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Appointment of Taninthayi Region Minister

In accord with Section 262 (e) and (f) and Section 264 (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) and Section 82 (c) of Union Government Law and Section 8 (g) and Section 56 (a) of Region or State Government Law, U Tin Soe has been appointed as Minister for Finance and Revenue of Taninthayi Region.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Myanmar, EEAS to cooperate in providing humanitarian assistance in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay held talks with Dr. Agostino Miozzo, Director of Crisis Response Department of European External Action Service (EEAS) of EU, at the minister's office, here, yesterday. They held discussions on matters related to cooperation in providing humanitarian assistance for both communities in Rakhine State and upgrading of roads, schools, hospitals, clinics and markets as long-term rehabilitation works in Rakhine State.

MNA

Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—According to the observations at (15:30) hrs MST Today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay and adjoining West Central Bay of Bengal has become less marked, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Thailand have been jointly holding meetings for Myanmar migrant workers. The 12th Myanmar-Thai workers affairs meeting will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 26 November 2012.
2. Myanmar delegation led by U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security will attend the meeting.
3. The meeting will focus on the ongoing work in implementing the agreements reached between Myanmar President and Thai Prime Minister during the President's goodwill visit to Thailand, and the minutes of the previous meetings.
4. The Thai side has proposed to concentrate on two topics – the expiry of the process of issuing temporary visas for Myanmar workers on 14 December, and nationality verification. However, other issues such as the topics raised by the President during the visit and issuance of legal documents for children and dependents of the workers, protection of Myanmar workers, comprehensive MoU in sending new Myanmar workers, and sending back Myanmar workers with no legal documents.

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Central Committee for holding 65th Anniversary Independence Day ceremony meets



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham making a speech at coordination meeting for holding 65th Anniversary Independence Day Ceremony.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—A coordination meeting for holding the 65th Anniversary Independence Day ceremony, took place at the meeting hall of President Office, here, this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee for holding the 65th Anniversary Independence Day (2013) Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham. It was attended by members of the Central Committee for holding the 65th Anniversary Independence Day (2013) Union Ministers U Aung Kyi, U Thein Nyunt, U Tint Hsan, Dr Mya Aye and Dr Ko Ko Oo, Chairmen of the Subcommittee the Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander and deputy ministers, senior military officers and departmental heads.

In his speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that the meeting was held with the aim of making necessary preparations for holding the 65th Anniversary Independence Day (2013) ceremony in accord with national objectives. The new government held the 64th Anniversary Independence Day ceremony successfully last year. For successful holding of that year ceremony, the Central Committee and seven Subcommittees were systematically formed. He urged the Subcommittees to give advices for successful holding of the ceremony on a grand scale.

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Sending of Message by the President to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

1. As the Constitution was approved by 92.48 percent of the eligible voters throughout the country, the State Peace and Development Council prescribed it under Announcement No. 7/2008 dated 29-5-2008. In accord with the Section 441 of the Constitution, it came into effect in the whole country on 31-1-2011 on which the first meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held.

2. Prior to the enforcement of the Constitution, the State Peace and Development Council enacted 22 laws to make sure that work to be done smoothly.

3. The President sent a message to the Sepaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under Letter No. 107 (1)/8/President Office dated 31-10-2012 stating to scrutinize the aforesaid 22 laws whether they were not in conformity with the Constitution and if it was found that it was so, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was to take action as necessary. The following is the translation of the message-

“1. After the Constitution was approved through referendum, the State Peace and Development Council prescribed it under Announcement No. 7/2008 dated 29-5-2008.

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Myanmar cyclists under training aiming medals



YANGON, 23 Nov—Respective sports federations are making preparations for taking part in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar.

Likewise, Myanmar cycling team is making vigorous efforts in training for securing success in the SEA Games.

The cycling event will comprise four contests in the SEA Games including hilly cycling called down hill event

in addition to hilly BMX, cross country and ordinary cycling. Arrangements have been made to award 16 gold medals to the winners.

Secretary of Myanmar Cycling Federation U Kyaw Min Than said, "Myanmar team commenced its training for the SEA Games on 15 December 2011.

As the contest will award 16 gold medals, Myanmar is expected to bag five gold medals. Myanmar

athletes have many chances to achieve medals in the down hill contest. The main opponents of Myanmar may be those from Thai, Malaysia and Indonesia. We will try our best to secure the medals as much as possible."

A total of 37 men tentatively selected cyclists and 25 women under training are based in Nay Pyi Taw. They have a plan to take joint training in China in February 2013.—*Myanma Alinn*

Myitkyina-Mandalay cargo down-train derails

MAWLU, 23 Nov—A cargo down-train (934) with 11 coaches derailed between Nansiaung Station and Mawlu Station in Indaw Township, Sagaing Region on 20 November morning. Three coaches dragged along about 800 feet from mile post No.610-4/3 to 610-8/7. The

accident has caused damage to 18 slippers. Responsible persons from Myanma Railways are repairing it. It is known that the damaged section will be opened soon. Mandalay-Myitkyina special up-train (55) has to stop at Nabar station.

Myanma Alinn



Japanese medical mobile team performs free health care service in Sagaing

SAGAING, 23 Nov—A Japanese medical mobile team led by Dental and Oral Treatment Specialist Dr. Geni Chi Tokeda from Osaka, Japan and Myanmar dentists mobile team including Dr Win Maung Maung Oo jointly gave medical treatments to a total of 87 students from Taungphila Monastic School and 90 locals sharing medical knowledge on dental and oral care at

Wachet Zivitadana Sangha Hospital and Dhamayon of Shwetaungoo Monastery in Shwe Min Wun Ward in Sagaing, as of 18 to 20 November.

Likewise, monks, nuns including about 200 students from Wachet Basic Education Post-primary School were given free medical treatment at Wachet Jivitadhana Sangha Hospital.

Myanma Alinn

UMFCCI President meets US businessmen

YANGON, 23 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Vice-Presidents and Myanmar entrepreneurs

held a meeting with a 100-entrepreneur delegation led by Mr Johnathan Collard, (Co-Chair of Am Cham Myanmar Task Force of the American Chamber of Commerce and Ms Judy

Benn, Head of Am Cham Thai at Sedona Hotel, here, on 14 November.

They discussed cooperation in economy between Myanmar and the US.—*Myanma Alinn*

Conveyance of sacred tooth relic 21-30 Nov in Pyay

BAGO, 23 Nov—The 113th conveyance of sacred Buddha tooth relic of Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Pyay will be held from 21 to 30 November.

At the ceremony, the Buddha tooth relic will take consecration at four prayer halls of the pagoda by 108 members of the Sangha on 21 November.

The Buddha Pujaniya will take place at Kyabyan Makauk Dhammayon and then rice will be offered to 109 members of the Sangha.

At 5pm on 24 November, the Gandakuti chamber of the tooth relic will be kept open after closing it for one year.

At 6am on 26 November, the sacred Buddha tooth relic will be conveyed round the town from the throne of the pagoda.

On the schedules, the sacred tooth relic will be kept at 21 pavilions for the public

obeisance.

At 6pm, the sacred tooth relic will be conveyed to the pagoda. While conveying the tooth relic, a total of 12 decorated floats and religious association will flank the coach of the tooth relic.

During the period of the Buddha Pujaniya, people may enjoy open theatrical drama entertainments, orchestra and traditional cane-ball contests.

Myanma Alinn

Monsoon paddy harvested on model plot



THATON, 23 Nov—A ceremony to harvest Thukhahmway paddy strain on the model plot of Construction-6 of Irrigation Department was held in Phyuba Village of Paung

Township in Thaton District on 17 November.

One acre of five-acre paddy plantation produced 110 baskets of paddy in dry status per acre.

Myanma Alinn

Cardiac ultrasound machine donated

YANGON, 23 Nov—"Social Security Board is attending to the needs of Labour Hospitals through three ways— State budget allotments, contributions to social security insurances and donations of wellwishers. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the wellwisher for donation of cardiac ultrasound machine to the hospital," Union Minister for Labour Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint said at the ceremony to

donate cardiac ultrasound machine to the hospital at Labour Hospital (Yangon), here, on 19 November.

Next, the Union minister presented certificate of honour to the wellwisher Managing Director U Kyaw Htoo Aung (MECP) who spoke on the occasion that more donation would be made as much as he could later. Then the Union minister inspected patient wards, operation theaters and out-patient ward in the hospital.—*MNA*

Narrakhaung creek-crossing bridge under construction

INDDAW, 23 Nov—Narrakhaung creek passing through near Narrakhaung village, Indaw Township, Katha District, Sagaing Region, is on Shwebo-Myitkyina Strategic road. Its datum is about one foot in winter and summer.

It has to take about one to four hours to pass it when the creek is flooded due to torrent rains. This is the only one road to transport goods from planes

regions to Kachin State. Flood has caused a halt to commodity flow. Local people, merchants and car owners wish they want to cross the creek in any season. Now, their dream comes true. Public Works of Indaw Township starts building a 28-ft-wide and 350-ft-long RC concrete bridge on the creek on 16 November. It will be built at a cost of K 52.5 million during 60 days.—*Myanma Alinn*



Illegal teak, timber logs, forest products seized

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov— During a period from 21 to date, a combined team of staff from Taikkyi, Hlegu, Thingangyun and Hmawby Township Forest Departments seized 1735 bags of charcoal while conducting a search of five trucks carrying them along main roads in the townships, and officials concerned filed

lawsuits against 11 owners at respective courts.

Likewise, the team seized 5.7566 tons of illegal teak and forest products while launching a search of four trucks carrying teak, timber logs, sawn woods, firewood and furniture. Officials concerned filed lawsuits against nine owners at respective courts.—*MNA*

Technological colleges under repair in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov— Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo visited Government Technological College (Kantbalu) in Sagaing Region on 18 November. The Union minister gave guidance

on academic, admin and disciplinary matters and inspected teaching aids fulfilled at the college.

Next, the Union minister looked into renovation of quake-hit school buildings and University of Technology (Sagaing). —*MNA*

WORLD

NATO, Russia clash over missile deployment in Turkey

MOSCOW/ZURICH, 23 Nov—NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen rejected Russian criticism on Thursday of the alliance's possible deployment of Patriot missiles near Turkey's border with Syria. Russia said earlier it opposed the deployment of the surface-to-air missiles, which Ankara has asked NATO for because it fears spillover from the civil war in its neighbour.

"This would not foster stability in the region," Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said. Rasmussen, who was greeted by 100 anti-NATO protesters when he arrived to give a speech at the University of Zurich, said Russia's criticism was "not justified".

"We have made clear from the outset we will do what it takes to defend our ally Turkey," he said in answer to a question.

Rasmussen said the deployment of the Patriot missiles, which can be used to intercept missiles or planes, would "serve as a deterrent to possible enemies" and help "preserve stability along our southern borders". The move would be "purely defensive", he said.

Rasmussen, making the first visit to neutral Switzerland by a NATO secretary-general since 2004, voiced great concern about the situation on the Turkish-Syrian border and said "the Turks are increasingly worried about the situation".

NATO ambassadors met on Wednesday to consider Turkey's request, which followed weeks of talks between Ankara and NATO allies about how to shore up security on its 900-km (560-mile) border with Syria.

The ambassadors

reached no decision but the three countries that could supply the Patriots, the United States, Germany and the Netherlands, all said they viewed Turkey's request positively, according to one NATO diplomat, who said a final decision to deploy missiles was unlikely before next week.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said in Paris on Thursday that France backed Turkey's request. "There is no reason to object, it is purely defensive," he told BFM TV.

Turkey has repeatedly scrambled fighter jets along the frontier and responded in kind to stray shells flying into its territory during the conflict in Syria, where an estimated 38,000 people have been killed since an uprising against President Bashar al-Assad's government began in March 2011.

Reuters

EU naval warships arrest nine suspected Somali pirates

NAIROBI, 23 Nov—European Union anti-piracy mission have arrested nine suspected Somali pirates off the coast of Somalia after warning of threat of piracy which still remains a threat despite attacks having declined off the Horn of Africa in the past year.

In a statement received by Xinhua on Thursday, the EU's warship, Romanian frigate ROS Regele Ferdinand, worked in close cooperation with Turkish warship TCG Gemlik of Combined Task Force 151 (CTF-151) in arresting the suspects late on Wednesday some 420 nautical miles east of Mogadishu.

Rear Admiral Potts, who is the Operation Commander of the EU Naval Force, said counter piracy forces in the area were quickly alerted after Swedish's Maritime Patrol Aircraft located the suspicious skiff at sea 420 nautical

miles east of Mogadishu as another patrol aircraft maintained visual coverage from the air.

"Once at the scene, TCG Gemlik sent a boarding team to search the suspect vessel, which had tried, unsuccessfully, to evade capture for over an hour," Potts said in a statement.

He said after gathering intelligence, the skiff was destroyed, thus preventing the suspect pirates from using it to attack ships in the future.

"I am delighted that through the combined efforts of counter-piracy forces in the region, once again, suspect pirates, who ventured out to sea in an attempt to hijack merchant ships and their crews in the Indian Ocean, have quickly been found and their vessel destroyed," Potts said.

"As I said in October, we knew, as the monsoon period ended that pirates

would try their luck at sea and this is why we have constantly warned against complacency."

The EU counter-piracy mission off the coast of Somalia had warned in October of threat of piracy which it said still remains a threat despite attacks having declined off the Horn of Africa in the past year.

Potts warned yachting and leisure craft community to avoid transiting the High Risk Area — the southern Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and the Western part of the Indian Ocean. "We are currently witnessing a tactical, yet wholly reversible success in the reduction of pirate attacks off the Horn of Africa and we very much welcome the shipping community's efforts to protect merchant ships transiting the area with the implementation of self-protection measures to deter attacks," Potts said on 8 Nov.—Xinhua

Two dead, up to 100 hurt in massive pileup on foggy Texas highway

BEAUMONT, 23 Nov—A high-speed pileup of up to 150 vehicles on a fog-bound Texas interstate highway killed at least two people on Thursday and injured up to 100, a sheriff's spokesman said.

The chain reaction of collisions shut down Interstate 10 about 15 miles west of Beaumont for several hours, said Deputy Rod Carroll of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

"We have 18-wheelers on top of cars, we have cars on top of cars. It's just catastrophic," he said, adding that rescuers were still looking for victims.

Two bodies were found underneath a tractor-trailer, he said. After all vehicles

were searched, authorities determined as many as 100 people were injured, up to 12 of them seriously or critically hurt, Carroll said.

"People were not driving for the conditions at hand," he said.

He said the initial accidents took place separately about a mile apart on the east—and westbound sides of the interstate. The highway had been crowded with motorists travelling over the Thanksgiving holiday. Many of the vehicles were moving close to the posted speed of 70 mph despite dense fog that limited visibility, Carroll said. The westbound lanes of the interstate have been reopened, he said.—Reuters



A pileup of 80 to 100 vehicles on a foggy Texas interstate near Beaumont, is pictured in this still image taken from video courtesy of KPRC-TV, on 22 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Bomb explodes outside Greek prosecutor's home

ATHENS, 23 Nov—A small bomb exploded outside the Athens home of a Greek criminal prosecutor early on Thursday, causing no injuries but damaging houses and cars, police said.

The dynamite-packed device was placed in the front yard of the house of Paraskevi Kalaitzi who has investigated a string of high-profile criminal cases, including the 2009 kidnapping of shipping magnate Perikilis Panagopoulos.

"We haven't formed a

clear picture yet. It could be common criminals or (domestic) terrorism," said a police official who declined to be named.

The blast tore a hole in the building's front door and smashed windows in seven houses and six cars, police said. Officers were studying CCTV footage for clues.

Panagopoulos was held for eight days then released after his family paid a ransom, in a case that riveted the nation.

Several small bombs



A Greek police explosives expert searches for evidence at the area outside a house in Chalandri suburb, north of Athens, on 22 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

have exploded in Greece in recent years as the country struggles through harsh austerity measures imposed

by foreign lenders. Gas canisters have been left a number of times at banks and tax offices.—Reuters

Flood insurance subsidy deal in doubt

LONDON, 23 Nov—A plan to guarantee affordable insurance for homes in Britain's flood-prone regions could fail because the government won't provide the scheme with a financial backstop, several industry sources said.

A collapse of the so-called Flood Re plan could leave 200,000 homes at high risk of flooding without insurance when an existing subsidy arrangement expires in July next year.

Under Flood Re, drawn up by the insurance industry, households at low risk would pay a levy of up to 20 pounds a year into a fund which would cover claims from high-risk homes. The taxpayer would act as insurer of last resort in the

event of an extreme flood that exhausted the capacity of the fund. But the heavily-indebted government is reluctant to commit to picking up a potentially sizeable claims bill and may reject the plan, the sources said.

"The government are concerned there's a contingent liability," said a senior

industry source involved in talks with the government over Flood Re. "My bet would be the government won't deliver on the model on the table." "It's an open secret that the government is just not going to accept the contingent liability that would be left if Flood Re were in place," a second

source said.

A spokeswoman for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the ministry responsible for flood policy, declined to comment.

"We want to reach an agreement that ensures both the availability and the affordability of flood insurance for the first time," Defra said in a statement.

"The insurance industry and the government continue to work together towards this goal." Flood Re is designed to replace an existing agreement under which insurers offer cheap cover to flood-prone homes in exchange for a government pledge to build more flood defences.

Reuters



A van drives through flood water at Littlehampton in southern England on 11 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Orange launches smartphone app for free calls, texts

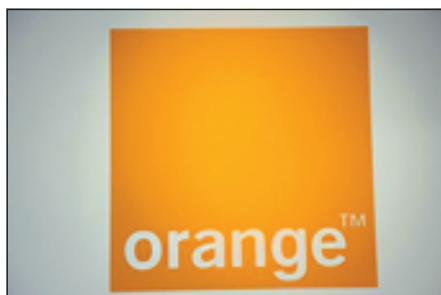
Tech

HELSINKI, 23 Nov — Orange, the mobile brand of France Telecom, launched a global free calling and texting application on Thursday, in direct competition with services such as Skype, WhatsApp and Viber. Telecom operators around the globe have suffered as free calling and texting services have proliferated over the past few years. The apps allow users to communicate without using their voice or text allotments, leading some operators like KPN to complain about the hit to their bottom line.

Giles Corbett, who

developed the application called 'Libon' for Orange, said telecom operators needed to come up with equivalent services. "The situation is really simple — either you deliver the most compelling service or your users switch to something else. What's the alternative? We want to be in there," he said in an interview. The application can be used by any iPhone user for free, while the company charges for some premium features like transcripts of voicemail or email copies of voicemails.

Libon will be available



The logo of France Telecom's unit Orange is seen during a news conference in Paris. REUTERS

for smartphones using Google's Android software in the first quarter of 2013. Telefonica also launched a similar app, called Tu Me, in May, while Deutsche Telekom has one known as Bobsled. With other European operators, Orange has also been working on a new technology known as rich communications suite (RCS), which is supposed to update traditional mobile calls by adding chat functions, live video and file sharing across all devices.

The telecoms industry association GSMA has been working on standardizing RCS for use across all telecom operators and all handsets. Orange, Vodafone, Deutsche Telekom, AT&T and China Mobile are working on deploying RCS to their customers. Orange said it was preparing a launch of RCS, which has been branded 'Joyn' by operators to give it a more consumer-friendly moniker, in June 2013.

Reuters

Samsung wins US court order to access Apple-HTC deal details

Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Nov — A US judge has ordered Apple Inc to disclose to rival Samsung Electronics details of a legal settlement the iPhone maker reached with Taiwan's HTC Corp, including terms of a 10-year patents licensing agreement.

argued it is "almost certain" that the HTC deal covers some of the same patents involved in its own litigation with Apple. The court on Wednesday ordered Apple to produce a full copy of the settlement agreement "without delay", subject to



A shop attendant poses with replicas of HTC, Samsung and Apple's smartphones inside a mobile phone shop in Taipei on 6 April, 2012. REUTERS

The Korean electronics giant had earlier filed a motion to compel its US rival — with whom it is waging a bitter legal battle over mobile patents across several countries — to reveal details of the settlement that was reached on 10 November with HTC but which have been kept under wraps.

In August, the iPhone maker won a \$1.05 billion verdict against Samsung after a US jury found that certain Samsung gadgets violated Apple's software and design patents. Now, legal experts say the question of which patents are covered by the Apple-HTC settlement, and licensing details, could be instrumental in Samsung's efforts to thwart Apple's subsequent quest for a permanent sales ban on its products.

The Asian company has

an Attorneys-Eyes-Only designation. Representatives for the US company could not immediately be reached for comment. Samsung also requested the California court to add three newly released Apple products — the iPod Touch 5, the iPad 4 and the iPad mini — to the list of devices that it claims to have infringed on some of its patents, according to court documents. The settlement of Apple and HTC ended their worldwide litigation and brought to a close one of the first major flare-ups in the global smartphone patent wars. Apple first sued HTC in 2010, setting in motion a legal conflagration that has since circled the globe and engulfed the biggest names in mobile technology, from Samsung to Google Inc's Motorola Mobility unit.

Reuters

S Korea to launch space rocket next week

Science

SEOUL, 23 Nov — South Korea said on Thursday it would launch a space rocket next week, over a month after it put off the launch due to a last-minute technical glitch.

The science ministry and the state-run Korea Aerospace Research Institute have decided to launch the *Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1)*, also known as *Naro-1*, on 29 November.

The scheduled on 26 October launch was delayed due to a malfunction detected in the rocket's first stage only hours before its planned lift-off.

Russia designed and manufactured the rocket's first stage, while South Korea built its solid-fueled second stage. —Xinhua

Ocean-atmosphere conditions remain neutral with small risk of El Nino: WMO

Science

GENEVA, 23 Nov — Neutral conditions have continued in the tropical Pacific through recent months and the likelihood of El Nino conditions developing during the remainder of 2012 is now low, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said in an update on Thursday.

Even if El Nino develops between November 2012 and January 2013, its strength would be weak, said the WMO.

Between July and September, the tropical Pacific sea surface temperatures increased to weak El Nino levels, but because atmospheric characteristics of El Nino, such as sea level pressure, trade winds and cloudiness, failed to develop, overall conditions remained neutral, it said.

The sea surface temperatures then returned to neutral levels by early October, according to the update. It said the neutral conditions are likely to persist into the first quarter of 2013.

The El Nino phenomenon is due to large-scale interactions between the ocean and the

atmosphere. It is characterized by unusually warm ocean surface temperature in the central and eastern tropical Pacific, in contrast to the unusually cool ocean surface temperature witnessed in the same region during La Nina events.

Xinhua



A student controls her robot during the competition of Tagisang Robotics 2012 in Pasay City, the Philippines, on 22 Nov, 2012. A total of 31 teams participated in the competition on Thursday. —XINHUA

Potential huge for China to go "green"

Science

BEIJING, 23 Nov — As the biggest producer and consumer of energy in the world, China faces many challenges. The pressure to ensure the supply of energy is increasing and so is the pressure to deal with the associated environment issues. In response, the Chinese government has been calling for a transformation in the way energy is developed and adjusting the structure of related industries, especially the use of renewable resources.

Since 2005, China has

promulgated a series of regulations to support the development of renewable energy, including the law on renewable energy. In the meantime, it has also established a development fund system and attracted investment from diversified sources which has helped speed up the development pace of the country's renewable energy industry. In 2011, China's installed hydropower capacity reached 230 million kW, the top in the world. The nation's installed wind power capacity of 47

million kW was also the biggest globally. The country also achieved progress in the application of solar and geothermal energy.

Although the momentum is strong, the development of China's renewable energy industries is still at an early stage. Among the myriad of challenges is the cost of renewable energy, which remains much higher than the conventional sources.

Wind power costs 30 to 50 percent more than traditional fossil energy, and solar energy is much

higher yet, some two to three times more. Support for renewable energy industries will put more burden on the consumers and require more government subsidies.

Also, China's low-carbon energy technologies lag far behind developed countries, except in the use of solar heated water and methane. The technological disadvantage results in higher costs and less market acceptance. Last but not least, China's geography makes it hard to develop new energies. —Xinhua



A worker maintains a solar-powered street lamp in Laiian county of Anhui Province. The county is developing more wind and solar energy. —XINHUA

BUSINESS & HEALTH

RIM shares rally as optimism about new devices grows

TORONTO, 23 Nov — Shares of Research In Motion Ltd surged 17.3 percent in Toronto on Thursday on rising optimism around RIM's soon-to-be-launched BlackBerry 10 devices that will vie against Apple's iPhone and Android-based smartphones.

The rally in RIM shares was sparked by National Bank analyst Kris Thompson, who boosted his price target on RIM shares to \$15 from \$12. Thompson believes that there is more money to be made in the stock ahead of the early 2013 launch of the make-or-break new line of devices.

It was the second vote of confidence this week for the Canadian company, which has struggled to compete with the iPhone and with devices running on Google's market-leading Android operating system. On Tuesday, Jefferies & Co



A logo of the Blackberry maker's Research in Motion is seen on a building at the RIM Technology Park in Waterloo on 18 April, 2012. — REUTERS

analyst Peter Misek, who has been one of RIM's most influential critics, raised his rating and price target on the stock. RIM shares, which have now risen in the last seven straight trading sessions, rose to their highest level since May on the Toronto Stock Exchange on Thursday and ended the day at C\$12. The US market, where trade volumes usually top those in Toronto, was

closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday.

It was the biggest percentage gain in the stock since April 2009, when RIM shares rallied after the company's results topped market expectations. Thompson, who has an "outperform" rating on RIM stock, said he raised his price target due partly to the "positive sentiment building in the industry"

ahead of BB10's launch." The new management team is executing by maintaining the BlackBerry subscriber base, managing costs and cash, and seemingly readying a February 2013 BB10 global platform launch," he said in a note to clients.

Earlier this week, Misek said a favourable reaction from telecom carriers to the new devices and the BB10 operating system that runs them was behind his decision to lift his rating and price target on RIM.

The BlackBerry maker, a smartphone pioneer, hopes BB10 will rescue it from a prolonged slump. RIM shares peaked at over \$148 in 2008 before diving more than 90 percent. The stock is up more than 90 percent in the past two months as the launch date for the BB10 devices nears. The stock has now enjoyed seven straight days of gains.—Reuters

Business

Fitch cuts Sony, Panasonic debt ratings to "junk" status

TOKYO, 23 Nov — Ratings agency Fitch downgraded the debt ratings of Japan's Sony Corp and Panasonic Corp to "junk" status citing weakness in their consumer electronics and TV operations, further diminishing the luster of the once-great Japanese brands. The cut to below investment grade, the first by a ratings firm, comes as the floundering Japanese tech giants face weak demand and fierce competition from Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics.

A strong yen and bumps

envison the current situation continuing," said Masahi Oda, Chief Investment Officer at Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank.

"A collapse of their core business would be a problem, but we are not at the point yet, and to me Fitch looks too negative," Oda added. Fitch downgraded Sony by three notches to BB-minus from BBB-minus, saying meaningful recovery will be slow. The move came after Sony, the maker of PlayStation game consoles and Vaio laptops, last week announced plans to raise



A Sony logo is seen as customers look at Sony digital cameras at an electronics shop in Tokyo, in this 10 May, 2012 file photo.— REUTERS

in China, where growth has slowed and Japanese goods have been targeted in sometimes violent protests recently, have also weighed on their earnings.

The two companies, along with Sharp Corp, racked up combined losses of \$20 billion last year, leading them to axe jobs, sell assets and close facilities." Both Sony and Panasonic are struggling to generate operating profits, but each is restructuring and I don't

150 billion yen (\$1.82 billion) through the sale of convertible bonds." Fitch believes that continuing weakness in the home entertainment and sound and mobile products and communications segments will offset the relatively stable music and pictures segments and improvement in the devices segment which makes semiconductors and components," it said in statement.

Reuters

Health

Anti-parasite drugs have potential for treating TB

VANCOUVER, 23 Nov — Drugs used to treat parasitic diseases are showing surprising potential as a therapy for tuberculosis (TB), a Canadian study has suggested. The study, published online this week in the journal *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy*, was conducted by researchers from the University of British Columbia.

Avermectins are commonly used in the developing world to eliminate the parasitic worms that cause river blindness and elephantiasis, but are traditionally believed to be inactive against all bacteria, according to the researchers. However, they found that in vitro tests of the avermectin family of drugs in the lab,

the drugs actually killed the bacteria that cause TB, including drug resistant forms.

"The drug concentrations effective in vitro indicate members of this family might be very valuable additions to the small repertoire of drugs we have to fight multi-drug resistant TB, which have very low probabilities of being cured," said Santiago Ramon-Garcia, a co-author on the paper. The researchers believe the findings underscore the potential for finding new approved drugs or synergistic drug combinations.

Further studies are needed to assess the drugs' clinical application for treating TB, and the researchers are now working with animal models



to determine effective dosage levels and regimens. Currently, TB is the second greatest contributor among infectious diseases to adult mortality,

causing approximately 1.7 million deaths a year worldwide, according to the World Health Organization.

Xinhua

Asia shares set for best week in 2 months as outlook improves

SINGAPORE, 23 Nov — Asian shares ambled higher on Friday and were on course for a weekly gain of more than 2 percent, their best in two months, after manufacturing surveys from China and the United States raised hopes that the global growth outlook is improving at last. The euro was also enjoying a positive week, despite data on Thursday pointing to the euro zone sliding into its deepest recession since 2009, with the currency standing up more than 1 percent on last Friday's close on optimism that a funding deal for debt-choked Greece will ultimately be agreed.

Activity was subdued across financial markets on Friday, with a public holiday in Japan and US trading curtailed by the long Thanksgiving weekend.



People are reflected on an electronic board displaying a graph showing the movement of Nikkei share average outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 7 Nov, 2012.— REUTERS

MSCI's broadest index of Asia Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS rose 0.4 percent, with shares in South Korea .KS11 and Hong Kong .HSI both posting modest gains while Australian stocks .AXJO slipped 0.1 percent. .KS .AX .HK "I suspect profit-taking will probably be a

dominant factor at play in the market today," said Michael McCarthy, chief market strategist at CMC Markets in Sydney.

The MSCI index was up around 2.3 percent on the week, its best weekly performance since mid-September. Confidence in the global economic

outlook got its biggest boost from Thursday's HSBC flash manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for China, which showed expansion in the factory sector accelerating for the first time in 13 months, broadly lifting riskier assets such as stocks and commodities.

The Chinese data followed a report on Wednesday showing US manufacturing grew in November at its quickest pace in five months, indicating strong economic growth in the fourth quarter. PMI data on the manufacturing and services sectors in Europe's two biggest economies, Germany and France, added to the better tone, revealing that conditions had not worsened in November, though both economies were still contracting.— Reuters

Chinese alcohol maker apologizes for contamination

BEIJING, 23 Nov — Chinese alcohol producer Jiugui Liquor Co on Thursday apologized to consumers and investors after quality supervisor found excessive levels of a toxic chemical in a sample of its product.

The Hunan-based company vowed to scrutinize every link in its transportation and packaging processes, determine the cause of the contamination and make rectifications, it said in a statement to the Shenzhen

Stock Exchange.

The company's share will resume trading from Friday after a four-day suspension, the statement said.

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said on Wednesday that tests conducted by its Hunan branch found that liquor samples from Jiugui contained 1.04 mg of dibutyl phthalate (DBP) per kg, a kind of plasticizer.— Xinhua

PYITHU HLUTTAW

Proposal to send large.....

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Kangyidaunt Constituency on drafting of Media Law and Press Law with the change of fourth estate, Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway replied that Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) has started drawing a draft. A workshop in which local and foreign media men

linking Hlinethaya and Mayangon townships like Bayintnaung Bridge, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied that upon receiving the fund of K 1150 million asked for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 fiscal years, construction would be started immediately in coordination with Yangon Region government.

the Union U Soe Nyunt, the bill to amend Transfer of Property Act and the bill to amend civil law procedure, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency, the bill to amend Union Judiciary Law and Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency, the bill to abolish the 1993 development committees law (Law No (5/93) of State Law and Order Restoration

were allowed to jointly run Latpadantaung copper mining project in accord with the Order No. (0003/2010) dated 5-3-2010 of the Ministry of Mines and they were granted 60-year government grant-land in September 2012.

Wanbao Mining Ltd made full investment at US\$ 999 in accord with Order No (438/2010) issued by Myanmar Investment

and the grant of K 5.8 million for stipends of university students were carried out. For getting three Internationally-recognized certificates, works have to be managed in line with international standards. For surveillance, survey and maintainance for each sector had to be undertaken systematically. It follows findings and suggestions of Amyotha Hluttaw Mines and Minerals Committee and Myanmar Human Rights Commission. Profit and loss sharing of Latpadantaung Copper Mining Project is the State (16.8%), Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd (13.8%, investor (13.33%) and production costs (56%). According to the physical analysis, the profit sharing ratio of the State, MEH Ltd and investor is 1:1:1. So, the ratio between the State and the investor is 2:1. He continued to say that he would like to explain the facts about MEH Ltd. It was established with the contributions of veterans, families of fallen soldiers, soldiers who lost their body parts and soldiers. Profits are being allotted to them annually. The profits are used only for their welfare, not for purchase of munitions. It aims not to cause a heavy burden to the government in the time of nation building. From the political view point, there are no eternal friend and eternal enemy in the international relations, but is only eternal interest. So, his presentation is neither for the interests of US nor China. It is only for the interest of the country. According to the economic analysis, there would be deterrents to the influx of FDI and foreign investments if those contacts were broken without keeping such promises.

The last point is mental assessment. No matter what system is in practice, it needs to follow the law. It is required to stand by the right side without bias and it is the justice. In addition it needs to make sure none other practices except democratic practices flourish even at the majority's demand.

The next one is the problem of demonstration. Currently, nothing can be done since 18 November. If those projects are stopped like this, it causes the loss of USD 2 million monthly. The crisis has dragged on since



Union Defence Minister Lt-Gen Wai Lwin making clarification.

MNA

February, 2012. In working for the interests of nation in the time of Tatmadaw government, little progress could be made over 20 years due to sanctions. When democracy allows technology transfer for industrialization, demonstrations emerge as barriers, impeding the progress. Daw Khin San Hlaing proposed to form independent committee. But, Amyotha Hluttaw Natural Resources Committee has inspected and so did the team led by the secretary of independent Myanmar Human Rights Commission. He welcomed the proposal to form independent committee to investigate, assess, recommend and advocate approaches proposed, calling for standing by the right side if the proposal is worth implementing for the interests of the nation.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency put forward an important proposal urging the Union government to send a large number of scholars to foreign countries to rapidly fill the gap of technocrats and intellectuals, the major driving forces for strengthening of democracy, success of market economy system and good governance and clean government in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe seconded the proposal as it is beneficial one for the State and the people. The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

U Zaw Tun of Momauk Constituency discussed the report of Rule of Law and Peace Tranquility Committee.

The committee secretary proposed the Hluttaw to accept the report and the Hluttaw approved it. Then, the fifth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw came to an end.—MNA



Arrival of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives at fifth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

would participate, will be held after the first draft is drawn in coordination with experts from the Ministry. The second draft will be drawn in cooperation with journal reporters from the Press Council based on the workshop's results. And it will be submitted in accord with respective procedures for approval.

Regarding the question of U Zone Teint about whether there is plan for appointment of staff officer at the offices of Information and Public Relations Department as deputy staff officers are assigned there and if the township IPRD offices will be authorized to use the fund, he replied that there is no plan to assign staff officers to township IDRD offices but there is plan to authorize IPRD offices in regions with poor transportation like Chipwe providing the ministry gives special recommendation to do so.

Regarding the question of U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency about if there is plan to construct another bridge

Regarding the question of U Thaung Han of Yinmabin Constituency about if there is any plan to give promotion to staff at different levels of hierarchy in General Administration Department who have served more than twenty years like in other ministries, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun replied that merit accounts more than seniority and thus there is no plan to give promotion to such staff for the time being.

Secretary of Rule of Law and Peace and Tranquility Committee U Win Myint submitted the report of the committee to the hluttaw.

Hluttaw representatives were informed that the Amyotha Hluttaw-approved bill to amend the law of emolument, allowance and privileges of Region/State Hluttaw representatives was received.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein submitted the Central Bank of Myanmar Bill, Judge of the Supreme Court of

Council).

U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency submitted a proposal urging the Union Government and Hluttaw to amend or abrogate or enact a new law regarding the law to protect the rights of Myanmar citizens. Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo seconded the proposal to amend the law, and Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Daw Khin San Hlaing of Pale Constituency submitted an important proposal through the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw to the President to form an independent State level commission with reliable persons to investigate whether Latpadantaung copper mining project and Kyay-zintaung, south of Sabetaung copper mining project should be allowed or not and how it should be do after informing the public of findings, assessments and suggestions.

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin replied that the Myanma Economic Holdings Limited and Wanbao Mining Ltd

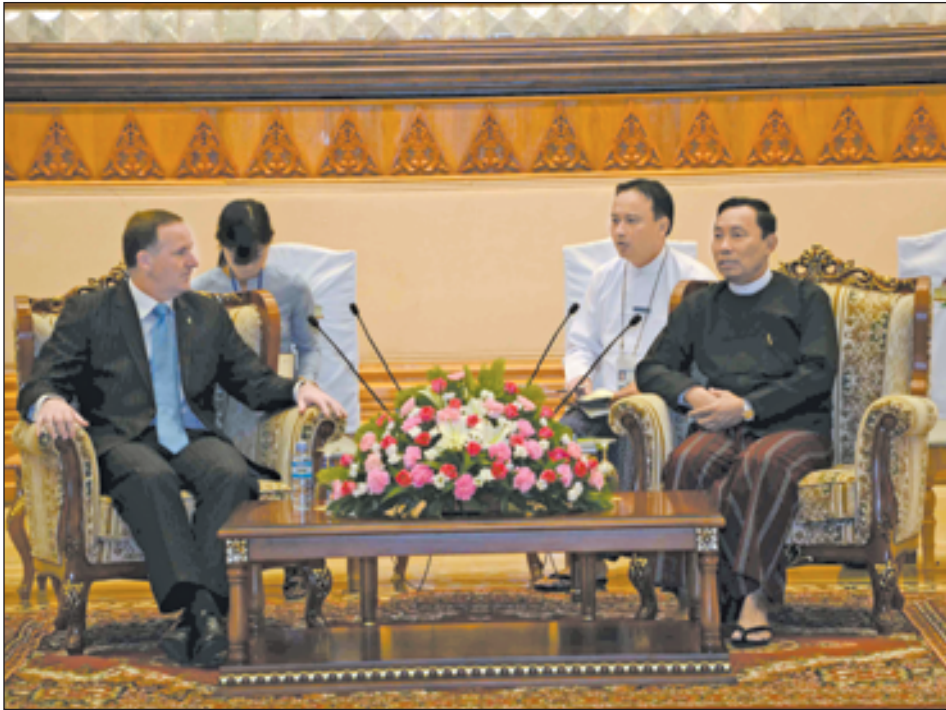
Commission. Land compensations had already been given for 6782.93 acres from 5 April to 5 July 2012. Compensation had been given for 1725.37 acres with no La Na (39). Compensation for houses which were removed had also been given.

Households were provided with rice and household utensils, and free transportation had been made. A total of K 11119.3 million and FEC 9651.1 had been spent for granting compensation, transportation and construction of new villages. At least one of family members was appointed as a staff and daily wage earner was promoted to a permanent staff under regional development programme and follow-up tasks. Basic pay was set as FEC 110-5-120 scale. A daily wage earner got K 3000 a day.

Increment rate on staff's basic salary rate has been increased biannually. Free health care, supply of free drinking water, spending of over K 150 million for drinking water

NATIONAL

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets New Zealand Prime Minister and party



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with New Zealand Prime Minister Mr John Key.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov— Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann held talks with a delegation led by New Zealand Prime Minister Mr John Key at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw complex, here, this morning. Present at the call together with the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw were chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw, U Thein Swe, U

Hla Myint Oo and U Htay Myint, members of the committees Daw Khin Saw Wai and Daw Nan Wah Nu and officials from Hluttaw Office. A visiting delegation led by the Prime Minister of New Zealand was accompanied by Ambassador of New Zealand to Myanmar Mr Tony Lynch and officials concerned. They had a cordial discussion on promoting

of cementing friendship between two countries while trying to promote more cooperation in two Parliaments, development of socio-economic status of Myanmar and investment and economic cooperation. After the discussion, the delegation visited the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. They observed the 15th day meeting of the fifth regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw, then.—MNA

Winners of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2011 announced

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — Winning manuscripts and winners of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Competition 2011 organized by Printing and Publishing Enterprise were announced today. In the novel category, first prize went to Min Thanni (Momeik), followed by Kaytu Hla Naing and Maung Yi Kyaw (Physics) stood second and third respectively. In the collected short stories category, Yamanya Po La Pyae won second prize and Nann Moe Saw Aung third prize. In the collected poems category, Maung Lwam Naing (Sabengon), Aung Tha Hsan (Thandwe) and Zaw Myo Han stood first, second and third respectively. Lin Htaik Tin Hlaing (Kyaukse) won first prize, Kyaw Hla Win (Education) second prize and Yin Yin

Mon (Archaeology) in the General Knowledge (Art) category. First prize in the General Knowledge (Applied Science) category went to Lulay (Delta Region), followed by U Thaug Ngwe and Aye Ko (Irrigation) who won second and third prizes. Zaw Lwin Oo (Hinthada) stood first in the Belles-letters category while Myint Soe (Na-Ta-La) and Maung Thin Hlaing second and third respectively. In the Myanmar Culture and Arts literature category, Myat Wai Toe (Institute of Education) won first prize, Withazaka (Bago) second and Hline Win Swe third. In the children's literature category, first prize went to Nanda Moe Kyal, second to Maung Tha Hmwe and third to Kantbalu Khin Maung Swe. In the youth's literature category, Maung Sanda (Lewe) won first prize, Ye

Myat Tin second and Thwet Htar Nyo third. In the drama category, second prize went to Maung Sanda (Lewe). Lin Ko Ko won translation award. For the English-language book award, Ye Dway stood first, followed by Shwe Chan Thet Paing and Meiji Soe who stood second and third respectively. Among 13 categories, the missing prize was Political literature award. Winners are to contact the Secretary of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutinizing Committee (Ph: 01 376569) and (Ph: 381449 of Admin) at No (529/531), Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street in Yangon as soon as possible. The prize presentation ceremony will be held on 14 December 2012 (1st Waxing of Nadaw, 1374 ME) at 9 am at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here. — MNA

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5. Moreover general matters includes quicker money transfers by the banks, educational opportunities for children of migrant workers, issuance of documents for seasonal migrant workers, protection of Myanmar workers facing unfair labour and pressures on board trawlers, lessening the punishments on and the amnesty for Myanmar workers serving prison terms in Thailand, and the review of the MoU signed in 2003 and its amendment at an appropriate time.
6. Thailand is expressing its intention through the media that it will not continue to host illegal workers from Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia after 14 December 2012.
7. According to the estimation of international organizations, there are over two million Myanmar workers in Thailand. It also says that temporary visas have not been issued for about 300,000 registered workers yet, and about one million workers still remained to be registered.
8. However, the international community at present is praising the efforts of the two governments to issue proper documents for Myanmar workers as per the international practices.
9. If the process is halted it will have adverse impact on the interest of both countries and workers' rights. Moreover, Thai entrepreneurs will face criticism of international organizations and NGOs dealing with the affairs of illegal migrant workers in Thailand. So, Myanmar will insist on extending the term in connection with the said matter.

Information Team

Press Release (4/2012)

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2. In accord with the Section 441 of the Constitution, it came into effect in the whole country on 31-1-2011 on which the first meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held.
3. Section 443 of the Constitution states "The preparatory work done by the State Peace and Development Council, before this Constitution comes into operation, to bring the Constitution into operation, shall be deemed to have been carried out in accord with this Constitution." In accord with this prescription, the State Peace and Development Council, referencing Section 443 of the Constitution, enacted 22 laws which were needed to enact in advance to build the future nation. The list of the laws was presented in the appendix.
4. Article 446 prescribes "Existing laws shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are replaced or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw". It makes the provisions of existing laws contrary to Constitution automatically become invalid. It is therefore shall be appropriate to amend, rewrite and abrogate the provisions as necessary after determining which provisions are contrary to the Constitution in actions taken under the existing laws.
5. The message is sent with recommendation to form a committee with parliamentarians, legal experts from administrative organs and outsider legal experts and to assign them to make clear whether provisions in those 22 laws enacted by the State Peace and Development Council in advance under Article 443 of the Constitution are contrary to the Constitution so that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw can take actions as necessary in case of contrary provisions.
4. The list of 22 laws enacted by the State Peace and Development Council in Article 443 of the Constitution is described as Appendix A as follows:
 - State Flag Law (No. 8/2010)
 - State Seal Law (No.9/2010)
 - National Anthem Law (No.10/2010)
 - Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law (No.11/2010)
 - Pyithu Hluttaw Law (No. 12/2010)
 - Amyotha Hluttaw Law (No. 13/2010)
 - Region or State Hluttaw Law (No. 14/2010)
 - Union Government Law (No. 15/2010)
 - Region or State Government Law (No. 16/2010)
 - Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Law (No. 17/2010)
 - Nay Pyi Taw Council Law (No. 18/2010)
 - Election of the President and Vice-Presidents Law (No 19/ 2010)
 - Union Judiciary Law (No 20/2010)
 - Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law (No 21/2010)
 - Attorney-General of the Union Law (No. 22/2010)
 - Auditor-General of the Union Law (No. 23/2010)
 - Union Chairman of Civil Services Board (No 24/ 2010)
 - Emolument, allowance and privileges of Union level Persons Law (No. 2/ 2011)
 - Emolument, allowance and privileges of Region/State level Persons Law (No.3/2011)
 - Emolument, allowance and privileges of chairman and executive committee members of Self-Administered Division or Self-Administer Area Law (No. 4/2011)
 - Emolument, allowance and privileges of chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Law (No. 5/2011)
 - Emolument, allowance and privileges of Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, Region/ State Hluttaw representatives and members of leading body of Self-Administered Division or Self-Administer Area Law (No. 6/2011)

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 24 November, 2012

Mobile education

Parliamentary debate and press criticism over education standards have made it clear that a lot more needs to be done in education system to keep abreast of our regional counterparts first, to be pragmatic. But, to radically reform the education system would rather take time and to improve educational institutions across the nation at the same time would be unrealistic.

Yangon University, the once-prestigious seat of learning in South East Asia, is reportedly to be rejuvenated with the assistance of foreign donors and local contributors to restore the public confidence in the education system as part of educational reform apart from establishment of centers of excellence and authorization for private schools.

While there is an apparent increased focus on both formal and informal education, distance education seems still out of sight after decades of neglect. Leaving aside the questionable quality of distance education with a lot of never-corrected misspellings in textbooks, exams only serve as annual gathering for most of undergraduates to spend a month of complete freedom.

But, I have to admit that it is just the general picture with a few notable exceptions. Nonetheless, the importance of certificates in job-seeking is undeniable even though these certificates do not represent any real qualification, which looks like a conflict.

I here just would like to focus on a possible alternative for rapid development of human resources. It would be much beneficial for the youth if the Education Ministry in cooperation with Communication and Information Technology podcast interesting and useful lessons as the number of mobile phone subscribers is increasing nationwide and the price of MP3 and MP4 has become affordable.

Mobile learning is a cost-effective learning tool to broaden our horizons in a short time and it is convenient for those who have no free time to attend a full-time course. Providing there is full access to internet plus good internet connection, perhaps all we need is to take cue from India which saw communication revolution through mobile phone. On the other hand, Myanmar netizens are still busy indulging in social websites while there is a number of learning sites available now.

NATIONAL
New Zealand Prime Minister concludes goodwill visit



New Zealand Prime Minister Mr John Key and party being seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by officials.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—A visiting goodwill delegation led by New Zealand Prime Minister Mr John Key who paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar

at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, left here by Special Flight at 12.15 pm today.

They were seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr

Pwint Hsan and officials, the national races from Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture and the Guard of Honour.

MNA

Can white angels fly high?

By Thet Ko Ko

It is no doubt that Myanmar people are wild about football. On weekends, some of us are Chelsea fans while some support ManU, some Barcelona and so forth. But, we all turn ardent fans of national football team once there is football match against them.

Nevertheless, it has been a long time Myanmar football fans dared not expect much from successive national football teams. It is rather like a myth that Myanmar was once a football giant in the region.

We have constantly criticized Myanmar football



teams, especially the national one, but we still can't help watching their matches either in person or through television.

It is interesting to see what tactics Park Sung-hua uses as Myanmar boys play their opening match of AFF Suzuki Cup 2012 this evening against Vietnam's strong squad which presented a humiliating defeat to Myanmar side, thrashing 7-1 in 2010 Suzuki Cup.

It has not been an easy task for Park to satisfy the Myanmar football fans thirsty for victory. To restore the glorious days in 1960s is easier said than done for the national football team which is now far behind the local

rivals.

With Myanmar's goal machine Kyaw Ko Ko not included in the squad for injury problem and experienced striker Yan Paing just returned from injury, Myanmar see little chance for revenge. "When we played in the qualifiers, I wanted only to be group runners-up, not group winners," says Park in an interview with Goal.com. "My opinion is that Group B is easier to advance to the semi-finals."

The opening match will decide whether Myanmar nicknamed the white angels could make their way forward to semi-finals as they are in "Group of Death" to face host Thailand, Vietnam

and Philippines, none of which seem weaker than Myanmar squad which had little trouble with finding the net in qualifiers.

Park has but to leave five important players out of the squad because of injuries. He could not bring the best team but he is hopeful to lead his team into semi-finals, saying his team now has fighting spirit unlike the last year's competition in which Myanmar lost two matches and had one draw, and ended at the bottom of group table.

"In my opinion, our fighting spirit is our best strength.

We'll be fighting till the end for 60 million people", says Park.



Thein Tun

NATIONAL

Genuine democracy begins with free and fair election: UEC Chairperson

Taunggyi Tazaungdaing festival kicks off



Chairperson of UEC U Tin Aye and trainees from certificate course for social entrepreneurship & leadership (E-002-17) of Myanmar Egress Capacity Development Centre pose for documentary photo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—A stake-driving ceremony for construction of library in Taunggyi University in Shan State, took place at the library on 21 November. At the ceremony, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, State Ministers and the Rector of Taunggyi University drove the stake of the building. The Chief Minister and the ministers attended the opening of Tazaungdaing festival. Chairman of the Committee for holding Tazaungdaing Festival State Social Affairs Minister Dr Myo Tun and member of Subcommittee for holding opening and closing ceremony of hot air balloon festival State Development Affairs Minister U Tu Maung opened the hot air balloon festival. Patron of the Committee the Chief Minister opened the Tazaungdaing festival. *MNA*

Workshop on capacity building for management of cultural heritages held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—A workshop on capacity building for management of Myanmar cultural heritages, jointly organized by Myanmar and Columbia, took place at Bagan Archeological Museum on 20 November. At the workshop, the Columbian delegates discussed preservation of cultural heritages in Columbia, related matters regarding the problems Bagan region faces, seeking of root causes and suggestions for management and tasks for designated areas. The Columbian group will make field trip to the pagodas in Bagan region for the case study of problems and difficulties in cultural heritages. *MNA*

Siam Commercial Bank PCL (SCB) opens representative office in Myanmar

YANGON, 23 Nov—The opening ceremony of Siam Commercial Bank PCL (SCB) Representative Office was held at its office on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township here this morning. At the Ceremony, Deputy Director-General U Thein Zaw of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Executive Committee Chairman Dr Vichil Suraphongchai from SCB and Deputy Permanent Secretary Mr Chakkrit Parapuntakul of the Ministry of Finance of Thailand made speeches. A total of 24 foreign bank representative offices including SCB have already opened in Myanmar. As the representative offices have could help get loans for foreign companies from foreign banks, it would provide to develop economic sector of Myanmar.—*MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—Trainees attending certificate course for social entrepreneurship & leadership (E-002-17) from Myanmar Egress Capacity Development Centre who are on excursion tour in the capital visited Union Election Commission Office this afternoon.

In his speech to observers, UEC Chairperson U Tin Aye said parliamentarians were elected to 325 seats in Pyithu Hluttaw, 168 seats in Amyotha Hluttaw and 661 seats in Region/State Hluttaw in 2010 multi-party democracy general election and by-election for the vacant positions of 45 in the Hluttaws due to the appointment of president, vice-Presidents,

Union ministers and deputy ministers and resignation was held on 1 April, 2012 freely and fairly.

The foundation of genuine democracy in line with the motto of the commission “genuine democracy is based on free and fair election” begins with election of people’s representatives in conformity with people’s wishes. The commission plays a major role in enabling elected representatives to join parliament to assume the responsibility of the State.

It is required that people’s representatives elected in accordance with people’s wishes come into the parliament and have capacity for legislative

works. Only with qualified legislators, can the legislative branch of the State be strong and good governance, clean government and free and fair judicial pillar be strengthened.

The check and balance among three interdependent sovereign powers of the State would promote basic human rights, the rule of law and socio-economic improvement aspired by citizens, thereby accelerating the stride toward modern, developed, democratic nation.

He urged them to recognize the important role of UEC in democracy process and disseminate knowledge to encourage fair and just participation of political parties, social organizations and entire

people in democratic election so that qualified legislators are elected. He pledged to hold free and fair election under the law with transparency.

Next, a responsible person on behalf of observers spoke words of thanks. UEC member U Win Ko elaborated on functions of the commission. The observers put questions for their knowledge and commission chairperson and personnel replied to their questions. The UEC chairperson then made concluding remarks.

Present on the occasion were UEC members U Aung Myint, U Win Kyi, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Nyunt Tin, U Win Ko and personnel from UEC Office, and 92 trainees from Myanmar Egress.

MNA

Donations for earthquake victims

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—The Relief and Resettlement Department (headquarters) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the head’s office of Yangon Region have been receiving relief aids for the earthquake-hit victims of Mandalay and Sagaing Regions.

The donations they accepted as of 19 to 23 November were US \$ 2000 by Mr. G. Seelam (CMT) of Singapore, clothes by Daw Yin Yin Lay (family), K 100,000 by Daw Hla Hla Kyi (Assistant Director) of the Auditor-General’s Office of Yangon Region, families

of Hlaing Yadana Market and U Tha Tun Oo and Daw Myint Myint (family) each, K 200,000 by MY Associates Co, K 500,000 by U Thein Han and Dr Daw Tin Tin Hla (family), K 100,000 by Daw Khin Myo Kywe (family) in the memory of late mother Daw Mya Mya Thein, K 50,000 by U Aung Myint Thein and Daw Myint Myint Win, K 10,000 and clothes by U Thitsa Oo and Daw Nu Nu Aung (family), K 100,000 and clothes by Hlaing Maha Si Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sandawara, K 2,000 by Daw Khaymar Htayyi, K 100,000 by Daw Khin Aye Kyi (family) and

MV. DELTA PRIDE and sailors each, K 550,000 by U Myo Aung and Daw Khin Yi Mon, Daughter Ma Ei Nanda Aung, Ma Yutyi Thin, Son Maung Aung Zeya (family), K 50,000 by Daw Kwan Tin and daughter Daw Khin Khin Kyaing (family), K 200,000 by Daw Than Than, U Maung Maung Win and Daw Ohnmar Lwin (family), K 100,000 by U Maung Maung Lwin, packages of clothes by U Myint Thein and Daw Yi Yi Tar (family), clothes by Daw Su Su (family) and K 100,000 by Daw Khin Thet Mu (family) in the memory of late father U Kyaw Min Oo.—*MNA*



The opening ceremony of Representative Office of Siam Commercial Bank PCL (SCB) in progress.—MNA

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW

Pyu paper reading session...

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354 (a & d) prescribes fundamental rights of citizens.

Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Khin Maung Htay proposed to the Hluttaw to accept the committee's report on questions raised, proposals put forward and non-asterisked questions sent by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives at the fourth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw. The Hluttaw approved his proposal.

Four parliamentarians discussed the proposal of U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency urging the Union government to recombine arts and science subjects at basic education high schools and prepare only one question of the matriculation examination for the entire nation without preparing different questions for different regions and states.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu discussed that frequent change of syllabus can make it difficult for students to learn and students can turn guinea pig unfortunately and thus there is no plan to recombine the subjects for the time being.

Regarding the second part of the proposal, as the current system is better and more secure than preparing only one question for the entire nation, there is no plan to change it, said the deputy minister.

The proposal was put to vote and rejected by the Hluttaw as the majority voted against it.

Two MPs discussed U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency urging the Education Ministry to relax regulations for proposals to upgrade basic education schools in villages in townships in Regions or States.

Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu



Deputy Home Affairs Minister Police Major Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun participating in discussions.—MNA

discussed that the ministry has planned to upgrade 4295 schools across the nation adopting four-year plan from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 academic year.

3574 basic education schools of different levels have been upgraded nationwide from 1 April 2011 to 17 October, 2012, 1434 more in comparison with 2140 schools over three years from 2008 to March, 2011.

The proposal should be put on record as 739 schools had been upgraded so far and arrangements had already been made for more opening of schools by 20 per cent of the number of schools to be upgraded into primary level.

As the majority was in favour of the proposal, the Hluttaw approved it.

Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe made clarifications on the proposal urging the Union government to open Arts and Culture College in each and every state of national races in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar submitted by U Maung Saw Pyu of Rakhine State Constituency No (4).

He explained that it would be better for the lessons about traditions and cultures of national races to be on the curriculums of National Culture and Arts Universities, instead. Arrangements had been

schools and colleges in states and regions.

If region/states governments make a proposal to open them in their own regions, coordination will be made by the ministry.

While seeking the approval of the Hluttaw, the majority was not in favour of the proposal.

Next, three repre-



Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo taking part in discussions.—MNA

sentatives held discussions on the proposal submitted by Chairman of Committee for Public Complaints and Appeals U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No (2) urging the Union government to investigate the cases in which service personnel saw losses as they have no right to make complaints while they were hired

directly without being investigated in accord with rules and regulations.

Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung replied that there were some cases in which personnel were hired directly in accord with the decision of the management committee of respective ministries. Actions will be taken against service personnel in accord with the Constitution and civic codes of Union Civil Service Board later on.

As the majority was in favour of the proposal, Hluttaw approved it.

Three representatives held discussions on the proposal submitted by member of Committee for Public Complaints and Appeals U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency No (1) urging the Union government to scrutinize and reply the case files submitted through the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker as soon as possible.

Union Minister U Soe Maung answered that 37 out of 446 case files submitted by Amyotha Hluttaw had already been replied and the Union ministers and state/region governments had been urged to conclude the scrutinizing process.

Hluttaw Speaker announced that the proposal would be put on record in



Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu taking part in discussions.—MNA

accord with the attitude of the committee.

Hluttaw Speaker informed the representatives that 67 asterisked questions and 105 non-asterisked questions had been answered by respective ministries in the First Amyotha Hluttaw fifth regular session held from 18 October 2012 to 23 November 2012.

Thirteen representatives submitted 16 proposals—eight was approved and six was put on record.

Hluttaw approved five reports submitted by committees. Nine bills were amended, abrogated, reheard and approved.

Hluttaw speaker announced that First Amyotha Hluttaw fifth regular session concluded successfully.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Kaytumati (Toungoo) beauty pageant contest

TOUNGOO, 23 Nov—To mark the 502nd Founding Anniversary of Kaytumati (Toungoo), a Kaytumati Toungoo beauty contest was held at Bayintnaung Hall of Kaytumati Hotel, here, at 6 pm on 21 November.

Altogether 13 beauty pageants in Toungoo era costumes competed in the

competition in which they performed their beauty, personal qualities and skills. At the final stage, first prize went to Ma Khin Thanda Aung representing Toungoo Township, followed by Ma Chit Thway and Naw Justine who won second and third prize respectively.

Myanma Alinn



Talks on scholarship programme

YANGON, 23 Nov—BCA Academy will organize an educative talk on scholarship

and job attachment at Parkroyal Hotel, here, tomorrow. Attendees will be

Officials of Myanmar Olympic Committee and National Olympic Committee of Thailand meet

YANGON, 23 Nov—Plans are underway with added momentum for successful holding of the XXVII SEA Games in Myanmar as there is only one year left to host the games. Vice-Chairman of National Olympic Committee of Thailand Mr. Charoen Wattanasin and party observed sports stadium and buildings in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 November. The meeting between Myanmar Olympic Committee and National Olympic Committee of Thailand took place at Padamyia hall in National Indoor Stadium No (1) in Thuwunna at 3 pm on that day. It was attended

allowed to sit for a placement test of BCA Academy free of charge on 25 November.—MNA

Coord meeting on road/bridge construction in Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—A coordination meeting of Chin State Public Works on construction of roads and bridges for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the meeting hall of the Chin State Public Works on 21 November, with an

address by Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai.

Chin State Road Transportation Minister U Nugn Hsan Aung and officials reported to the chief minister on ongoing road and bridge construction works.—MNA

for a documentary photo. In the evening, Thai delegation attended dinner

hosted by Myanmar Olympic Committee at Karaweik Nanndaw Hotel.—Kyemon



REGIONAL



Staff members try to fix railway and electric wires broken in a landslide in Bogor, Indonesia, on 22 Nov, 2012. Landslide caused by rainfall on Wednesday night destroyed rails and led to the cancel of 98 flights.—XINHUA

HK says five Iranian ships deflagged, 14 others

Hong Kong

likely to go

HONG KONG, 23 Nov—Hong Kong has deregistered five Iranian cargo ships and a further 14 are likely to follow after their classification society quit Iran due to sanctions imposed by the European Union and the United States over its nuclear programme.

Tough sanctions have tightened the screws on Teheran, which relies on its shipping trade for imports including food, consumer and industrial goods.

Hong Kong's marine department has asked the owners of 19 dry bulk carriers, managed by an Iranian firm, to register their ships elsewhere after the Korean Register of Shipping said earlier this year it would not provide the ships safety auditing.

"Five of the 19 ships have deregistered under the request

of their owners," said Wong Sai Fat, general manager of the department's shipping register.

The remainder will be deflagged 90 days after a notice issued earlier this month unless they can find a Hong Kong authorised classification society to sign their documents of compliance, he told *Reuters* in a telephone interview.

These ships would find it difficult to remain flagged in Hong Kong because all of the nine societies authorised by the marine department are members of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

Some of the 13 IACS members, including the China Classification Society (CCS), had previously provided Iran-related

certification work, key to insurance and ports access for ships, but have now ended that activity.

Hong Kong had been urged by US pressure group United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) to deflag the 19 dry bulk ships, which the group said were owned, managed or operated by the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Line (IRISL) and its associated companies.

In a reply to UANI dated 9 November Wong said it was of paramount importance to Hong Kong's marine department in safeguarding the quality of Hong Kong ships. But Wong denied the move was related to the Iranian sanctions. "These ships are neither owned nor managed by IRISL," he said on Thursday. IRISL, the country's

top cargo carrier, has been on a Western blacklist of sanctioned entities for years. It denies any wrongdoing.

Wong would not identify the 19 ships but said they had separate owners and were managed by the same Iranian firm. About 2,000 ocean-going vessels fly the Hong Kong flag and other than the 19 ships mentioned, none of the others are related to Iran, he said.

Reuters



Passengers receive treatment after accident in the subway of Busan, South Korea, on 22 Nov, 2012. More than 100 people were injured when two subway trains collided with each other on Thursday in South Korea's southern city of Busan, local TV reports said.—XINHUA

One killed, three injured as police checkpoint attacked in Peshawar, Pakistan

Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 Nov—At least one policeman was killed and three others injured when a police checkpoint was attacked by a handgrenade in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar on Thursday night, reported local media *Samaa*.

The incident took place at about 6:45 pm local time when some unknown people coming on a motorbike hurled a handgrenade at a police checkpoint near a Shia mosque in the Pahari Pura area of Peshawar, capital city of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province in northwest Pakistan.

Xinhua

All the four injured policemen have been shifted to the city's Lady Reading Hospital, where one wounded cop later died.

Earlier this morning, unknown gunmen attacked a checkpoint of Frontier Corps, a paramilitary force in Pakistan, in the Budhber area of Peshawar, killing two FC personnel and injuring another. Latest news said that a security force's convoy was attacked in the country's northwest tribal area of South Waziristan, in which at least one person was killed.

Three miners missing after tunnel collapses in N Philippines

MANILA, 23 Nov—The authorities have been searching three miners who were reportedly missing and believed to have drowned at the upper part of a mountain in Northern Philippines, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) said on Thursday.

Citing a report from the local police, the agency said that the three missing persons were trapped while conducting underground mining operation at Palanas village, Paracale, a town of Camarines Norte, on Tuesday afternoon. They allegedly drowned in the area, the PCG added.

In a separate report, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said that at around 9:00 pm on Tuesday, an alleged dynamite explosion rocked the mining area.

The incident as well as the sudden influx of water brought about by the high tide, resulting to the collapse of the mining tunnel, it said.

Xinhua

Teenage girl dies in fall during celebration in Australia's Gold Coast

BRISBANE, 23 Nov—A 17-year-old girl, believed to be a school leaver, has died after falling from a balcony of a high-rise building in Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast of Australia during Schoolies celebrations, the Queensland Police said on Friday.

The girl died after falling from a balcony of a building on Ferny Avenue, Surfers Paradise at around 9:30 pm (local time) on Thursday. "It is believed she was on the Gold Coast as part of Schoolies celebrations," the Queensland Police said in a statement on Friday.

Investigations into the incident by police are continuing.

Schoolies Week revelers on the Gold Coast are shocked by the girl's death, according to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) reports.

Xinhua



Guests sit in their rooms as they have a talk in a "capsule" hotel in Chongqing, southwest China, on 22 Nov, 2012. The "capsule" hotel, separates its space into 16 rooms with each 1.2 metres wide and 2.2 metres long. These rooms are equipped with power supply, clock, wall lamp, TV set, air conditioner and even WIFI, attracting many young people to lodge.—XINHUA

Man with knife holds five people hostage in Japan bank

Japan

TOKYO, 23 Nov—A man with a knife demanding that Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda's government resign was holding five people hostage on Thursday in a small bank, media reported.

A spokesman at the Toyokawa Shinkin Bank in Aichi prefecture in central Japan confirmed that a number of people were being

held hostage. He could not give further details.

The man with a knife, who entered the bank in the early afternoon, had demanded food, drink and a megaphone. Police were trying to persuade him to give up, public broadcaster NHK said. Violent crime and hostage-taking are very rare in Japan. —*Reuters*

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAY-
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S EVER GREEN SHIPPING**

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV FU KANG SHAN VOY NO (105)**

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO LTD.**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**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.

Procurement Committee
Ministry of Information
Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw
Tel: 067 - 412327, 79474



Staff members at the cash center of the Taicang Public Bus Company sort notes and coins at the cash centre of the Taicang Public Bus Company in Taicang, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 18 Nov, 2012. Each day, staff members at the cash centre of the Taicang Public Bus Company need to sort out notes and coins collected from all bus fare boxes of the company. It takes four hours on average to finish a day's work: the total earnings of 52 bus lines.—XINHUA

**Peru hopes for million
tourists to Machu Picchu**

LIMA, 23 Nov—Peru's most famous archaeological site, the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu, hopes to draw about 1 million tourists next year thanks to a government promotional campaign abroad, the National Tourism Chamber (Canatur) said on Thursday. Canatur President Carlos Canales credited "a dynamic promotional campaign targeting emerging niche markets," saying those were "where tourism is being consolidated."

Tourists from "Brazil and Uruguay are growing at levels higher than 40 percent," said Canales, adding that the number of foreign travelers to the archaeological site has surpassed

630,000 visitors in recent years.

Peru's tourism boom has sparked hotel chains to invest more than 1 billion US dollars over the next five years in expansions. Currently, hotel projects worth 500 million dollars are under development that will expand Peru's hotel capacity, according to Canatur. Despite those efforts, Canales said the 89,000 beds expected to be available by 2013 are still fewer than the projected demands.

Hoteliers say the main problems preventing the growth of the tourism sector include too much bureaucracy and the lack of impetus designed to attract more investments.

Xinhua

**Australian law paves way for retirement funds flow into
New Zealand**

WELLINGTON, 23 Nov—New Zealand retirement investment schemes could expect an inflow of up to 13 billion AU dollars (16.6 billion NZ dollars, 13.5 billion US dollars) after the Australian Senate passed a law allowing New Zealanders returning from living in Australia to take their retirement savings with them.

New Zealand Finance Minister Bill English said on

Friday that the legislation, which takes effect from July 1 next year, was an important next step in the Single Economic Market programme between the two countries.

"In particular, this will further help the free movement of labour between New Zealand and Australia and further strengthen our wider Closer Economic Relations agreement," English said in a statement.

Australia's Tax Office had estimated that it held about 13 billion AU dollars in "lost accounts" in the Australian superannuation system.

"We expect that much of this money could belong to New Zealanders who have returned home and these new rules will allow these funds to be brought back to New Zealand," English said.

Currently, New Zea-

landers working in Australia must contribute to an Australian-complying superannuation fund, but the savings are locked into the Australian scheme until the saver reaches retirement age. Under the new rules, retirement savings from certain Australian superannuation funds will be able to be transferred into New Zealand government-subsidized KiwiSaver funds and vice versa.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Kate Winslet, Gary Barlow receive Britain's highest award from Queen

LONDON, 23 Nov — Titanic star Kate Winslet and singer Gary Barlow have been awarded with Britain's highest honour by the Queen for their accomplishments in entertainment

field. The 37-year-old star, dressed sharply in an outfit by Alexander McQueen and a hat by Natalie Ellner, received a CBE for services to drama from the Queen



Titanic star Kate Winslet and singer Gary Barlow have been awarded with Britain's highest honour by the Queen for their accomplishments in entertainment field.—PTI

at the Buckingham Palace. Winslet said that the Queen had congratulated her, the *Daily Mail* reported.

"It was such an honour to meet the Queen, it was my first time. She told me she was delighted to be presenting me with my award and then asked whether I liked my job. I told her that I loved it but I love being a mum even more. The Queen said, 'Yes, that's the only job which matters'. What a genuinely lovely thing to say! And I couldn't agree with her more."

Mr Barlow said he was "deeply proud" to receive the OBE by the Queen.

The 41-year-old star was given the title for services to the entertainment industry and to charity.

PTI

McCartney joins lineup for UK soccer disaster song

LONDON, 23 Nov — Former Beatle Paul McCartney has joined the lineup for a Christmas single raising money for the families of those who died in the 1989 Hillsborough soccer stadium tragedy in northern England, organizers said on Thursday.

Already committed to the song are artists including Robbie Williams, ex-Spice Girl Melanie C, Frankie Goes to Hollywood's Holly Johnson and Gerry Marsden of Gerry and the Pacemakers.

The version of "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" will hit the shelves on 17 December and is among the frontrunners to claim the coveted Christmas No. 1 slot in the British singles chart.



Musician Paul McCartney performs during the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July, 2012. — REUTERS

The charity single will benefit Hillsborough families who campaigned for more than 20 years to overturn official accounts of the tragedy that smeared fans, blaming them for being drunk, ticketless, and intent on forcing their way into the packed ground.

Ninety-six Liverpool supporters died after a crush at the Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield, and an independent inquiry earlier this year concluded that police tried to deflect the blame on to fans to cover up their own incompetence.

Reuters

I am grateful to have Casper: Jennifer Lopez

LONDON, 23 Nov — Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez is grateful to have her boyfriend Casper Smart on her world tour because she needs his support.

The *On The Floor* hitmaker says her dancer boyfriend, who has a central part in her *Dance Again* concerts, always has her best interests at heart, reported Showbizspy.

"You want people

around you who genuinely care about you, not people that are just there for a paycheck. Obviously he does care so... It's been great to have him there on the road," Lopez said.

Lopez, 43, is also joined on tour by her mother Guadalupe, who helps keep her four-year-old twins Max and Emme up-to-date with their education.

PTI



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Jodhaa Akbar to be screened at Marrakech film fest

NEW DELHI, 23 Nov — Ashutosh Gowariker's 2008 epic love story *Jodhaa Akbar* will be showcased at the Marrakech International Film Festival on 5 Dec. The filmmaker is ecstatic.

"I am extremely happy and would really like to thank the Marrakech International Film Festival for selecting *Jodhaa Akbar*. This is an honour for me to showcase my film



Jodhaa Akbar featured Hrithik Roshan as Akbar and Aishwarya Rai as Jodhaa.— PTI

along with the greatest stars and filmmakers presenting their films at the festival," Gowariker said in a statement. *Jodhaa Akbar*, set in sixteenth century, is about a marriage of alliance, which paves way for true love between a great Mughal emperor, Akbar and a Rajput princess, Jodhaa. It featured Hrithik Roshan as Akbar and Aishwarya Rai as Jodhaa.— PTI

Vampires, 007 may set record Thanksgiving sales

LOS ANGELES, 23 Nov — The teen vampire movie "Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2" continued

to lure huge audiences, siphoning off \$12.8 million in Wednesday night showings in what could fuel a record

box office haul for the five-day Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The final film in the "Twilight" series, collected \$141.3 million last weekend for the industry's eighth largest opening weekend. On Wednesday it combined with the Daniel Craig "James Bond" film "Skyfall" to lead a slate of films that generated \$44.3 million in total US and Canadian ticket sales for the day, according to unofficial data from Hollywood.com's box office division.

That's 20 percent ahead

of last year's take for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and, if the pace holds, would put Hollywood on a path to a \$278 million holiday weekend, according to Hollywood.com estimates. The 2009 holiday weekend record of \$273 million included "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" and the football flick, "The Blind Side." Hollywood traditionally opens its largest Thanksgiving weekend films on Wednesday, when schools are closed before the Thursday holiday.

Reuters



Cast members Robert Pattinson (R), Kristen Stewart (C) and Taylor Lautner pose for pictures before the German premiere of *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2* in Berlin, on 16 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

McCartney, Houston, Dylan lead Grammy Hall of Fame inductees

LOS ANGELES, 23 Nov — Music by Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan, Elton John and late singers Whitney Houston and James Brown will be inducted into the 2013 Grammy Hall of Fame, The Recording Academy said on Wednesday. Paul McCartney & Wings' 1973 album "Band on the Run," long credited with reigniting McCartney's career following the Beatles' split in 1970, was one of the 27 new inductees into the Grammy Hall of Fame, on display at the Grammy Museum in downtown Los Angeles.

Houston's self-titled 1985 debut album was also named an inductee, following the singer's sudden death aged 48 in February this year.

Australian hard-rock band AC/DC's top-selling 1980 "Back in Black" album was also named a

new entry. The Recording Academy, which also runs the Grammy awards, picks songs and albums from all genres that are at least 25 years old, with either "qualitative or historical significance" to be considered annually for the Grammy Hall of Fame by a committee.

"Memorable for being both culturally and historically significant, we are proud to add (the 2013 inductees) to our growing catalog of outstanding recordings that have become part of our musical, social and cultural history," The Recording Academy President and CEO Neil Portnow said in a statement.

As well as albums, the Grammy Hall of Fame also includes songs of historic and cultural significance and the inductees for 2013 see a range of classic American songs.

Reuters



Late singer Whitney Houston

**Monchengladbach win, Hannover draw
in UEFA Europa League**

Soccer



Hannover 96 tie FC Twente 0-0 at Europa League.

XINHUA

BERLIN, 23 Nov — Igor de Camargo's brace secured Monchengladbach's late win over ten men AEL Limassol whereas Hannover were held to a goalless draw with Dutch side Twente Enschede on Thursday at the fifth match day of the Europa League. Cypriot side AEL Limassol needed a win to maintain their chances and they almost caught the host's defence flat footed as Luciano Bebe failed to control a pass with only goalkeeper Marc Andre ter Stegen to beat.

Limassol looked more threatening from the start as Monchengladbach staged a poor passing and suffered

several turnovers in the midfield. With beginning of the second half the "Foals" picked up the pace to set the visitors defence under pressure. Thus Juan Arango and Patrick Herrmann were able to create goal-scoring opportunities for the home side. At the 75th minute Luciano Bebe weakened his side as he was sent off with a straight red card following a professional foul to Patrick Herrmann.

The "Foals" sniffed the chance to wrap up a victory as substitute Igor de Camargo, who came from the bench four minutes earlier, exploited a through ball by Havard Nordtveit to break

the deadlock, with a shot inside the far post at the 79th minute. De Camargo was not done with the scoring as he added a second goal to the scoreboards by header in the dying minutes of the match. The 2-0 victory secures Monchengladbach a place in the UEFA Europa League knockout stage

The "Foals" occupy second position, behind Fenerbahce and followed by Marseille and Limassol. "Its not all good but we advanced and that was the main objective," Monchengladbach coach Lucien Favre said. Elsewhere, Hannover shared points with Twente Enschede following a goalless draw at AWD Arena. Twente's Rasmus Bengtsson ensured the only highlight of the match with his dismissal owing to a professional foul in the closing period of the match. Hannover, who had their tickets for the knockout stages, stays atop the standing in group L followed by Levante, Twente and Helsingborgs.—Xinhua

**Snooker King Hendry to attend Chinese
8-Ball Pool Master Championships**

Snooker

QINHUANGDAO, (China), 23 Nov — Stephen Hendry, known as the King of Snooker, will lead other seven international stars to compete the first Joy Cup Chinese 8-Ball Pool Master Championship to be held here from 3-6 Jan, 2013, the organizers announced on Thursday. Hendry, who retired from his snooker career in May, has decided to continue his new profession as the Global Ambassador of the Chinese 8-ball pool for 10-years.

British Kelly Fisher, five-time champion of women's snookers world, German Ralf Souquet, King of Pool, Irish veteran Ken Doherty, 9 ball stars Chris Melling, Darren Appleton, Gareth Potts and Mike Hill will join legend Hendry as the international squad to play against top eight Chinese qualifiers from March to December. The Chinese 8-Ball Pool, which is mixed of the snooker style, nine ball table size and American 8-Ball Pool competition rules, has become Chi-



The King of Snooker Stephen Hendry

na's unique billiards since 1980s.

According to the statistics from the China Billiards Association, there are more than 200,000 registered clubs over China with more than 60 million fans while about 85 percent fans playing Chinese

8 ball pool. "I'm looking forward to playing with other my long time international friends in the Chinese 8-ball pool master championships. It will be fun to forget about the snooker, 9 ball and pool, just enjoy the Chinese pool," Hendry said.—Reuters

**Donald and McIlroy prove to
be Dubai's dynamic duo**

Golf

DUBAI, 23 Nov — World number two Luke Donald made a flying start in his bid to record back-to-back victories by snatching the first-round lead at the DP World Tour Championship on Thursday. Donald fired a seven-under 65 to move one stroke ahead of top-ranked Rory McIlroy, Briton Marc Warren and Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano of Spain at the European Tour's season-ending tournament.

Briton Donald, who won the Dunlop Phoenix title in Japan last week, was not at his best in the early stages and had to sink a putt of eight feet at the first and 15 feet at the fourth to avoid dropping two strokes. He then reeled off seven

birdies in a scintillating 10-hole sweep from the fifth to overpower his rivals at a Greg Norman-designed Earth course softened by a monsoon-like downpour at the start of the day.

"It was nice to pick up from where I left off in Japan and I felt very comfortable out there," Donald told reporters after a round that began in overcast conditions and ended in scorching heat. "You always feel different the week after winning. You just feel like you have that little extra pep in your step and there's a bit more confidence flowing through for sure. Winning by five shots last week gave me a huge boost."

Donald came to this event last year with the pres-



Luke Donald of England hits a shot onto the 17th green during the first round of the DP World Tour Championship at Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai, on 22 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

sure heaped on his shoulders during an eventually successful bid to become the first player to clinch the money-list crowns on both sides of the Atlantic. "The feeling was definitely dif-

ferent today," said the 34-year-old. "There was a lot more at stake for me a year ago. "This time round I'm just playing to win the tournament so things feel a little bit easier."—Reuters

**Atletico, Levante qualify for
last 32 of Europa League**

MADRID, 23 Nov — Two of the three Spanish clubs involved in Europa League advanced into the last 32 on Thursday. Atletico Madrid assured their place in the next round thanks to a 1-0 win over Hapoel Tel Aviv with a Raul Garcia goal after just seven minutes of the game.

The win assured that the reigning Europa League champions had nothing at stake in their last group game and backs up the poli-

cy of coach Diego Simeone of playing squad players in his side's European matches. Earlier in the night, Levante also qualified for the knockout phase of the tournament with a 3-1 win away to Swedish side Helsingborgs.

Angel opened the scoring for the Spanish side, who are making their first appearance in Europe, on eight minutes and Papa Diop doubled the lead after 37 minutes.—Reuters



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland watches his shot from the third tee during the first round of the DP World Tour Championship at Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai, on 22 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

**Puerto Rican boxing champ
Camacho brain dead after
shooting**

SAN JUAN, (Puerto Rico), 23 Nov — Three-time world boxing champion Hector "Macho" Camacho is brain dead following a drive-by shooting in Puerto Rico, a doctor said on Thursday. Camacho, 50, whose speed and flamboyance made him a top attraction in the 1980s and 1990s, is in a coma and unresponsive, said Dr Ernesto Torres, director of the Rio Piedras Medical Center. Camacho "is clinically brain dead," Torres told reporters. "The tests showed a flat line, without any type of activity."

Doctors will meet with his mother, Maria Matias, and other relatives on Friday to discuss options, Torres said. They

include removing him from life support and organ donation. Two gunmen opened fire on Camacho and a friend, Adrian Mojica Moreno, 49, late on Tuesday as they sat in a car outside a liquor store in the San Juan suburb of Bayamon, Camacho's birthplace. Camacho was hit in the jaw and the bullet fractured two vertebrae and lodged in his shoulder. Torres said the bullet damaged three of the four arteries that carried blood to the brain. A police spokeswoman said Mojica Moreno was killed and the gunmen fled in a vehicle. Officers found nine small bags of cocaine in the driver's pockets and one open in the car.—Reuters



Former Puerto Rican welterweight boxing champion Hector "Macho" Camacho poses for photographers during the filming of the Upfront programme of Univision TV in Guaynabo, on 14 Oct, 2010.—REUTERS

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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(24-11-12 09:30 am ~ 25-11-12 09:30 am) MST
 * News
 * Tazaungmone: The Month of lights
 * Royal School of Myanmar
 * News
 * Songs on Screen
 * Small is Beauty
 * News
 * Let's Study the Words "Tortoise & Duck"
 * A Special Gathering Day of Inthar
 * News
 * Finding One's Soul On Mt. Shwe Myin Tin
 * News
 * Culture Stage

* Brand Ambassador **7:40 am**
 * News 3. Nice & Sweet Song
 * Annual Amazing **7:50 am**
 Festival in Pyinmana 4. Health Programme
 * News **7:55 am**
 * Let's enjoy Fish Crispy 5. Documentary
 * Korea-Myanmar **8:00 am**
 Broadcasting Equipment 6. Poem Graden
 Presenting Ceremony **11:20 am**
 * News 7. Game For Children
 * National Level Workshop **11:45 am**
 On Agricultural Development
 * Myanmar Movie **1:50 pm**
 "Uprightness" 9. TV Drama Series

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7:00 am
 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
7:15 am
 2. Dhama Puja Song

4:30 pm
 12. Songs of Tazaungdaing Festival
4:40 pm
 13. Beautiful "ASEAN"
4:45 pm
 14. AFF Suzukl Cup 2012 (Final Round) (live)
6:50 pm
 15. Celebrity and Dinner
7:25 pm
 16. "Mighty Man"
7:40 pm
 17. Documentary (Green Economy and Green Growth)
8:00 pm
 18. News
 19. TV Drama Series
 20. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn



Chairman of Executive Committee of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Retired Lt-Col Kyaw Shein accepted K 1 million donated by families of Yangon Region All Bus-Line Control Committee recently.—H

Experiences recounted on judicial and administrative affairs

HAKA, 23 Nov—Chin State Court Chief Justice U Win Myint Kyaw recounted his experiences of meeting between Supreme Court of the Union and region/state court chief justices on judicial and administrative affairs at the Chin State Court on 19 November morning.

The Chin State chief justice recounted his experiences to state court judges, state law officer, the Falam District judge and township judges of the district.—Myanma Alinn

Man detained in Turkish airport after bomb threat during flight

ANKARA, 23 Nov—Turkey's southern province of Antalya to the largest city of Istanbul said that he was carrying explosives but the plane landed safely, according to the report.

Turkish police detained the man and found no explosives; a bomb disposal team also searched

the plane as a precautionary measure but found nothing, said the report.

An investigation was launched into the incident and Istanbul Governor Huseyin Avni Mutlu said the man is thought to be mentally unstable, added the report.—Xinhua



An ambulance transporting four Chinese workers of an oil company just released from their FARC captors is seen at the airport in Bogota, Colombia, on 22 Nov, 2012. Four Chinese hostages who were kidnapped in Colombia by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrilla group last year have been released, the Chinese embassy in Colombia confirmed on Thursday.—XINHUA



A stewardess serves passengers on the test flight to the Daochengyading Airport in Daocheng County of the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Garze, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 23 Nov, 2012. The first test flight of the airport successfully landed Friday. With the height of 4,411 metres above sea level, the Daochengyading Airport becomes the highest civil airport in the world. XINHUA

Two military planes collide in Venezuela, killing pilot

CARACAS, 23 Nov—Two military airplanes on Thursday collided in midair at the Libertador Air Base in Palo Negro, the Venezuelan state of Aragua, killing one of the pilots, a government official said.

Preliminary reports

said the collision took place at noon local time while the two planes were practicing for an air show scheduled for 27 November. Minister of Communication and Information Ernesto Villegas later confirmed the death of a pilot via Twitter.

"Unfortunate incident in rehearsals of aerial parade for Military Aviation Day. A brave pilot died. Official information soon," the minister posted on the social networking site.

The accident involving the two military Bronco OV10 aircraft occurred about 100 kilometres west of the capital Caracas.

The President of the National Assembly Diosdado Cabello, speaking at an official function, said "condolences (for) today's accident of two planes. Our sorrow, our words of grief."

Several national news sources reported three soldiers were also injured in the crash.—Xinhua

South Korean team in Seychelles for carbon-free projects

VICTORIA, 23 Nov — A delegation specializing in energy technology from South Korea arrived in the Seychelles on Thursday for a three-day visit to discuss a 3 KW pilot solar plant and other carbon-free projects in the Indian Ocean island country.

La Digue, the fourth largest and one of the three residential islands in the Seychelles could become carbon-free in the near- future as a result of the bilateral cooperation. La Digue, home to 3,000 of the 86,000 inhabitants, is world famous for its beaches. The Seychelles is banking on renewable energy, including solar, wind and bio-mass, in its development of a green economy.

Xinhua

Four Chinese hostages freed in Colombia

BOGOTA, 23 Nov—Four Chinese hostages who were kidnapped in Colombia by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrilla group last year have been released, the Chinese embassy in Colombia confirmed on Thursday.

The four, whose names are not identified, are in good health, though one was in a wheelchair, and will receive additional physical checkups in the capital Bogota, the embassy said.

Colombian President

Juan Manuel Santos hailed the release of the hostages, saying he had spoken with Chinese Ambassador Wang Xiaoyuan, "and I want to celebrate the release of the four Chinese nationals. Kidnapping is something that should not happen again ever." The four were kidnapped in Cagueta Department in southern Colombia on 8 June, 2011.

They were released on Wednesday night. They slept at a hotel in the town of San Vicente del Caguan, Caqueta, and were flown to Bogota on Thursday

on a plane chartered by the Chinese embassy. Ambassador Wang said they would be flown to China on Friday.

The four hostages were turned over to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) by "unidentified men" dressed in civilian clothes in a district of San Vicente known as Los Pozos, said Caqueta Police Chief Col Carlos Vargas.

Red Cross delegation head Jordi Raich said one of the released captives has "mobility problems,"

Proposal to send large numbers of scholars to foreign countries approved

Fifth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov— Pyithu Hluttaw Session continued for 15th days at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10:30 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 373 MPs. New Zealand Prime Minister Mr John Key and party, members of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, five teachers and 37 trainees from International Relations Diplomat course from Yangon University, 13 administrators and 75 trainees from Myanmar Egress Capacity Development Centre and eight teachers and 71 trainees from Soesan Boarding School visited the session.

Deputy Minister for Education Dr Ba Shwe replied to educational questions raised by two representatives. With

respect to the question of U Khin Maung Thein of Sagaing Constituency on “if there is any plan to open a basic education high training school in University of Education (Sagaing), the deputy minister replied that there is no any plan to open a training school as University of Education (Sagaing) has a training school (middle level) and the students from surrounding villages have easy access to the BEHSs.

Regarding the question of U Gi Phone Sar of Naungmon Constituency on if there is any plan to allow the distance education of teachers in far-flung areas, the deputy minister said that distance education of teachers in far-flung areas has been allowed.

With regard to the question of U Kyaw Win of

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Pyithu Hluttaw session in progress.—MNA

Pyu paper reading session to be held in Yangon is nothing related with Culture Ministry

Fifth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov— The fifth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw reached final day, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 192 MPs with eight teachers and 72 students preparing for matriculation exam from Soesan Boarding School as observers.

Union ministers responded to question of Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No (7) about whether the actions counter-productive to non-disintegration of national unity should be prevented without making accurate and enough historical research.

Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe discussed Pyu paper reading session to be held in Yangon is nothing related with Culture Ministry and cannot be assumed as national level paper reading session. The statement of the paper reading session is opinion and assumption of the

organization that patronizes paper reading session.

Regarding the question about whether the histories of Mon and other national races have been studied sufficiently, he reckoned that study has not been complete yet as the research in nature never finishes. Annual plans have been laid

for conducting research into ancient cultures of national races residing in Myanmar for this year and in the years to come. Researches will be continued depending on the amount of allotted fund, concluded the Union minister.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun discussed that regarding the question about how to prevent one-sided remarks and writing about political and racial issues without incomplete historical research findings which breaches Article 365 of the constitution, affects profession and non-disintegration of national unity, related ministries and

Union Attorney-General Office assessed that parties concerned can negotiate to settle and Ministry of Culture can scrutinize prior to paper reading session and take actions as necessary.

Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo discussed that if the paper read by resource person in paper reading session includes facts harmful to national unity and causing religious discords, the related person could be charged under criminal law. As the constitution enshrines both the rights and responsibilities of citizens, Article 364 prescribes responsibilities and Article

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Slight earthquakes jolt inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov— A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.7 Richter scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 25 miles southwest of Homalin on India-Myanmar Border) about 210 miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 2pm 51 min 00 sec MST today.

Similarly, a moderate earthquake of magnitude 4.3 Richter scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 3 miles Northeast of Singu) about 40 miles North of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 4 pm 53 min 34 sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA