

Union government making efforts to increase individual incomes including government staff



2014 FY re-drew up in accordance with the national planning bill 2013 approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, he added. As the GDP is K 59248.953 billion, a budget deficit will run at 4.94 % of GDP, he said.

In addition, the Union government has already earmarked for raising salary and daily wages rates, allowances and regional

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivering an opening address at meeting 1/2013 of financial commission.—MNA

NAYPYITAW, 12 March— The financial commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held its meeting 1/2013 at the Presidential Palace today.

Chairman of Financial Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar President U Thein Sein delivered an opening address, urging the participants of the meeting to discuss and approve the Union budget for the 2013-2014 FY and the 2013 Union Receipts and Payment Bill during the meeting.

The commission approved the budget for the 2012-2013 FY and the bill during its 3/2012 meeting on 31 December

last year and sent them to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 7 January, 2013 through the Union Government.

During the sixth session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the national planning bill for 2013 was amended and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw informed the Union Government to re-draw up the budget for the 2013-2014 FY in accordance with the amended bill, he said.

There would be a deficit of 2926.898 billion kyats in the budget for 2013-2014 FY as the income would reach 13805.387 billion kyats while the expenditure reach K 6732.285 billion and the new budget, expenditure and deficit for the 2013-

expenses for staff in remote areas. A total of K 385 billion will be spent for it, he said.

His New Year message sent to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and Hluttaw representatives on 1-1-2013 states that Union Receipts and Payment Law will be prescribed year on year and assistances, increased on a step-by-step basis, he said.

He urged Financial Commission members to discuss the amended Budget drafted in accord with National Planning Bill (2013).

After that, secretary of Financial Commission Union Minister for Finance

and Revenue U Win Shein explained the Union Budget for 2013-2014 financial year and the Union Receipts and Payment Bill for 2013 financial year. Then, Region/State Chief Ministers, the Union ministers, the Union Attorney-General and the Union Auditor-General submitted the financial matters.

In his concluding speech, Chairman of Financial Commission President U Thein Sein said that the Union Budget for 2013-2014 financial year and the Union Receipts and Payment Bill (2013) approved at today meeting are to be sent to Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw via the Union government. Objectives of National Planning Law are to be implemented under the leadership of the Union government and Region/State governments after the budget and the bill are approved by sixth regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Union government is making efforts to increase individual incomes including the government staff. The government is also taking measures for the active participation of the staff in the process of ensuring clean government and good governance by enabling the staff to enjoy the rights.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham arrives in Luang Prabang of Laos



NAY PYI TAW, 12 March— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, arrived Luang Prabang, Laos, at 10:25 am local time yesterday, to attend the 5th ACMECS Summit and the 6th CLMV Summit to be held in Vientiane, Laos.

They were welcomed at the Luang Praband International Airport by Vice-Governor of Luang Prabang Province Mr. Sai Sa Mon Khom Thavong, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Dr. Khammoune Viphongxay, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Kyaw Soe Win, military

attaché Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Vice-President comprises Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and deputy ministers.

The Vice-President and party arrived at Luang Prabang International Airport.

Next, the Vice-President and his entourage proceeded to Manoluck Hotel in Luang Prabang where they are going to be staying.

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Work-coord meeting on forming supporting committees for development held



NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—A work-coordination meeting on forming the management committee, Township Development Affairs Committee and supporting committee for development took place at the office of Kayah State's government on 8 March morning.

Minister U Khin Maung Oo called for promotion of national economic development, socio-economic development and living standard of the rural through systematic forming the committees with people organizations and private forces.

Kayah State Chief

Director U Myo Naing Aung of the state

development affairs committee presented reports on procedures for forming new rural development affairs department and Township Administrator U Zaw Win reported works for forming management committee, township development affairs committee, supporting committee for development and undertakings.—MNA

Cash donated for construction of fire station, ECG machine

PYAWBWE, 12 March—The Union government presented one fine engine to Pyawbwe Township of Mandalay Region for taking fire preventive measures.

The local people are trying hard to open one more fire station in the western part of Pyawbwe.

A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for opening No 2 fire station was held at the hall of the Township General Administration Department on 3 March

morning.

MGM Co Chairman Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Oo donated K 1 million for construction of the No 2 fire station, K 500,000 for the installation of ECG at Township People's Hospital and entrepreneurs K 1.1 million.

Officials of the No 2 fire station construction committee accepted the cash donations.

Myanma Alinn

Old students of Institute of Traditional Medicine pay respects to former faculty members

MANDALAY, 12 March—The fourth respect paying ceremony was held in conjunction with the get-together of students of 17th batch of Mandalay Institute of Traditional Medicine at Diamond House on 84th street between 37th and 38th streets in Mahaangmye Township on 3 March.

It was attended by faculty members and old students.

Old faculty members Sayagyi U Wa Tun, Sayagyi U Than Maung, Sayamagyi Daw Khin Ma Ma and Sayamagyi Daw Cho Cho Win gave words of advice.

Next, the old students paid homage to 22 old faculty members and presented K 150,00 and gifts each to old faculty members.

Later, they served dinner to the faculty members.

Myanma Alinn

Plantations provide fuel

WUNDWIN, 12 March—Fuel from firewood plantations in the area of Wundwin Township Forest Department in Meiktila District of Mandalay Region was distributed to local people on 6 March.

Staff Officer U Soe Win Naing of Township

Forest Department explained cultivation of trees and plans of the department to distribute firewood to the local people.

Next, officials presented fire woods to 40 households of Zaungchagon (North) Village.

Myanma Alinn

Cash donated for renovation of Kamayut BEHS No 2, construction of six-storey school building

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—The cash donation for renovation of Kamayut Basic Education High School No 2 and construction of six-storey new school building was held at the meeting hall of the school yesterday afternoon, with an address by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

Wellwishers Chairman U Zaw Zaw donated K 50 million, Patron of the School Board of Trustees Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Chu Than K 10 million, U Shauk San of Natural World Co K 15 million, Asia World Co K 10 million, Capital

Development Co K 10 million and old students of the school K 2 million through the Chief Minister who returned the certificates of honour to them.

Then, Headmistress Daw May Hla Yi of the school spoke words of thanks.

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Construction of new Dagon Dockyard inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein visited new Dagon Dockyard in Dagon Myothit Township yesterday morning.

Managing Director U Win Pe of Inland Water Transport and Deputy Superintending Engineer U SK Myat Thu reported on

arrival of staff families from Ahlon Dockyard to Dagon Dockyard staff quarters to the deputy minister.

The deputy minister

also inspected machinery, cranes and engines, offices, construction of dockyards and jetties and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Certificates presented to students at State School of Fine Arts (Mandalay)



MANDALAY, 12 March—State School of Fine Arts (Mandalay) of Training, Research and International Relations Branch of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture held the completion certificate presentation ceremony at the National Theatre on 66th Street in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on

5 March afternoon. Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe made a speech and presented completion certificates to the students.

Next, the deputy minister and guests viewed graduation works of painting and sculpture the students and performances.

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University of Fisheries for new generation youths

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—As Myanmar is striving for turning out human resources to ensure all-round development, a plan is being implemented to open University of Fisheries, according to an official of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

“The university will be opened for turning out technicians to keep abreast of other countries in fishery sector. We need such kind of university in our country,” said an official.

The government is making arrangements for spending a large sum of

money on establishment of the university, seeking monetary assistance from international community.

On completion of establishment, the university will admit students in coming few years.

University of Fisheries will be first-ever institution to provide fishery science to students in Myanmar. The students from the university will have the opportunity to pursue fishery technology, fisheries science, fish breeding and production of marine products including fish meeting international standard.—Myanma Alinn

Fire drill at Yathedaung Myoma Market

YATHEDAUNG, 12 March—A fire drill was practised at Myoma Market of Yathedaung Township Development Affairs Committee on 3 March.

The fire drill was attended by Township Administrator U Moe Hsan

Tun, Deputy Administrator U Zay Wunna Hlaing, Executive Officer U Maung Tin Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee and in-charge of the Township Fire Station U Tun Shwe Khaing.

Myanma Alinn

Fire destroys two buildings at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Outbreaks of fire occurred at two buildings at railway project in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

The fire started at bush near the old workshop of the project due to overheat at 2.20 pm on 9 March, destroying one workshop building of 40 feet in length and 20 feet in width.

Under the supervision of Lt-Col Win Myat of Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters and officials,

Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department and head of Pobbathiri Fire Station U Nyi Nyi Win, a total of 35 Tatmadawmen, 20 policemen and 70 fire brigade members put out the fire with the use of nine fire engines and one water bowser from the railway station.

The fire was put out at 2.45 pm.

Pobbathiri Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the outbreak of fire.

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WORLD

Obama meets Arab American leaders ahead of Middle East trip



US President Barack Obama announces new cabinet members in the East Room of the White House in Washington, on 4 March, 2013.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 12 March — President Barack Obama on Monday met Arab American leaders who urged him to deliver a message of hope to the Palestinian people on his Middle East trip this month, even though he has made clear he will not use the visit to launch a new Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative. Obama hosted about 10 leaders at the White House just four

days after holding talks with representatives of major Jewish organizations in preparation for his travels to Israel, the occupied West Bank and neighbouring Jordan. The White House has yet to officially announce the dates for the trip, but Israeli news media have reported that Obama will start in Israel on 20 March.

Obama met the group on Monday to seek input for his meetings in the region. He is expected to hold separate talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Jordan's King Abdullah. "He underscored that the trip is an opportunity for him to demonstrate the

United States' commitment to the Palestinian people — in the West Bank and Gaza — and to partnering with the Palestinian Authority as it continues building institutions that will be necessary to bring about a truly independent Palestinian state," a White House official said. Obama also told them he would "reiterate America's commitment to Israel's security," the official said.

Many Palestinians have been disappointed by Obama's failure to do more to advance a peace deal, despite having declared Middle East diplomacy a high priority when he took office.

Reuters

France, Germany at odds over lifting Syrian arms embargo

BRUSSELS, 12 March — France urged the European Union to look again at lifting an arms embargo on Syria to help rebels fighting President Bashar al-Assad, putting it at odds with Germany which said such a step could spread conflict in the region. Highlighting the different approaches of two of the European Union's heavyweights, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius on Monday said lifting the arms embargo would help level the playing field in the two-year-old conflict in which 70,000 people have died.

But his German counterpart, Guido Westerwelle, said after a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels that such a move could lead to a proliferation of

weapons in the region and spark a proxy war. France reopened the sensitive issue only days after EU governments had agreed a hard-fought compromise on a limited easing of the arms embargo to help Assad's opponents.

"The question of lifting the arms embargo arises increasingly because

there is a clear imbalance between Bashar al-Assad who is supplied by powerful weapons from Iran and Russia and the (opposition) National Coalition which doesn't have these weapons," Fabius said. "I think this question of the embargo, which was already raised several weeks ago here, will

have to be posed again very quickly because we cannot accept such an imbalance which ends in the massacre of an entire population," he told reporters.

Saudi Arabia and Qatar are widely believed to be providing weapons to the rebels. The United States says it does not wish to send arms for fear they may find their way to Islamist hardliners who might then use them against Western targets. Within the EU, Britain, supported by France, has been pushing for easing the arms embargo to help Syrian rebels. But many other EU states have reservations.—Reuters



A member of the Free Syrian Army takes a position as he points his weapon in a mosque in Aleppo, on 10 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Freed UN peacekeepers arrive in Israel

JERUSALEM, 12 March —The group of United Nations peacekeepers, who were taken hostage by Syrian rebels last week, reached Israel on Monday after being released at the weekend, local media reported. After days of intense negotiations between the United Nations and the Syrian rebels, the UN soldiers were finally freed and taken to Jordan on Saturday, where they were transferred to Israel, the *Maariv* daily reported on its website.

The soldiers, all of

them Filipino nationals, are well and healthy and will return to normal routine on their UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) base on the Golan Heights. Israel hopes that the UNDOF will not decide to close the base, which acts as a buffer zone between Israel and Syria, said the report.

Given the volatile situation along the border, with the conflict inside Syria getting closer to Israel, the United Nations may be considering to shut down the base that has been

operating since 1974, one year after the Six-Day war, to implement a ceasefire between the two countries.

Israel has warned in recent months that the conflict is getting closer and more violent near its current northern border, with stray missiles landing on its soil from time to time, something Israel feels is not always fortuitous. Officials have also said that many rebels who fight near the border belong to the Global Jihad and al-Qaeda and are trying to drag Israel into Syria's civil war.—Xinhua

Japan PM keeps pledge to mark 1952 return of sovereignty

TOKYO, 12 March — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government decided on Tuesday to hold a ceremony to mark the restoration of Japan's sovereignty seven years after defeat in World War Two, a sign of his drive to repair what conservatives consider dented national pride. The popular 58-year-old Abe, who returned to office when his party swept back to power in a December poll, wants to revise the post-war, US-drafted pacifist constitution and rewrite

San Francisco Peace Treaty took effect, formally ending World War Two and the Allied Occupation.

"There are an increasing number of young people who do not know that there existed a seven-year occupation period under which Japan lost its sovereignty," Abe told a parliamentary panel on Thursday to explain the plan, *Kyodo News Agency* said.

Some Japanese business executives worry that Abe, who has been focusing on policies to



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attends a news conference next to the national flag, which is hung with a black ribbon as a symbol of mourning for victims of the 11 March, 2011 earthquake and tsunami, at his official residence in Tokyo on 11 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Japan's wartime history with a less apologetic tone.

His Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) had pledged in the campaign to make 28 April "Restoration of Sovereignty Day", to mark the day in 1952 when the

revive Japan's stagnant economy, may shift gears to his hawkish security and historical revisionist agenda after a July upper house election that his ruling bloc needs to win to cement its grip on power.

Reuters

Ban Ki-moon wants Ireland's Robinson for key Africa post

UNITED NATIONS, 12 March — The former President of Ireland Mary Robinson is the top candidate for the post of UN special envoy to Africa's Great Lakes region, where she would help implement a peace deal to end the conflict in eastern Congo, UN sources said on Monday. "She is the front-runner and is very likely to get the job, but

it's not a done deal yet," a UN official told *Reuters* on condition of anonymity. A UN Security Council diplomat also told *Reuters* about Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's desire to name Robinson to the post.

In addition to having been Ireland's president from 1990-97, Robinson, 68, was the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. The

sources said that Ban hoped to make an announcement soon, though they said there was a slight possibility that Robinson would decide for some reason not to take the post.

UN peacekeepers in Congo have been stretched thin by the "M23" rebellion in the resource-rich east. A UN expert panel has said that M23 was supported by Rwanda and Uganda, though the two countries have vehemently denied it. The UN Security Council is considering creating a special intervention force, which one senior council diplomat has said would be able to "search and destroy" the M23 rebels and other armed groups in the country.—Reuters



Former Irish president Mary Robinson attends the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos on 26 Jan, 2013. REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Students from over 96 high-schools across North America compete in 2013 VEX Robotics Competition at British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) in Burnaby, BC, Canada on 9 March, 2013. Using VEX Robotics Design System, competing teams, with guidance from their teachers and mentors, build the most innovative robots possible, working together to score the most points against opposing teams. This is the qualifying event for the upcoming 2013 VEX Robotics Competition World Championship being held in Anaheim, on 17-20 April, 2013.—XINHUA

Samsung Galaxy S IV to reportedly feature floating touch, Android 4.2.1, Samsung Orb

SEOUL, 12 March—Samsung Galaxy S IV launch is one of the most anticipated events and now that we're drawing closer, the rumours are coming thick and fast.

The latest one, courtesy SamMobile mentions that the Galaxy S IV will come with a new display technology from Samsung in the form of a "green PHOLED", that bears similarities to the company's current AMOLED displays. What's different you ask? Well, according to the blog's "insider", the new display uses colour GREEN-YELLOW to



make it 25% more efficient in terms of battery consumption.

Furthermore, the blog also reiterates the earlier rumoured floating touch technology that will be a part of the Galaxy S IV. The technology present in Samsung's Air view, is only found in the famed S Pen as of now. This is the same technology that Sony

had first incorporated in its Xperia Sola (Review I Pictures) smartphone. It lets consumers browse the web by hovering their finger above the screen so it acts like a moving cursor, without actually having to touch the display.

The Samsung-focused blog also confirms through its same "insider" source that the device will pack an eight-core Samsung Exynos Octa processor, a 13-megapixel rear camera, 2 GB RAM, and a Photosphere-like function called Samsung Orb.

Also, it will run Android 4.2.1 at launch, with an update to Android 4.2.2 promised to come in the same month as its release. An enhanced version of Samsung's TouchWiz Nature UX, most likely version 2.0, will also make its way to the smartphone.

What's interesting is that so far, we've heard about two different Samsung devices for the Galaxy S IV. While one comes with the aforementioned specs, the other has a Qualcomm Snapdragon 600 processor and a Super LCD3 screen. It's still unclear, which of the two will officially be unveiled or whether both indeed will go on sale.—PTI

Apple to use Qualcomm's Snapdragon SoC for low-cost iPhone

ANUPAM SAXENA, 12 March—According to a report by *China Times*, Apple is planning to use Qualcomm's Snapdragon SoC (system on a chip) in its purported low-cost iPhone whose manufacturing is expected to commence during the second quarter of the year. The report was spotted by Apple Insider via Japanese blog Macotakara.

As per the report, Apple plans to use Taiwan based chipmaker TSMC's 28nm process to build cheaper iPhone's Snapdragon SoC, and that Apple is likely to stick to 3G connectivity for the phone, so it's not likely to use an SoC that supports LTE on board.

Qualcomm had recently launched the Snapdragon 400 and 200 processors for mid-range and entry-level smartphones which are also based on the 28nm process, and include onboard support for all major connectivity options save LTE allowing manufacturers to cut component cost. So it can't

be ruled out that Apple might be looking at them as potential SoCs for the low-cost iPhone. The *China Times* report also predicts that Renesas Electronics will produce the low-cost iPhone's LCD drivers, and that the NAND flash memory will be procured from Toshiba, Elpida, Micron Technology, SK Hynix and SanDisk.

A recent report by Apple Insider via Japanese blog Macotakara claimed that Apple is currently working on two different iPhone models and that one of these will be a successor



to the iPhone 5 with a 4.5-inch screen while the other will be a cheaper smartphone model sporting a polycarbonate body. The blog also mentioned that the next iPhone is likely to be expected by sometime in 2014, while the cheaper model should launch sooner.

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Hopes fade of Higgs particle opening door to new realms soon

GENEVA, 12 March—Scientists' hopes that last summer's triumphant trapping of the particle that shaped the post-Big Bang universe would quickly open the way into exotic new realms of physics like string theory and new dimensions have faded this past week.

Five days of presentations on the particle, the Higgs boson, at a scientific conference high in the Italian Alps point to it being the last missing piece in a 30-year-old cosmic blueprint and nothing more, physicists following the event say.

"The chances are getting slimmer and slimmer that we are going to see something else exciting anytime soon," said physicist Pauline Gagnon from CERN near Geneva in

whose Large Hadron Collider (LHC) the long-sought particle was found.

And US scientist Peter



A computer screen is pictured before a scientific seminar to deliver the latest update in the search for the Higgs boson at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Meyrin, near Geneva 4 July, 2012.

REUTERS

Woit said in his blog that the particle was looking "very much like a garden variety SM (Standard Model) Higgs", discouraging for researchers who were hop-

ing for glimpses of breathtaking vistas beyond. That conclusion, shared among analysts of vast volumes of

data gathered in the LHC

over the past three years, would push to well beyond 2015 any chance of sighting exotica like dark matter or super symmetric parti-

cles in the giant machine. That is when the LHC, where particles are smashed together at light speed to create billions of mini-Big Bangs that are traced in vast detectors, resumes operation with its power doubled after a two-year shutdown from last month. The Higgs — still not claimed as a scientific discovery because its exact nature has yet to be established — was postulated in the early 1960s as the element that gave mass to flying matter after the Big Bang 13.7 billion years ago. It was incorporated tentatively into the Standard Model when that was compiled in the 1980s, and its discovery in the LHC effectively completed that blueprint. But there are mysteries of the universe, like gravity, that remain outside it.—Reuters



A worker packs boxes at Amazon's logistics centre in Graben near Augsburg on 17 Dec, 2012.

REUTERS

Inc applying for dozens of domains including .cloud, .buy and .book.—Reuters

Publishers oppose Amazon's bid to gain Web names

NEW YORK, 12 March—Two publishing industry groups, the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers, are opposing Amazon.com Inc's request to own new domain names, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.

The organizations argue that allowing Amazon to have such domain ad-

resses that end in suffixes such as ".book," ".author" and ".read" would be a threat to competition, the paper said. Barnes & Noble Inc has also opposed Amazon's request, the paper said. An Amazon spokesman declined to comment on the objections, the paper said.

Last year the Internet

Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers began a process to allow organizations to register for new Web address suffixes, other than ".com" and ".edu."

The ambitious plan to liberalize Internet addresses attracted 1,930 applications, almost half of them from north America, with Amazon and Google

Inc applying for dozens of domains including .cloud, .buy and .book.—Reuters

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BUSINESS & HEALTH

Antibiotic resistance a “catastrophic threat”: UK medical chief

LONDON, 12 March—Antibiotic resistance poses a catastrophic threat to medicine and could mean patients having minor surgery risk dying from infections that can no longer be treated, Britain’s top health official said on Monday.

Sally Davies, the chief medical officer for England, said global action is needed to fight antibiotic, or antimicrobial, resistance and fill a drug “discovery void” by researching and developing new medicines to treat emerging, mutating infections.

Only a handful of new antibiotics have been developed and brought

to market in the past few decades, and it is a race against time to find more, as bacterial infections increasingly evolve into “superbugs” resistant to existing drugs.

“Antimicrobial resistance poses a catastrophic threat. If we don’t act now, any one of us could go into hospital in 20 years for minor surgery and die because of an ordinary infection that can’t be treated by antibiotics,” Davies told reporters as she published a report on infectious disease. “And routine operations like hip replacements or organ transplants could be deadly because of the risk of infection.”

A plate which was coated with an antibiotic-resistant bacteria called Klebsiella with a mutation called NDM 1 and then exposed to various antibiotics is seen at the Health Protection Agency in north London on 9 March, 2011.—REUTERS



One of the best known superbugs, MRSA, is alone estimated to kill around 19,000 people every year in the United States — far more than HIV and AIDS — and a similar number in Europe.

And others are spreading. Cases of totally drug resistant tuberculosis have appeared in recent

years and a new wave of “super superbugs” with a mutation called NDM 1, which first emerged in India, has now turned up all over the world, from Britain to New Zealand.

Last year the WHO said untreatable superbug strains of gonorrhoea were spreading across the world.

Reuters

Bloated China steel sector facing closures, big miners to suffer

BEIJING, 12 March—China’s bloated steel sector is facing a wave of closures in the next few years, with slowing demand and decades of “blind” expansion finally about to catch up with the industry, a senior executive and parliamentary delegate said.

Zhang Wuzong, the chairman of the privately-owned Shandong Shiheng Special Steel Group and a forty-year veteran of the industry, told Reuters in an interview

even state-owned firms like the loss-making Angang Group ASISG.UL(000898.SZ) at risk, he added.

“The Chinese market is now oversupplied,” he said. “The government knows it and we know it. ‘Survival of the fittest’ is the only way to solve the problems.”

“It will take time but I believe a lot of the backward private enterprises will be closed. I also believe there will be some state-owned enterprises that will be eliminated too, including some of the big ones. This



An employee works at a steel factory that exports to Europe and America in Jiaxing, Zhejiang province, on 28 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

that China’s problems would also scupper the huge expansion plans of suppliers like Rio Tinto (RIO.AX)(RIO.L) and BHP Billiton (BHP.AX)(BLT.L), which have bet their future on sustained demand growth in China.

No steel firm will be immune, with the future of

is a certainty.”

China has at least 900 million tonnes of crude steel production capacity, far higher than its official total output of 716 million tonnes in 2012.

Profits in the sector fell 98 percent last year with many firms making losses.

Reuters

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Cove Energy directors look to replicate success in Mozambique

LONDON, 12 March—Three key executives that were behind the creation and sale of Cove Energy Plc (CNVGF.PK) have reunited to raise funds for oil and gas exploration in waters off Mozambique, the *Financial Times* reported on Sunday. John Craven, Michael Blaha and Michael Nolan, now directors of Discover Exploration, are looking to raise about \$50 million, the *Financial Times* reported.

Discover Exploration is focusing on waters east



John Craven speaks during the Reuters Global Energy and Climate Summit in London on 14 June, 2011.—REUTERS

of Mozambique in the Rovuma Basin. The waters are controlled by the small island state of Comoros.

Discover Exploration is backed by directors’ funds and privately held Dutch oil company Oranje-Nassau Energie, the daily reported. The *Financial Times* also reported that the company plans to tap further funds from institutional investors in London, after having signed a production sharing contract with Comoros.

Reuters

Malaysia’s exports grow 3.5 pct in January

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 March — Malaysia’s exports in January grew 3.5 percent year-on-year to 56.99 billion ringgit (18.32 billion US dollars) on improved shipments of petroleum products and manufactured goods, the international trade ministry said on Monday. Exports fell 5.8

percent on year in December.

Shipments of manufactured goods such as electrical products, chemical products and auto accessories and scientific equipment, which contributed 65 percent of total exports, grew 6.7 percent year-on-year in January. Exports of

refined petroleum products increased by 35.4 percent from the same month last year. Shipments of agricultural goods, however, declined by 16.4 percent on an annual basis to 5.66 billion ringgit (1.82 billion US dollars) as lower prices of palm oil and crude rubber hurt exports.—Xinhua

Reuters

BOJ head nominee Kuroda: no need to set price target for core-core CPI



The Japan government’s nominee for the Bank of Japan (BOJ) governor Haruhiko Kuroda bows at the start of his speech during a hearing session at the lower house of the parliament in Tokyo on 4 March, 2013.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 12 March—The Bank of Japan does not need to alter its 2 percent inflation target or set a target for consumer prices, excluding both food and energy, Haruhiko Kuroda, the government’s nominee for next central bank governor, said on Monday.

The BOJ’s price target is currently focused on core prices, which exclude fresh food but include energy costs, said Kuroda, 68, president of the Asian Development Bank.

Japan’s core-core consumer prices exclude

food and energy, which is similar to the measure of core consumer prices used in the United States.

Kuroda, an advocate of aggressive monetary easing, spoke to lawmakers in the upper house of parliament at a confirmation hearing.

Last month, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe named Kuroda, Japan’s former top currency diplomat, to be the new Bank of Japan governor in a shift for radical BOJ easing to end nearly two decades of deflation.

Reuters

Mummies from different times, places shared key heart risk

CHICAGO, 12 March—CT scans of 137 mummies spanning four geographies and 4,000 years of history show that hardening of the arteries was commonplace, especially in older individuals, suggesting this key sign of heart disease may be a part of aging rather than the byproduct of eating too many Big Macs.

The findings, presented on Sunday at the American College of Cardiology meeting in San Francisco and published in the *Lancet* medical journal, challenge the commonly held belief that atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries — the disease that causes heart attacks and strokes — is a modern plague brought on by smoking, obesity and sedentary lifestyles. “It looks to be the case that this is an ancient condition of human population before the modern world and may in fact have been part of

our species’ aging,” said Caleb Finch, a professor of gerontology at the University of Southern California and a senior author of the study.

The mummies included individuals from the pre-historic cultures of ancient Peru, Native Americans living along the Colorado River, the Unangan peoples of the Aleutian Islands between Alaska and Siberia, and individuals living in ancient Egypt.

Overall, the team found signs of probable or definite atherosclerosis in 34 percent of the mummies studied.

“For mummies over age 40, half of them had some vascular calcifications,” said Dr Randall Thompson of Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City, who led the study.

“Considering we couldn’t see all of the arteries in any mummy, that is a reasonably high prevalence,” he said.

The findings are not the first evidence from mummies that atherosclerosis occurred in ancient peoples. Prior studies have shown evidence of hardened arteries in Egyptian mummies, but many believe that was due to the fact that ancient Egyptians only mummified elite members of society, who may have eaten a high-fat diet and gotten too little exercise, much like individuals in modern societies. The latest study, however, spans a much broader swath of society, looking at individuals from different regions and societies and with very different diets.

“What we’ve put together in this is four cultures with very disparate lifestyles and geography. We have a more-convincing argument about the presence of this disease in ancient people,” Thompson said.

Reuters

WORLD

Falkland Islanders vote overwhelmingly to keep British rule



Falkland islanders react after hearing the results of the referendum in Stanley, on 11 March, 2013.—REUTERS

STANLEY, 12 March — Residents of the Falkland Islands voted almost unanimously to stay under British rule in a referendum aimed at winning global sympathy as Argentina intensifies its sovereignty claim, results showed on Monday. The official count showed 99.8 percent of islanders voted in favour of remaining a British Overseas Territory in the two-day referendum, which was rejected by Argentina as a meaningless

publicity stunt. Only three “no” votes were cast.

“Surely this must be the strongest message we can get out to the world,” said Roger Edwards, one of the Falklands assembly’s eight elected members. “(The message) that we are content, that we wish to retain the status quo ... with the right to determine our own future and not become a colony of Argentina.” Pro-British feeling is running high in the barren

and blustery islands that lie off the tip of Patagonia, and turnout was 92 percent among the 1,649 Falklands-born and long-term residents registered to vote.

Three decades since Argentina and Britain went to war over the far-flung South Atlantic archipelago, residents have been perturbed by Argentina’s increasingly vocal claim over the Malvinas — as the islands are called in Spanish. Local politicians hope the resounding “yes” vote will help them lobby support abroad, for example in the United States, which has a neutral position on the sovereignty issue. “We’re never going to change Argentina’s claim and point of view, but I believe there are an awful lot of countries out there that are sitting on the fence ... this is going to show them quite clearly what the people think,” Edwards added.

Reuters

As Afghan trip goes badly off script, Hagel opts for caution

KABUL, 12 March — It was a harrowing international debut for Chuck Hagel, whose first trip to Afghanistan as defence secretary went dramatically off-script and challenged the American narrative about the 11-year-old war. His first full day in Afghanistan began with the sound of suicide bomb

attack about a mile away from his morning meetings at a NATO facility. But the real damage came the next day when Washington’s mercurial ally in the war, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, accused the United States of colluding with the Taliban hours before the two met.

Put in an awkward po-

sition, Hagel appeared cautious and at pains to avoid sharply criticizing the Afghan leader in public, even as he firmly disputed Karzai’s assertions.

In private, Hagel requested and had a private one-on-one meeting with Karzai where he was “firm and direct” with the Afghan president, a US official said. Hagel declined to provide reporters with details of the private exchange.

Asked about Karzai’s comments, White House national security advisor Tom Donilon cited “difficult questions” surrounding the transfer of security control from the NATO-led force to Afghan soldiers. “We’ve had challenges before. We’ve continued to work with President Karzai.

But we’re I think on track to meet the goals we’ve set for ourselves,” Donilon said in response to a question after a speech in New York.

Reuters



US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel (R) walks with US General Philip Breedlove, US Air Force Commander for Europe, upon Hagel’s arrival at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, on 11 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Helicopter crash in Afghanistan kills five foreign troops

KABUL, 12 March — A helicopter crash in southern Afghanistan killed five members of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, NATO said on Tuesday, although there were no immediate details about the cause of the crash. A brief ISAF statement said the crash occurred on Monday.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, however initial reporting indicates there was no enemy activity in the area at the time of the incident,” the NATO statement said.

It also did not give any details about the nationality of the troops killed, although US and British forces make up the bulk of the NATO-led contingent



in Afghanistan’s south. Australian troops also still operate in the south. The crash came on the same day that two US troops and five Afghan police and soldiers were killed in a so-called insider attack by a person in an Afghan military uniform in the restive east of the country.

New Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel left Afghanistan earlier on Monday after a difficult first trip to Kabul.

Reuters

Iran, Pakistan leaders inaugurate gas pipeline project

CHABHAR (Iran), 12 March — Unfazed by US pressure, Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari along with his Iranian counterpart yesterday inaugurated the much-delayed section of a USD 7.5 billion gas pipeline with President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

saying West has no right to block the project.

Zardari had flown in here along with a huge delegation and joined Ahmadinejad in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Pakistani section of the pipeline here near Pak-Iran border.—PTI

US Air Force defends Afghan plane contract award

WASHINGTON, 12 March — The US Air Force on Monday defended a decision to award a contract for 20 light attack planes for Afghanistan to US-based Sierra Nevada Corp and its Brazilian partner Embraer SA (EMBR3.SA) after scrapping an earlier contract to the companies. Competitor Beechcraft Corp said it was protesting the \$428 million contract. “We are confident that this decision is well supported and that the ... proposals were fully and fairly evalu-

ated consistent with the evaluation criteria in the solicitation,” said Air Force spokesman Ed Gulick. He had no immediate comment on whether the Air Force would issue a stop-work order.

Beechcraft, formerly known as Hawker Beechcraft, said on Friday it would protest the decision, which followed a new competition launched in May 2012 after the Air Force discovered problems with its handling of an initial \$355 million contract

award to Sierra Nevada and Embraer in December 2011. The new protest is the latest chapter in the saga of the politically charged military procurement. Brazilian officials expressed dismay last year when the original award to Embraer was withdrawn, and political fallout from the case also seeped into the US presidential election campaign last year.

The Air Force scrapped its earlier award to Sierra Nevada after it found “deficiencies in the process and

documentation that could not confirm the adequacy of the previous decision in favor of SNC,” Gulick said. On Monday, he said the latest award to Sierra Nevada and Embraer involved “a new evaluation team, internal and external advisers and a new source selection authority.” The Government Accountability Office, a congressional agency that oversees federal procurement challenges, has up to 100 days to decide the matter.

Reuters

After Chavez, Latin America’s ideological battle may ease

CARACAS, 12 March — Hugo Chavez’s exit from the world stage may take the sting out of an ideological battle that has enveloped Latin America since a new batch of leftists started taking power about 15 years ago to challenge US “imperialism”.

Fans say Chavez’s hyperkinetic energy is irreplaceable, and even before his death last Tuesday the appeal of his boisterous, hard line approach to economic and foreign policy had faded. Instead, momentum has moved towards the more pragmatic leftist model led by Brazil that welcomes private investment or, in case of a handful of aggressive free traders in the region, a free-market

one associated with Washington but with additional social welfare spending to fight poverty.

Both paths are converging around a broad centre. Brazil, always having seen itself as the “natural leader” of South America, has the most to gain in the post-Chavez era. Though the socialist Chavez generally got along well with his Brazilian peers, his combative style sometimes upstaged them. “Chavez’s death changes things. He occupied an important space within the Latin American left and now there will be a political realignment,” one Brazilian diplomat told Reuters, insisting on anonymity.

“The death of Chavez



Photos of the late President Hugo Chavez are hung out for sale outside of the Military Academy, where the funeral service of Chavez is being held, in Caracas, on 10 March, 2013.—REUTERS

could eventually lead to the end of radicalism on the continent,” said another Brazilian diplomat. Since Chavez’s death, Brazilian

President Dilma Rousseff has said she “did not always agree” with the Venezuelan leader.

Reuters

NATIONAL

Union government making efforts...

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He urged the ministries and Region/State governments to supervise the government staff's full rights, personality, qualification and capacity building of the organizations. Good prospects for State's financial condition are seen thanks to cooperation

between the government and Hluttaw and check and balance of macro economic sector.

He urged officials to make efforts to increase State's annual income, effectively manage local and foreign resources and systematically use money. He also highlighted taxation,

foreign aids, foreign loan, systematic allocation of office expenditures, prioritizing expenditures for education and health and development of all Region/State. In conclusion, he urged officials to implement the objectives in line with National Planning, to effectively use the State's money and to promote living standards of people and individual income.—MNA

Committee for Implementation of report of Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—The work coordination meeting of the Committee for Implementation of the report of Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project took place at the conference hall of the President Office, here, this evening.

The meeting was attended by Committee Chairmen Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun, Committee Vice-Chairmen Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and committee members Union ministers, deputy ministers

and officials.

Committee Chairman Union Minister U Hla Tun made a speech. Then, committee vice-chairmen and committee members discussed ongoing tasks on report of investigation for Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project.

MNA

Myanma Economic Holdings Co Ltd issues press release on report of Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project

1. The report of the Investigation Commission on the Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project in Sarlingyi Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region, was announced on 11 March, 2013.
2. Moreover, to implement the report of the Investigation Commission, the President Office issued a notification on 11 March, 2013, on formation of a committee to implement the report the Investigation Commission on the Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project.
3. Myanma Economic Holdings Co Ltd shall act on suggestions about land compensations, land reclamation, amending the contract signed between Myanma Economic Holdings Co Ltd and Wanbao Company, getting international standard certificates for issues related to environmental conservation, production and work site health care and safety, bringing benefits to local people, creating job opportunities and regional development and Sulphuric Acid Plant in accordance with the rules and regulations of ministries and MEH Co Ltd shall also hire foreign expertise companies meeting international standard to carry out the measures systematically.
4. Under the closely supervision of Sagaing Region Government and in accordance with the directives of the committee for implementing the report of the Investigation Commission, the MEH Co Ltd shall take the measures.

Myanma Economic Holdings Co Ltd
12, March 2013

Production process of garment factory inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint together with Chief Minister U Zaw Min of Kayin State met officials and employees at UMH garment factory at Hpa-an Industrial Zone on 6 March.

After viewing production process of the garment factory, they attended to the needs of employees.—MNA



Objectives of the 68th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2013

1. To uphold the national policy namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty;
2. To play the leading role in the national politics by the Tatmadaw joining hands with all national races with Union Spirit and the true patriotism in line with the Constitution
3. To crush all destructive elements at home and abroad through the strength of State, People and Tatmadaw
4. To build up a strong, competent, modern, patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard the security and sovereignty of the nation

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Democracy and Human Rights Party registered as political party

The Union Election Commission announced today that Democracy and Human Rights Party headquartered at No (54/kha) on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road, (8) Ward in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, has been allowed to register as political party as of 12 March, 2013 in accord with Section 9 of Political Parties Registration Law.

The registration number of Democracy and Human Rights party is 63.

By order,

Tin Tun
Secretary

Union Election Commission

Printing and Publishing Bill and Printers and Publishers Registration Law (1962) compared

YANGON, 12 March—A ceremony to make comparison between the Printing and Publishing Bill and the Printers and Publishers Registration Law (1962), organized by

Myanmar Publishers and Booksellers Association, took place at Orchid Hotel, here, this afternoon. Officials of Myanmar Publishers and Booksellers Association presented their

suggestions and reviews. After that, they issued the statement (1/2013) on the Printing and Publishing Bill.

The following is the translation of the statement:

Myanmar Publishers and Booksellers Association's Statement (1/2013) on the Printing and Publishing Bill

Date: 12 March, 2013

1. Members of Myanmar Publishers and Booksellers Association have been constantly engaging in publishing for many years.
2. It is found that the Printing and Publishing Bill appeared in the daily newspapers on 27 February, 2013 is supporting the existence of the world of publishing in a legal way.
3. It is found that the Publishers have more rights and freedom, compared with the existing laws—the Printers and Publishers Registration Law (1962) and the Printers Law (Emergency Power) (1931).
4. Thus, executives of Myanmar Publishers and Booksellers Association seconded the passing of the Printing and Publishing Bill.

MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 13 March, 2013

We can survive only if nature survives

Nature is the greatest while we are just a tiny form. Nature teaches us to be humble and understand our real status. We human beings are just a small part of it. When we feel humble, we will not be arrogant and we will get closer to nature. Nature conservation work is somewhat time-consuming and it is a challenging task as long as there are selfish people who show no respect for nature.

Nature environment can't be restored to its healthy state as long as human nature is still unstable. Nature teaches humans to enjoy a simple life and encourages them to embrace happiness, which derives from peace of mind, making merits, helping others and being at one with nature.

Human greed has never been fulfilled because people still want more and more, resulting in the ceaseless destruction of nature in order to pamper their luxurious and wasteful life. Yet, their happiness has never increased in line with their material wealth, which can be seen in the high rate of suicide and patients with mental disorders and neurosis.

No matter how they succeed in transforming nature into a wide variety of consumer goods, assets and money, humans can't be full and their soul is still empty. Everything they do contributes to the ruin of nature as they are trying to indulge themselves with material things.

As humans are trying to control nature and irresponsible exploit it, incessant exploitation of nature happens, resulting in global warming. Global warming besets a spate of troubles to nature environment. In that sense, we all should bear constantly in mind that we can survive only if nature survives.

Ambassador U Min Thein presents his credentials to Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—U Min Thein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to New Zealand, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Lieutenant

General, The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, GNZM, QSO, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Realm of New Zealand, on 27 February 2013 in Wellington.—MNA

2013 4th Japan Cup Karatedo Championship for enthusiasts

YANGON, 12 March—With the main sponsorship of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Yangon (JCCY), Myanmar Karatedo Federation and Japanese embassy in Myanmar will jointly organize 2013 4th Japan Cup Karatedo Championship at Aung San Gymnasium on 28 and 29 March.

The championship will cover KIHON event (under 12 years), HEIAN and TEKKI (1) KATA event (12/15 age), NKF KATA event (14/15 age) and WKF senior championship. Those wishing to compete the championship may enlist at the office of MKF, ph 01-379939 not later than 26 March.—MNA

ARTICLE

THE EXAMINATION

BY BA THAN

Examination is the essential part of our life. It is a perennial challenge confronting us from young kids through adults to old age. It is a means to test our school lessons as to how much we have learnt every year from the kindergarten onwards to primary level, secondary level, thence to the high school level. The most crucial examination at the end of high school is the Matriculation, the ultimate challenge for hundreds of thousands students entering the dreaded hurdle around March of every year for eligibility to the University education. According to news media students appearing for the 2013 Matriculation come to 500000. It does not end just there by any means. There is a four-year graduate course for the first degree. Then there is the post graduate Master programme and then the Ph.D degree, the highest one can aspire for. At work there is the entrance examination to test our fitness for the job applied. Above that level there is the Civil Service Examination (formerly called the Gazetted Rank) held centrally by old name Public Service Commission, now Civil Service Board. There is also examination for selection to overseas scholarships. For the sanghas there are series of *Pariyatti examinations*. Then for the oldies there is the *Abhiddhamma course and Examination*.

There is a saying that to pass an examination you must study the subjects prescribed very studiously. You must study the type of questions asked previously and prepare all possible answers. What you must keep in mind is that it is not enough just to pass. You must pass very well with distinctions and credit, for only by scoring excellent marks you can hope to get top choice. Now-a-days with ruthless competition it appears that it is just not enough to study by yourself. There are many ways to get things done. It starts with the basic step from the nursery form. Nowadays nursery classes are privately run

institutions catering to a variety of pre-school needs starting as early as three-year-old tots. Wonder of wonders to us oldies, private tuition starts from then onwards which we as grand-dads can only gasp... oh lal lah...

Then there are state run schools from primary through secondary to high school ending with the central matriculation examinations held in March every year. Parallel to the state schools are the private schools run on different curriculum and syllabus. Some even cater to different sets of examinations such as GCE O level and A level. Over and above the class sessions, private tuitions are also given to gain an edge over ordinary students in all standards. In the primary level school entrance is the first hurdle depending upon so many conditions. The allocation for formal class work, a mandatory step for class attendance is the next step. What follows close at heels is the private tuition, the prerogative of the respective class teachers. At high school level ninth to tenth, formal class attendance is needed for entry to the matriculation examination. After that outside formal school, work becomes hyper-classy. Then follows the private tuition, which depend on apparent affordability, such as private class sessions, a cheaper category. What follows then is a more exclusive nature commonly known as '*waing*', catered by general syllabus or individual subjects. Over and above that is another complementary addition called as '*guide*' whereby a so-called one-to-one private tutor coaches him so that the parents leave no stone unturned except the effort of the student himself. Me-thought whimsically that passing exams seems to be more of concern to the parents and teacher than the student himself. Then there is another superimposition, in-house coaching or 'year-on boarding complex', the best of the very best indeed. Everything is well programmed, from morn till night, from work and play and also recreational facilities depending only on the ability to pay. For those who are overly lavish,

repetition may not matter too. Oh my, how nice indeed! If that does not seem to be yet enough, the ultimate in such a venture is 'the hot tip.' What more do you want? The rationale: heavy investment. The result: six Ds, top of the list. The student of perfection, isn't it?

Whatever the case may be, it is a fact that the Matriculation examination is a real scare, a frightening challenge, which one and all of five hundred thousand teen age students must appear and pass the least of all. And be prepared, many will fail. That is life! Wishing to share the experience of a matriculate who has passed many years ago in March 1947 where things were simple, I would like to give my teen age juniors some hints on how to pass. If you follow the simple rules you will find that exams are easy after all. Just listen carefully to me.

1. By 1st week of March you will have digested all subjects many times even by heart. You will also have test-answered all subject examinations many times too. Therefore you can say that you are almost 90 percent ready. Well and good.
2. On the first day of the examination you will need to carry with you all papers, identity cards and notes for the subjects without forgetting everything. Your parents especially mother will keep reminding up to the last minute before you enter the examination room. Even then, it is you personally to make last minute check, every day of the subject examination till the last day. The examination invigilator will read out the rules to be followed. He will check all papers before he will allow you to sit on you allotted seat.
3. There are certain points you must keep note while waiting for the question paper of the subject to be distributed. I do not worry about the subject matter at all, only details of answering the examination. You

must keep a very cool mind and that is not easy at the last moment, but you must try to do so.

4. When you receive the subject examination paper for the day, read the questions slowly for the first five minutes to have a full picture. Then think which answer will be the easiest for you. Allot the answers according to your ability to handle them. Revise at least once again or more. After all questions are answered, then make general revision for the final time. When you finish answering all questions before time, do not be excited and leave early. Satisfy yourself that you have answered all. Only then you may leave before time is up. Sadly for those who cannot answer some questions well, don't be frustrated. Try your best to think of the probable answers. If it is not easy, then skip to the other question, and leave time to deal with it later. If you don't have time at all, then you try to answer all the remaining papers and wait for the moderation.
5. It can happen that when a student cannot answer one of the subjects satisfactorily, he may scratch out the subject question in frustration and leave the Hall. It is certain that he will not sit for the remaining subjects anymore. In so doing he will forego the 2013 Matriculation Examinations entirely and thus lose one entire year of hard work, school expenses, valuable time. You will be one year older, next 2014, unsure of yourself as you have already failed once due to rashness. The wise thing is to be patient, use reason and continue answering all subjects, well or badly till the end of the Matriculation for the year. If you are definitely unsure of

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Lawmakers propose to make changes in taxation structure

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Lawmakers proposed changes to the State's taxation structures, submitting proposals urging the Union government to make changes in taxation structures and effective measures for fully tax revenue collection at the today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session that agreed to discuss them.

In an interview with Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No (7), he shared his belief in the motion of Pyithu Hluttaw representative Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency who called for formation of committees and commissions comprising retired personnel and



Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No (7).

townselders with the aim of ensuring a surge in collecting tax revenue that repeated checks and urge to collect tax fully are needed in order not to face



U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency.

a shortfall in tax revenue. I had planned to take part in discussions on the proposal. Only effective measures could bring taxpayer's money to the Union Funds.



U Maung Maung of Thayawady Constituency.

Collection tax effectively and efficiently was a matter of crucial importance, he added.

U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency

gave an interview to the NLM new crew about the proposal he submitted at today's parliament session to make new excise duties on alcoholic drinks with the suggestions of scholars, urging sooner implementation of new excise taxes by region/state government in accord with Section 254 of the State Constitution. He gave voice to his concern about a drop in price of alcohol drinks that is closely related to an increase in deaths from liver disease caused by alcohol consumption, pointing out that the price of a glass of alcohol is cheaper than a cup of tea and milk. Only changes in excise duties on alcoholic drinks could

lead to quality-oriented systematic production and protect against unwanted human capital losses.

"Tax relief on collecting commercial tax on sawn wood by 50 per cent and tax exemption and tax relief on 21 forest products which are widely used by local people should be introduced, in an effort to realize the government's drive to alleviate poverty," says U Maung Maung of Thayawady Constituency while he was asked about his view on the proposal (2) submitted by U Lun Thi, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee.

NLM

Increase in payment, bonus settle dispute between Myanmar workers, Jordan garment factory

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—CMJ Garment in Raktha, Jordan, has increased the current payment of Myanmar workers by 6 per cent of the basic payment and increased the current bonus by 5 per cent of the current one, settling the dispute between Myanmar workers and the factory, said Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun.

In her answer to the question over rights of Myanmar workers in Jordan raised by U Htay Oo of

Hinthada Constituency during today's 25th-day meeting of the sixth session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw, the deputy minister also replied that about 100 Myanmar workers on 7 March, 2013, over 300 workers on 9th March, 2013, about 800 on 10 March, 2013 and about 1000 on 11 March, 2013 returned to the job after negotiations of Myanmar Embassy comprising Labour Ministry of Jordan, representatives from International Labour Organization (ILO) and 30 representatives of Myanmar workers.



U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency raising queries.—MNA

The Ministry has also adopted the nine-point Labour Migration Policy and have been providing



Deputy Labour, Employment and Social Security Minister Daw Win Maw Tun answering.—MNA

social security to Myanmar migrant workers in foreign countries and it is a transparent task of



Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency. MNA

the ministry for issuing certificates to unregistered Myanmar workers in Thailand, she said.

The ministry has already assigned labour diplomats in Thailand and the Republic of Korea and has planned to assign labour diplomats in the countries including Malaysia where Myanmar migrant workers are working, she added.

Regarding the amendments on the rules of the Foreign Investment Law, Pyithu Hluttaw agreed the seven points out of ten amended by Amyotha Hluttaw and decided to discuss the remaining three points at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Pyithu Hluttaw session will continue tomorrow.

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THE EXAMINATION...

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yourself, resolve to repeat for the second year and start enrolling for the coming Matric. Who can say that, by moderation you may pass, though the average marks may not give you good grades for the top combination such as engineering, marine, medical, computer etc. Everyone knows: parents, teachers and students that only good grades and top combinations will give you a good head start for a good profession or career. It can also happen that a good MBBS may not want to work as a doctor but

may be successful in business. Things may be so unpredictable. This short and simple hint will, I hope, help you to answer the Matriculation examination for March 2013 with confidence. I suggest you read this article again and again. Or you may cut this newspaper clipping and photocopy it to read over and over again as you like. Thus you will know what to do when you enter the examination hall. Anyway when you are so thoroughly prepared there is nothing to be afraid of. In that manner you will find that examinations are easy after all.

My blessings and best wishes go with you!

Four legislators hold discussions on bylaws of ward/village-tract Administration Law

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Four legislators made discussions on some points stated in bylaws of ward/village-tract Administration Law at the 25th day sixth regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw held today.

Despite not taking part in the discussion on the

Myanmar, US hold meeting on reviewing progress of opium survey

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—A group that carried out Myanmar-US opium survey held a meeting on reviewing the progress of tasks for measuring opium

bylaws, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Thet Naing Oo of Bago Region Constituency No (6) said that it was not going to be an easy thing because ward administrator election process in some wards and villages failed to abide by rules and regulations prescribed in the Law instead of choosing heads



of ten-household through secret ballot system of voting.

Today's Amyotha Hluttaw session came to an end after seeking approval of the Hluttaw on Natural Disaster Management Bill sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments.—NLM

U Thet Naing Oo of Bago Region Constituency No (6). NLM

Director (Elimination) Officiating Police Col Myint Oo of Myanmar's Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) Office of Myanmar Police Force and Drug Eradication Depart-

ment and nine members from US's side led by Mr John Whalen of DEA.

After the meeting, they visited the Drug Elimination Museum.

MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives members of UN executive board



NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received the executive board members of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN Women and WFO led by Ms. Merete Dyrud at Amyotha Hluttaw

Hall, here, this evening.

They discussed UN's provision for internal peace process and poverty reduction and members of UN executive board raised questions for their knowledge.

Also present at the meeting together with

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint shaking hands with Ms Merete Dyrud.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Pro- Rector Dr Zaw Win of Technological University (Yamethin) of Technical and Vocational Education Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker were Amyotha Hluttaw committee chairpersons U Zaw Myint Pe, U Thein Win, Dr Myint Kyi, U Nyunt Tin, Col Maung Maung Htoo, U Hsaing Paung Nup, Daw Khin Waing Kyi, U Win Naung and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Nippon Foundation Chairman and UN guests

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann met a delegation led by Brazilian Ambassador Mr Antonino Marques Porto and executive board members from UN agencies at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here,



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds discussions with Nippon Foundation Chairman Mr Yohei Sasakawa.—MNA

this morning.

They cordially exchanged views on poverty alleviation, socio-economic development and more cooperation between Hluttaws, Hluttaw representatives and UN agencies.

It was also attended by Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Committee Chairmen U Soe Tha, U Hla Myint Oo, U Maung Maung Swe, U Soe Naing and Dr Kyaw Myint, Committee Secretary Daw Dwe Bu,

members and officials from Hluttaw Office, UN resident coordinator in Myanmar Mr Ashok Nigam.

Similarly, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation of Japan and special representative of the Japanese Government, at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this afternoon.

They exchanged views

on further promoting amity and cooperation between the two countries and parliaments and national reconsolidation and local-peace making process.

Also present at the call together with the Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Committee Chairmen U Hla Myint Oo, U Soe Naing and U Htay Myint, members U Win Oo and Dr Win Myint and officials from Hluttaw Office and Japanese Embassy.—MNA

Ambulances donated to social organization in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 12 March—Meiktila Myitta Parami Social Organization opened its office in the precinct of Hteethonhsint Pagoda in Thiri Mingala Ward of Meiktila on 28 February.

Chairman of the organization U Tin Htwe (Win Marlar) explained

emergence of the organization. On behalf of the wellwishers, Kanbawza Bank Manager U Tin Win explained purpose of car.

Secretary of the organization U Zin Myint (Shwe Chintae) Lodging presented ambulance worth K 20 million to the chairman.

U Moe Moe (Lan Sekkya) donated one ambulance worth K 20 million and Kanbawza Bank one ambulance worth K 28.5 million. The ambulances are used in transport of patients to Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and other townships free of charge.—Myanma Alinn

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Six Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives substituted

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute six Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following six Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives named under Notification 3/2011 dated 20-1-2011 with persons shown against them.

Kayin State Hluttaw

(1) BC 28261

Major Tun Tun Oo

BC 29764

Major Kyaw Kyaw Oo

Bago Region Hluttaw

(2) BC 33181

Major Aung Kyaw Kyaw Soe

BC 33531

Major Naing Win Htay

Mon State Hluttaw

(3) Navy 3732

Lt-Cdr Than Lwin

Navy 3700

Lt-Cdr Thein Zaw

Rakhine State Hluttaw

(4) Navy 3575

Lt-Cdr Khun Myo Mya Shein

Navy 4062

Lt-Cdr Kaung Myat Soe

(5) Navy 3706

Lt-Cdr Kyaw Thet Naing

Navy 3900

Lt-Cdr Soe Paing

Yangon Region Hluttaw

(6) Navy 3620

Lt-Cdr Kyaw Win Hlaing

Navy 3641

Lt-Cdr Aung Kyaw Lwin

By order,

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Secretary

Union Election Commission

REGIONAL

S Korea's Park to visit US in May on first overseas trip

SEOUL, 12 March — South Korean President Park Geun-hye will visit the United States in May in what would be her first overseas trip since taking office last month, her spokesman said on Tuesday.

Seoul and Washington are currently discussing the schedule for the visit, taking into account the importance of the alliance and the tense security situation on the Korean peninsula, according to spokesman Yoon Chang-joong.

The allies have led UN efforts to punish the Democratic People's Republic

of Korea (DPRK) over its recent nuclear test, prompting the communist state to threaten attacks on the two countries.

Park, who replaced hard-liner Lee Myung-bak, campaigned on mending ties with the northern neighbour.—Xinhua



South Korean President Park Geun-hye

Japan, US agree to monitor ships from space

TOKYO, 12 March — Japan and the United States on Monday held their first meeting of the Comprehensive Dialogue on Space and agreed to cooperate in monitoring ships from space, local media report.

In a joint statement after the meeting, the two countries said they have agreed on a "legal framework for the provision of information on space de-

bris from the United States to Japan," Japan's *Kyodo News Agency* reported.

Both sides also agreed to share intelligence by the two countries' satellite systems and to cooperate in mapping out international code of conduct in space.

Senior officials from Japan's foreign, defence and science ministries and US National Security Council, the State and De-

fence departments and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration attended the meeting.

The Comprehensive Dialogue on Space is a new bilateral consultative regime between Japan and the United States aiming at enhancing the bilateral alliance. Next meeting of the dialogue will be held in Washington in 2014.

Xinhua

China's Confucius Institutes to reach 500 global cities by 2020

BEIJING, 12 March — China's Confucius Institute Headquarters will have branches in nearly 500 large cities across the world by 2020 to promote the Chinese language and culture, the agency's head said on Monday. "We are planning to expand the institute's scale and improve its quality in order to meet growing demand for the promotion of Chinese language and culture," said Xu Lin, head of the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban).

There are now more than 400 Confucius Institutes in over 100 countries and regions, Xu said, add-

ing that the number will reach 500 and the number of Confucius Classrooms will be 1,000 by 2015, with 1.5 million registered students. Hanban is aimed at implementing a unified quality standard and training a number of quality teachers in order to better promote Chinese language and culture, said Xu. She said Hanban has sent about 10,000 professional teachers and volunteers to overseas Confucius institutes and classrooms, although it is currently short of both professional teachers and teaching materials.

However, Hanban plans

to prioritize the training of new teachers, as well as establish a volunteer database and accelerate the development of textbooks and other teaching materials, Xu said. Online services will also be developed in order to meet overseas demand for Chinese culture education, Xu said. Xu said Hanban will help some Confucius Institutes to launch advanced Chinese language and contemporary China studies programmes, as well as encourage the establishment of more institutes that can focus on traditional Chinese medicine, martial arts, cooking and art.

Xinhua



Chinese female celebs shine at Paris Fashion Week. Fashion contest among Chinese female celebs during Paris Fashion Week.—XINHUA

China targets 20-percent growth in nuclear power installation

BEIJING, 12 March — China's plan to raise installed nuclear power capacity by 20 percent this year indicated the country is developing nuclear power in a safe and efficient way, a senior energy executive has said. Nuclear power totaling 3.24 gigawatts (GW) will be added in 2013, according to a report of the National Development and Reform Commission, China's economic planner, on national economic and social progress, which was submitted to the ongoing annual par-

liamentary session.

The planned installation indicates that China is making greater efforts to develop nuclear power in a safe and efficient way, said He Yu, chairman of the China Guangdong Nuclear Power Group. According to a government white paper on energy released in October 2012, China had 15 nuclear power-generating units in operation with a total installed capacity of 12.54 GW. He said China has another 30 units currently under construction,

which will add another 32.81 GW.

He said China will have the third-largest number of nuclear power-generating units in operation in the world by 2020, following the United States and France. But even when the installed capacity of the units amounts to 58 GW by 2020, it will account for less than 4 percent of China's total power-generating capacity, compared with over 50 percent in France at present, He said. The October white paper stated

that nuclear power only accounts for 1.8 percent of China's total power output, far below the global average of 14 percent.

China's nuclear power development came to a halt after the Fukushima nuclear crisis that occurred in Japan in March 2011. The country suspended approvals for new nuclear plants and carried out a nationwide safety review after the crisis. The approvals were cautiously resumed in October 2012.

Xinhua



The newly-crowned "Coffee Queen" Nguyen Lam Diem Trang (R) from Vietnam's southern Vinh Long Province smiles during the Coffee Queen Contest on the occasion of Buon Ma Thuot Coffee Festival in Buon Ma Thuot City in Vietnam, on 10 March, 2013. The Coffee Queen Contest was held on Sunday as a part of the fourth biennial Buon Ma Thuot Coffee Festival in Buon Ma Thuot City in Vietnam's central Dac Lac Province.

XINHUA

S Korea, China, Japan to hold 1st disaster-relief exercise on Thursday

SEOUL, 12 March — South Korea, China and Japan will hold their first joint disaster-relief exercise in Seoul on Thursday, Shin Bong Gil, head of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat, said on Tuesday, according to *Yonhap News Agency*.

Shin said, though the exercise focusing on a

large-scale earthquake is not a full drill, it will be the first time officials from the three countries will discuss their joint response to a simulated disaster in the region.

The secretariat Shin heads has been formed to handle cooperation projects among the geographical neighbours.—*Kyodo News*



Wang Meng (Front) of China competes during the women's 1000m final at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Debrecen, Hungary, on 10 March, 2013. Wang Meng won the gold medal with 1 minute and 31.549 seconds.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/03/13)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/03/13) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-3.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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Seven rescued in NE China colliery flood

HARBIN, 12 March — Seven miners had been rescued and 18 others remained trapped in a mud-rock flow accident that happened on Monday in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, the provincial work safety authority said on early Tuesday.

The accident occurred at 2:30 pm at a shaft of the Zhenxing Coal Mine located in the city of Hegang, according to local authorities. The seven miners were

on a tunneling team and the 18 others worked for coal excavating, said deputy chief engineer Yan Lizhang of Hegang subcompany of the Heilongjiang Longmay Mining Holding Group.

Zhenxing Coal Mine was started in December 1990. It had been designed to produce 600,000 tonnes of coal a year, and the production capacity was assessed to be 420,000 tonnes in 2007. The rescue work is still under way.—Xinhua



Rescued miners are sent to an ambulance after a mud-rock flow accident occurred at the Zhenxing Coal Mine in Hegang City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 12 March, 2013. Seven miners had been rescued and 18 others remained trapped after the accident happened on Monday afternoon.—XINHUA

British Queen signs Commonwealth Charter

LONDON, 12 March — British Queen Elizabeth II, also the head of state of other 15 Commonwealth realms, signed the Commonwealth Charter in central London on Monday. The Queen said the Charter "represents a significant milestone as the Commonwealth continues its journey of development and renewal" at the Commonwealth Reception on Monday evening before putting down her signature.

The Commonwealth Charter was consisted of statements on 16 aspects: Democracy, Human rights, International peace and security, Tolerance, respect and understanding, Freedom of expression, Separation of powers, Rule of law, Good governance, Sustaina-

ble development, Protecting the environment, Access to health, education, food and shelter, Gender equality, Importance of young people in the commonwealth, Recognition of the needs of small states, Recognition of the needs of vulnerable states, The role of civil society.

The six-page Charter, agreed by all 54 Commonwealth Heads of Government in December last year, was seen by the British government as an important outcome of the modernization process and a milestone for the Commonwealth. "For the first time in its 64 year history, the Commonwealth has a single document setting out the core values of the organization

and the aspiration of its members," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said in a written statement to Parliament on the Commonwealth Charter.

"A strong Commonwealth will help us promote UK objectives of democracy and human rights, good governance and, in turn, the future prosperity of all its members," Hague said. "Strong, clear values are crucial to the future credibility and success of the Commonwealth," he added. Over the past two years, Britain has played a leading role in efforts to strengthen and reform the Commonwealth to ensure it remains relevant, fulfils its potential and is effective in the future.—Xinhua



Dancers perform on the opening of a peony cultural festival in Nantou of southeast China's Taiwan, on 9 March, 2013. A peony cultural festival was opened at the Sun Link Sea forest park on 9 March. Over 8,000 peonies of some 50 species from central China's Henan Province will be exhibited on an attached show till the end of May.

XINHUA

Marines facing murder charges in India to stay in Italy

ROME, 12 March — Italy's Foreign Ministry said on Monday that the two Italian Marines who were facing murder charges in India for allegedly killing two local fishermen will remain in Italy where they came back last month to vote in the national elections. "Italy has informed the Indian government that, given the formal establishment of an international dispute between the two states, the Marines Massimiliano Latorre and

Salvatore Girone will not return to India at the end of the permission granted to them," a statement from the foreign ministry said.

"Italy has always believed that the conduct of the Indian government violated the international law," the ministry said.

Considering India's lack of response to the Italian request to cooperate, the Italian government believed there was a dispute with India, it said, adding

that it was "open" to letting an international arbitrator assess the case.

Last month, the two marines were allowed by the supreme court of India to return to Italy for four weeks to exercise their right to vote in the general elections, after pledging to go back to India. They were also allowed back for the Christmas holidays and returned to India once their leave expired.

Xinhua

Saudi Arabia to offer 400 mln USD for Moroccan development projects

RABAT, 12 March — Moroccan ministry of economy and finance and the Saudi Fund for Development on Monday signed an agreement to allocate 400 million US dollars to Moroccan development projects, the official television Aloula reported.

This amount is the first

part of a donation of 1.25 billion dollars Saudi Arabia promised Morocco. The donation is set to finance the implementation of projects mainly related to rural development, including an irrigation project in northern Morocco, a highway and a housing project in Casablanca. As part of

the strategic partnership between Morocco and the Gulf states, a donation of 5 billion dollars, with contributions from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Kuwait, is decided to finance Moroccan development projects over the period 2012-2016.—Xinhua



Models present creations by fashion designer Vitor during Lisbon Fashion Week in Lisbon, capital of Portugal, on 10 March, 2013.

XINHUA

Russia Navy to receive 24 subs, 54 warships by 2020

MOSCOW, 12 March — The Russian Navy will receive dozens of new warships by 2020, Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said here on Monday.

"As a result of the governmental rearmament programme, by 2020 the Navy will receive eight strategic submarines, 16 multi-purpose submarines, and 54 surface ships of various classes," local media quoted Shoigu as saying at a meeting of the Defence Ministry. The minister stressed that constant upgrading of the fleet was an important part of the Navy's overall development. By 2020, Russia plans to build eight Borei-class submarines to form the core of its nuclear deterrence strategy.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Kristen Stewart flirts with Arnold Schwarzenegger's son

LONDON, 12 March — Twilight star Kristen Stewart was seen flirting with actor Arnold Schwarzenegger's son Patrick at a recent Hollywood party.

The 22-year-old actress' on-off boyfriend Robert Pattinson is currently shooting a film in Australia, leading the actress to attend Twilight co-star Taylor Lautner's recent birthday celebration alone, reported *Digital Spy*.

An insider said that Stewart got very close to model-actor Patrick at the party.

"She was creeping on Patrick big time. People were saying they should get a room because the energy between them was so hot," a source said.

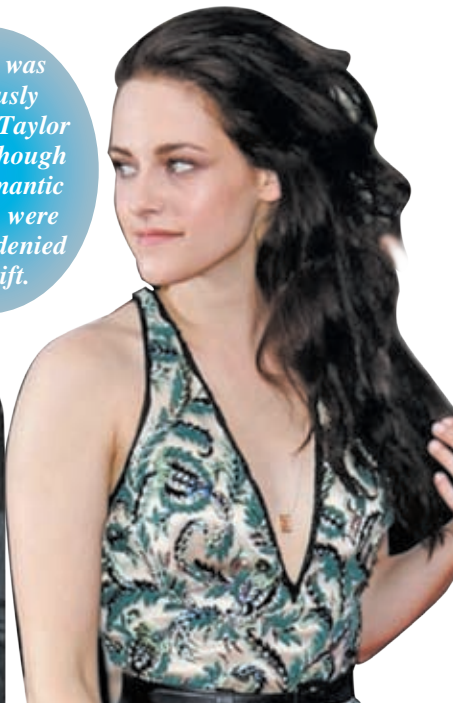
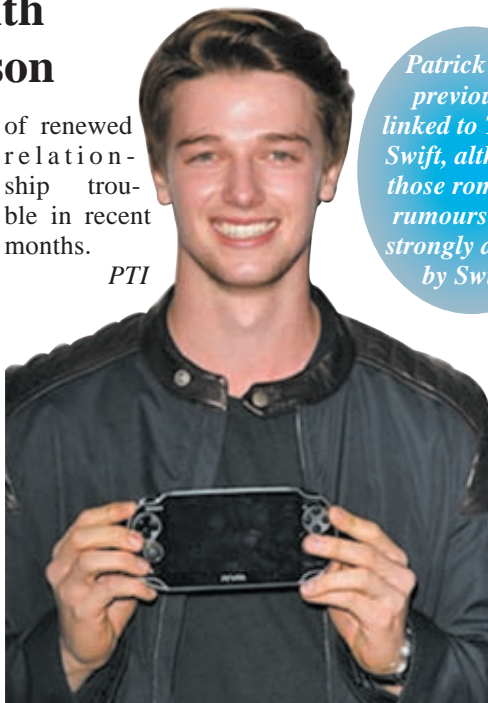
Patrick was previously linked to Taylor Swift, although those romantic rumours were strongly denied by Swift.

Stewart and Pattinson famously had romantic troubles last year due to the actress admitting to a fling with her married Snow White and the Huntsman director Rupert Sanders. The couple later reunited, but there have been reports

of renewed relationship trouble in recent months.

PTI

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Colin Firth lends support to a speech therapy charity

LONDON, 12 March—The King's Speech star Colin Firth has become the Vice President of a speech therapy charity in the UK.

The 52-year-old actor, who won an Academy Award for playing stuttering British monarch King George VI in the 2010 drama *The King's Speech*, is putting the experience to good use by supporting the Action for Stammering



The King's Speech star Colin Firth

Children organization, reported Contactmusic.

British politician Ed Balls announced Colin Firth's appointment at an event in London, saying, "He has agreed to become a Vice President of Action for Stammering Children, to help us with the next phase of work and keep raising the profile of the charity and change the perception of stammering." Funnyman Michael Palin had helped to launch the Centre for Stammering Children in his name in 1993, five years after starring as a stuttering gangster in *A Fish Called Wanda*.—PTI

Won't say no to Bond villain role: Rachel Weisz

LONDON, 12 March —Actress Rachel Weisz, who is married to James Bond star Daniel Craig, says she would not mind taking on the role of 007 villain.

The actress met and fell in love with Craig while working on horror drama *Dream House*. The couple later married.

When asked whether she would like to play 007 villain if it were offered to her, Weisz said, "I'd like to! I wouldn't say no. I'm not a snob about entertainment."

Weisz, who happens to play a wicked witch in her latest film, *Oz the Great and Powerful*, told *Esquire* magazine that she is attracted to off-beat roles.

"Some of the material I'm attracted to is not... it's just not commercial. Which means it's really interesting, you know? It's off-center. It doesn't fit in a genre."

PTI



Rachel Weisz

Will not star in Fifty Shades of Grey: Mila Kunis

LONDON, 12 March—She might be the people's favourite,

but actress Mila Kunis has disappointed her fans saying she is not going to star in the film adaptation of 'Fifty Shades of Grey'.

The actress insisted audiences will not see her in the raunchy drama, an adaptation of EL James' bestselling novel, playing the role of Anastasia Steele.

"You will not see me in 50 Shades of Grey. I'm so sorry! I will not be in 50 Shades of Grey. I promise," said Kunis.

He latest movie, Sam

Raimi's big-budget 3-D movie *Oz: Great and Powerful*, has Kunis playing a wicked witch Theodora. She has thrown herself into the role, even doing her own flying scenes.

"I'm still whole and in one piece. It's actually not that bad. The hardest part about any scene that requires wires is the amount of time you spend on them. So being wired is not hard, and being flung 35 feet in the air isn't hard."

PTI



Russell Brand

Russell Brand admits being haunted by heroin temptations

NEW YORK, 12 March —Funnyman Russell Brand admits that he is still tempted to take heroin despite making a recovery.

The 37-year-old actor-comedian, who was speaking ahead of a show organized in the memory of singer Amy Winehouse, said heroin temptations still haunt him.

"It's a natural state for me to be on drugs. When I'm not taking drugs, you know it's a little bit edgy for me. Recently I had an experience that was a little bit stressful, a week or two ago, and I thought 'Ah God, it wouldn't half be nice to have some heroin and just relax', but then I realised it would come at a terrible social consequence," said Russell Brand. Russell Brand believes Amy Winehouse, who died of alcohol poisoning in July 2011, could have been saved if she had received the right support. "I was inspired to put this concert on because of the death of Amy Winehouse, now although she was a very, very brilliant woman, in another

sense she was just an ordinary drug addict/alcoholic. "If her death highlights this issue and highlights that it is an issue that has a solution, then I think it isn't entirely in vain."

PTI



Mila Kunis

SPORTS

Suarez would be greatest not to win award, says Gerrard

LONDON, 12 March—Liverpool's Luis Suarez will be the greatest player not to win one of England's player of the year awards if he is overlooked this season, according to his captain Steven Gerrard.

The tricky Uruguayan netted with an impudent finish in Liverpool's 3-2 win over Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday to take his season's Premier League tally to 22, three clear of Manchester United's Robin van Persie at the top of the scoring charts.

Nonetheless, his inability to shake a pantomime villain tag that has dogged

Liverpool's Luis Suarez controls the ball during their English Premier League soccer match against Wigan Athletic in Wigan, northern England on 2 March, 2013.

REUTERS

him since he arrived at the club from Ajax Amsterdam in 2011 means he is unlikely to be crowned the country's best when the accolades are distributed.

"He's been doing that for us all season," Gerrard said on the club website (www.liverpoolfc.com) on Monday after another match-winning display from Suarez, who scored Liverpool's opener and won the penalty from which his captain netted the winner.

Ex-NBA player banned in Philippines for "choking" team mate

MUMBAI, 12 March — Former NBA player Renaldo Balkman has been banned from the professional basketball league in the Philippines for grabbing a team mate around the neck during a game. The former New York Knicks and Denver Nuggets player



Puerto Rico's Renaldo Balkman goes for a basket against Jordan's Khalid Abu Ruqayah during their 2012 FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Caracas on 3 July, 2012.

REUTERS

"He's top scorer in the league now and he's



been incredible. I can't put into words how good he's been. "If he doesn't win an award this year, he'll be the best player ever not to win an award." The 26-year-old has been caught up in a hailstorm of negative publicity since he arrived at Liverpool having served a long-term ban in the Netherlands for biting an opponent.

At Liverpool, he quickly garnered a reputation for going to ground too easily in the penalty area and was

then hit with an eight-match ban after being found guilty by the Football Association of racially abusing United's Patrice Evra.

While he has worked hard to shed the 'diver' tag, he still polarises opinion among fans and the media.

On Sunday Suarez came up against one of his main opponents for a player of the year award, Gareth Bale, whose run of scoring in five successive Premier League games came to an end against a Liverpool side who worked hard to shut him out.

The Wales international, who like Suarez has a reputation for diving, is

the odds-on favourite to win both the players' player of the year award as well as that given out by English football writers.

"Bale's in top form and probably one of the best players in the world on current form," Gerrard added.

"But luckily enough, we've got a player who is as equally as good as him in Luis Suarez — and I think Luis may just pip him to Player of the Year, in my opinion."—Reuters

Jalabert seriously injured in accident

TOULOUSE, (France), 12 March—Former cyclist Laurent Jalabert was seriously injured in a road accident on Monday morning, French police told Reuters.

Jalabert, who won the Tour of Spain in 1995 and was world time trial champion in 1997, was on his bike when he was hit by a car travelling in the opposite direction near Montauban, a town in the south of France. "He is not in danger," a spokesman said.

The vehicle suddenly turned left, cutting across Jalabert who had the right of way, the police said. The



44-year-old suffered several fractures and was briefly unconscious when the emergency services arrived. He

was transferred to hospital to undergo surgery, a source close to the former rider told French radio RTL.—Reuters

Dodgers' Greinke has inflammation in throwing elbow

LOS ANGELES, 12 March —High-priced pitcher Zack Greinke has been diagnosed with inflammation in his right throwing elbow on Monday but is still expected to be ready for the regular season, the Los Angeles Dodgers said. Greinke, who was scheduled for a pre-season start on Monday before being scratched, has been bothered

his examination revealed no structural damage.

The Dodgers said he would begin a throwing program in a few days and was expected to make his regular season debut on 2

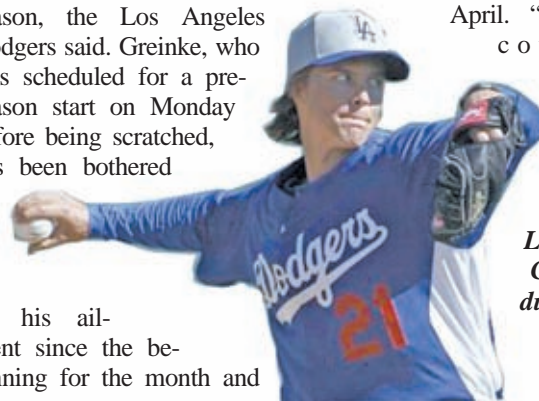
April. "That could

change, but I expect him to (start)," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly told the team's website (www.losangeles.dodgers.mlb.com). "It sounds really positive."

The Dodgers signed Greinke to a lucrative six-year, \$147 million contract in the off-season in hope that he would solidify their pitching rotation behind ace Clayton Kershaw.

Reuters

by his ailment since the beginning for the month and



Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Zack Greinke throws a bullpen session during MLB Cactus League spring training at the team's facility in Glendale, Arizona, on 14 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

Nadal, Federer on track for desert showdown



Rafael Nadal of Spain

INDIAN WELLS, (California), 12 March—Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer stayed on track for a mouth-watering quarter-final showdown at the BNP Paribas Open after they both advanced to the last 16 on Monday. Spaniard Nadal, twice champion at Indian Wells, was gifted his spot when Argentina's Leonardo Mayer withdrew with a back injury before the start of their third-round match. Federer, a four-times winner of the ATP Masters 1000 event, had minor

it's happened in my career, so, I know how to deal with it," said the world number two. Federer will next meet compatriot Stanislas Wawrinka or Australian Lleyton Hewitt, who play later on Monday at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

"I'm walking fine, I have a day off tomorrow. Everything is all right," added Federer. "It's happened during grand slams, during tournaments, in practice. "It's just something you learn to deal with. And as long as I keep on playing, it's all right. I also know I have a longer break to recover so, from that standpoint, I'm not worried at all." World number five Nadal, who is

competing in his first tournament on a hardcourt surface in almost a year, was saddened when he learned that Mayer had withdrawn.

"That's bad news, for sure, for the fans and for Mayer, especially," said the Spaniard, who will next face Latvian Ernests Gulbis. "I talked with him. It seemed like it's nothing very, very bad." Just a typical back problem, beginning when he was warming up his serve. The physio says maybe in four days, five days he will be ready.

"That's the most important thing, that nothing is serious," said the Spaniard, who was sidelined for seven



Roger Federer

months last year by a left knee injury.

Reuters

GENERAL

Figure skaters chase world gold with eye on Sochi

LONDON, 12 March—Precious medals, valuable momentum and coveted Olympic berths will all be on the line this week at the world figure skating championships with skaters looking to lay down their markers ahead next year's Sochi Winter Games. London, a southern Ontario university town just north of Detroit, will provide an off Broadway setting as skaters chase positive reviews from the judges and fans before stepping onto the Olympic stage at the Russian Black Sea resort in 11 months.

Competition begins on Wednesday and while no Olympic medals will be awarded this week the results will determine how many entries countries will get in Sochi for each of the four events; men's and women's singles, pairs and ice dance. For top skaters like American ice dancers Meryl Davis and Charlie White, the worlds represent a chance to enhance their reputation and perhaps gain a slight edge on chief rivals Olympic and world champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir of Canada. "It will be helpful to be

reigning world champions heading into the Olympic year, especially since Scott and Tessa are the reigning Olympic champions," Charlie White told Reuters. "It doesn't hurt to have two world titles instead of one going into the Olympics."

Davis and White and Virtue and Moir have dominated the ice dance scene taking the top two spots at the last three worlds and Vancouver Olympics. While the Americans had to settle for silver behind the Canadians at the 2010 Winter Games and again at last year's world championships, Davis and White have had the better of their good friends this season finishing in first ahead of their training partners at the Grand Prix finals and Four Continents. "Our goal will be to secure three Olympic spots for next year," declared Moir. "As a country you always want to send as many athletes and make as many Olympians as possible."

Reuters



Meryl Davis and Charlie White of the US perform during the ice dance short dance competition at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Sochi on 7 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

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| 4:55 pm | 12. Classical Song | 8:00 pm | 24. Weather Report |
| | | 8:00 pm | 25. Documentary (National Channel) |
| | | 8:00 pm | 26. Documentary (SEA Games) |
| | | 8:00 pm | 27. TV Drama Series |
| | | 8:00 pm | 28. News |
| | | 8:00 pm | 29. Myanmar Movie |

Azarenka, Kerber fight back at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, (California), 12 March—Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka struggled to find her rhythm against Kirsten Flipkens in the third round of the BNP Paribas Open on Monday but finished strong to beat the Belgian 3-6, 6-3, 6-0. After the wayward start, the top seed and defending champion stormed through the final set, breaking her opponent's serve in the first, third and fifth games before serving out for victory when a Flipkens backhand flew long. "Kirsten showed some incredible tennis and I did not play very well in the beginning," Azarenka said courtside after improving her record this season to

16-0. "I just couldn't get into a rhythm. "I wasn't feeling very well today ... I just wanted to go to sleep instead of playing tennis," the 23-year-old later told reporters. "I couldn't breathe, and I was too stupid ... to use a tissue. "But she really played well. I have to give her credit. She came out firing, playing so freely and going for every possible shot there was. I just didn't adjust well." Asked how she had managed to rebound from her poor start, Azarenka replied: "I just blew out my nose, started breathing better,

calmed down and started to see what I had to do, because before that I was kind of blinded." The Belarusian is bidding to become the first woman to successfully defend the WTA title at Indian Wells since Martina Navratilova in 1991. Azarenka, who demolished Russian Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-3 in last year's final,

Angelique Kerber of Germany returns a shot against Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium during their match at the BNP Paribas Open WTA tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 11 March, 2013.—REUTERS



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus serves against Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium during their match at the BNP Paribas Open WTA tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 11 March, 2013.—REUTERS

will next face Poland's Urszula Radwanska, who earlier overcame American Jamie Hampton 6-0, 7-6 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Fourth seed Angelique Kerber also advanced, heeding the advice of her coach to come from 1-4 down in the final set to beat Belgian Yanina Wickmayer 6-1, 7-6.

Told to rely on self-belief while concentrating on the strategy they had mapped out before the match, the German left-hander won five of the next seven games before

clinching the tiebreak 7-4 on a hot morning. Kerber, a semi-finalist here last year when she lost to eventual champion Azarenka, will next meet Spaniard Garbine Muguruza Blanco, who swept past Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova 6-4, 6-0. "Last time it was very tough so I knew it wasn't going to be easy today," said Kerber, who needed three sets to beat Wickmayer in their previous meeting. "At 1-4, my coach came on court and told me to remember the game plan.—Reuters

Phelps rules out Rio Olympic comeback

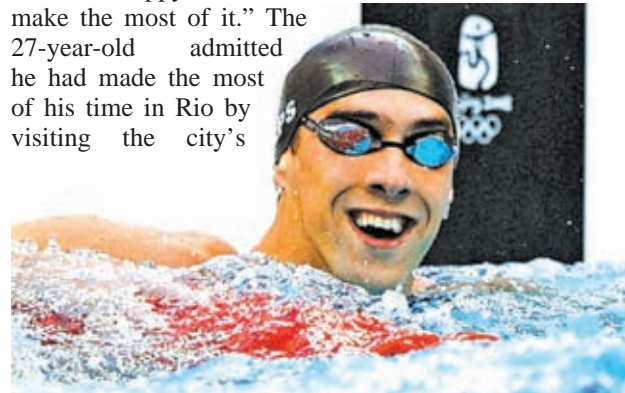
RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 March—Legendary swimmer Michael Phelps has ruled out the possibility of competing at the Rio 2016 Olympics, saying he is "happier" in retirement. Speaking ahead of Monday night's Laureus World Sports Awards in Rio de Janeiro, Phelps said he was relishing the opportunity to dedicate time to other projects.

"I am having fun. I love being retired, I can't stress it enough," Phelps said during a swimming event for underprivileged children at the Rocinha slum. "I am happy, smiling and more relaxed. It's something that I have wanted for a long time and now I'm happy that I can make the most of it." The 27-year-old admitted he had made the most of his time in Rio by visiting the city's

famous beaches. "This is my second time here and it's very impressive," he said. "I've never seen anything like it. The people here are incredible."

"Yesterday my agent and I decided to go to the beach and it was great to see how everybody seems to be having fun and is so relaxed. "It's not something you see too often. It's going to be something special for Rio to host the Olympics and the World Cup with this type of spirit." Phelps announced his retirement after last year's London Olympics, where he won four gold and two silver medals. He is the most successful Olympic swimmer of all time with 22 medals, including 18 gold.

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Legendary swimmer Michael Phelps

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Governor of Luang Prabang Province



NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham who is in Luang Prabang Province of Laos People's Democratic Republic met Governor of Luang Prabang Province Dr Khempheng Xay Sompheng, at the governor's office yesterday morning.

They held cordial discussion on mutual cooperation in social, economic, culture and tourism between Myanmar and Luang Prabang Province and further promoting amity between the peoples of two countries. Also present at the call together with the Vice-President

were Union Minister U Soe Maung, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, Dr Daw Khin San Yi and U Soe Tint, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Kyaw Soe Win and officials. The governor was accompanied by the vice-governor, the deputy minister of Home Affairs of Laos and officials from Luang Prabang Provincial Government.

In the afternoon, the governor hosted a luncheon to Myanmar delegation, at Manoluck Hotel.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Governor of Luang Prabang Province Dr Khempheng Xay Sompheng, at the governor's office.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Luang Prabang

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Kyaw Soe Win and officials visited

the Luang Prabang National Museum, Laos, yesterday.

Responsible personnel of the museum welcomed them and conducted them around the museum.

During the visit, the Vice-President signed the visitors' book.

The Myanmar delegation also visited Wat Xiangthong Temple and

paid homage to the Buddha images there.

The Vice-President donated cash to the Sayadaw of Wat Xiangthong Temple.

In the afternoon,

the Myanmar delegation enjoyed the panoramic view of Luang Prabang from the Luang Prabang View Hotel.

They also visited the Village of traditional

handicrafts in Luang Prabang.

In the evening, the Myanmar delegation arrived at Watty International Airport of Vientiane.

The Vice-President and party were welcomed by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos Mr Bounkeut SANGSOMSAK, Laos Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nilahath Sayarth and officials, families and staffs of Myanmar Embassy and office of the Military attache.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party enjoy the panoramic view of Luang Prabang from the Luang Prabang View Hotel.—MNA

Peace talks between the Union Peace-Making Committee and KIO held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—A peace talks between the Union Peace-Making Committee and KIO group was held at Shweli of the People's Republic of China on 11-12 March.

It was attended by the Union Peace-Making Committee led by Vice-Chairman of the Committee Union Minister U Aung Min and Lt-Gen Myint Soe and members, KIO delegation led by KIO Standing Central Committee member U Swan Lut Gam, four from United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC), two from SSPP, two from RCSS, two from NDAA, four from PCG and Minister-Counselor Mr Wang Zongying of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC and two from the PRC as observers.

Both sides had made four-point joint statement after the talks.

Joint Statement

1. Talks between the Union Peace-Making Committee led by Vice-Chairman of the Committee Union Minister U Aung Min and Lt-Gen Myint Soe and members and KIO delegation led by KIO Standing Central Committee member U Swan Lut Gam were held at Shweli of the People's Republic of China on 11-12 March.
2. It was attended by four from United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC), two from SSPP, two from RCSS, two from NDAA, four from PCG and Minister-Counselor Mr Wang Zongying from the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs of the PRC and two from the PRC as observers.

3. Both sides held a cordial discussion and have reached the following agreements.

- (a) To work till both sides reach the ceasefire based on mutual understanding, respect and trust for starting genuine political talks.
- (b) To continue making coordination for both troops in the conflict areas as the battles could be reduced as a result of the 4-Feb talks and to issue necessary directives and orders to be applied to basic level troops and respective troops of both sides.
- (c) To open Coordination and Monitoring Offices if necessary so as to make field trips and monitor the front lines and to make close coordination.
- (d) To continue to implement the agreements that reached on 4 February 2013 and 11-12 March 2013.
- (e) To hold the next talks by 10 April, 2013.
- (f) To continue making step-by-step coordination for holding country-wide genuine political talks.

12 March, 2013

Shweli

As cease-fire process commences, the Union Government will accelerate development and rehabilitation tasks in Kachin State.

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Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship-2013 on 19 March

YANGON, 12 March—Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship-2013, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Tiger Golf, will be held in Danyingon, Yangon Golf Club in Insein Township, here, from 19 to 22 March.

Of 100 amateur participant golfers from Myanmar, Bangladesh, Thailand, Malaysia, India and Hong Kong, Thein Naing Soe of Myanmar (host) won the Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship-2012 with 278 strokes last year. Kasldlc Lepkurte of Thailand stood second with 286 and Arie

Fauzi of Malaysia, third, with 288 strokes.

Only amateur golfers with H' CAP 0-12 are allowed to partake in the competition with R& A Rules Limited (St. Andrew).

The co-sponsors of the championship are Srixon, Imperial Jade purified drinking water, 100 Plus (Isotonic Drink) and Yangon golf club.

Those interested golfers are to register with admission fee of K 20,000 not later than 1 pm on 17 March. For further details, anyone may contact Han Event Management (Ph: 09-2037671, 09-7310474 or 09-49102009).

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