600 stationeries to Ayethaya Monastery in Mansi Township and Aung Mingala Myo U Monastery in Dawphoneyan Subtownship each, 56 desks contributed

by Thein Than Htay Co for Minetha Basic Education Primary School, 15 desks for Helon BEPS and Lesu Church each, 50 desks donated by U Zin Yaw, and K 1.5 million donated by Mitzutha Co for the operation theatre of the People's Hospital.

On 17 November, the chief minister looked into progress of construction of Siin Gate (5 Mile) at the entrance to Bhamo and Nantphanka Gate including construction of the two-storey building of Bhamo University and staff quarters.

On 19 November, he inspected progress of paving Yatapu tar road in Injandon Ward in Myintkyina, being carried out by the Public Service, progress of Chibwenga hydro power substation No. (1) under construction by Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and expansion of Sitapu ring road in Sitapu Ward.

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### President U Thein Sein meets Myanmar embassy staff and families

**President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein greets Myanmar embassy staff and families.**

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung and wife, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Ye Naing Myo and wife, staff and their families

from the Embassy and Military Attaches' Office and Myanmar trainees, at Hotel Cambodiana in Phnom Penh of Cambodia this morning.

At the ceremony, those present paid respects to the President. And the President gave instruction on ensuring

mutual friendship between the two countries. He said that both Myanmar and Cambodia have close culture relations and are mutually-respected partner countries.

So, it is required to further strengthen the existing amity between

the two countries. He urged embassy staff to put more emphasis on smoother relations between the two countries.

He also explained the progress in Myanmar. After that, the President presented cash assistance and gifts to them.—MNA



## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw holds eighth day session



Representatives arrive at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — The eighth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin

Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 585 representatives. A total of 22 teachers and 132 students from ILBC (Yangon) observed the Hluttaw session.

Union Minister for

Finance and Revenue U Win Shein made clarifications on income and expenditure stated in the supplementary budget bill of the Union for 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Next, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-

Gen Zaw Win explained budgetary matters and supplementary budget of the ministry for 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Regarding the questions raised by U Mann Kan Nyunt of Kayin State

Constituency No (2) and U Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No (7), the deputy minister made clarifications on budget allocations for rural region development tasks.

The Speaker said that the supplementary budget bill was submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 1 November 2012 by the Union Government. In accord with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bylaw-88, the report on findings and comments of the Joint Bill Committee was submitted, the bill was under discussions and clarifications were made.

Members of Union level agencies concerned discussed budgetary matters described in supplementary budget bill of the Union for 2012-2013 fiscal year and approval was sought from the

Hluttaw for the comments of the Joint Bill Committee on the bill.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein proposed to approve the entire bill as amended by the Hluttaw. U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (6) seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw approved the entire supplementary budget bill of the Union for 2012-2013 fiscal year. Next, Chairperson of Hluttaw Administrative Committee Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein clarified Hluttaw Office's expenditure.

The Hluttaw Speaker called on MPs to register if they were to discuss the presented cases and the session came to an end in the evening.—MNA

## Proposal to take punitive action against illegal trade

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — The 14<sup>th</sup> day session of Pyithu Hluttaw took place at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 389 representatives.

Secretary of Hluttaw Rights Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw Dr Soe Yin replied the question on arrangements to be made by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for further strengthening of cooperation between Union level Hluttaws and Region/ State Hluttaws raised by Daw Nann Wah Nu of Kunhing Constituency that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw would assist Hluttaw matters to be effective and efficient and capacity building of Hluttaw representatives

through Hluttaw Affairs Committee.

Deputy Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye responded to the question of U Maung Hla of Palaw Constituency that management of Myanmar fisheries was being carried out in accord with Fisheries Law for local trawlers enacted on 25 April 1990 and Fisheries Law for foreign trawlers on 2 April 1998.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint answered the questions on economic matters raised by U Than Oo of Myawady Constituency and U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency that edible palm oil imports was being allowed for all companies and entrepreneurs without

any recommendation, except FDA recommendation for health issue, in accord with the import/export rules and regulations, and the government would buy 20000 tons of rice through tender in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions as the first phase under rice reserve purchase programme and more purchase would be carried out in necessary places.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein replied the questions on financial matters raised by U Maung Maung Soe of Thakayta Constituency and U Than Myint of Wundwin Constituency that there was no plan to open Myanmar Economic Bank (Branch) at Dawbon and Thakayta



14<sup>th</sup> day session of Pyithu Hluttaw in progress at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall.—MNA

at present time, and that banking services is being carried out through fax and online and services would be given like private banks in future.

Dr Win Myint of Mahlaing Constituency submitted a proposal urging to take punitive action against illegal inflow of goods through the formation of a Union level committee, and Union Minister U Win

Myint, Deputy Minister for Energy U Htin Aung, Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Thein, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo of Attorney-General Office of the Union and Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun made clarifications on the

proposal.

Next, Hluttaw amended the proposal to include illegal outflow of goods and approved the proposal to take punitive action against illegal inflow and outflow of goods and through the formation of a Union level committee.

Today's session ended at 3.45 pm and the 15<sup>th</sup> day session will continue tomorrow.

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## Small-scale hydropower projects would be implemented for swift development of electric power sector



Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye of Kayin State Constituency participates in discussion.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — Amyotha Hluttaw Session continued for 14<sup>th</sup> day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 200 MPs.

At today's session, Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee Secretary U Khin Maung Htay submitted the reports on questions and proposals at fourth regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.

After that, Chairman

of Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Aung Tun submitted the reports on the remaining questions and proposal of the respective ministries at first, second and third sessions.

Then, member of Amyotha National Planning Committee U Maung Maung Aye submitted proposal on committee's undertakings from January to October this year. Hluttaw approved it. After that, three representatives discussed the proposal on urging the Union

Government to review the implementation of electric power projects by ways of State's investment, BOT and JV/BOT submitted by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No.6.

With regard to the proposal, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe said that the ministry has signed the contracts with three of six electric power projects with BOT system. MoU has been signed for the remaining three projects. There are 46 projects with JV/B.O.T system, three of which are JV, 22 MoA and 20, MoU. The remaining one



Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe taking part in discussion.—MNA

is Chiephwenge project and has been completed by 98.59 percent. Hluttaw approved it.

Eight representatives discussed the proposal

on urging the Union Government to implement Small-Scale Hydropower Development Scenario for swift development of Myanmar electric power sectors submitted by Mandalay Region Constituency No.6.

With regard to the proposal, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe said that according to the State Constitution, the Union Government did not manage medium and small hydro power supply directly. Plans are under way to implement small-scale hydro power projects for swift development of State's electric power sector. Hluttaw approved it. The meeting came to an end in the evening.—MNA



WORLD



Luxembourg's Prime Minister and Eurogroup chairman Jean-Claude Juncker (R) talks with Spain's Economy Minister Luis de Guindos (L) at a Eurogroup meeting in Brussels on 20 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 21 Nov—Greece's international lenders failed for the second week running to agree how to get the country's debt down to a sustainable level and will have a third go at resolving their most intractable problem in six days' time.

After nearly 12 hours of talks through the night during which myriad options were discussed, euro zone finance ministers, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank failed

to reach a consensus, without which emergency aid cannot be disbursed to Athens. "We are close to an agreement but technical verifications have to be undertaken, financial calculations have to be made and it's really for technical reasons that at this hour of the day it was not possible to do it in a proper way and so we are interrupting the meeting and reconvening next Monday," Eurogroup chairman Jean-Claude Juncker told reporters.

### Euro zone, IMF fail to strike Greek debt deal

"There are no major political disagreements," he said. Nonetheless, the euro extended its fall against the dollar in response.

A document prepared for the meeting and seen by Reuters declared that Greece's debt cannot be cut to 120 percent of GDP by 2020, the level deemed sustainable by the IMF, unless euro zone member states write off a portion of their loans to Greece.

The 15-page document, circulated among ministers, set out in black-and-white how far off-track Greece is in reducing its debt to the IMF-imposed target, from a level of around 170 percent of GDP now.

The document set out various ways Greece's debt could be reduced between now and 2020, but concluded they would not be enough without euro zone creditors taking a hit on their own holdings — something

Germany and others have said would be illegal.

The document did say Greek debt could fall to 120 percent of GDP two years later — in 2022 — without having to impose any losses on euro zone member states or forcing through a buy-back of Greek debt from private-sector bondholders.

But International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde rejected such an extension at similar talks last week.

Without any corrective measures the document said Greek debt would be 144 percent in 2020 and 133 percent in 2022, figures first reported exclusively by Reuters last week.

"To bring the debt ratio down further, one needs to take recourse to measures that would entail capital losses or budgetary implications for euro area member states," the document says.

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Visiting US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (L) attends a joint Press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, on 20 Nov, 2012. —XINHUA

### Clinton says US to help find sustainable solution to Israeli-Palestinian conflict

JERUSALEM, 21 Nov—US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu here on Tuesday evening that Washington will make great efforts to help Israel and the Palestinians find a sustainable solution to their long-running conflict.

"The United States will work with our partners in Israel and across the region ... for an outcome which bolsters security in the region and will be sustainable," said Clinton in a statement issued before she and Netanyahu started a late-night meeting to discuss the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestinian militant groups in Gaza.

Clinton reiterated the United States' commitment to the security of Israel and its citizens, and condemned the rocket attacks launched from the Gaza Strip against Israeli citizens and towns, stressing that such attacks "must come to an end." The top US diplomat offered her condolences to the families of those killed in the recent fighting, and expressed Washington's concern over the loss of

lives on both sides. She also praised Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi for his efforts in the peace negotiations.

Clinton is scheduled to visit Ramallah on Wednesday morning and meet with President of the Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas. The two will discuss the current conflict and the ceasefire arrangements, as well as the Palestinian bid to be accepted as an observing member of the United Nations General Assembly.

The current Gaza conflict, which broke out last Wednesday, has so far claimed over 130 lives on both sides.

The international community is making every effort to push for an immediate ceasefire.

Earlier on Tuesday, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged Israel to act "with restraint" and not to invade the Gaza Strip.

The UN chief also condemned the rocket attacks launched from Gaza against Israeli communities. "The loss of civilians on both sides is unacceptable," he stressed.

Xinhua

### UN Security Council condemns Congo rebels for seizure of Goma

GOMA, 21 Nov—The UN Security Council strongly condemned M23 rebels in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday for seizing a provincial capital, as the United Nations defended its peacekeepers who gave up the battle for the City of Goma.

The 15-member council unanimously adopted a resolution that also requested that UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon "report in the coming days" on allegations of external support for M23, upon which it would be ready to take further measures.

M23 fighters, who UN experts say are backed by neighbouring Rwanda and aided by Uganda, entered Goma on Tuesday following days of clashes with UN-



Congolese Revolution Army (CRA) rebels walk past a United Nations (UN) patrol truck parked along a street in Goma in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), on 20 Nov, 2012, soon after capturing the city from the government army.—REUTERS

backed Congolese soldiers that forced tens of thousands of residents to flee.

Rwanda and Uganda have repeatedly denied the allegations made by the Security Council's Group

of Experts in a confidential report, which was seen by Reuters last month.

The council expressed "deep concern at reports indicating that external support continues to be provided to the

M23, including through troop reinforcement, tactical advice and the supply of equipment, causing a significant increase of the military abilities of the M23, and demands that any and all outside support to the M23 cease immediately."

It demanded "the immediate withdrawal of the M23 from Goma, the cessation of any further advances by the M23 and that its members immediately and permanently disband and lay down arms."

The Security Council also said it was ready to consider additional targeted sanctions against the leadership of M23 and also those providing external support for M23 and violating an arms embargo on the Democratic Republic of Congo.—Reuters

### World powers to meet in Brussels to map out Iran plans

BRUSSELS, 21 Nov—Officials from six world powers meet in Brussels on Wednesday to plan for a possible new round of talks with Iran, the latest effort to resolve a decade-long stand-off over its nuclear programme and avert the threat of a military conflict.

The re-election of US President Barack Obama this month has cleared the way for new talks and Western diplomats are eager to start soon as signs grow that Iran is still building up its nuclear

capacity.

But the window of opportunity for a negotiated solution is narrowing because of growing alarm over Teheran's nuclear course in Israel, which has threatened to bomb Iranian installations.

Any Israeli strike, which would spark more fighting in the Middle East, is unlikely before the country's 22 January election, experts say, giving the six powers some room for maneuver.

"There certainly is a



A security official stands in front of the Bushehr nuclear reactor, 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran, on 21 Aug, 2010.—REUTERS

window to do a deal, but that window is closing, and closing fast. Ultimately it depends on the Iranians meeting their international obligations,"

said Ariel Ratner, former Obama administration political appointee on Middle East issues at the State Department.—Reuters

### Large blast hits diplomatic area of Afghan capital

KABUL, 21 Nov—A large blast that was most likely a suicide bomb attack ripped through the heavily barricaded diplomatic area of the Afghan capital Kabul on Wednesday, a police official said, and there were an unknown number of casualties.

"Around 8 o'clock today there appeared to be a suicide bomb attack ... We cannot say what the target was at this point in time," said Hashmatullah Stanikzai, a spokesman for Kabul Police.

Stanikzai said it was not immediately clear how many people had been killed or wounded, but there were casualties.

Embassy sirens sounded and ambulances could be heard after the blast, which happened in the area where the US and British embassies and the headquarters of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) are located.

A spokesman for ISAF said the coalition was aware of an explosion.—Reuters





Rescuers tag an oriental white stork in Tianjin, north China, on 20 Nov, 2012. A total of 13 oriental white storks which were saved by a wild animal rescue and breeding agency in Tianjin were tagged for being traced.—XINHUA

## Russia launches satellite into space

MOSCOW, 21 Nov — Russia launched a communications satellite on a *proton-M* rocket late Tuesday, the federal space agency Roscosmos said.

Live webcast showed that the carrier rocket, with an EchoStar-16 direct broadcast satellite onboard, was blasted off from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan at 22:31 Moscow Time (1831 GMT).

The satellite was separated from the carrier rocket some 10 minutes

after the takeoff. The booster would deliver the satellite into its target orbit at 7:43 am Moscow Time on Wednesday (0443 GMT), according to the space agency.

The direct broadcast service satellite, with a life span of 15 years, was designed and built by Space System/Loral company. It was equipped with 32 Ku-Band transponders which could provide coverage of the United States.

MNA/Xinhua

## Unhackable telecom networks come a step closer

LONDON, 21 Nov — Researchers have come up with a way of protecting telecoms networks using quantum cryptography without the need for expensive dedicated optical fiber links.

The technique, developed by Toshiba's European research laboratory in Britain and Cambridge University engineers, is a step towards perfect security for everything from credit card transactions to private health records.

Quantum cryptography relies on the rules of quantum theory to generate uncrackable codes that encrypt data in a way that reveals if it has been eavesdropped or tampered with.

Governments and the military are thought to be using the technology already, based on systems available from firms like ID Quantique in Switzerland and US rival MagiQ.

But until now, the quantum keys to encode and decode the information had to be sent on single photons, or particles of light, across a dedicated optical fiber separate from the line carrying the data itself.

"The requirement of

separate fibers has greatly restricted the applications of quantum cryptography in the past, as unused fibers are not always available for sending the single photons, and even when they are, can be prohibitively expensive," said Andrew Shields from Toshiba Research in Cambridge.

"Now we have shown that the single photon and data signals can be sent using different wavelengths on the same fiber."

The Toshiba system, outlined in research published in the journal *Physical Review X*, still requires an advanced detector that picks up the encryption key in a time window of just 100 millionths of a micro-second, at the expected arrival time of the single photons.

But the detector, which is able to filter out the 'noise' in the fiber caused by the data itself, avoids the cost of laying down dedicated optical fiber links.

Previous work has managed to use quantum cryptography on shared optical fibers but only over very short distances, with low capacity rates, or with data moving only in one direction.

Xinhua

## New body scanner offers virtual tape measure for online shopping

Tech

LONDON, 21 Nov — British researchers have come up with a new body scanning device that gives accurate measurements and could boost online clothes shopping.

Shoppers are still nervous about ordering clothes online because they often do not fit and, some say, there will never be a substitute for trying something on—one reason why the boom in online retail has not had the same impact on clothing as on music, books and electronics retailing.

In the United States, for instance, the consultancy ComScore estimated that only 14 percent of online spending went on clothes and accessories in the year

to June.

The new scanner is being developed by the London College of Fashion, video imaging researchers at the University of Surrey and the company Bodymetrics.

The company already has in-store scanners that use the motion sensors from Microsoft Corp's Kinect gaming device in Bloomingdale's (part of Macy's Inc) in the United States, Selfridges and New Look in Britain, and Karstadt in Germany.

Some firms, including Berlin-based Upcloud, are already offering home scanners that use a webcam, but the British developers say their system is able to measure in unprecedented detail.

Philip Delamore from the London College of Fashion estimates that 30 to 60 percent of clothes bought online are returned.

"It's common for online shoppers to order two or three different sizes of the same item of clothing at the same time as they're unsure which one will fit best," he said.

With the new system, a shopper inputs his or her height as a reference and can then take a single full-length picture with a webcam or smartphone from which all their other measurements are calculated.

It uses the measurements combined with a person's overall proportions to build a 3D image.

Combining this with sizing information from

retailers, the system would also overcome the problem of variable sizing, which can mean a shopper is a "medium" in one store but a "large" in another.

The technology builds on previous work by the University of Surrey that was used to create animated characters in games like the Sims.

Adrian Hilton, who is working on the technology at the University, told *Reuters* that while some shoppers may still enjoy the experience of browsing in stores and trying on clothes, for others an improvement in the reliability of shopping online will be welcome.

"For the male market, I think we're there," he said.

Reuters

## BlackBerry maker wins vote of confidence ahead of BB10



A BlackBerry device is shown in front of products displayed in a glass cabinet at the Research in Motion offices in Waterloo on 14 Nov, 2012. REUTERS

TORONTO, 21 Nov — Research In Motion Ltd, for months enveloped by a wave of negative sentiment, got a boost on Tuesday when one of its most influential critics raised his rating on the stock ahead of the launch of RIM's make-or-break new line of BlackBerry 10 devices.

The upgrade by Jefferies & Co analyst Peter Misek pushed RIM's share price into double digits for the first time in five months, with the stock up more than 3 percent at \$10.04 in early trading on the Nasdaq.

## HTC "happy" with Apple settlement, slams media estimates

TOKYO, 21 Nov — Taipei's HTC Corp is happy with its patent settlement with Apple Inc, but regards media reports on details of the licensing agreement as "outrageous", chief executive Peter Chou told reporters on Tuesday.

HTC and Apple announced a global patent settlement and a 10-year licensing agreement this month after a bruising

Misek based his more optimistic view of the BB10 launch, set for 30 January, on a favorable reaction by telecom carriers to the devices and the new operating system that powers them.

"Preliminary results from our quarterly handset survey indicate developed market carriers have a much more positive view of BB10 than we expected," Misek said in a note to clients.

Shares of Waterloo, Ontario-based RIM, a one-time leader in the smartphone

industry, have plummeted in recent years as its aging line-up of devices lost ground to faster and snazzier devices from rivals. The company has bet its future on the new BB10. RIM hopes BB10 smartphones will help claw back market share it has lost in recent years to Apple Inc's iPhone and devices that run on Google Inc's Android operating system.

Misek, who doubled his price target on shares of RIM to \$10 from \$5, also raised his rating on the stock to "hold" from "underperform".



HTC CEO Peter Chou speaks during the launch event for new Microsoft Windows 8 operating system HTC phones in New York on 19 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

patent war between the two smartphone makers. The companies did not disclose details of the settlement or the licensing agreement, but

HTC said it will not change its fourth-quarter guidance.

Responding to a question about media reports that HTC will pay Apple \$6 to \$8 per

"With greater carrier shelf space and marketing support, we now believe BB10 has a 20 percent to 30 percent probability of success," said Misek, who has long been skeptical of RIM's odds of engineering a turnaround.

Misek cautioned that there is still downside if RIM's gamble on BB10 fails, but he noted that the stock could be worth as much as \$43 within the next 12 months if RIM's bet pays off and its new operating system gets licensed by other handset makers.

RIM says its new devices will be faster and smoother and have a large catalog of applications, which are now critical to the success of any new line of smartphones. While feedback from both developers and carriers on the new devices has been largely upbeat, financial analysts have been much more circumspect about the company's prospects.

Misek's view is not shared by at least one of his counterparts.—Reuters

Android phone as part of the patent settlement, Chou said it was an outrageous estimate.

"I think that these estimates are baseless and very, very wrong. It is a outrageous number, but I'm not going to comment anything on a specific number. I believe we have a very, very happy settlement and a good ending," said Chou at a KDDI Corp product launch in Tokyo. Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Microsoft vs Google trial over patents finishes up

SEATTLE, 21 Nov — A Google expert witness testified on Tuesday that Microsoft will make roughly \$94 billion in revenue through 2017 from its Xbox game console and Surface tablet that use Google's patented wireless technology.

Michael Dansky, an expert for Google's Motorola Mobility unit, testified on the last day of a high stakes trial over patents between Microsoft and Google in Seattle. The \$94 billion figure he cited also includes a wireless adapter that Microsoft no longer sells. It was not clear how far back he was counting past revenues. Microsoft declined

comment on the figure. The week-long trial in a Seattle federal court examined how much of a royalty Microsoft Corp should pay Google Inc for a license to some of Motorola's patents. Google bought Motorola earlier this year for \$12.5 billion, partly for its library of communications patents.

Motorola had sought up to \$4 billion a year for its wireless and video patents, while Microsoft argues its rival deserves just over \$1 million a year.

If US District Judge James Robart decides Google deserves only a small royalty, then its Motorola patents would be a weaker

bargaining chip for Google to negotiate licensing deals with rivals. The rapid rise of smartphones has sparked



Microsoft Xbox 360 gaming console units are shown for sale at a Microsoft retail store in San Diego on 18 Jan, 2012. — REUTERS

Business

HIV infections fall, UN says ending AIDS "feasible"

Health

LONDON, 21 Nov — An end to the worldwide AIDS epidemic is in sight, the United Nations says, mainly due to better access to drugs that can both treat and prevent the incurable human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes the disease.

Progress over the past decade has cut the death toll and helped stabilize the number of people infected with HIV, the UN AIDS programme said in its annual report on Tuesday.

"The global community has embarked on an historic quest to lay the foundation for the eventual end of the AIDS epidemic. This effort is more than merely visionary. It is entirely

Worldwide, the number of people newly infected with HIV, which can be transmitted via blood and by semen during sex, is also falling. At 2.5 million, the number of new infections in 2011 was 20 percent lower than in 2001.

"Although AIDS remains one of the world's most serious health challenges, global solidarity in the AIDS response during the past decade continues to generate extraordinary health gains," the report said.

It said this was due to "historic success" in bringing HIV programmes to scale, combined with the emergence of new combination drugs to prevent people from becoming HIV

Children attending daycare more likely to be overweight

Health

VANCOUVER, 21 Nov — Preschool kids who regularly attend day care centres are far more likely to be overweight compared to those who stay at home with their parents, a Canadian study has showed.

The study, published recently in *the Journal of Pediatrics*, found that compared to those cared for at home by their parents, children whose preschool years were spent in non-parental daycare—including daycare with an extended family member — were about 50 percent more likely to be overweight between the ages of 4 and 10 years.

The result was based on the study of 1,649 families with children born in 1997-1998 in Quebec, Canada.

The children were classified according to the type of care in which they had spent the most total hours in their preschool years, and the researchers measured the children's weight and height in the following six years.

"This difference cannot be explained by known risk factors such as socioeconomic status of the parents, breastfeeding, body mass index of the mother, or employment status of the mother," said Dr Marie-Claude Geoffroy, who led the study.

However, the researchers believe that diet and physical activity are avenues to follow.

Xinhua

FCC says Dish can use wireless spectrum, with limits

Business

NEW YORK, 21 Nov — DishNetworkCorp(DISH.O) said on Tuesday that the US Federal Communications Commission had proposed allowing the satellite TV provider to use wireless spectrum, but would impose limits the company opposes.

The company, which is the No 2 satellite US television provider, said in a statement the FCC proposal would limit Dish's spectrum by making the company lower "power and emission levels that could cripple our ability to enter the business."

Dish General Counsel Stanton Dodge called the FCC move "significantly

flawed" because the limits would make the spectrum less useful and hurt Dish's business ambitions.

An FCC spokesman confirmed that agency Chairman Julius Genachowski "had shared proposals with his colleagues" on Tuesday.

The commissioners still need to vote on the proposals and no final agency decision has been made, Dish said.

Sprint Nextel Corp (SN), which has lobbied the FCC to impose limits on Dish, said in a statement it hopes the agency takes "the steps necessary to protect Sprint's PCS spectrum."

Dish has been waiting

since March — when the agency delayed its application — to find out whether it could use the spectrum the way it wanted to help build a wireless US cellular network.

Dish Chairman Charlie Ergen has spent more than \$3 billion buying up wireless spectrum over the past few years.

Ergen has repeatedly said the FCC's delay has hurt the company's chances of ever being competitive in the mobile market now dominated by AT&T Inc (TN) and Verizon Communications Inc (VZN).

Reuters



A man walks past the logo of Swiss drugmaker Novartis AG in front of a plant in Basel on 25 Oct, 2011. — REUTERS

FDA approves novel Novartis seasonal flu vaccine

NEW YORK, 21 Nov — The US Food and Drug Administration said on Tuesday it approved a seasonal flu vaccine produced by Novartis using animal cell culture rather than the traditional manufacturing using chicken eggs — a speedier process that could help build stockpiles in the event of a pandemic. The vaccine, to be sold by the Swiss drugmaker under the brand name Flucelvax, is approved to prevent season influenza in people aged 18 and over, the agency said. To produce Flucelvax,

virus strains for the vaccine are grown in animal cell cultures derived from mammals instead of in chicken eggs. Similar cell culture technology has long been used to produce other types of vaccines, FDA said.

"Today's approval represents the culmination of efforts to develop a seasonal influenza vaccine using cell culture as an alternative to the egg-based process," Karen Midthun, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, said in a statement. — Reuters

Asian shares ease on uncertainty over Greek bailout, US fiscal cliff

Business

TOKYO, 21 Nov — Asian shares eased on Wednesday as investors refocused on the euro zone debt crisis after European officials failed to reach a deal on a bailout for Greece, while Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke highlighted the dangers of a US fiscal crisis.

The euro fell 0.4 percent to \$1.2759, extending losses and retreating further from Tuesday's two-week high of \$1.28295.

Euro zone finance ministers will meet again

on Monday, after their meeting in Brussels ended on Wednesday without an agreement on the next tranche of loans to Greece.

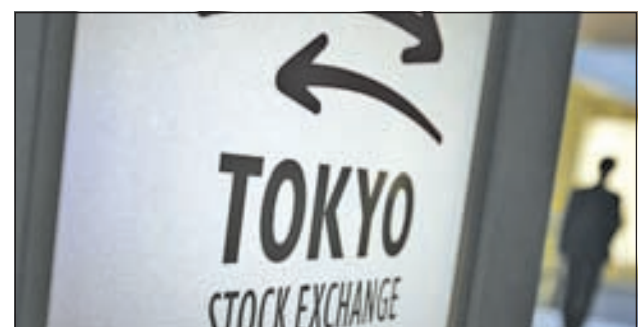
"The euro is being sold because markets had believed the ministers would agree on aid for Greece at today's meeting," said Yuji Saito, director of foreign exchange at Credit Agricole in Tokyo. "Instead, a settlement is postponed, highlighting the difficulty of getting consensus on the debt crisis. But I feel this is

a typical European political show and an agreement will be reached."

The bearish news from Europe dragged down Asian shares, whose two-day rise had already been stalled by Bernanke on Tuesday repeating a warning that failure to avoid the \$600 billion "fiscal cliff" in expiring tax cuts and government spending reductions could lead to recession in the United States. The Fed chief said worries over how budget negotiations will be resolved were already damaging growth.

He also reiterated the Fed's guidance for keeping interest rates near zero until at least mid-2015, but offered few clues as to how the central bank might tweak its bond-purchase programme at the start of next year.

Reuters



A visitor walks near the logo of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo on 5 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS



## Coord meeting on State level Kahtina robe-offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov— A coordination meeting on organizing the Kahtina robe-offering ceremony of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura

U Myint Maung.

In his speech, the Union minister called for active participation with collaborative efforts of respective committees for successful holding of state level Kahtina robe-offering ceremony.

Next, Deputy Minister U Soe Win explained

preparation for the ceremony to be held on a grand scale and works of respective committees. Then those present reported on ongoing works and follow-up tasks.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay and departmental heads. — *Kyemon*

## Monsoon paddy harvest time in Pyinmana Township

PYINMANA, 21 Nov — Now is the time for a harvest of monsoon paddy. Farmers

used to hire labours to reap the paddy in their farmlands. Now Pyinmana Township

of Nay Pyi Taw Council are harvesting monsoon paddy with the use of combine harvesters hired from the department.

The combine harvesters can be rented at a cost of K 35000 per acre. Thanks to use of combine harvesters, farmers can save time and money and they can have enough time to prepare for winter crops, according to a farmer who used the combine harvester for the harvest of monsoon paddy.

*Kyemon*



## Myanmar gymnastic team leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 21 Nov — Under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports, selected athletes from sports federations are in intensive training at Gold Camp training centre in Nay Pyi Taw and training centres in Yangon, Ngwehsaung and Pyin Oo Lwin for XXVII SEA Games to be held in December 2013 in

Myanmar.

Plans are underway to dispatch athletes abroad to participate in international sports competitions and joint training programmes.

Jointly-organized by President of Myanmar Gymnastics Federation U Thein Win and the President of Thailand-based SEA Gymnastics Federation,

Myanmar gymnastic team led by MGF General Secretary U Aye Thein and Joint Secretary U Nay Min Tun left for Thailand by air to receive joint training.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the MGF Vice-President and executives and officials of the ministry.

*Kyemon*

## Wheelchair users from Yangon, Mandalay to visit Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 21 Nov — It is learnt that wheelchair users from Yangon and Mandalay have arranged to visit Nay Pyi Taw soon.

It will be the third time for those who are going to show their courage as a gesture of hailing the International Day of Disabled Persons which falls on 3 December.

A group comprising 10 wheelchair users and a cyclist will set out on their 248-mile long journey from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw on 26 November. The eight-day seven-night trip includes overnight stops in seven towns.

A group comprising 11 wheelchair users and a cyclist will set out on their 220-mile long journey from Mandalay to Nay

Pyi Taw on 27 November. Their seven-day six-night journey includes overnight stops at Kyaukse, Wundwin, Meiktila, Yamethin and Lewe.

A seven-member team who will accompany them along the journey, providing them with health care service and repair works.

The date they set to arrive in Nay Pyi Taw is 2 December and they will attend the ceremony in commemoration of the International Day of Disabled Persons to be held in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 December.

Arrangements have been made to organize talks in towns where they make a stop with the aim of raising the public awareness of the rights of disabled persons.

A responsible person of Shwe Minthar Foundation (Myanmar) said that it is aimed at giving psychological supports to those who are physically disabled across the nations and encouraging them to do as ordinary people do.

*Kyemon*



## Cash donations for quake victims

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov— A cash donation ceremony for quake victims in Mandalay Region took place at the meeting hall of Mandalay Region Government Office on 15 November.

Region ministers U Kyaw Hsan, Dr Win Hlaing and Dr Myint Kyu accepted K 3 million donated by Yunnan Buddhist Temple on 80<sup>th</sup> Street, 1.5 million by Fukyint Buddhist Temple, K 1 million by Kwangton Buddhist Temple and K 0.5 million by Buddhist Ethnic Temple at the ceremony.

*MNA*



Photo shows a team of movie stars comprising vice-chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization Lu Min, Yazar Nay Win, Nay Htoo Naing, Chit Chit Zaw, Khin Zarchi Kyaw, The Naw Zar, Khaing Thin Kyi, May Kabya and Waso Moe Oo who donated K 1.7 million and medicines, clothing and personal goods for renovation of religious edifices and rehabilitation of victims in quake-hit areas in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions on 17 November. They also perform entertainments during their tour of Kanbalu and Khin U Townships and Kyaukmyaung sub-township as psychological support for quake victims.

*KYEMON*

## Pygopus Conjoined Twins to undergo elective surgery

MANDALAY, 21 Nov— Arrangements are being made for Pygopus conjoined twins—Maung Aung Khant Kyaw and Maung Aung Myat Kyaw who were born in Mandalay—to perform a major surgery by



a medical team comprising Anaesthetist Dr U Maung Oo and surgeons led by Professor/Head of Paediatric Surgery Department of 550-bed Children's Hospital in Mandalay Dr U Aung Mya on 26 November.

The twin brothers were born to Daw Mya Thandar, wife of U Win Toe of Htonebo village in Mingun of Sagaing Township. They were admitted to 300-bed Children's Hospital in Mandalay within the hour

after they were born at Aye Thukha Hospital at 11.20 am on 15 May 2011. Now they are being confined at intensive care unit of 550-bed Children's Hospital in Mandalay.

In Myanmar, conjoined twins Ma Nann Soe and Ma Nann San in 1971, Aye Aye Nyein and Ei Ei Nyein in 1993, Moe Ma Ma Aung and Ma Pa Pa Aung in 2002, Sopyay Lin and Sopyay Win in 2009, Inngyin Khine and Inngyin Hline in 2011 and Yan Kin and Yan Shin in 2011 underwent conjoined twins surgeries successfully.

*Kyemon*

## Applications for Miss Myanmar International 2013 invited

YANGON, 21 Nov — Miss Myanmar International 2013 will be organized by Myanmar Travel Operators Federation in February 2013. Applications for the competition are invited.

It is an opportunity for young women nationwide who are fluent in spoken English and have well-developed general knowledge to have a chance of taking part in international

beauty pageant contests.

Only those from 18-25 years of age who are between five feet and three inches and five feet and five inches tall are eligible for the contest.

Application forms can be submitted to Myanmar Tourism Service Company at Yuzana Tower on

Shwegondine road, with K 5000 admission fees not later than 31 December. Application forms are available on the page of Miss Myanmar International Facebook.

Last year's winner Nann Khin Zeyar earned the good reputation for her country in 2012 Miss International contest.

*Kyemon*

## Railway guard saves lives of passengers on board the train

MAWLU, 21 Nov — A mine blast occurred on the 800-foot Bridge No.478 at mile post No. 599-23/24 between Mawlu and Pinwei railway stations in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region at about 10.30 pm on 17 November.

There was no casualty thanks to the dutiful railway guard U Chit Maung (a) U Sai Khin Maung who gave a red light signal to U Tin Aung Win, train driver of No (58) down-train which left

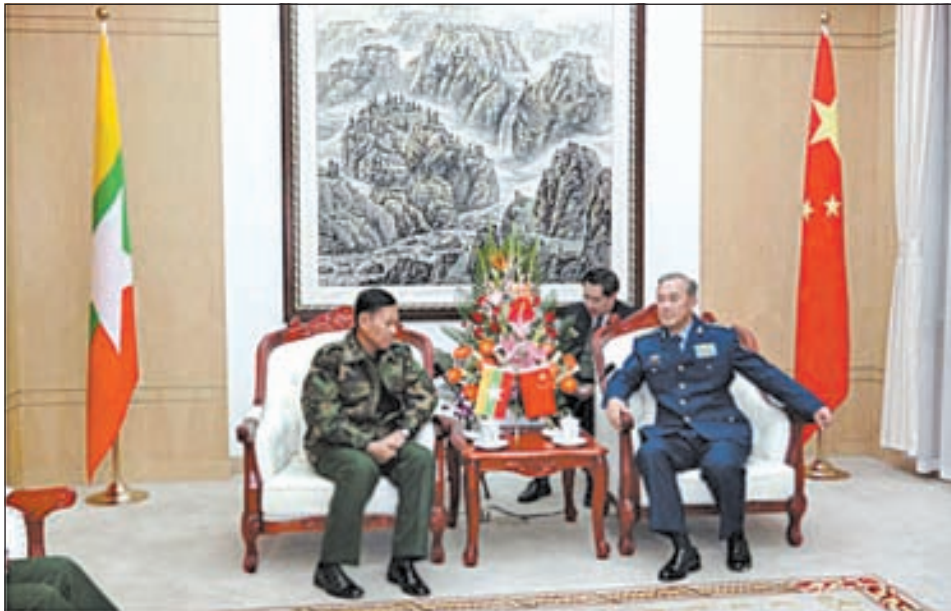
Mawlu railway station, in time to stop the train before it arrived at the blast-hit bridge. The train went back to Mawlu railway station and arrived back there safe and sound. Mawlu locals showed their goodwill to passengers on board the No (58) down-train, providing food to them.

The train left Mawlu railway station at 7 pm on 18 November when the railroad returned to normalcy. — *Kyemon*



**NATIONAL**

**General Soe Win visits Chengdu and Beijing**



*General Soe Win meets with Chinese senior military officer.—MNA*

**NAYPYI TAW, 21 Nov—** On his arrival at Chengdu Airport from Zhuhai of the People's Republic of China on 14 November, Deputy Commander-in-

Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win was welcomed by Vice Chief of Staff of the Chengdu Military Region

Major General Wang Qiusheng.

While in Chengdu Aircraft Industrial Group-AVIC, he paid close attention to aircraft accessories

and China National Aero Technology Import & Export Corporation Co., Ltd and Chengdu military region Special Forces unit.

In meeting with Lieutenant General Li Zuo Cheng, the deputy commander of the Chengdu military region, he discussed promoting of mutual cooperation between the two militaries.

He enjoyed the dinner hosted by the deputy commander of the Chengdu military region.

General Soe Win and party arrived at Beijing Nanyuan Airport on 15 November.

Next, he and his entourage toured Great Wall and Lingguang Temple Buddha relic.

General Ma Xiao Tin met General Soe Win and

party at the hall of China Air Marshal Base and had a cordial discussion on promotion of bilateral cooperation between the two armies. General

Soe Win and party gave encouragement to the Myanmar Ambassador and embassy families and military attaches families.

*MNA*

**New Zealand Prime Minister in town**

**YANGON, 21 Nov—** At the invitation of President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, a goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of New Zealand Mr John Key, arrived here by special flight at 1.30 pm to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The visiting goodwill delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, Yangon Region Development Affairs

Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Head of Mission Mr Todd Cleaver from New Zealand Embassy to Myanmar and officials.

Prime Minister Mr John Key delivered a speech at New Zealand and Myanmar Talking Business ceremony at Chatrium Hotel in Tamwe Township. He met with Myanmar entrepreneurs and posed for a documentary photo. In the evening, the visiting goodwill delegation paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.—*MNA*

**Reserve rice to be purchased for monsoon paddy**

**YANGON, 21 Nov—** Ministries and Myanmar Rice Industry Association will purchase reserve rice for monsoon paddy worth K 14.5 billion, according to an official of Myanmar Rice Industry Association.

Due to the information that the state reserve rice will

be purchased for monsoon paddy in 2012-2013, the market of early-monsoon rice is stable and the trading is in regular.

All the farmers welcome fair price of the government in purchasing rice, said a farmer.

Reserve rice will

be bought in Yangon, Ayeyawady, Mandalay and Bago regions.

The reserve rice has been purchased from farmers for the first time and from the brokers for the second time. The third time will be bought through tender.

*Myanma Alinn*

**NDCGL holds annual general meeting**

**YANGON, 21 Nov—** Thanks to developing process in various fields of Myanmar, the number of investors is increasing and most of the people are interested in businesses.

Local and international investments are invited in line with the international policies. In the international community, entrepreneurs are doing their businesses individually or in groups as companies.

Public company system is on the threshold in Myanmar. On 17 November, National Development Company Group Ltd that is engaging in the public company for a decade held the annual general meeting.

Chairman of the company Dr Khin Shwe made a speech. The reports of the Board of Directors and financial statement was read and then approved. Member of BOD U Khin Maung Pyone explained the election of new directors. The concluding remark was given by Dr Khin Shwe. National Development Company Group Ltd is established as a public company and operated in line with the international rules.—*Myanma Alinn*

**Women's aerobics course wraps up**

**KATHA, 21 Nov—** Organized by Katha District Women's Sports Committee, the women's aerobics course concluded at Aung San Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Katha on 7 November, with an address by Patron of District Women's Sports Committee Dr Htay Htay Win.

Deputy Commissioner of the district U Thet Lwin and officials presented certificates of honour to the trainees.

Altogether 30 trainees attended the one-week course.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Express bus overturns on Myeik-Dawei Road**

**THAYETCHAUNG, 21 Nov—** An express bus from Thiha Min transport service plunged into the road side and then overturned near mile post No. 41/1 on Myeik-Dawei Road in Yange Village of Thayetchaung Township at 1 pm on 12 November.

The root cause was that the bus dodged the man on the road. In the incident, nine passengers were injured at legs, hands and heads.

With regard to the incident, Winwa Police Station of Thayetchaung



*Prime Minister of New Zealand Mr John Key cordially greets Myanmar entrepreneurs at New Zealand and Myanmar Talking Business ceremony.*

*MNA*

**Illegal timber seized in Taninthayi Region**

**YANGON, 21 Nov—** Staff of Yebyu Township Forest Department and staff of Taninthayi Natural Forest Reserve Project were on duty of clearing illegal timber extraction in Block 32 of Dawei Myitkwetgyi in

Township opened a file of lawsuit.

*Myanma Alinn*

Heinze-Kaleinaung forest reserve in Yebyu Township of Dawei District in Taninthayi Region on 7 November morning.

The combined team seized illegal timber lot No 2 and other seven logs weighing 77.99 tons near Pauksan Creek ownerless.

The township forest department is carrying out seizures of those who broke forest law.—*MNA*

**Milk fed to schoolchildren**

**LOIKAW, 21 Nov—** The milch cow breeder group of Loikaw fed milk to schoolchildren at No. 2 Basic Education Primary School on 16 November morning.

Responsible persons of the group explained the purpose of feeding milk to the children. It was also attended by the Kayah State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, departmental officials and teachers.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Thai Expo scheduled in Yangon, Mandalay**

**YANGON, 21 Nov—** Under the arrangements of Ministry of Commerce and Thai International Trade Promotion Department, the Thai Expo will be held in Yangon and Mandalay in

December.

The expo will take place at Tawwin Centre in Yangon from 6 to 9 December and Diamond Plaza in Mandalay from 13 to 16 December.

*Myanma Alinn*



**PERSPECTIVES**

Thursday, 22 November, 2012

**Responsible tourism**

Responsible tourism is an approach to managing tourism, aimed at maximizing economic, social and environmental benefits and minimizing costs to destinations. Simply but responsible tourism is tourism that creates better places for the people to live in and better places to visit, achieving economic growth, environmental sustainability and social justice.

Myanmar is currently experiencing rapid growth in tourism demand. The country is becoming an emerging and fast growing tourism destination in South East Asia. In the first six months of 2012, international visitor arrivals increased by over 30 per cent compared to 2011. In the short run, success is assured and tourism will continue to grow rapidly. However, Myanmar risks potential unsustainable tourism growth and negative impacts relating to the environment, culture and society.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism recognized that the repaid tourism development may succeed in boosting the sector and creating swift economic development, but may fall in the long-term success for sustainable tourism development in the country.

In response to the challenge, those from public sector, the private sector and international responsible tourism professionals are making earnest efforts for bringing about responsible tourism in Myanmar. And there was a consensus that a Myanmar Responsible Tourism Policy is urgently needed—a set of national policy that provides the foundation for a Myanmar Tourism Development Strategy and Action Plan.

As Myanmar people are kind and friendly, and their facial expressions, particularly their sweet smiles, always captivate the visitors, it is sure that Myanmar tourism industry will get off the ground when a Myanmar Responsible Tourism Policy is in place.

**FM attends 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit, its related meetings**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, who left

for Phnom Penh to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and its related meetings, attended the ASEAN Foreign

**NATIONAL**  
**President U Thein Sein leaves Cambodia**



*President U Thein Sein being seen off by Cambodian Information Minister at Phnom Penh International Airport.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein arrived at Phnom Penh International Airport via Hotel Cambodiana in

Phnom Penh to leave for Myanmar after attending the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia at the invitation of Cambodian

Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen. The President was seen off at the Airport by Cambodian Information Minister Mr Khiev Kanharith and officials, the Myanmar

Ambassador to Cambodia and wife, the Military Attaché and wife, and staff from the Embassy and the Military Attaché office. *MNA*

**President U Thein Sein meets Myanmar reporters from local and foreign media**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein who attended 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and its related Summits held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia, met Myanmar reporters from local and foreign media, at Hotel Cambodiana, this morning.

At the meeting, the Affairs Ministers' Meeting, the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Political and Security Community Council Meeting and the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting, which were held before the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit.—*MNA*

President explained attendings of 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, ASEAN Community, benefits of the Summit, cooperation, benefits for Myanmar thanks to the Summit and discussions with the US President and benefits and his fruitful visit to Myanmar.

After that, the President replied to the queries raised by the reporters. Then, they paid respects to the President. After the call, the President together with the reporters posed for a documentary photo.

Fifteen reporters included member of Newspaper Governing Body U Ye Naing Moe (Moe Tint Swe), U Kyaw Yin Myint and Ma Nan Lwin from Kumudra Journal, Ma Tin Zar Zaw from Popular Journal, Dr Myo Min Htike from Venus



*President U Thein Sein speaking in meeting with Myanmar reporters from local and foreign media at Hotel Cambodiana.—MNA*

Journal, Ma Kyaw Su Mon from Myanmar Times, Ko Nyein Chan and Ko Nay Tun

Naing from Eleven Media Group, Ma Ei Mon Kyaw from Kyodo News Agency, Ma Mya Hnin Aye from The Voice Weekly, Ko Myo Thant from Mizzima Media, Ko Nyan Lin from Mawgon Magazine, Ma Thiri Htet San from Democratic Voice of Burma, Dr Tin Aung Khaing and Ko Moe Tint Swe from Myanmar News Week, Daw Nan Kalyar Win of Asian Fame Media Group and U Thaug Su Nyein from 7Days News. *MNA*

**Child Rights Commemorative Day held**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—"The state is ensuring the child rights with respective governments and NGOs. Every child has rights not only to speak out, write and think freely but also to live, develop, protect, involve and to earn the best in their standard of living according to the law" said Kachin State Chief Minister U La

John Ngan Sai in his Child Rights Commemorative Day speech at the town hall of Myitkyina, Kachin State yesterday morning. Social Welfare Department Assistant Director Daw Khun Phen and UNICEF Child Rights Specialist Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Their gave talks on child rights activities.—*MNA*

**Do we need CCTVs along roads and at bus-stops?**

*Myay Zar*



**NATIONAL**

**President U Thein Sein attends 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and related meetings**



**President U Thein Sein attends 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein together with members of delegation left here by air for Phnom Penh of Cambodia to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and related meetings on 17 November. The President arrived at the Phnom Penh International Airport at 11 am local time.

The President met UN Under-Secretary General and ESCAP Executive Secretary Dr Noleen Hayzer at 4.30 pm at Hotel Cambodiana.

**NPED Union Minister attends ASEAN related meetings**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw together with economic ministers from ASEAN fellow countries and Cambodian ministers attended the meeting of renowned personalities from private sector and businessmen organized by Senior Minister and Commerce Minister of Cambodia, and Chairman of ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting Mr Cham Prasidh on 16 November.

**FG-ABU Digital Broadcasting Conference held**

YANGON, 21 Nov—FG-ABU Digital Broadcasting Conference for Asian Broadcasters, jointly organized by Forever Group and ABU (Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union), took place at Myanmar Info Tech (MICT Park) in Hline Township, here, this morning.

“Holding of the conference would help staff and broadcast industry to fully get experience on broadcasting technology. It would facilitate the

On 18 November, President U Thein Sein together with heads of state/government of ASEAN countries attended the opening ceremony of the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh.

ASEAN Alternate Chairman Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen delivered an opening address, and the President together with heads of state/government of ASEAN countries formally opened the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

(AIPR).

At the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit plenary session, ASEAN Alternate Chairman the Cambodian Prime Minister extended greetings.

Next, President U Thein Sein and ASEAN leaders and the ASEAN Secretary-General held frank discussions on ASEAN Community, and signed the Phnom Penh Statement on the adoption of ASEAN Human Rights Declaration.

At the meeting between ASEAN leaders and ASEAN Business Advisory Council, ASEAN Alternate Chairman the Cambodian Prime Minister extended greetings

and a discussion on functions of the council and trade and investment matters was held.

President U Thein Sein met Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Seri Mohammed Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak and held discussions on bilateral relations and further mutual cooperation in economic and investment sectors at 2.40 pm.

ASEAN leaders exchanged views on international and regional issues at the retreat session of ASEAN leaders at 3.45 pm.

At the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit on 19

November, leaders of state/government of ASEAN countries and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao made review on the relations between ASEAN and China and future plans.

President U Thein Sein met Thai Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra at 3.45 pm and exchanged views on boosting bilateral cooperation.

President U Thein Sein met Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yoshihiko Noda at 4.20 pm. The Japanese Prime Minister said he was deeply touched by the earthquake in Sagaing and Mandalay region on 11 November in Myanmar and reaffirmed

debt reduction and further loan of 500,000 mln yen to Myanmar. The two sides also exchanged frank views on joint programmes to be implemented and Myanmar government's public welfare schemes. The fourth ASEAN-US Summit was held at 6.20 pm during

which ASEAN leaders and US President Mr Barack Obama reviewed ASEAN-US relations and discussed prospects for strengthening of ties. Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun

Sen and wife then hosted dinner to State leaders.

President U Thein Sein attended ASEAN Global Seminar on 20 November morning. Representatives of ADB, WTO, UNCTAD and IMF discussed financial, commercial and economic integration and promotion among regional and international organizations. President U Thein Sein then held talks with Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The two sides discussed democratization and reform process in Myanmar and prospects for closer bilateral ties and continued joint programmes.

President U Thein Sein attended 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit plenary session and 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit retreat session in the noon and concluding ceremony in the evening.

President U Thein Sein met families of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attache Office in Cambodia and gave an interview to local and foreign reporters hunting ASEAN Summit news there on 20 November morning.

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**Myanmar delegation attends 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN related Summits**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister at President Office U Tin Naing Thein attended the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit, the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Korea Summit, the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+3 Summit and the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit, at Champa Room on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia on 19 November.

Minister U Tin Naing Thein, leaders from ASEAN countries, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yoshihiko Noda, the ASEAN Secretary-General, ministers and high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries attended the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit. The meeting focused on reviews on ASEAN-Japan relations and future plans.

Myanmar delegation attended the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Korea Summit together November. The conference is held today. Officials of broadcasting companies from 15 countries including ASEAN attended it.—MNA



**Union Minister at President Office U Tin Naing Thein attends 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN related Summits.—MNA**

with leaders from ASEAN countries, President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak and the ASEAN Secretary-General. They held discussion on review on ASEAN-Korea relations and future prospects.

The Union Minister, leaders from ASEAN countries and Japan, China and the ROK attended the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+3 Summit at CM Meeting Room on the

first floor of Peace Palace at 12.25 pm. They cordially exchanged views on review on ASEAN+3 relations and future prospects and regional and international issues. The Union Minister also attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN+3 Partnership together with leaders from ASEAN+3 countries. Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and leaders from China, the

ROK and Japan delivered addresses at the ceremony. The Union Minister attended ASEAN+3 dinner, then.

The 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit was attended by the Union Minister, leaders from ASEAN countries, Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and the ASEAN Secretary-General. They reviewed ASEAN-India and discussed future prospects.—MNA



## Four men charged in California with plot to join al-Qaeda

LOS ANGELES, 21 Nov— Four men with California ties who are accused of arranging to join up with al-Qaeda and Taliban militants for training in Afghanistan have been arrested on US charges of plotting to provide material support to terrorists, the FBI said on Tuesday. A criminal complaint unsealed by federal authorities late on Monday accuses the four men of conspiring to take part in activities they intended as preparation for deadly attacks on Americans overseas, including US military personnel.

The suspected ring-leader, Sohail Omar Kabir, 34, is accused of recruiting co-defendants Ralph Deleon, 23, and Miguel Alejandro Santana Vidriales, 21, who converted to Islam under his influence. Those two are in turn alleged to have enlisted a third man, Arifeen David Gojali, 21.

In conversations relayed or recorded by an unidentified paid FBI informant, Deleon and Santana spoke about traveling to Afghanistan to join Kabir and engage in "violent jihad," according to the complaint. It said they described potential targets for attacks including US military bases.

The three others, all listed as living in Southern California's Inland Empire, east of Los Angeles, were arrested outside an apartment complex in the town of Chino on Friday, two days before they had planned to fly from Mexico to Turkey, the FBI said. It said Kabir met Deleon and Santana in a hookah lounge and introduced them in 2010 to radical Islamic teachings, including those of US-born al-Qaeda militant Anwar al-Awlaki, who was killed by a US drone attack last year in Yemen.

MNA/Reuters

## New Zealand volcano erupts, aviation warning raised

WELLINGTON, 21 Nov— New Zealand's central North Island volcano of Tongariro erupted Wednesday at 1:25 pm local time, the government's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science (GNS Science) announced.

A statement from GNS Science said that volcanologists were monitoring the eruption and further information would be released as it became available.

It said the volcanic alert level had been raised from level one, which indicated signs of volcano unrest, to level two, which indicated minor eruptive activity.

The aviation colour code was set at red, warning aircraft that an eruption was underway with significant emission of ash into the atmosphere.

The eruption occurred in the Te Maari Craters area

of Tongariro.

The Ministry of Civil Defence warned that light volcanic ash fall could be anticipated downwind of Tongariro and affect the regions of Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Gisborne and the Bay of Plenty.

It said people experiencing ashfall should protect their eyes and try to avoid breathing the ash.

Tongariro last erupted on 6 August, throwing out small amounts of ash in its first eruption since 1897.

Last week, GNS Science warned that the nearby Mount Ruapehu was showing signs of an imminent eruption as the temperature beneath its Crater Lake reached about 800 degrees centigrade, but the lake itself was only 20 degrees centigrade, which suggested a vent was partly blocked.

Xinhua



Israeli soldiers are seen in southern Israeli village of Ein Hashlosha on 20 Nov, 2012. One Israeli soldier and one Bedouin have been killed in a rocket attack on a military base near the Gaza border on Tuesday noon, the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) confirmed on Tuesday evening. —XINHUA

## Illinois may grant driver's licenses to illegal immigrants

CHICAGO, 21 Nov— Illinois may soon become the most populous US state to grant a form of driver's licenses to illegal immigrants, after the nation's growing Hispanic population boosted the power of Democrats in national and state elections on 6 November.

A bipartisan group of Illinois politicians announced on Tuesday they would propose such a law when the legislature convenes on 27 November.

Washington state and New Mexico are the only states that currently allow illegal immigrants to get licenses. Utah allows driving permits. As the fifth most populous state, Illinois would be the biggest state to adopt such a law.

A California law that allows immigrants with federal work permits to

receive driver's licenses will take effect 1 January, 2013.

Supporters said the law would be good for public safety, allowing Illinois immigrant motorists to get tested on their driving skills and buy insurance.

"When you have

a quarter of a million undocumented drivers on the road, it's definitely a safety concern," said Ron Holmes, spokesman for Illinois Senate President John Cullerton, who is backing the measure along with fellow Democrats Illinois Governor Pat Quinn

and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, a popular Republican, joined Democrats at a news conference in Chicago on Tuesday to support the idea, as did Republican State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka.

It also has the support of the powerful House Speaker, Chicago Democrat Michael Madigan, giving it a good chance of passage.

The drive to pass the law follows the re-election of Democratic President Barack Obama, Democratic gains in the US Senate and in the Illinois legislature with strong Hispanic support.

Since 2010, a handful of Republican-led states, notably border state Arizona, passed laws cracking down on illegal immigrants.—Reuters



Cars travel on the New Jersey turnpike near Elizabeth, New Jersey on 20 Nov, 2012. More than 39 million Americans are expected to drive during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, making it one of the busiest travel days of the year.—REUTERS

## Butkevicius to be nominated candidate for Prime Minister of Lithuania

RIGA, 21 Nov— Lithuania's president Dalia Grybauskaitė nominated leader of the Social Democrats Algirdas Butkevicius as candidate for Prime Minister on Tuesday.

Grybauskaitė had signed a decree on Algirdas Butkevicius nomination for the Prime Minister and submitted his candidacy to the Seimas. She suggested that the head of the Social Democratic party formed the government because this party received the most of parliamentary seats. If this proposal is adopted, Butkevicius will assemble the new Cabinet.

Butkevicius, born in November 1958 in Radviliskis District of Lithuania married

and has a daughter. He became the chairman of the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party in 1991. In 1996 and 2000, Butkevicius was elected to the Seimas. From 2004 to 2005, he served as Minister of Finance and from 2006 to 2008 as Minister of Transport and Communications of Lithuania. He was the Social Democratic Party of Lithuania's candidate in the 2009 presidential election, placing second with 11.83% of the votes.

During two rounds of parliament selection on 14 and 28 October, Lithuanian Social Democratic Party won the most 38 seats and got into the parliament.

Xinhua

## Tanzanian President says SADC considers possibilities to deploy troops in eastern DRC

ARUSHA, (Tanzania), 21 Nov— The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) is considering the possibilities of deploying troops in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as a last resort to save millions of people who are suffering from the ongoing fight between rebels and the government, Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete said on Tuesday.

Kikwete made the stand

in Tanzania's northern safari capital of Arusha soon after launching the SADC second Strategic Indicative Plan for the Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation (SIPOII).

Kikwete, who is the chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, said that regional bloc is closely working on how to intervene the situation in the mineral-rich country.

"We want to resolve this matter amicably and deploying troops will be the last resort," he said.

He also revealed that the situation in the eastern DRC was deploring, that calling for practical actions to be taken by SADC and the International Conference of Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), which is currently chaired by Ugandan President, Yoweri Museveni.

"We are currently

witnessing the worsening situation in eastern DRC, whereby the M23 rebel group, has been engaged in heavy fighting with Congolese army forces.

This is putting SADC in limbo," Kikwete said, adding: "I talked to Ugandan President this morning on the ways to end the ongoing civil war and find a lasting solution in the area," he said.

Xinhua



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## Cambodia halts commercial flights for foreign leaders after ASEAN Summit

PHNOM PENH, 21 Nov— Cambodia suspended all commercial flights at the capital's airport for nearly six hours on Tuesday evening in order to facilitate air traffic for foreign leaders departing Cambodia for their respective countries after the 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits, according to a notice by the Cambodia Airports.

The notice said that the closure was made from 16:00 pm ( local time) to 21:30 pm at the Phnom Penh International Airport.

The leaders of the ten-member ASEAN and

eight ASEAN's dialogue country leaders including US President Barack Obama, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov had participated in the Summits from 18-20 November.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Chair of ASEAN in 2012, said at the closing ceremony

on Tuesday that the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and related Summits came to an end successfully with fruitful results as expected.

At the closing ceremony, Hun Sen also handed over the ASEAN rotating chairmanship for 2013 to

Brunei.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

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Chinese Vice Culture Minister Li Xiaojie (C, front) and Turkish Culture and Tourism Minister Ertugrul Gunay (R, front) watch the treasures at the "Treasures of Ancient China" Exhibition held at Topkapi Palace Museum in Istanbul of Turkey, on 21 Nov, 2012. The Exhibition kicked off here on Tuesday.—XINHUA

## Eight people injured in blast in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 21 Nov— Eight people, including two policemen, were wounded following an explosion near a regional police camp in southern Philippines on Wednesday, authorities said.

The blast happened just meters from the Northern Mindanao police regional office in Cagayan de Oro city shortly after 8 am local time,

according to Gil Hitosis, regional police chief.

Hitosis told local radio the wounded included six civilians and two policemen.

The police official said an investigation was underway to determine if the explosion was caused by a grenade or an improvised explosive device.

Xinhua



Tourists play on a beach during the sunset in Sanya, south China's island of Hainan Province, on 21 Nov, 2012. Though the winter draws near, the tropic seaside city of Sanya remains warm and attracts many tourists.—XINHUA

## Mumbai terrorist attack convict executed



Mohammad Ajmal Kasab

NEW DELHI, 21 Nov— Ajmal Kasab, the only terrorist caught alive in 2008 Mumbai attack, was executed on Wednesday morning in the western Indian city of Pune, Indian Interior Minister Sushikumar Shinde confirmed.

According to local TV CNN-IBN, Kasab was asked if he had any last word or wish, he replied "No".

He was hanged at the Yerawada Jail in Pune at 07:30 am local time after Indian President Pranab Mukherjee rejected his mercy plea on 8 November. Maharashtra state home

minister RR Patil told media that the execution was carried out secretly.

Kasab was shifted from Mumbai's Arthur Road Jail to Pune's Yerawada Jail earlier this month.

Kasab was the only survivor of 10 Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists who went on the rampage in Mumbai on 26-29 Nov, 2008, killing 166 people.

The opposition party Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said the execution was a tribute to the victims of the terrorist attack in 2008.

Xinhua

## India calls for early successful conclusion of Doha round of global trade talks

NEW DELHI, 21 Nov— India hopes for an early successful conclusion of the stalled Doha round of the global trade talks under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO), said a senior Indian official.

The Indo-Asian News Service quoted Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma as saying on Tuesday that India has urged the need to "revitalize the Doha WTO negotiations to put in place a rule-based multilateral trade regime in order to revive the global economy".

"India feels that

## Senior CPC official leaves for Asian party conference

BEIJING, 21 Nov— A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) left here on Wednesday for the 7th General Assembly of International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) in Baku of Azerbaijan.

The official is Du

protectionism and not completing the WTO negotiations will cause further damage to the world economy," he said, pointing out that the Doha round "is the longest negotiations in the history of global negotiations".

"It has never happened that any round has ever been aborted... and India has the conviction that this round has to be taken to an early and successful conclusion and we are committed to work with all the stakeholders and negotiating partners," he said.

Xinhua

Qinglin, a member of the secretariat of the CPC Central Committee.

Du, also vice chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee, was invited by the ICAPP Secretariat.

Xinhua

## Two children killed, thousands flee in S Philippine flooding

DAVAO CITY, 21 Nov— Two children drowned and thousands of people fled their homes as heavy rains brought widespread flooding in southern Philippines on Tuesday, disaster officials said on Wednesday.

The flooding affected residents in eight townships in three southern provinces of Mindanao's Davao region, authorities said.

A 14-year old boy and another child died after being swept away by floodwaters in San Isidro town, in Davao Oriental province, according to Emeliana Oliveros, of the Davao Oriental provincial disaster council.

In the province of Compostela Valley, some

425 families were rescued overnight as the Agusan river overflowed and flooded communities in the towns of Monkayo, Monte Vista, Compostela and Nabunturan, said Raul Villocino, provincial disaster officer.

According to Villocino, small landslides were also reported in the town of Mawab but did not cause any casualties.

Fifteen families were also rescued after a river flooded two communities in the towns of Kapalong and Asuncion municipalities in nearby Davao del Norte Province, said Sonio Sanchez, disaster officer for the province.

MNA/Xinhua



Villager Guo Xiu'e makes embroidery insoles in Duizhen Township of Xiaoyi City, north China's Shanxi Province, on 21 Nov, 2012. More than 200 women farmers here join in a handicrafts cooperative and start living on their skill in making embroidery insoles.—XINHUA



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Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHUONG NAM 69 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.11.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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A clown attends the 10th edition of the "Payasolimpiadas 2012" organized by the Club of Clowns of Mexico, in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 19 Nov, 2012.

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**Ministry of Information****Invitation for open tender of  
Myanma Radio and Television  
(Nay Pyi Taw, Tatkon)  
to maintain air-conditioners**

1. Open tenders are invited to maintain air-conditioners of Myanma Radio and Television (Nay Pyi Taw, Tatkon) under the Ministry of Information.

- (1) Air-conditioners in Studio Complex
- (2) Air-conditioners in Radio Transmitter
- (3) Air-conditioners in Padauk Myay Radio Transmitter Complex

2. Application forms of open tenders may be taken out from Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, from 09:30 hour to 16:30 hour from (21-11-2012) to (29-11-2012) during weekdays.

3. The open tenders are submitted to Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of the members of the tender committee from 9:30 hr to 16:30 hr on (30-11-2012). The tenders, later then the designated date, will not be considered.

4. Forms of open tender and detailed information may be inquired by following address.

Procurement Committee  
Ministry of Information  
Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw  
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**Ministry of Information****Invitation for open tender of  
Myanma Radio and Television  
to purchase machines**

1. Machines to be purchased for Myanma Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information are as follow:-

- |                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| (1) Recording Media       | - 1 Lot |
| (2) UPS System            | - 1 Lot |
| (3) NLE Laptop & Recorder | - 1 Lot |
| (4) Fibre Equipment       | - 1 Lot |

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**Ministry of Information****Invitation for open tender of  
Myanma Radio and Television  
to build retransmission stations**

1. Open tenders are invited to build five retransmission stations of Myanma Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information in 2012-2013 fiscal years.

2. Application forms of open tenders may be taken out from Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, from 09:30 hour to 16:30 hour from (22-11-2012) to (3-12-2012) during weekdays.

3. The open tenders are submitted to Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of the members of the tender committee from 9:30 hr to 16:30 hr on (4-12-2012). The tenders, later then the designated date, will not be considered.

4. Forms of open tender and detailed information may be inquired by following address.

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Tel: 067 - 412327, 79474

**Sarkozy ally wins French  
right leadership battle**

PARIS, 21 Nov— Rightist Jean-Francois Cope, an ally of former President Nicolas Sarkozy, claimed the leadership of France's main conservative party on Monday in a closely fought two-way contest marred by mutual accusations of voter fraud.

Cope, already the incumbent leader of the UMP party, beat centrist former prime minister Francois Fillon by 50.03 percent to 49.97 percent, the head of an internal voting commission said—a margin of just 98 votes out of almost 175,000 cast. The victory could pave the way for Cope, whose controversial campaign included accusations that "anti-white" racism was rife in France, either to run for president himself in 2017 or stand aside for Sarkozy if his mentor chooses to re-enter politics.

"My hands and my

arms are wide open," Cope told supporters at party headquarters in Paris after the result was announced. The contest would normally decide the UMP's candidate for the 2017 presidential election, but surveys indicate that two-thirds of party members think Sarkozy has a better chance of wresting power back from the ruling Socialists. The election row has further fuelled speculation of a comeback by Sarkozy, who has told aides he will feel obliged to return if the Socialists fail to revive the sickly economy. The vote to pick a successor to Sarkozy was meant to determine whether the UMP would cleave to the centre ground under Fillon, in keeping with the party's decades-old roots, or move right under the combative Copé in a quest to regain power.

Reuters

**US First Lady honours Chinese minority folk Art programme**

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov— US First Lady Michelle Obama on Monday honoured a Chinese programme dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the Dong people of China, presenting representatives of the programme with International Spotlight Award from the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

The programme honoured was the 100 Dong Song Programme. Wu Lianyun, a 13 year-old girl who participates in the programme, and Ren Hexin, curator of Dimen Dong Cultural Eco-Museum, received the award at a White House ceremony.

Deng Hongbo, Deputy Chief of Mission and

Minister from the Embassy of China, joined Mrs Obama in presenting the award.

In remarks to the Press, Deng said the award is an opportunity to showcase unique folk art of China to the American public, enhancing understanding and cultural exchange of the two peoples.

He voiced expectation

that more folk art from China can gain an international audience.

The 100 Dong Song Programme, an initiative of the Western China Cultural Ecology Research Workshop, teaches hundreds of youth to express themselves through traditional Dong music.

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**Madonna selling million dollar New York home?**

NEW DELHI, 21 Nov — Queen of Pop Madonna is selling off her Harperly Hall home in New York for USD 23.5 million. The 54-year old singer has been living in a triple-wide townhouse on the upper East Side, which

she bought in 2009 for USD 32.5 million and has spent millions more on renovating.

The Harperly Hall home is a duplex on the fifth and sixth floor of a building at West 64th Street and Central Park West, according to a

listing from Brown Harris Stevens, reported *New York Daily News*.

The 6,000-square-foot apartment has 110 feet of frontage on Central Park West, with great rooms on each floor that have French doors leading to Juliet balconies on the park.

The interiors of the house are designed by Madonna's decorator brother Christopher Ciccone.

The master suite comes complete with a luxurious marble bathroom with Moorish arches, a steam shower and claw-foot tub.

In all, the spread also has eight bathrooms, five wood-burning fireplaces, a library, an eat-in kitchen, as well as a formal dining room facing the park. — PTI



The interiors of the house are designed by Madonna's decorator brother Christopher Ciccone. PTI

**Oprah Winfrey compares Justin Bieber to Michael Jackson, Beatles**

NEW DELHI, 21 Nov — Oprah Winfrey believes there has never been a "star" like Justin Bieber. The chat-show host has revealed a clip from her upcoming interview with the award-winning pop sensation on Oprah's Next Chapter, in which she discusses his rise to fame and compares his "screaming fans" to those of legendary musicians such as Michael Jackson.

After referring to the similarities between this interview and her chat with the 'Thriller' hitmaker in 1993 she says: "Justin Bieber is a phenomenon for our time and just like Elvis Presley; just like the Beatles and also like Michael Jackson he has millions of screaming fans all over the world. He's adored by them."

The clip then shows a teaser of Oprah and Justin sat together, with Oprah telling him: "There's never been a star like you. Do you realize



Justin Bieber with Oprah Winfrey

that?" to which the 18-year-old singer responds: "What do you mean by that?"

She then proceeds to talk about how Justin is a "product" of social media websites like twitter, which helped boost his international success, as well as reminiscing about when she used to obsess over Sir Paul McCartney.

She says: "Obviously lots of people compare your audiences to Michael Jackson's audiences—the screaming fans and your audience's to the Beatles

fans. I mean when I saw the crowd last night it reminded me of myself and Paul McCartney, you know? But even those tremendous legends who really changed the face of music for our culture did not have a start-up like yours because you are a product of, to a great extent, social media. So therefore there's never been a star like you."

The full interview on 'Oprah's Next Chapter' will air on 'OWN' on 25 Sunday November at 9 pm EST.

PTI

**Jackie Chan: Upcoming film will be last big action movie**

BEIJING, 21 Nov — Kung Fu superstar Jackie Chan said that while the upcoming film "Chinese Zodiac 2012" will be his last major action movie, citing his increasing age, he will still be packing punches in the world of philanthropy.

Chan wrote, directed and produced his latest film, set to premiere in cinemas in China next month.

seven years," and the film took a year and half to make, he added.

In the film, Chan is a treasure hunter seeking to repatriate sculpture heads of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac, which were taken from Beijing's Summer Palace by French and British forces during the Opium Wars.

He said it was an

will still do as much as I can. But I just don't want to risk my life to sit in a wheelchair, that's all."

Chan was recently awarded the Social Philanthropist of the Year award by *Harpers Bazaar* magazine. He said he wanted to increase time devoted to charitable work and hoped China's leagues of newly wealthy will follow



Kung Fu superstar Jackie Chan gestures in front of a car before having his Bentley 666 auctioned for charity in Beijing, on 19 Nov, 2012. REUTERS

He also plays the lead role and said that he regarded it the "best film for myself" in the last ten years.

"I'm the director, I'm the writer, I'm the producer, I'm the action director, almost everything," the 58-year-old Hong Kong actor told *Reuters* while in Beijing to film a documentary.

"This really, really is my baby. You know, I've been writing the script for

important movie for him because it will be his last major action feature, although he insisted it is not the end of his action career.

"I'm not young any more, honestly," he said, noting that with special effects technology and doubles a lot can be done without physical risk.

"Why (do) I have to use my own life to still do these kind of things?" he said. "I

his example—which he underlined by auctioning a Bentley 666 for around 6 million yuan (\$961,837).

China now has more billionaires than any other Asian country, but very few philanthropic organizations, and giving to charity remains a relatively new phenomenon in the world's most populous country.

Reuters



## Beckham to make post-Galaxy decision by year-end



Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham (L) controls the ball as Real Madrid's Jose Maria Callejon (C) and Gonzalo Higuain (R) defend during the first half of their World Football Challenge international friendly soccer match in Carson, California on 2 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

CARSON, (California), 21 Nov — David Beckham says he has plenty of "exciting opportunities" to consider once his six-year playing career with the

LA Galaxy ends after next month's Major League Soccer (MLS) Cup final.

Ruling out retirement, former England captain Beckham said he still has

one more challenge to face on the field but will not decide on his next move until the end of this year.

"I still feel I have something left in me as a player," the former Manchester United and Real Madrid mid-fielder told reporters after a Galaxy practice session at the Home Depot Centre on Tuesday.

"I still feel like I have one more challenge in me as a player, even at 37 years old. I feel I still can play at a high level. Where that will be yet, I haven't decided.

"I have some exciting opportunities on the table but right now my focus is on the final. Once that's out of the way, we have a tour to deal with and then it's Christmas, which we

always spend in London. I will make a decision then."

Last week, Beckham's management denied he had plans to move to Australia's A-League though his decision to leave the Galaxy prompted huge speculation over his next destination, with a return to England one of the options floated.

Asked if he could be more specific about his next move, Beckham replied: "No, because right now my focus is on the final and I haven't made a decision on that yet. "There are options and I am very lucky at my age to have options. My decision will be made around December or in the New Year but right now I can't even comment on it."

Reuters



Former Brazil and Real Madrid coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo.

## Former Real Madrid boss denies Palmeiras return

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Nov—Former Brazil and Real Madrid coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo has denied reports linking him with a return to Palmeiras.

The 60-year-old has this year led Gremio to second in Brazil's top-flight with two matches remaining after the club finished 12th last season.

With his contract due to expire in December, Luxemburgo is yet to com-

mit to a new deal with the Porto Alegre outfit.

"I haven't received any proposals from Palmeiras, however I don't say no to anything. The reality and the truth is that I am renegotiating my contract renewal at Gremio."

Luxemburgo has coached Palmeiras on four previous occasions and led the club to consecutive championship triumphs in 1993 and 1994.—Xinhua

## Inter's coach Stramaccioni, striker Cassano banned



Inter Milan coach Andrea Stramaccioni

ROME, 21 Nov—Inter Milan coach Andrea Stramaccioni and striker Antonio Cassano have been banned one and two matches respectively, Italian Serie A bosses announced on Tuesday.

Serie A officials said in a statement Stramaccioni was banned from the touchline for the next league game after "protesting a refereeing decision, leaving the designated coach's technical area and making offensive remarks to match



officials".

Cassano's ban was for "making offensive remarks to the referee on the way

down the players' tunnel following the game".

Stramaccioni was red carded for protesting against the decision not to award the spot-kick while Cassano remonstrated with the referee on the way down the players' tunnel after the final whistle in Inter's 2-2 draw with Cagliari on Sunday. Inter remain second with a four-point deficit to champions and leaders Juventus.—Xinhua



Inter Milan striker Antonio Cassano

## Numbers continue to rise in "pass happy" league

NEW YORK, 21 Nov—It is no surprise to see elite NFL quarterbacks such as Tom Brady and Drew Brees racking up big numbers in yardage this season but what is increasingly noticeable is the number of less accomplished quarterbacks joining them.

Three quarterbacks have already passed the 3,000 yard mark this season, Brees, Atlanta's Matt Ryan and Oakland's Carson Palmer, and plenty more are poised to join them.

More significantly, eight quarterbacks are averaging over 290 yards per game, including Indianapolis Colts rookie Andrew Luck

(296.5), Detroit's Matthew Stafford (298.8) and the oft-criticized Dallas Cowboys signal caller Tony Romo, who has passed for 2,916 yards from 10 games.



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (L) shakes hands with Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck at the conclusion of the fourth quarter of their NFL football game in Foxborough, Massachusetts on 18 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Three years ago only two quarterbacks, Brees and Houston's Matt Schaub, averaged more than 290 per game, and five seasons back, only New England's Brady

managed it. Admittedly, the bad weather winter games have yet to come and they can push down averages but there are plenty of other signs that quarterbacks are gaining more and more yards in the modern NFL.

Breaking 500 yards in a single game used to be one of the rarest of achievements. Only two players managed it in the entire 1990s, yet two players have done it already this season. Schaub, not even ranked in the top ten quarterbacks in the league, did it with 527 yards against Jacksonville on Sunday while Eli Manning threw 510 for the New York Giants in September.—Reuters

## Soccer

## Former boxing champ Hector Camacho wounded in Puerto Rico shooting



Three-time world boxing champion Hector "Macho" Camacho

NEW YORK, 21 Nov—Three-time world boxing champion Hector "Macho"

Camacho was seriously wounded on Tuesday in a drive-by shooting in Puerto

Rico, according to reports in the Puerto Rican Press.

Camacho, 50, was a passenger in a vehicle fired on by unknown gunmen in the Bayamon region of the island, just southwest of the capital, San Juan, according to reports in *El Nuevo Herald* and *El Nuevo Dia*.

The reports said Camacho was taken to San Juan Medical Centre. It attributed information about the shooting to Bayamon district police captain Reinaldo Santiago.—Reuters

## Toronto hires Gibbons to manage Blue Jays again

NEW YORK, 21 Nov—The Toronto Blue Jays will feature a slew of new players in 2013 but a familiar face steering them from the bench with John Gibbons



Toronto Blue Jays manager John Gibbons (R) stands on the field during their MLB baseball game against the New York Yankees in Toronto on 31 May, 2007.

REUTERS

returning as manager of the American League club.

Gibbons, who served as Blue Jays manager from August 2004 to June 2008 with a record of 305-305, replaces John Farrell, who left Toronto to manage the Boston Red Sox.

A former major league catcher with the New York Mets, Gibbons recently managed the Double-A San Antonio Missions following three seasons as bench coach for the Kansas City Royals. "This came as a big

surprise to me," Gibbons, 50, said at a news conference on Tuesday.

"It's really a thrill and an honor to be back here. I never would have guessed this would happen." Toronto has undergone a rapid transformation this off-season, agreeing to a 12-player deal with the Miami Marlins that netted the Blue Jays high-profile players including shortstop Jose Reyes and starting pitchers Josh Johnson and Mark Buehrle.—Reuters



GENERAL

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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- \* News 8. Martial Song 4:05 pm
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- 7:15 am 2. Dhama Puja Song
- 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (History)
- 12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit 4:50 pm
- 13. Science and Environment 5:05 pm
- 14. Songs Programme 5:20 pm
- 15. India Drama Series 6:20 pm
- 16. Myanmar Series 6:35 pm
- 17. Approaching Science Discovery World 7:00 pm
- 18. TV Drama Sries 8:00 pm
- 19. News 20. International News 21. Weather Report 22. TV Drama Series 23. TV Drama Series

Looms preparing for Mathoe robe weaving contest



YANGON, 21 Nov— Preparations for taking part in the contest are being made at 16 looms including Mya Nan New, Pa Pa Wady, Thuzatar, Botahtaung Pagoda in Thiri Sanda, Shin Saw Pu, Datu Kalyar and Rupa Marlar.

The 30th Mathoe robe weaving contest will be held at the looms on the platform of Kyaikdaeup Botahaung Pagoda in Botahtaung Township on 14th waxing and fullmoon day of Tazaungmon.

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Recuperating Nadal back on practice court

MANACOR, 21 Nov— Rafa Nadal returned to the practice court and started hitting balls again on Tuesday for the first time since the latest in a series of knee injuries forced his withdrawal from the US Open at the end of August.

The 11-times grand slam singles champion, who has not competed since a shock defeat to Czech Lukas Rosol in the second round at Wimbledon in June, completed a session under the supervision of coach and uncle Toni Nadal on an indoor hard court in his home town of Manacor on the island of Majorca.

The 26-year-old Spaniard, the current world number four, hopes to be back to full fitness in time for the Australian Open in January.

"I think I am feeling better, the knee is improving the right way and I am happy to be on court another time after a few months outside," Nadal told reporters.

"I am just enjoying the feeling to be playing tennis another time and, well, it will be another period of my recovery," he added.

I start very slow and I go day by day. I will work hard in my comeback and hopefully the knee will be ready soon.

"Always you have to be careful. A few months outside of competition the body has to re-adapt everything on court and all the muscles need to start very slow."

Nadal's athletic, aggressive playing style places huge demands on



Spain's Rafael Nadal gestures between television interviews, during which he detailed reasons for pulling out of the US Open, in Palma de Mallorca, on the island of Mallorca on 17 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

his muscles and joints and has been sidelined several times by knee problems during his 11-year career.

His latest injury was diagnosed as a partial tear of the patella tendon and an

inflammation of the Hoffa's fat pad in his left knee. After the shock defeat at Wimbledon he was unable to defend his Olympic title at the London Games.

Reuters

Tennis

Kuroda signs for another season with Yankees Baseball

NEW YORK, 21 Nov— The New York Yankees face a number of questions about their roster this offseason but removed some of the doubt about their rotation by signing pitcher Hiroki Kuroda to a one-year contract, the American League team said on Tuesday. Kuroda, 37, went 16-11 with a 3.32 earned run average in his debut season in New York after signing as a free agent following four seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I am very happy and excited to re-sign with the Yankees," said Kuroda in a statement. "I am very grateful for all of the interest and all of the offers that I received from the various teams that courted me."

"It was a tough decision for me to make, but at the end of the day, I wanted to try to win a championship with the team mates that I went to battle with last season." Terms of the deal were not announced, but ESPN reported it was worth about \$15 million.

The Yankees must

decide whether or not to bring back a number of players for next season including outfielders Nick Swisher and Ichiro Suzuki, and catcher Russell Martin.

Signing Japanese right-hander Kuroda enabled the Yankees to slot into their rotation one of their most reliable starters from last season's AL East championship squad.

Kuroda had career bests in wins, starts (33), innings pitched (219.2) and strikeouts (167). Among AL pitchers, he ranked fourth in innings, tied for sixth in wins and finished eighth in ERA. After a mediocre start to the season, when he posted a 3-6 record and 4.56 ERA in his first nine starts, he went 13-5 with a 2.92 ERA over his final 24 starts. Among all Japanese-born pitchers to play in Major League Baseball, Kuroda's 3.42 career ERA is the lowest all-time among pitchers who have made 20-or-more career starts or pitched at least 350 innings.

Reuters



New York Yankees starting pitcher Hiroki Kuroda throws a pitch to the Boston Red Sox in the first inning of their MLB American League game at Yankee Stadium in New York on 29 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Population ageing weighs on crisis-hit Italy

ROME, 21 Nov— Over half of Italy's overall retirees struggle to make a living amid the current economic crisis in a country whose population is growing old, local reports said on Tuesday.

According to the national pension agency INPS, around 7.2 million retirees receive monthly pensions of less than 1,000 euros (1,280 US dollars,) while 35 percent get between 500 and 1,000 euros, and 17 percent receive less than 500 euros.

The average monthly pension in Italy was 1,131 euros, while just 2.9 percent of retirees receive more than 3,000 euros per month,

INPS said.

Meanwhile, according to national statistics agency Istat, the Italian population continues to age. Last year, a total of 546,607 births were recorded in the country, about 15,000 fewer than in 2010, confirming the downward trend that began in 2009.

Italian families are struggling amid recession deepened by a series of tax hikes and welfare cuts carried out by Prime Minister Mario Monti's emergency government to tackle the country's massive debt crisis.

According to a study by business association Confesercenti, this year the

average household's tax bill in Italy will be 1,450 euros (1,858 US dollars) higher than it was in 2011.

The study said the recent austerity measures and other budget reforms have taken the Italian overall tax burden up to 44.7 percent, 5 percent higher than the European average.

As a result of the crisis and dented spending power, in 2012, the number of Italian households who say they cannot afford a meat or fish dish more than every two days rose to 12.3 percent from 6.7 percent last year, according to a survey conducted by Istat.

Italians who cannot afford to adequately heat

the house increased to 17.9 percent from 11.2 percent among the surveyed, while those who cannot afford a yearly week's holiday rose to 46.5 percent from 39.8 percent.

On Monday, President Giorgio Napolitano said Italy must tackle its public debt, which is around 126 percent to its gross domestic product (GDP), by reducing spending rather than increasing taxes.

"It is a weight we need to get rid of with austerity policies that aim to reduce spending more than with policies that will only worsen the tax burden," he said. (1 euro = 1.28 US dollars).—Xinhua



## 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov— The concluding ceremony of 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit was held at Nuon Srey Hall of Peace Palace, Phnom Penh, Cambodia yesterday evening.

President U Thein Sein, heads of State/Government of ASEAN fellow countries, high-ranking officials, the ASEAN Secretary-General and invited guests were present on the occasion.

First, video clips on emblems of ASEAN countries and developments and activities of Brunei

which took ASEAN Chair in 2012 were shown and the Cambodian Prime Minister delivered an address.

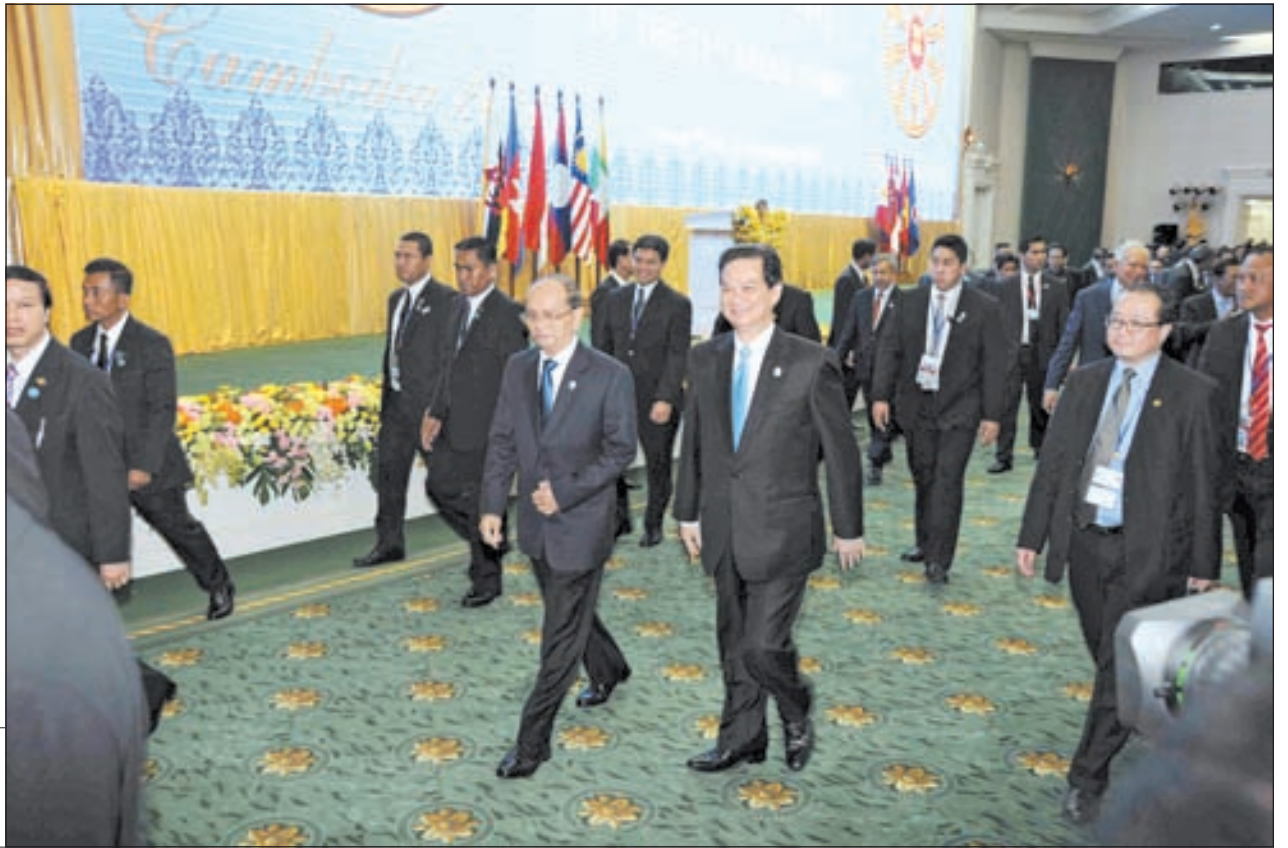
The Cambodian Prime Minister handed over ASEAN Chair to the Brunei Sultan who takes over ASEAN Chairmanship for 2013.

Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah extended greetings.

The ceremony came to an end with video clips on developments of Brunei.

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*President U Thein Sein and Heads of State/Government seen at concluding ceremony of 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit.—MNA*



## President U Thein Sein back from Cambodia



*President U Thein Sein being welcomed back by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and officials.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov— President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar after attending 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and related meetings in Phnom Penh, Cambodia arrived back here this afternoon.

Vice-Presidents Dr Sai

Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, Union Ministers Lt-Gen

Wai Lwin, U Khin Maung Soe, U Khin Yi, U Kyaw Lwin, Dr Myint Aung and U Htay Aung, departmental heads, Charge d' Affaires ai of Cambodian Embassy Mrs Tuot Kunthea welcomed President U Thein Sein back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein, Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Ministers U Zin Yaw, Daw Sanda Khin, Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay and departmental personnel also arrived back here.

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child marked in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov— Shan State held its 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the hall of Myanmar Medical

Association in Taunggyi yesterday morning, with an address of Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.

On the occasion, Chairman of Shan State

Committee for Rights of the Child state social affairs minister Dr Myo Tun presented reports on children's rights, and UNICEF regional officer U

Chit Ko Ko on undertakings of UNICEF.

Altogether 226 pre-school level children competed in funfairs and quiz contest, which featured as a gesture of the anniversary.

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Myanmar disabled athletes sports tournament opened

YANGON, 20 Nov— Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attended the opening of 24<sup>th</sup> Myanmar disabled sports tournament at Aung San Myanmar and opened the tournament. At the opening ceremony, the chief minister urged disabled athletes to participate in the tournament.

The chief minister also

attended the commemorative ceremony for United Nations Convention on the child rights at IBC on Pyay Road in Hline Township.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Chairman U Win Mya and United Nations Children's Fund Resident Representative Mr Bertrand Bainvel extended greetings at the ceremony.—MNA

## Healthcare services given to earthquake victims

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— Medical teams who have made field trip are giving healthcare services in quake-stricken townships in Mandalay and Sagaing Regions and sending injured patients to hospitals. Medical teams from Meiktila, Kyaukse, Shwebo hospitals and Shwebo, Kanbalu, KhinU,

Wetlet Townships were giving medical treatment to the patients in villages of Singu, Thabeikkyin, Shwebo, Kanbalu, KhinU and Wetlet Townships.

A total of 1547 outpatients have been given medical treatment at Shwebo, Singu and Thabeikkyin hospitals till 19 November.—MNA

## Production Management

### Improvement for Executives opened

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov— Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint addressed the opening of Production Management Improvement for Executives in Myanmar (Group C) jointly organized by the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA) and Industry Ministry of Myanmar under the arrangement of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan yesterday morning.

The Union Minister said he hoped that the

training course would create good opportunities for government officials and bring about fruitful results over objectives of the State.

HIDA conducted module 1 of Production Management Improvement Course for Group A and Group B from 27 August to 7 September and module 2 from 15 to 26 October, training 80 officials from ministries.

A total of 40 officials are attending the course for Group C.

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