

Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives delegation of World Bank



NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Mrs Julia Fraser, Manager of Sustainable Development Unit, the World

Bank at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion together with the Vice-President were Deputy Ministers U Zin Yaw, U Ohn Than and U Maung Maung Thein, and officials.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on cooperation with the World Bank in water resources management in Myanmar, improvement of water courses in rivers and development of rural regions infrastructures.

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Weather Forecast for 1st Dekad (10-day) of June, 2013

Bay of Bengal Condition
The Southwest Monsoon is likely to be advance into Northern Myanmar Areas during the first dekad (10-day) of June. A low pressure area may form in the west central Bay of Bengal and it may further intensify into a depression. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Rain Condition and Rainy Days

Rains are likely to be above normal in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, below normal in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Rainy days are expected about 7 to 8 days in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, about 3 to 4 days in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kayah State and about 5 to 6 days in the remaining Regions and States.

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— In his speech at the Seminar Towards Safe and Sustainable Water Management in Myanmar at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung disclosed that a rapid population growth and modernization process in urban areas and expansion of irrigated farmlands and rural-based economies are contributing factors to high demand of water supply.

He stressed the importance of capacity building in research works, developmental undertakings and innovation for ensuring effectiveness and efficiency in water resource management. He invited development partnerships for cooperation in water resource conservation and development programmes, tactical planning, and formulation and implementation of projects.

Next, Ms. Schultz van Haegen-Maas Geesteranus,

Myanmar, the Netherlands organize Seminar Towards Safe and Sustainable Water Management in Myanmar



Seminar Towards Safe and Sustainable Water Management in Myanmar in progress.—MNA

Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherlands and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw extended greetings.

Afterwards, the Union minister and the Dutch minister signed an MoU between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Water Resource

Committee and the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherlands for cooperation in water management.

Next, the seminar

followed with the participations of officials concerned and foreign guests who read out their respective papers.

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2013 World No Tobacco Day

May 31 is World No Tobacco Day, a day designated by the World Health Organization to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and to advocate for strategies to reduce tobacco use.

Dr Aung Tun (Ministry of Health)

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Myanmar women's football team given a hero's welcome



YANGON, 29 May — The victorious Myanmar women's football team returned home after conquering rivals of Group (D)— China (Taipei), Palestine and India— in Palestine, ensuring a place to qualify for the AFC Women's Asian Cup-2014 on 27 May. The team were given a hero's welcome on their return home at Yangon International Airport by officials of MFF, Ayeyawady Bank, Max Myanmar Group of Companies and Women's Football Committee and football fans.

Myanmar women's football team qualified for

the AFC Women's Asian Cup-2014 after ending the last match of Group (D) against China (Taipei) in a goalless draw on 25 May. Myanmar beat India two nil, routed Palestine 8-0 and managed to hold China (Taipei) to a draw.

Although Myanmar and China (Taipei) gained same points in the qualifier, the team qualified for the AFC Women's Asian Cup-2014 with the advantage of goal difference.

The team's skipper Khin Malar Tun recounted the experience of the tournament. "Although we faced difficulties of a 36-hour long flight journey

and a harsh weather, our fighting spirit led the team to a success. We are sure to bag gold in SEA Games by translating our experience we obtained in the tournament into a success. I had satisfied myself in all three matches".

"I spotted a number of weaknesses in the previous matches, but I thought that the team look set to win SEA Games gold after addressing the weaknesses", says Team Leader Daw Myat Myat Oo.

Ma Thiri Htoo of Ayeyawady Bank shared her feeling that she was very happy and she was proud that Myanmar team had restored its place.— Kyemon

FIRE

Candle fire claims lives of two children

MANDALAY, 29 May —

A fire broke out in a house in Mawchi lower village in Phahsaung Township of Kayah State at about 11 pm on 23 May, claiming lives of an eight-year-old boy and a six-year-old girl.

The fire is believed to have started from a candle which was left alight and unattended near the bamboo wall of house of U Saw Naw Han. A naked flame of the candle licked the wall and the fire swept through the wooden house.

Son and daughter— Mg Saw Har Ko He, 8, and Ma Naw Elizabeth, 6— of the house owner were killed in the fire accident.

With regard to the fire negligence, police filed a lawsuit against U Saw Naw Han.

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Advertisement for the World Economic Forum on East Asia, 5-7 June, 2013, Myanmar. The ad features a group of children in traditional attire and the slogan 'Sharing Prosperity'.

ACCIDENT

Head-on motorbike collision kills one, hurt two others in Bago



BAGO, 29 May—A road accident happened to two motorbikes at the top of Daesoonpar Pagoda street in Wonbe-inn village on Yangon-Mandalay highway

at about 12.30 am on 25 May.

A motorbike heading to DaikU from Bago driven by Win Thu, 28 of Phaungtawthi village collided head-on

with a motorbike driven by Kayin (a) Htet Aung, 18, from Pyinpongyi village to Phayargyi village at a place between mile post Nos (64/7) and (65) the highway.

Win Thu was declared dead on the spot while Win Ko Oo and Tun Tun who were on the motorbike of Win Thu sustained injuries. The injured are being treated at Bago hospital where they were not listed in critical condition. Phayargyi police station filed lawsuits against Win Thu (dead) and Kayin (a) Htet Aung for their dangerous driving.

Kyemon

Mandalay couple found dead on railway tracks

BAGO, 29 May — Authorities said that one young man and one young woman were found dead on a railway tracks under 42nd street overhead at railroad mile post No (384/7-8) under between Mandalay and Shansu railway station in Mandalay on 26 May.

Shortly after they were informed of the deaths of young man and woman who are said to have been fatally struck by a train at about 5 am, police members of Mandalay No (9) police station rushed there. They found Soe Min Thu, 20, sustaining serious

injuries to his head and an unknown woman who is believed to be about 20 years old were dead. The head of the woman victim was cut off.

No (9) police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing.

Kyemon

Fire-razed area sees land preparations in Meiktila

REHABILITATION

MEIKTILA, 29 May— Land preparation works started on 26 May morning at the fire-affected Chanaye Thaya area in Aung San ward of Meiktila that had experienced fires caused by a series of conflicts.

"It is the task of clearing debris on the fire-razed land. Follow-up tasks will be made after land preparations by bulldozers concluded. The land is not ready for construction work. Now is the stage of clearing debris", says a responsible

person of Mandalay-based KT Company which is dealing with debris cleaning and land preparation works.

Before the works of clearing debris in the area, property owners, who were in relief camps temporarily, had already been allowed to bring back their remaining belongings.

There were 600 fire-razed houses in the area. Measures are being taken to rebuild a low-priced housing or a low-cost condominium.

"We learnt first that

low-priced houses will be built on the plots of land of fire victims and two-or three-storey low-priced condos later. Whatever arrangements are made, we want to stay back on our own plots", says a local of Chanaye Thaya area.

Fire crews and fire trucks faced a spate of difficulties in the fight against fire during the conflict as streets and drains in the area were constructed unsystematically.

Kyemon



WORLD

Obama, NATO's Rasmussen to discuss Afghanistan on Friday

WASHINGTON, 29 May—President Barack Obama will meet with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen at the White House on Friday to discuss Afghanistan and other security concerns, White House spokesman Jay Carney said on Tuesday.

The meeting comes as NATO and the United States prepare to withdraw most troops from Afghanistan, ending a lengthy war that began after the 11 Sept, 2001, attacks on the United

States.

More than 60,000 US troops are still in Afghanistan.

Obama is due to announce in the coming weeks how many combat troops the United States will leave in the country next year, and how many forces will stay behind to train and support Afghan forces and carry out some operations.

“The President looks forward to discussing global and regional security



US President Barack Obama walks towards the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, on 28 May, 2013.—REUTERS

concerns with the Secretary General, to include ending the war in Afghanistan while building an enduring partnership with the Afghan government,” Carney said in a statement.

Reuters

Russia says fresh violence outbreak in Iraq rooted in Syria

MOSCOW, 29 May—The Russian Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday that a new outbreak of violence in Iraq is rooted in the ongoing conflict in Syria.

The ministry said in a commentary published on its website that over 500 people have been killed in a fresh wave of tensions in Iraq since the beginning of May, adding that Moscow is “seriously disturbed by” the confrontation and strongly condemns the attacks by militants.

The rise of tensions is related to the conflict in Syria, which begins to flow across borders and to assume a regional dimension, it said.

Russia calls on all political forces in Iraq to reach a national reconciliation in order to prevent bloodshed, destruction and suffering of the people in the country.

The ministry also said that Moscow sees what is happening in Iraq as a partial result of the unresolved political, social and religious conflicts aggravated by the foreign invasion of the country in 2003 and the following civil war.

Russia calls for the rejection of violence as a means to achieve political goals, for the solution of urgent and pressing problems of the country by peaceful means via a broad constructive dialogue “in the interests of all political, ethnic and religious forces,” said the ministry.

Xinhua

Pakistan's Sharif in talks with China over power projects

ISLAMABAD, 29 May—Pakistan's incoming Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Tuesday he has already sought Chinese help in power projects needed to overcome chronic power shortages in Pakistan.

“I have already discussed projects to overcome power shortages with Chinese and Turkish leadership,” Sharif told a gathering in Lahore to celebrate the 15th anniversary

of Pakistan's nuclear tests in May 1998.

He mentioned the \$11 billion Basha Dam proposed to be built over the River Indus in Gilgit-Baltistan territory bordering China. “The Basha Dam project is ready to be constructed,” he said.

Sharif said that power generation is a profitable business and that he has invited Chinese and Turkish companies to set up power

plants and repatriate their profits back home.

Senior Pakistani government officials have also confirmed that Pakistan is in discussions with China for the setting up of additional nuclear power plants with help from China, which has already built two 300 megawatt nuclear power plants and is working on two more due to be commissioned in 2016 and 2017.

Pakistan has toyed for decades with the idea of constructing the Basha Dam, 315 kilometres upstream of Tarbela Dam built in 1970 under the Indus Basin Treaty brokered by the World Bank. However, the World Bank has refused to finance the Basha Dam project because India has a claim over territory where the dam is proposed to be built. “We want to live with honour. We do not want to beg for alms,” Sharif said, urging people who have been protesting over power cuts to have patience.

Kyodo News

Cargo train derails, buildings collapse in US state of Maryland

WASHINGTON, 29 May—A cargo train derailed on Tuesday afternoon and several buildings collapsed at the scene in the US State of Maryland, local authorities said.

According to the tweets from Baltimore county Police and Fire Department, the train derailed in White Marsh, near Baltimore, the largest city of Maryland.

Several buildings collapsed at the site of the train derailment and a hazardous material team is also responding to the incident, said the Baltimore county

Police and Fire Department.

There were no reports of injuries so far, said the department.

The train derailment has also caused a loud explosion and sent a plume of white smoke into the sky that could be seen clearly from downtown Baltimore, reported the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper.

The newspaper reported that the accident occurred near an industrial area, and several industrial buildings reportedly collapsed.

Xinhua



Security officials lift a damaged car at the blast site in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 28 May, 2013. Two female polio workers were killed when unknown gunmen attacked a polio-eradication team in Pakistan's northwest Peshawar city on Tuesday morning, local media reported.

XINHUA

Gunmen storm governor office building in Afghan Panjsher Province, one killed

KABUL, 29 May—At least one policeman died and several others wounded early on Wednesday morning when six or seven Taliban gunmen and suicide bombers launched an attack against the provincial governor office building in eastern Afghan Province of Panjsher, a police source said.

The Panjsher Province with Bazarak as its capital 200 km north of Kabul has been branded as the most peaceful province in eastern Afghanistan.

“A group of militants numbered five or six or seven carried the attack at around 4:00 am local time. First one suicide bomber detonated his explosive jacket near the entrance of the compound and follow-

ing the blast other gunmen seized the building,” the source said, adding details will be released to media later in the day.

The Wednesday's attack is the second major complex attack launched by the Taliban in the insurgency-hit country within week.

On Friday, four people, including a child and a policeman, were killed and 17 others wounded as Taliban stormed a UN-affiliated compound in capital Kabul.

After fierce gunfire and explosions lasting for hours, the Afghan police rescued 10 foreign aid workers from a bunker in the compound and the attack also claimed the lives of six attackers.

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Chinese President Xi Jinping (L, front) holds a welcoming ceremony for President of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapakse in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 May, 2013.

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Hollande urges action to tackle high joblessness in Europe

PARIS, 29 May—French President Francois Hollande on Tuesday called on his European partners to speed up moves to implement mechanisms able to reduce the rampant unemployment rate across the debt-ridden eurozone.

“We must act urgently. There are 6 millions young people without jobs ... that ask our help... Are we going to leave today's generation without prospects?” Hollande asked. Speaking at a meeting organized by Berggruen Institute at Sciences Po Paris, the president pointed out the emergency to mobilize the five-year

European fund, worth 6 billion euros (7.7 billion US dollars), to stimulate job creation mainly in countries where joblessness rate exceeded 20 percent.

“Going fast is the primary objective when there is an emergency, and there is urgent need for youth employment... Today, there is a willingness to mobilize the European Investment Bank's fund. Let's speed moves,” he said.

The unemployment rate of young Europeans reached 23.6 percent in January, more than double that of older generations.

Considered creating

jobs his “sole priority and mobilization,” Hollande also wanted to mobilize financing to provide enough liquidity to firms across the eurozone to encourage their initiatives to recruit poorly-skilled young workers.

As part of the joint efforts to draw a common roadmap to reduce unemployment, Hollande met with French, German and Italian finance and labour ministers, hoping that Paris initiative will lead to the adoption of a concrete working plan during next European Council meeting scheduled for 27 and 28 June.—Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



The International Space Station crew members (from left) United States astronaut Karen Nyberg, Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin and Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano walk after donning space suits before the launch at the Baikonur cosmodrome on 28 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Mexico discovers eight archeological sites

MEXICO CITY, 29 May—Eight archeological sites of native American Cucapa culture were discovered in the northern Colorado desert, Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) said on Monday.

After three years of exploration with the help of indigenous Cucapa people, eight temporary camps, dating back to 400 to 7,000 years ago, were discovered in the mountains of Sierra del Mayor south of Mexicali city on the Mexico-US border. As the excavation proceeded, experts found hundreds of animal bones—some of them from extinct species—as well as

pottery and stone pieces. They also found places where iron oxide, which was used as body pigment and wall paint, was extracted.

Five to seven small corrals were found in each camp, indicating several families had temporarily lived there, archeologist Antonio Porcayo Michelini said.

The Cucapa people are one of the four ethnic Yuman-speaking groups. They are originally from Baja California in northwest Mexico, and have been living there for at least 2,000 years, as indicated by their linguistic roots, Porcayo said.—Xinhua

Apple CEO sees more 'gamechangers'; hints at wearable devices



Apple CEO Tim Cook is seen during the "All Things Digital" D11 conference in Rancho Palos Verdes, California, on 28 May, 2013.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 May—Apple Inc Chief Executive Tim Cook defended the company's record of innovation under his stewardship, saying he expected it would release "several more game changers" and hinting that wearable computers could be among them.

"It's an area where it's ripe for exploration," Cook said on Tuesday at the All Things Digital conference, an annual gathering of technology and media executives in the California

coastal resort town of Rancho Palos Verdes.

"It's ripe for us all getting excited about. I think there will be tons of companies playing in this."

His remarks come at a time when worries are mounting that the company which created the smartphone and tablet markets is ceding ground to competitors such as Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and Google Inc, with a slowdown in earnings growth hitting its share price.

Cook stopped short

WASHINGTON, 29 May—The spectacular white coats of white tigers are caused by a single change in a known pigment gene, a new study has found.

The research, to be published in the June issue of *Current Biology*, might help end decades of speculation that the trait is a genetic defect.

Researchers from China's Peking University mapped the genomes of a family of 16 tigers living in Chimelong Safari Park in southern China, including both white and orange individuals. They then sequenced the whole genomes of each of the three parents in the family.

In the end, the researchers found the white

of clarifying if Apple was working on wearable products amid speculation that it is developing a smartwatch, saying only that wearable computers had to be compelling.

He added that Google's Glass—a cross between a mobile computer and eyeglasses that can both record video and access the Internet—is likely to have only limited appeal.

"There's nothing that's going to convince a kid who has never worn glasses or a band or a watch to wear one, or at least I haven't seen it," he said in the near one-and-a-half-hour question and answer session.

"So I think there's lots of things to solve in this space."

Cook also said he has a "grand vision" for television that goes beyond an existing \$99 Apple TV streaming device, but did not go into details. The company has maintained for years that it harbors an interest in doing more in the TV arena.—Reuters

Russia launches manned spaceship to ISS

MOSCOW, 29 May—A Russian *Soyuz* spaceship carrying a crew of three blasted off from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan early Wednesday morning, Russia's federal space agency Roscosmos said.

Live TV footage showed the *Soyuz-FG* rocket, carrying the *Soyuz TMA-09M* spacecraft, was launched at 00:31 Moscow time on Wednesday (2031 GMT Tuesday) from the cosmodrome.

Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin, NASA astronaut Karen Nyberg and Luca Parmitano from the European Space Agency onboard the spaceship formed the 36/37 expedition of the *International Space Station (ISS)*.

Astronauts will arrive at the station in a six-hour, four-rotation-around-the-Earth flight after the launch. It is the second *Soyuz-TMA* spaceship to reach the *ISS* in a fast mode instead of two days' journey, Roscos-

mos said.

The crew will conduct 34 experiments during their 172-day mission in the orbital station. They will prepare the station for docking with the Nauka laboratory module, which is scheduled to be launched in December.

Astronauts will expect the arrival of two Progress cargo ships as well as other spacecraft during their stay in the station, according to the Roscosmos.

Xinhua

White tiger coat caused by single gene mutation

tiger carries a variant of a pigment gene called SLC45A2, which had already been associated with light coloration in modern Europeans and in other animals, including horses, chickens, and fish.

The variant of the gene primarily inhibits the synthesis of red and yellow pigments but has little to no effect on black, which explains why white tigers still show characteristic dark

stripes, the researchers said.

"The genetic study solved the mystery about what makes those tigers white," Luo Shujin, author of the study said in an email interview with *Xinhua*. "It shows the white tiger morph is a naturally occurring feature and should be considered a part of the genetic diversity of tigers that is worth conserving." White tigers were first discovered in the

Indian jungle as a variant of Bengal tigers but have now disappeared from the wild, Luo said.

Luo said that many white tigers in captivity are inbred in order to maintain the white coat trait and consequently suffer some health problems such as crossed eyes, leading to the controversial speculation that the white tiger mutation is perhaps a genetic defect.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 27 May, 2013 shows the GoSleep sleeping pods installed at Abu Dhabi International Airport in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Abu Dhabi International Airport has introduced 10 GoSleep sleeping pods, and passengers can use the chairs by paying 12.25 US dollars. The new Finnish-designed sleeping pods are chairs that can be converted into flat beds, and enable passengers to charge their mobile phones and other electronic devices.—XINHUA



Cuba to increase unrestricted Internet access at new outlets

HAVANA, 29 May—Cuba will begin offering broader Internet access next month through 118 outlets around the country, according to a decree in the government's Official Gazette on Tuesday, in a step long awaited by many Cubans.

It said Internet would be made available starting 4 June at offices of ETECSA, the state telecommunications

monopoly, and elsewhere in what a government blogger said was a first step toward home service.

"Maybe it will take a while but the next step is to connect Cubans from their houses. This is the advance party," said blogger Yohandry Fontana, who often is first to report official information and viewpoints, commenting on Twitter.

The decree made clear that the new Internet access would be closely monitored, warning users it could not be used to "endanger or prejudice public security, or the integrity and sovereignty of the nation." Currently, unrestricted access to Internet in Cuba is available only to select institutions and professionals and to luxury hotels catering to tourists.

The communist-led island says that 2.6 million Cubans, out of a population of 11.2 million, have access to the Internet, but until now most have only been able to explore a limited, state-controlled "intranet" basket of approved websites.

While Cubans will have greater, unrestricted access to the Internet, it will still be too expensive for most of them, the equivalent of \$4.50 an hour in a country where the average monthly salary amounts to \$20.—Reuters



A man surfs the Internet using a wireless connection in the lobby of a hotel in Havana on 23 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

1 in 3 Australians at risk of kidney disease

SYDNEY, 29 May—One in three Australians is at increased risk of kidney disease, an often undetected silent killer, according to Kidney Health Australia (KHA).

Australians are being reminded of the dangers of kidney disease during Kidney Health Week, launched on Monday and held until Sunday 1 June.

Federal Minister for Health Tanya Plibersek and Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing Peter Dutton attended the opening at Parliament House in Canberra on Monday morning.

Currently in Australia nearly 11,000 people are

on dialysis, over 1,000 are waiting for a kidney transplant and over 54 die with kidney-related disease every day, KHA reports.

Despite these confronting statistics, chronic kidney disease still remains low on the radar of many Australians, said Anne Wilson, KHA CEO.

“Improved early detection is the key to tackling chronic kidney disease, especially as our population ages, and more people enter high risk categories,” said Wilson.

“Australians in high risk categories over the age of 25 are urged to under-

take a risk assessment as chronic kidney disease has no warning signs. It is common, harmful but treatable if caught early.

“Early detection of chronic kidney disease can extend the life of your kidneys, keeping you healthy for as long as possible,” she added. KHA is urging Australians to take an online risk assessment for kidney disease, as early detection is not only vital for managing the disease but can also reduce the cost and burden on the health system.

From 2009 to 2020, treating end-stage kidney disease alone is estimated



A file photo of a surgeon holding a plastic bag containing a kidney.—REUTERS

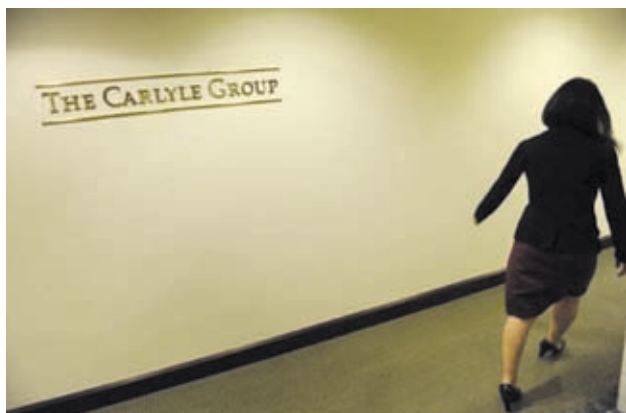
to cost over 12 billion AU dollars (11.55 billion US dollars) — largely because of the expense of dialysis.

Risk factors for kidney disease include being 60

years of age or older, obesity, smoking, high blood pressure, family history, and having already had heart problems or a stroke.

Xinhua

KKR, Carlyle said to eye bids for SingTel's \$1.9 billion Australia unit



A general view of the lobby outside of the Carlyle Group offices in Washington, on 3 May, 2012.—REUTERS

HONG KONG/SINGAPORE, 29 May—Private equity firms KKR and Carlyle Group are among the suitors lining up bids for Singapore Telecommunications Ltd's (STEL.SI) Australian unit, Optus Satellite, people familiar with the matter said, a business valued at more than A\$2 billion (\$1.9 billion).

SingTel, Southeast Asia's largest telecom operator, is battling tepid growth in its key markets of Singapore and Australia, and the funds raised from the sale would help it plough cash into faster-growing businesses.

France's Eutelsat Communications SA, Blackstone Group (BX.N) and Providence Equity Partners are also expected to bid, the people said. SingTel is inviting first round offers by 14 June, one of the people said.

Eutelsat (ETL.PA) has lined up a corporate adviser, while KKR & Co (KKR.N) and Carlyle (CG.O) are discussing deal financing with banks, the people added.

SingTel, controlled by Singapore state investor Temasek Holdings

(TEML.UL), sent out financial information to bidders on Monday, the people said, after announcing a strategic review of the business in March. SingTel's Optus business sells TV, telephony and broadband services to more than 2 million subscribers in Australia and New Zealand.

The suitors are attracted to the steady cashflow generated by the business as well as low capital expenditure required, the people added.

SingTel is hoping the auction will receive a boost from debt funding from the US made available by its advisers Credit Suisse (CSGN.VX) and Morgan Stanley (MS.N). The two banks are providing a loan of around A\$1.7 billion that buyers can use for the acquisition, said two of the people.

Eutelsat was not immediately available for comment. Blackstone, Carlyle, KKR and Providence declined to comment. The people declined to be identified because the sale process is confidential.

Reuters

Morgan Stanley property unit to raise up to \$3 billion global fund

NEW YORK, 29 May—Morgan Stanley's (MS.N) real estate unit, Morgan Stanley Real Estate Funds, is looking to raise between \$1 billion and \$3 billion for a global property fund, the *Wall Street Journal* reported, citing people familiar with the discussions.

Morgan Stanley executives have begun talks with pension funds and other prospective investors, and are hoping that China Investment Corp (CIC.UL) will become an anchor investor, the *Journal* reported.

China Investment, a huge government-run fund, owns a 6.4 percent stake in Morgan Stanley, according to *Reuters* data.

Since the 2008 finan-

cial crisis, private funding in real estate has been dominated by private-equity companies such as Blackstone Group LP (BX.N) and Starwood Capital Group, which have raised billions of dollars to take advantage of improving property mar-

kets.

A Morgan Stanley executive declined to comment to the *Wall Street Journal*. The bank could not be reached by *Reuters* outside of regular business hours.

Reuters



Morgan Stanley's New York headquarters are seen at the corner of 48th Street and Broadway in New York on 22 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Amgen to make move into Japan, takes on Astellas as partner

NEW YORK, 29 May—Amgen Inc, the world's largest biotechnology company, said it entered into a long-term collaboration with Astellas Pharma Inc and will form a joint venture with the Japanese drugmaker to provide new medicines in Japan.

Amgen management told a meeting of investors and analysts in February that it planned to expand its

business into major Asian markets in 2015 and 2016 and called its lack of presence in Japan and China “a noticeable gap.”

Wednesday's announcement takes a major step toward filling that gap. The companies said they will co-develop and sell five drugs currently in Amgen's pipeline, with the first commercial launch in Japan potential-

ly coming in 2016.

“This alliance reflects our long-term commitment to the Japan market and is an important step in our global expansion efforts,” Amgen Chief Executive Robert Bradway said in a statement.

The experimental drugs include AMG-145 from a highly promising new class of cholesterol medicines called PCS-K9 inhibitors, osteoporosis treatment romosozumab and the gastric cancer medicine rilotumumab — all currently in late stage testing, although at an earlier phase in their Japanese clinical trials.

The other two medicines, which are not as far along in development, are AMG-337 for gastric cancer and blinatumomab, which is being tested against acute lymphoblastic

Nearly one in four cancer cases early detected in Scotland

EDINBURGH, 29 May—Almost one quarter of cancers are detected at the earliest possible stage in Scotland, official figures released on Tuesday showed.

In 2010 and 2011, 23 percent of people diagnosed with breast, colorectal or lung cancer were picked up at the earliest stage (stage one), according to statistics from the National Health Services (NHS) Scotland.

The detect cancer early programme aims at a 25 percent increase in the percentage of cancer cases diagnosed in the first stages of the disease by 2015.

Scottish Health Secretary Alex Neil said more lives could be saved in Scotland through early detection. However, more people need to be aware of the signs and symptoms of cancer, and participate in the screening programmes, he added.

“Our breast cancer drive saw the number of women going to their general physicians with breast symptoms increase by 50 percent. We also recently launched our bowel cancer campaign and plan to run a lung cancer drive later this year,” Neil said.

Xinhua



leukemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Gastric cancer is a huge unmet need in Asia, particularly in China. “This alliance will help accelerate development and commercialization of Amgen medicines for patients in Japan,” Bradway said.

Amgen and Astellas will establish a Tokyo-based joint venture to be called Amgen Astellas BioPharma KK that is expected to begin operating on 1 October. It will be led and staffed by employees of both companies and new hires.

Amgen will initially own 51 percent of the joint venture and it will become fully owned by the US biotech as soon as 2020, the companies added.

Reuters

NATIONAL

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing awarded Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing seen at the title conferring ceremony.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the Royal Title Conferring Ceremony of the King of Thailand at the

office of the Chief of Defence Forces of the Royal Thai Armed Forces in Thailand yesterday and received the royal title.

The senior general was presented the “Knight

Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand” as he did the best in his duties with outstanding performance as well as he promoted the friendship be-

tween the two armed forces of Myanmar and Thailand.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand conferred a sash as insignia of honour and the title on the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. After the ceremony, they posed for documentary photos.

Next, the Senior General and the Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces took the salute of the Guard of Honour at the parade ground.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the welcoming ceremony of Chief of Defence Forces of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn at the parade ground of the office of the Chief of Defence Forces the Royal Thai Armed Forces

Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office Notification No 50/2013 5th Waning of Kason, 1375 ME (29 May, 2013)

The Notification No 47/2013 on formation of Yangon City Public Transport Authority issued on 14 May, 2013, has been dissolved by this notification.

Sd/Thein Sein
President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

on yesterday morning.

In the afternoon, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing called on Head of the Privy Council of the King of Thailand General Prem Tinsulanonda at the latter's residence.

They had cordial discussions on strengthening friendship between the two armed forces and bilateral relations and stability of border regions. They then exchanged gifts and posed for documentary photos.

In the evening, the Myanmar Tatmadaw delega-

tion led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla attended a dinner hosted by the Chief of Defence Forces of Thailand.

After the dinner, the two military leaders and their wives exchanged gifts. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presented cash awards to the Thai cultural troupes who performed songs and dances before and during the dinner and posed for documentary photos together with them.

MNA

Criminal case leads to riots in Lashio



Authorities concerned try to contain the situation in Lashio, northern Shan State.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May — As a criminal case in Lashio led to riots yesterday, the town has been placed under curfew in order to pre-

vent the occurrence of more riots authorities and religious and social organizations, people and security forces have controlled the situation.

Around 4.15 pm yesterday, Ma Aye Aye Win, 24, a vendor, was doused in petrol and set fire near the Lashio Township Ma-

ternal and Child Welfare Association in Ward 8 in Lashio by Nay Win, 48, of Kengtung, and she was injured on chest, back and right arm and was taken to Lashio Township People's Hospital.

Nay Win is identified as a drug addict and the authority found two WY tablets in pocket of his shirt.

He has been charged under Criminal Section 307/436/326 and under Section 15/16 (c) of Narcotic and Psychotropic Act by Police Captain Myint Thein of Lashio Myoma Police Station.

As crowds of people gathered outside No (1) Police Station, the deputy Shan State police commander and the head of Lashio district police commander and the deputy commissioner called for a calm and dispersed the crowd.

At about 7.20 pm, some people destroyed benches of some hardware stores at ward-3 in Lashio and set a nearby religious building on fire.

The crowd set a religious building on fire. Firemen extinguished the fire while the deputy commander of Shan State police force and security forces were providing security to the building. The Tatmadaw also provided security to the town around 8.10 pm.

The crowd destroyed shops attached to a orphanage at the corner of Lanmadaw and Kyarni roads and in the market street and a teashop in a fire and security forces had to disperse the mobs and extinguished the fire at 11.30.

The security forces dispersed the crowd holding sticks and swords around 10.30 am.

Around 1.40 pm, the fighting broke out at Ward-2, 3, 7 and 8 and seven fightings happened until 5 pm today.

During fighting on 28 and 29 May, five houses, three religious buildings, leaving one cinema, four warehouse, 32 shops, two vehicles, 11 motorcycles were burnt down, causing one dead and five injured.

Lashio has been placed under curfew since 8 pm yesterday.

The person who committed the crime yesterday is a drug addict and the criminal case is not related to religious and social affairs, and the authorities concerned have called on religious organizations, social organizations and the people not to lead the criminal case to religious conflict.

MNA

Japan, S Korea defence ministers' talks in Singapore to be shelved

TOKYO, 29 May—A meeting between Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera and his South Korean counterpart Kim Kwan Jin that was being arranged to take place on the sidelines of the Asia Security Summit to be held in Singapore from Friday will be shelved, a Japanese government source said on Tuesday.

The South Korean government is likely to have decided not to go through with the bilateral talks in line with its stance of not holding summit or ministerial meetings with Japan due to views on history recently

expressed by Japanese politicians, the source said.

A trilateral meeting between Onodera, Kim and US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel is still planned to take place on Saturday on the fringes of the regional gathering, also known as the Shangri-La Dialogue after the venue of the event, the Shangri-La Hotel.

A similar three-way meeting was last held in June 2010. Onodera is also expected to hold a separate meeting with Hagel.

Although Japan and South Korea had also sought to hold bilateral talks

to discuss topics such as North Korea-related issues and defence exchanges, Seoul informed Tokyo by Tuesday it could not set a date for the meeting, the source said.

Reacting to Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto's remarks on so-called comfort women as well as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's stance on history issues, South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se said on Monday that Japanese politicians' "retrogressive words and deeds" pose obstacles for high-level bilateral exchanges with Japan.

Kyodo News

Four killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 May—At least four people were killed and four others injured in a US drone strike launched early Wednesday morning in Pakistan's north-west tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local state-run media PTV.

According to the lo-

cal media reports, the strike took place in the wee hours on Wednesday when a US unmanned aircraft fired two missiles at a house suspected of being a militant hide-out in the Chasma Poll area of Miranshah, a main town in North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan.

The identities of the killed and injured are not immediately known.

Wednesday morning's US drone strike is 13th of its kind in Pakistan in 2013. So far at least 73 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes in the country since this year.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Educative talks given in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 29 May—Educative talks on traffic rules were given in Lamin Driving School in Hsinbyukan Ground in Chanmyathazi Township in Mandalay Region on 25 May morning.

Principal of the school U Lwin Lwin Tun, trainers and trainees were present at the talks.

Police Inspector Myint Soe of Traffic Police Force gave talks on traffic rules and examples of traffic accidents.

Mandalay Region Manager of Myanma Insurance Daw Ohmar Aye explained insurances and benefits of car insurances.

Inspector (2) of Mandalay Region Road Transport Administration Directorate gave talks on traffic rules and signs.

Officials of Mandalay Region Advocate-General Office elaborated on legal matters and pieces of legislations, offences and penalties as regards road accidents. —Myanma Alinn

Diploma courses in Lashio conclude

LASHIO, 29 May—Lashio Distric Education Committee and Paragon International Academic School jointly organized diploma courses on English and Computing in Lashio.

The concluding ceremony of the courses 1/2013 was held at Kanbawza Hall in Lashio University on 26 May.

Lashio District Admin-

istrator U Kyaw Khaing Soe delivered a speech at the ceremony.

The district administrators and guests presented prizes to outstanding trainees and diplomas to each trainee.

In-charge of Paragon Academic School presented scholarships to three outstanding trainees.

Myanma Alinn

BUSINESS

K 536 bln revenue collected from automobile imports

YANGON, 29 May—Customs Department has levied taxes from 171,341 vehicles during 19-month period from 25 October, 2011, to 25 May, 2013.

They include both newly imported vehicles and exchanged ones.

Revenue collected from the sector amounted to K 536,110.65 million — K 262,984.68 million from import and K 273,125.97 million from trading

A total of 70067 vehicles were imported under old vehicle switch scheme, 38521 vehicles for showrooms, 2818 vehicles by seafarers, 286 vehicles by Foreign Affairs Ministry, 728 vehicles by companies, 43 vehicles by migrant workers, 1997 vehicles by Hotels and Tourism Ministry, 108 vehicles by diplomats, totalling 56773.

Myanma Alinn

NATIONAL SPORTS

Myanmar host U-14 Asian Cup qualifiers

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Myanmar hosts U-14 Asian Cup qualifiers Group (E) and Group (F) at Wunna Theikdhi Stadium and Zeyathiri Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw from 28 May to 3 June.

Myanmar fall into group (E) with Brunei, Malaysia, Timor Leste, Vietnam and the Philippines. The group

matches are being played in Wunna Theikdhi Stadium.

The matches of Group (F) which comprises of Thailand, Laos, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Singapore and Cambodia, are being played in Zeyathiri Stadium.

There are a match every 9 am, 3 pm and 6 pm at the stadiums on these days.

Myanma Alinn

Free dental care provided in Dawei Sitagu Hospital

DAWEI, 29 May—Myanmar Dental Association and Htoo Foundation teamed up to provide free dental care at Sitagu Arojadana Hospital in Dawei in Taninthayi Region on 24-29 May.

Chairman of Myanmar Dental Association Profes-

sor Dr Paing Soe led a team of 30 dentists to provide dental surgery and other treatments to 442 patients in Dawei Township.

They made field trips to Launglon, Thayetchaung and Palaw to provide free dental care as well.

Myanma Alinn



Radiology Department opened in Mone station hospital

KYAUKKYI, 29 May—New radiology department donated by Mhanaungnyein foundation in Mone Station Hospital in Kyaukkyi Township has been opened.

The Mhanaungnyein foundation contributed K 4.5 million for the installation of equipment at the department. Medical superintendent of the hospital Dr Khin Maung Yin and relatives

donated K 8 million for the construction of the building and building of generator.

“Poor patients can’t go to towns for radiograph. As we have a radiology department in Mone, it would both cut the travel cost and contribute to public health. We thank donors of buildings and equipment,” a local said.

Myanma Alinn

Two die in Mandalay rail accident

MANDALAY, 29 May—One man and a woman died as they were run over by Mandalay-Myitkyina Rail in Mahaangmye Township in Mandalay Region on 26 May.

According to an identification card found in the man’s pocket, the man was thought to be Soe Min Oo of Kyaukse Township but the woman has yet to be identified.

They were killed on the spot and sent to the hospital for forensic study.

The police has opened a case and are working on identifying the victims.

Myanma Alinn

Truck plunges on new Strand Road

YANGON, 29 May—A Toyota Truck carrying empty oil barrels plunged on new Strand Road here on 27 May evening.

The vehicle being

driven by U Hla Kyi of Hlainethaya Township hit the wall near Thirimingala Old Market Automobile Trading Ground.

Windbreaker and sid-

edoors of a Townace Wagon parked at the either side of the brick wall were damaged. No casualties were caused by the accident.

Myanma Alinn



ACCIDENT



One dies in car crash on muddy road in Kyaukme Tsp

KYAUKME, 29 May—One died and one injured in a road accident on Mandalay-Muse Union Highway near Khomone village in Kyaukme Township on 27 May. The avalanche is attributed to the mud avalanche as the car slipped over the muddy road.

The thick mud caused

by heavy rain covered the road when the accident which killed Ko Kyaw Naling Lin, 41, and seriously injured Ma Than Than Nwe, 35 occurred.

The injured victim is in critical condition and receiving treatment at Intensive Care Unit in Kyaukme District Hospital.

District Administrator U Soe Naing, Township Administrator U Aung Lwin and Major Myo Hein of local station led a force of firefighters, soldiers and workers of Asia World Company cleared the mud.

The mud avalanche was cleared at 9 pm.

Myanma Alinn

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 30 May, 2013

Narrow knowledge gap

There are three fundamental factors for economic growth of a country – natural resources, capital and human resources. Natural resources are not considered as the determining factor in the economic development. It is proven by some booming economies that are hardly blessed by the nature and by failing economies sitting on rich natural resources. Even investment which is thought to be more directly connected with the economic growth is no guarantee for economic development. But, human resources are prerequisites for sustainable economic development of a country.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources, but nobody knows how long it will last. Foreign corporations are quite interested to pour money into the market with huge potentials. It sounds enough for the emerging economy to grow further and sustain its growth even further. The growth that is not driven by its own human resources will not be up and running for ever because the natural resources or foreign investments are impermanent things. So, while we are narrowing the development gap to catch up, we also need to do the same with the knowledge gap.

For a country like Myanmar still gathering pace to rise above years of mismanagement of resources, the resources for developing human capacity are limited. We cannot bear waste of anymore resources. A waste of educational resources could even paralyse the country for generations.

There is no loud call for better management of available educational resources. Schools are overloaded. Teachers are overburdened. The scarcity is obvious. But we virtually never consider means to manage these limited resources well for the best outcomes. Instead we used to opt to build more schools and recruit more teachers only to boost the numbers. We should begin revising the entire education system of our country to make the most of it.



MEDICINES DONATED TO SANGHA HOSPITAL: Chairman of Jivitadana Sangha Hospital Management Committee U Maung Maung accepts 125 items of medicines worth US\$ 50,000 for the hospital (Yangon) donated by Rotary Club of Essendon of Australia recently.

NLM

2013 World No Tobacco Day

Dr Aung Tun (Ministry of Health)

May 31 is World No Tobacco Day, a day designated by the World Health Organization to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and to advocate for strategies to reduce tobacco use. The theme for 2013 is the **ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship**. A comprehensive ban of all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship is required under the WHO Framework Convention for Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) for all Parties to this treaty within five years of the entry into force of the Convention for that Party. Evidence shows that comprehensive advertising bans lead to reductions in the numbers of people starting and continuing smoking. Statistics show that banning tobacco advertising and sponsorship is one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce tobacco demand and thus a tobacco control “best buy”.

Gradual killer

The tobacco epidemic is one of the biggest public health threats the world has ever faced. It kills nearly 6 million people a year of whom more than 5 million are from direct tobacco use and more than 600,000 are nonsmokers exposed to second-hand smoke. Approximately one person dies every six seconds due to tobacco and this accounts for one in 10 adult deaths. Up to half of current users will eventually die of a tobacco-related disease. Nearly 80% of the more than one billion smokers worldwide live in low- and middle-income countries, where the burden of tobacco-related illness and death is heaviest. Tobacco users who die prematurely deprive their families of income, raise the cost of health care and hinder economic development.

In some countries, children from poor households are frequently employed in tobacco farming to provide family income. These children are especially vulnerable to “green tobacco sickness”, which is caused by the nicotine that is absorbed through the skin from the

handling of wet tobacco leaves. Because there is a lag of several years between when people start using tobacco and when their health suffers, the epidemic of tobacco-related disease and death has just begun.

* Tobacco caused 100 million deaths in the 20th century. If current trends continue, it may cause about one billion deaths in the 21st century.

* Unchecked, tobacco-related deaths will increase to more than eight million per year by 2030. More than 80% of those deaths will be in low- and middle-income countries.

Enforce bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship can make smoking more socially acceptable, impede efforts to educate people the hazards of tobacco use, and strengthen the tobacco industry’s influence over media, sporting and entertainment businesses. A comprehensive ban on all advertising, promotion and sponsorship protects people from industry marketing tactics and could decrease tobacco consumption by about 7%, independent of other tobacco control interventions. Complete bans block the industry’s ability to continue marketing to young people who have not yet started to use tobacco, and to adult tobacco users who want to quit. Partial bans have little or no effect: if advertising is prohibited in a particular medium, the tobacco industry merely redirects expenditures to places where advertising is permitted.

The tobacco industry strongly opposes marketing bans because they are highly effective in reducing tobacco use. The industry often argues that outright bans on advertising, promotion and sponsorship are not necessary and that voluntary codes and self-regulation are sufficient. Only about 6% of the world’s population is covered by comprehensive bans on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship.

Myanmar and the WHO FCTC

In May 1999, the

World Health Assembly the governing body of the World Health Organization adopted a resolution (WHA 52.18) which paved the way for starting multi-lateral negotiations on the WHO FCTC and possible related protocols. Myanmar along with fellow Member status actively participated in the negotiating process of the WHO FCTC and strongly supported the convention. Myanmar delegates expressed their strong commitment towards comprehensive tobacco control measures and voiced for the need of a comprehensive ban on all forms of tobacco advertisement including cross-border advertising. Myanmar proudly hosted the 4th Inter-country Consultation Meeting of Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in August 2002, where the countries of South-East Asia Region issued the “Yangon Declaration”.

Myanmar became a signatory to the FCTC on the 23rd of October 2003 and became a Party to the Convention on the 20th of April, 2004; it was the 11th country to become Party to the Convention.

Myanmar and the Global Tobacco Surveillance System

Ministry of Health has been implementing tobacco control activities in collaboration with related ministries; school-based tobacco control activities are being conducted in coordination with the Ministry of Education. Myanmar has been participating in the Global Tobacco Surveillance System and has conducted Global Youth Tobacco Surveys (GYTS) in 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2011 and the Global School Personnel Surveys (GSPS) in 2004 and 2007.

The GYTS is a school-based survey of students aged 13-15 years. The GSPS is also a school-based survey of all school personnel from the schools that the GYTS was conducted. The GYTS and GSPS were conducted as a nation-wide survey in Myanmar.

Between 2001 and 2011, a significant reduction in the proportion of students currently smoked cigarettes is observed (a fall from overall prevalence among

13-15 year olds of 10.2% to 6.8%) but reported use of other tobacco products had increased during the period from 5.7% to 9.8%. The ability to purchase cigarettes in a store had reduced significantly from 72.9% to 39.2%; percent.

There is no change in percent of students receiving education on dangers of tobacco. One-third of the students live in homes where others smoke, and one-third of the students are exposed to smoke around others and outdoor public spaces.

Tobacco Control in Myanmar: Challenges and the Way Forward

The National Program on Tobacco Control was officially launched in January 2000 with the drafting and approval of the National Policy on Tobacco Control and Plan of action. The national Tobacco Control Committee was formed in March 2002. Enforcement and Implementation are major challenges that required a clear, pragmatic and action oriented approach.

The program needs regulations with priority on: Implementing pictorial health warnings on all tobacco products; All indoor public places 100% smokefree; Ban on all forms of tobacco advertising and promotion; Education, communication, training and public awareness to support the strengthened legislation and enforcement measures; Setting appropriate price and tax policies; and Identification and mobilization of financial and human resources. Key strategies of National tobacco control program are as follows:

- * Strengthening national laws and regulations on tobacco control
- * Establishing a Tobacco Control Section under Public Health Division and expanding infrastructure at national and sub-national level
- * Building partnership with related ministries and stakeholders
- * Building public awareness on harmful of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand (See page 9)

NATIONAL

Seminar on economic and administrative reforms organized

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— “While democratization, sweeping reform processes and national-building endeavours are in progress in Myanmar, efforts are being made to realize a market economy as a move towards democracy,” said Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw at a seminar on economic and administrative reforms at the meeting hall of the ministry,

here, this morning.

The Union minister stressed the need to introduce structural reforms in some state-owned enterprises with low capacity, lack of competition in the market, technological and capital needs.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Lin Aung clarified measures to be taken at the departments concerned that calls for reform, aimed at easing

budget deficit.

Next, Director-General U Kyaw Hsan of Union Attorney-General Office elaborated on legal matters needed for reformation of Board Corporation.

Dr Aung Tun Thet, Dr Zaw Oo, U Tin Maung Than and Dr Ngun Kyon Hlyan took part in discussions on economic reforms and administrative reforms for government organizations.

Next, Union Minister

at President Office U Tin Naing Thein explained ongoing reform process of the government and measures to be taken for administrative reforms.

Regarding the seminar, Dr Aung Tun Thet said: Today’s seminar focused on shifts in state-owned enterprise which are important for economic and administrative reforms.

A s s t r a t e g i c thinking about the shift,

privatization can be made in some state-owned enterprises.

The participants discussed whether enterprises of the government will be transformed into private-owned ones.

“Based on experience and lessons and technical point of views, we discussed the role of ministries and state-owned corporations and how they can be transformed into corporations and private owned ones,” Dr Zaw Oo said.

The seminar is one of the important step for success of the people-centered development program.

The seminar focused on political reforms, economic reforms, social reforms and private-sector reforms, and the participants also discussed how to promote the efficiency of the state-owned enterprises by running as a joint-venture ones as part of efforts for enhancing the private-sector development.

MNA

Coord meeting on making Hajj pilgrimages held



A work-coordination meeting on making pilgrimages to the Hajj in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, in progress.

MNA

YANGON, 29 May— A coordination meeting on

making pilgrimages to the Hajj in Mecca, Saudi Arabia,

took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Religious

Affairs (Yangon Branch), attended by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Soe Win and departmental heads and those from 104 Hajj tour companies.

During the meeting, the deputy minister in his speech said that Hajj pilgrims were selected systematically in the past. He added that relaxation of restriction and transparency were in progress for Hajj tour operators who were allowed to form work committee and subcommittees.

He called on those present to provide their best service to the Hajj pilgrims. He said that the ministry continued giving a helping hand to the companies in order to overcome difficulties.

MNA

Norway’s Oil for Development Program delegation meets chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw committees

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— A delegation from Norway’s Oil for Development Program held a meeting with Chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw committees at the Hluttaw here today.

The meeting was attended by U Lun Thi, Chairman of Resource and Environmental Conservation Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Thurein Zaw and Chairman of Public Accounts Committee, and members of the two committees.

The meeting focused on launching the Oil for

Development Program, which is running in 25 countries, in Myanmar.

The delegation discussed purpose of meeting on resource pillar, finance pillar and environment pillar of the program with the chairmen and members of the committees.

The two chairmen expressed thanks for the program and asked for assisting in capacity building for the members of the committees and development of the pillars.—MNA

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smoke and strengthening policy advocacy for control measures

Myanmar has signed the Protocol on Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products on the day of the opening ceremony on 10th January, 2013 at Geneva, and it was the 1st country of signatories in South East Asia Region. Myanmar tobacco control program has attracted additional funding and resources for effective implementation of tobacco control activities in Myanmar. The Ministry of Health, Myanmar has been awarded the Round 12 Bloomberg Tobacco Control Grant ‘strengthening the implementation and enforcement of tobacco control policies in Myanmar’ (Project ID: MYANMAR-12-02).

The Control of Smoking and Consumption Tobacco Product Law

The Control of Smoking and Consumption Tobacco Product Law was adopted on 4th May, 2006 under the State Peace and Development Council Law 5/2006. The adoption of the law was a very significant milestone in the history of public health of Myanmar and was highly appreciated by the World Health Organization and anti-tobacco advocates.

The Tobacco control law which came into force one year after its adoption strictly prohibits tobacco advertisement in all forms as follows:

Whoever commits any of the following acts to publicize for wide distribution and sale of cigar and tobacco product shall, on conviction, be

punished with a fine from a minimum of kyats 20000 to a maximum of kyats 50000, for the first offence and be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and shall also be liable to a fine from a minimum of kyats 50000 to a maximum of kyats 200,000 for second and subsequent offences:

(a) setting up signboard of advertisement, advertising by drawing, hanging the advertisement, affixing advertisement, distributing pamphlet of advertisement or advertising by other means;

(b) broadcasting or displaying by radio, film, television and video or by communication system using high technology from the mass media channel;

(c) distributing by publishing in newspapers, journals, magazines and pamphlets or distributing the

same;

(d) distributing free of charge, handing out or giving as present goods containing the label of cigar and tobacco product;

(e) sponsoring or rendering service to hold athletic game, funfair or exhibition or any welfare activity;

(f) describing the label of cigar and tobacco product on any personal goods;

(g) carrying out by any other means.

Call for Action

The ultimate goal of World No Tobacco Day is to contribute to protect present and future generations not only from these devastating health consequences, but also against the social, environmental and economic scourges of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke.

Specific objectives of the 2013 campaign are to:

* Spur countries to implement WHO FCTC Article 13 and its Guidelines to comprehensively ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship such that fewer people start and continue to use tobacco; and

* Drive local, national and international efforts to counteract tobacco industry efforts to undermine tobacco control, specifically industry efforts to stall or stop comprehensive bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship.

Ministry of Health has also exerted tremendous effort in advocating for the strengthening enforcement of the existing national law to completely ban tobacco advertisements,

promotion, and sponsorship by means, media and form and development of a new regulation to completely ban of advertisements, promotion and sponsorship from international TV, radio and social media. Adoption of FCTC Article 5.3 is being given priority to prevent tobacco industry interference in public health policy.

Myanmar Tobacco Control Program needs to set in place mechanisms to strengthen implementation and enforcement of existing tobacco control laws in Myanmar and to develop new regulations needed on key tobacco control policies to bring them in line with WHO FCTC provisions and best practices. The Program is also required to build Myanmar’s capacity for tobacco control in the long-term.

Myanmar, Indonesia discuss military cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin received an Indonesia military delegation led by Deputy Minister for Defence of Indonesia Lt-Gen (R) Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin at his office here yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on cooperation between the two armed forces of Myanmar and Indonesia.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers for Defence Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt and Commodore Aung Thaw and officials.

MNA



Union Minister Lt-Gen Wai Lwin holds talks with Deputy Minister for Defence of Indonesia Lt-Gen (R) Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin.—MNA

HEALTH

Meiktila District to launch anti-DHF driven in early monsoon season



MEIKTILA, 29 May—Meiktila District Health Department has called on teachers and parents of students for cooperation with staff of the Health Department in the department's anti-DHF drive at schools during the opening of classes and in wards on 28 May.

At the meeting on anti-DHF driver, officials of the district Health Department urged teachers and parents to take measures against breeding of larvae at schools and homes and for proper flow of water at drains.

Kyemon

Second leg of 2nd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament-2013 on 6-7 June

YANGON, 29 May—The second leg of 2nd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament-2013, organized by Junior Golf Myanmar and Myanmar Golf Federation, will be held at City Golf Course (Ngwe Thawda Course), here, on 6 and 7 June.

The tournament covers Men's and Women's U-24, U-18, U-14 and U-10 events.

Junior participant golfers may register at Myanmar Golf Federation with copies of their birth certificates, not later than 2 pm on 4 June.

For further details,

dial 09-43095678 or 01-9669526.

Sponsors are invited for the participants for awarding handsome prizes.

Junior Golf Myanmar is striving for holding monthly golf tournament so as to turn out young golfers.—NLM

On-job training Course for Ward Administrator (1/2013) concluded



AHLON, 29 May—The On-job training Course for Ward Administrators (1/2013) concluded at Htana Ward in Ahlon Township, Yangon

West District yesterday.

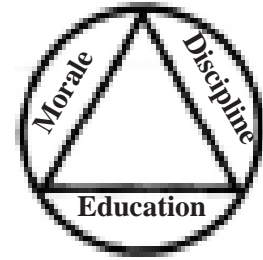
It was attended by the district deputy commissioner and district/township level departmental officials and

trainees.

The District Deputy Commissioner made an address on the occasion.

Kyemon

Ministry of Education School Enrolment Week From (27) to (31) May



People to participate in enrolment of all school-going age children

HRD

School enrolment launched from 23 to 31 May

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Schools in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area launched the school enrolment week from 23 to 31 May.

The schools under the No 2 Basic Education

Department have provided each primary student with K 1000 and text books at the time of enrolment as part of the government's plan for eliminating illiteracy in the country.

Kyemon

Maezali Village of Katha Township gets a new school building

KATHA, 29 May—A ceremony to open and hand over of Pyinnya Thurein new school building took place at No. 29 BEPS in Maezali Village in Katha Township of Sagaing Region on 6 May.

Sagaing Region Finance and Revenue Minister U Tin Win, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Moe Zaw Hein, District Education Officer Daw Hla Hla Myint and School Board of Trustees member U Tin Tun formally opened the new school building.

Then, Pyithu Hluttaw Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee Chairman Thura U Aye Myint made a speech and presented a 21-inch TV and K 500,000 for construction of the school fence. School Board of Trustees member U Tin Tun handed over documents related to the school to

District Education Officer Daw Hla Hla Myint.

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee Chairman Thura U Aye Myint, Region Finance and Revenue Minister U Tin Win, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Moe Zaw Hein, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Tun Myint, Region Hluttaw Representative U Sein Tun, District Deputy Commissioner U Thet Lwin, Township Administrator U Zaw Min Htaik, District Education Officer Daw Hla Hla Myint, the school headmistress and teachers and villagers totaling 400.

The newly-inaugurated one-storey building was constructed at a cost of K 27.4 million contributed by the State and wellwishers.

Kyemon

School building handing over ceremony held

BAGO, 29 May—A school building handing over ceremony was held at Basic Education Post-Primary School of Wuntho Ward, Padaung in Pyay District in Bago Region on 26 May.

The newly-constructed building with 60 feet in length and 30 feet in width cost over K 30 million funded by donors Daw Khin Hla Hla Education Foundation and Tawwin Social Foundation.

The school was handed over to the Ministry of Education with the presence of well-wishers, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Kyaw Myint, District Education Officer U Tin Htay, Township Administrator U Win Zaw Htway, township heads, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khin Win, Region Hluttaw Representative U Than Zaw, the Township Education Officer, teachers and social organizations.

During the ceremony, school building donors and officials cut the ribbon to open the school building. Then donors handed over documents related to the new school to the District Education Officer and the Township Education Officer.—Kyemon

Phayathonzu Sub-Township facilitated with asphalt road

PHAYATHONZU, 29 May—Engineer U Kyaw Khaing Tun and party of Phayathonzu Sub-Township

repaved Dhammayeiktha Road to an asphalt one which is 1320 feet long and 12 feet wide in 2013 fiscal year.

Likewise, fourteen local streets have been upgraded to asphalt ones in recent week.—Kyemon

REGIONAL

81-year-old Nepali abandons Mt Everest bid

KATHMANDU, 29 May—An 81-year-old Nepali climber who scaled Mt Everest at the age of 76 in 2008 and was the oldest person to have done so until last week, has abandoned his attempt to reclaim the record, he confirmed by telephone on Tuesday.

Min Bahadur Sherchan had been preparing to snatch the record back from Japanese climber Yuichiro Miura, who on Thursday last week became the oldest person in the world to reach the summit of Mt Everest at 80 years old.—Kyodo News



Haiyang-6, a Chinese research vessel, is seen at a dock in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 28 May, 2013. An expedition team of 96 members aboard Haiyang-6 set out for the Pacific Ocean on Tuesday to carry out a five-month survey on undersea mineral resources.—XINHUA

Japan sets next 3 years as investment promotion period

TOKYO, 29 May—The government decided on Wednesday to designate the coming three years as an “intensive investment prompting period” to accelerate its economic growth strategy aimed at conquering nearly two decades of Japan’s deflationary recession.

In the outline of the strategy, presented by economic and fiscal policy minister Akira Amari earlier in the day, the government also positioned the next five years as an “emergency structural reform period,” pledging to bring about industrial reorganization by taking such measures as promoting labour market flexibility.

After a meeting of the industrial competitiveness council, which has been discussing the strategy, Amari told reporters

that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s administration will present a rough draft of the strategy at the next gathering of the panel, scheduled to be held next week.

The growth strategy, one of the “three arrows” of Abe’s economic policies dubbed “Abenomics” along with drastic monetary easing and massive fiscal spending, will be adopted by the Cabinet in mid-June, with the aim of activating the economy through private investment and achieving wage hikes and higher employment.

Amari said the strategy has been “80 percent” completed, but he added the government “will continue to discuss some areas,” including agriculture and employment rules, as private sector members of the panel, such as academics and

company executives, have called for more sweeping deregulation.

According to the outline, the government will try to encourage private investment during the three-year period by providing state support to growing industries and promoting deregulation in those areas.

Abe’s government plans to create a road map to assess progress of key policies in the strategy for three years from fiscal 2013. It will also present another road map on how Japan will bolster growth of the four promising areas through 2030—health and fitness services, next-generation infrastructure, energy and regional resources.

Aiming to spur the economy by boosting investment and attracting foreign businesses to Ja-

pan, the growth strategy calls on the government to introduce special zones, in which management of public facilities, such as airports, are opened to the private sector.

For the exploitation of new markets, Abe’s administration decided to support scientific research, while focusing on greater fluidity in the labour market.

In addition, there will be a focus on fostering human resources capable of operating effectively overseas and creating better working conditions for women. As Abe is eager to become the top salesman of Japanese state-of-the-art technologies and products, his government will aim to triple exports of infrastructure-related business to 30 trillion yen by 2020.

Kyodo News

Mongolia ready to export mineral resources to Japan, other countries

ULAN BATOR, 29 May—Mongolia’s Mining Minister Davaajav Gankhuyag said the Mongolian government hopes to line up long-term coal-export contracts with Japan, South Korea and other countries as the country gears up to develop the huge Tavan Tolgoi coal mine.

The Mongolian government has invited international bids to develop Tavan Tolgoi, one of the world’s largest untapped coking and thermal coal deposits.

Gankhuyag, in a recent written interview with *Kyodo News*, said he welcomes Japanese investments in Mongolia, noting that the

Japanese economy, with its high-technology, is complementary with the Mongolian economy.

“I support Japanese business investments,” Gankhuyag said.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Mongolian President Tsakhia Elbegdorj agreed, during a meeting in Ulan Bator in late March, to strengthen cooperation on developing Mongolia’s mineral resources. Japanese business conglomerates are eager to join an international consortium to develop the Tavan Tolgoi coal field, but the Mongolian government has yet to finalize development plans.—Kyodo News



Cars are seen in the fog on the Sydney’s Harbour Bridge, Australia, on 28 May, 2013. Heavy fog caused major transportation delays, ferry services on the harbour were cancelled for a time and flights into Sydney airport were diverted away causing delays around the country.—XINHUA

Vietnam one of Australia’s important partners

HANOI, 29 May—Australia always considers Vietnam as one of its important partners and wishes to further facilitate overall cooperation, especially in economics, trade, investment, education, culture and defence-security.

Australian Prime Minister’s Special envoy Angus Houston, who is on a working visit to Vietnam, made the remarks while meeting with Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc in capital Hanoi on Tuesday, reported *Vietnam News Agency*.

Informing the host on the outcomes of working sessions with the Ministry of Public Security and the Border Guard High Command, Houston stressed that Australia will do its utmost to ensure peace and stability in the region and the world, while at the same time support cooperative activities between the two countries in all realms.

The Deputy Prime Minister welcomed Hou-

ston’s visit, saying that it is of importance to the two countries’ relations, and expressed his delight with the fine development in bilateral ties in all fields.

Phuc highly valued the effective support and cooperation that Australia has provided to Vietnam in the fields of Official Development Assistance (ODA), health and education-training as well as poverty reduction projects.

The host suggested the two sides increase all-level delegation exchanges, investment-trade-economic ties and other practical measures to mark 40th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two nations.

The Deputy Prime Minister expressed his hope that in the time to come the two sides will work closely together in matters of mutual concern, including migration and immigration, to make further contributions to the Vietnam-Australia friendship and cooperation.

Xinhua



People walk in the rain in the Dotombori District of Osaka, western Japan, on 28 May, 2013. The rainy season is believed to have started in a wider area of western Japan, the Japan Meteorological Agency said the same day.

KYODO NEWS

Missing Japanese, Spanish climbers at Dhaulagiri feared dead

KATHMANDU, 29 May—Two climbers, a Japanese woman and a Spanish man with a Nepali high altitude guide who have gone missing since last Friday have very little chance of survival, said an official of expedition handling agency on Tuesday.

Japanese woman, Chizuko Kono, 67 with her Nepali guide Dawa Sherpa of the Polish Dhaulagiri Expedition Spring 2013 and 50-year-old Spanish Juan

Jose Garra have gone missing in the Mt Dhaulagiri, near at camp IV, one of the toughest mountain in the world to climb.

“Since the three of the helicopter rescue operations did not find the whereabouts of the missing climbers, now it is hard to say they are alive,” Tikaram Gurung, managing director of Bochi Bochi Trek Pvt Ltd told *Xinhua*.

Xinhua

Indonesia planning to build up “cyber army”

JAKARTA, 29 May—In a move that is said to save the country’s sovereignty in cyber world, Indonesian defence ministry is planning to build up a particular task force called cyber army to attack on internet hackers who could endanger the sustainability of the state.

A senior official at the ministry said that it would propose a law to legalize the operation of the so-called cyber army. The plan to set up the particular task force was following rampant attacks against state’s Internet portals and websites in the last few years.

“The only law that we have to address cyber crime is the IITE law,” Pos M Hutabarat, the director general of security potentials at the ministry said on Tuesday, re-

ferring to the law that regulates online information and transactions for civilians that carries up to 1 billion rupiah (about 102,000 US dollars) fine for the violators.

Pos said that the law needs to be endorsed quickly so as to speed up the creation of the cyber army in Indonesia.

Pos defined that cyber army that would be set up by Indonesia as a unit of soldiers particularly trained well on information technology, mastering the skills and techniques on how to prevent cyber attacks.

He said that such a cyber army unit has been operating in several countries, including the United States, China, South Korea and Iran for similar purpose.

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Cast member Rob Lowe poses before a screening and panel discussion for the reunion of the cast of the 1992 movie "Wayne's World" at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills, California on 23 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Actor Rob Lowe to headline JFK-assassination TV movie

LOS ANGELES, 29 May — American actor Rob Lowe will portray slain President John F Kennedy in a television movie based on a book by TV news commentator Bill O'Reilly and author Martin Dugard, the National Geographic Channel said on Tuesday.
 "Killing Kennedy" will take the form of a "factual drama" and will premiere on National Geographic TV channel later this year to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination, the network said. Kennedy was shot by

Lee Harvey Oswald on November 22, 1963 in Dallas as the president's motorcade made its way through the Texas city.
 Lowe, 49, who rose to prominence in the 1980s as an actor in such films as "The Outsiders" and "St Elmo's Fire," will star alongside "Mona Lisa Smile" actress Ginnifer Goodwin, who will play first lady Jacqueline Kennedy. "Gossip Girl" star Michelle Trachtenberg will portray Oswald's Soviet-born wife, Marina Oswald. It will be the first Russian-speaking

role for the American actress, who is fluent in the language.
 The actor who will portray Oswald will be cast within the next two weeks, a network spokeswoman said. In April, Lowe narrated the network's documentary miniseries "The '80s: The Decade that Made Us." O'Reilly and Dugard's "Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot" was published in 2012. The National Geographic Channel is jointly owned by the National Geographic Society and News Corp-owned Fox.—Reuters

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Madhuri Dixit is the dancing diva of Bollywood.
 PTI

Madhuri Dixit nervous about performing with Pandit Birju Maharaj

MUMBAI, 29 May — Actress Madhuri Dixit, who would be performing with noted classical dancer Birju Maharaj, feels honoured that she would dance with him but is nervous at the same time. The legendary Kathak guru and his disciple will soon be seen in a special jugalbandi act on the dance reality show Jhalak Dikhla Jaa. "I am happy and honoured that I will be dancing with him in Jhalak Dikhla Jaa. I am afraid...getting butterflies in my stomach. I am nervous if I would be able to match up to him. I will treasure this moment," Madhuri told reporters at the launch of the show.

The two will perform together for the first time on television. The classical dancer choreographed Madhuri's songs in Devdas (2002) and Dil To Pagal Hai (1997), and recently did a song for her upcoming film Dedh Ishqiya. Meanwhile, Madhuri said she is excited to judge yet another season of Jhalak Dikhla Jaa. "I like the show as it brings out interesting journey of contestants. I think anyone can dance but it is important to put your heart and soul for a performance," she said.

The show will go on air from June 1. The other two judges will be Remo D'Souza and Karan Johar. "This season, the competition will be more as we have interesting range of contestants. I will judge them on the basis of entertainment," Karan said. The opening episode will see Dharmendra, Sunny and Bobby Deol shaking a leg with the contestants to promote their film Yamla Pagla Deewana 2.—PTI

Jennifer Lopez to marry toyboy beau?

LOS ANGELES, 29 May — Pop star Jennifer Lopez is reportedly planning to marry her toyboy boyfriend Casper Smart because she believes he is the love of her life.
 "She calls him 'love of my life'. She believes it. She thinks he's the one she's been searching for all these years. He may be younger, but she says he is the most secure man she has ever met. He constantly inspires her and lifts her up," contactmusic.com quoted Lopez as saying.
 "Jennifer knows a lot of people in her life don't approve of her marrying Casper, but she's stopped

caring. She wants to be his wife," the source added.
 The 43-year-old was previously married to Ojani Noa, Chris Judd and Marc Anthony. However, her five-year-old twins, Max and Emme, who she had with Anthony, have also developed a liking for Smart, and Lopez insist that the 25-year-old is a better father than their biological one.
 "Casper is devoted to her kids. He is a second father to them. Jennifer says he's much more playful and present than their own dad a lot of the time," the source said.

PTI



Jennifer Lopez has marriage on her mind for the fourth time.—PTI

Will Smith worried about introducing kids to showbiz

BEIJING, 29 May — Will Smith was nervous about letting his children Jaden and Willow into the spotlight as he feels the showbiz industry has a "narcotic quality". Will Smith thinks the showbiz industry is like a drug. The 'I Am Legend' actor and his wife Jada Pinkett Smith were worried about

introducing their children Jaden, 14, and Willow, 12, into the business because the constant media attention is so addictive and all-consuming.
 According to The Sun newspaper, Will admitted: "I think that the major risk of this particular business is strictly emotional. The business has almost a nar-

cotic quality."It's almost as if you're introducing a narcotic into your kid's life." The 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air' star — who has had success as both a rapper and an actor — has been helping Willow pursue a singing career, and supporting Jaden with both his movie and music dreams.
 Xinhua

SPORTS

Kolo Toure to join Liverpool

LONDON, 29 May—Cote d'Ivoire defender Kolo Toure have reached an agreement with English Premier League side Liverpool that he will join the team when his contract with



Manchester City expires on 1 July, said the club on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old Toure joined City from Arsenal in 2009 and was joined at the club by his younger brother Yaya Toure a year later.

Kolo Toure had been banned six months in 2011 as he failed a drug test and lost his place at City. He claimed he had taken diet pills belonging to his wife and did not know they contained banned substances.

Xinhua

Cote d'Ivoire defender
Kolo Toure

Djokovic begins in style after Bartoli drama

PARIS, 29 May—After fickle Parisian weather and the exploits of a French heroine kept Novak Djokovic waiting to make his bow at Roland Garros on Tuesday, the world number one began his quest to complete his grand slam collection in style with victory over David Goffin. Home favourite Marian Bartoli saved two match points in a rain-interrupted three-hour triumph against Olga Govortsova, rewarding the patience of the fans who sat huddled under grey November-like skies for much of the day.

Bartoli's 7-6 (8), 4-6,

7-5 victory meant it was touch and go whether Djokovic's tricky first-round match against Goffin would be completed but, once he got into his stride, the top-seeded Serb chiselled a 7-6 (5), 6-4, 7-5 win. Play did not start at the allotted 1100 local time and, even when the green covers were hauled off the damp red clay back at lunchtime, only 90 minutes were possible before another rain delay sent fans and players scuttling for shelter. Eleven singles matches were canceled and three failed to finish meaning the first round will now



Novak Djokovic of Serbia hits a return to David Goffin of Belgium during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 28 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Miura returns home after scaling Mt Everest at 80

TOKYO, 29 May—Japanese alpinist Yuichiro Miura returned to Tokyo on Wednesday morning after

becoming the oldest person to scale Mt Everest at the age of 80.

After leaving Japan on



29 March, Miura reached the 8,848-metre summit on 23 May, surpassing the previous record set by a 76-year-old Nepali climber.

Miura reached the summit in 2003 at the age of 70 and again in 2008 at 75. His latest attempt came after he was seriously injured in a skiing accident when he was 76 and underwent repeated heart surgery for an irregular heartbeat.

Kyodo News

Japanese alpinist
Yuichiro Miura

Pacers fend off Heat to square series

LOS ANGELES, 29 May—The Indiana Pacers withstood a late Miami charge to beat the Heat 99-92 and square their Eastern Conference final at two games all on Tuesday.

Roy Hibbert recorded 23 points and 12 rebounds, Lance Stephenson scored 20 and the Pacers responded to a blowout loss in Game Three with a determined home-court effort.

Game Five is on Thursday back in Miami where the defending NBA champions will try to regain control. "When (Stephenson) plays like that we're unstoppable," Hibbert told



Indiana Pacers' Roy Hibbert (R) works against Miami Heat's Chris Andersen during the fourth quarter in Game 4 of their NBA Eastern Conference Final basketball playoff series in Indianapolis, Indiana on 28 May, 2013.—REUTERS

reporters. "We're here, we're not going anywhere.

We're going back down to Miami to go out there and

fight again." Miami roughed up the Pacers in an 18-point rout on Sunday but Indiana scored the first 11 points of Game Four and led for most of the contest, fending off runs from the Heat.

LeBron James led Miami with 24 points and Mario Chalmers added 20 but the Heat fell short in the fourth quarter. Miami used a 14-2 run to turn a nine-point deficit into an 86-83 lead midway through the fourth quarter but Indiana quickly responded with a 7-0 run of their own and when James fouled out in the final minute there was no way back for the Heat.—Reuters

Marion Bartoli of France hits a return to Olga Govortsova of Belarus during their women's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 28 May, 2013. REUTERS



it's not something that's been talked about," a tournament spokesman said. Despite the elements there was still plenty of time for several fancied players to move through to the second round. In the men's draw there were wins for ninth seed Stanislas Wawrinka over Dutchman Thiemo de Bakker, Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber over Czech teenager Jiri Vesely and 12th seed Tommy

Haas, who at 35 continues to prove that class is permanent with an easy win against Guillaume Rufin.

The rain could not save the tournament's veterans, though, with 42-year-old Japanese Kimiko Date-Krumm succumbing to Australian ninth seed Samantha Stosur and 36-year-old French wildcard Marc Gicquel crushed by Spain's Fernando Verdasco.

Reuters

Beckham to visit Miami in quest for MLS team ownership

MIAMI, 29 May—Former England captain David Beckham will visit Miami this week as he steps up his interest in owning a new Major League Soccer (MLS) team. Beckham, who played for LA Galaxy in the MLS, has an option to create a new franchise in the North American league. While the exact location is still to be decided, he will be in the Florida city to explore possibilities, according to former Miami mayor Manny Diaz.

"Yes, he is coming.

My understanding is that it's very exploratory at this stage," said Diaz, who took part in the last time a Miami-based MLS team was under discussion in 2009. Then, Spanish giants Barcelona, together

with Miami-based Bolivian billionaire Marcelo Claure, tried to start a team but the project was called off due to "adverse market conditions".

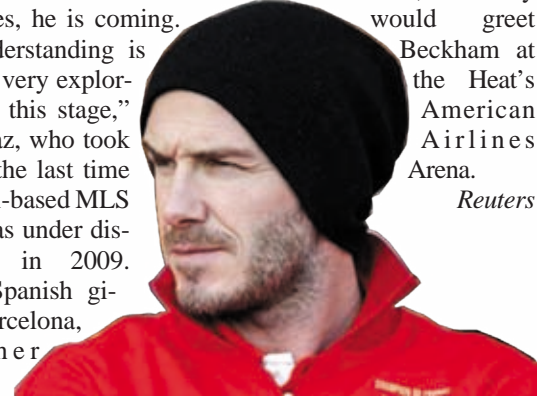
A supporters group, calling itself MLS Miami Bid, told Reuters that Claure would be one of those meeting Beckham and that the pair planned to watch Miami Heat's NBA playoff game against the Indiana Pacers on Thursday. Julio Caballero, the organizer of MLS Miami Bid, said they

would greet

Beckham at the Heat's American Airlines Arena.

Reuters

David Beckham of Paris Saint-Germain sits on the substitute bench before his team's French Ligue 1 soccer match against FC Lorient, western France, on 26 May, 2013.—REUTERS



Tokyo Gov Inose arrives in St Petersburg for Olympics bid

ST PETERSBURG, 29 May—Tokyo Gov Naoki Inose arrived in St Petersburg on Tuesday to deliver a presentation at an international sports seminar involving the three cities bidding to host the 2020 summer Olympics.

In the "Sportaccord Convention," Tokyo, Istanbul and Madrid will make respective presentations on Thursday before International Olympic Committee executives.

"I would like to properly explain Tokyo's ex-

cellence, that it has enough management ability and is also friendly to athletes. I have confidence," Inose told reporters before his depart-

ture from Japan. Inose also plans to meet local business leaders and sports media before leaving Russia on Friday.—Kyodo News



Tokyo Gov Naoki
Inose

GENERAL

Photo taken on 26 May, 2013 shows the scenery of Arno River of Florence, Italy. Being the capital city of Italy's central region Tuscany, Florence, once the country's capital back in 19th century, is the regional centre of history, business and culture. Dubbed as the birthplace of the Renaissance and cradle of the architecture art, Florence contains numerous buildings and museums from various eras. In 1982, the historic center of Florence was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.—XINHUA



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Airbus supplier Premium Aerotec changes top management

PARIS, 29 May—The bosses of Airbus supplier Premium Aerotec have resigned as the company seeks new management to help improve its financial performance.

President and Chief Executive Kai Horten, and Human Resources head Wolfram Sauer are leaving the company with immediate effect, while Chief Financial Officer Helmut Kretschmer will remain in

charge until the end of June, the company said.

"Premium Aerotec is intensifying its company-wide restructuring to give a rapid and lasting boost to the company's operational and economic performance," the group said in a statement on Tuesday.

The unit of aerospace group EADS said it plans to reduce costs significantly by 2015, whilst focusing on generating a sustainable

positive cash flow, in line with its parent's targets.

"For this purpose, an extensive package of measures has been developed," the company said.

Premium Aerotec added that it would reorganize its supply chain to have fewer direct suppliers, which would take on larger volumes and greater responsibility.

The company has named Marco Wagner, 44, as new Human Resources head and a managing director with immediate effect. Wagner ran Human Resources in Airbus' programmes department. A new CEO and CFO will be appointed shortly.

Reuters



View of the main entrance of Premium Aerotec factory, owned by European EADS, Europe's largest aerospace company, in Ghimbav, 190 km north of Bucharest on 12 July, 2011.—REUTERS

Chinese companies to build hydro-power plants for Nigeria

LAGOS, 29 May—Two Chinese firms on Tuesday officially commenced the construction of 700 megawatts (MW) Zungeru Hydroelectric Power Plant in Nigeria.

The plant, located in central north Niger State, is expected to be completed in 2017 and is being constructed by China-based consortium of Sinohydro Corporation Ltd and Chinese National Electric Engineering Co (CNEEC).

Both Chinese firms signed the Engineering procurement construction (EPC) contract with the federal ministry of power to

complete the project by the end of 2017.

President Goodluck Jonathan said at the ceremony that the hydro dam project when constructed would generate 700 megawatts of electricity for the country.

The Zungeru Hydro Electricity Power Project was conceived in 1982, but due to constraints of funds the construction work could not commence.

The president said the 1.293-billion-US-dollar power plant would be the largest power plant to be built by this administration. Xinhua

Son of Brazil great Bebeto joins Flamengo

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 May—The son of former Brazil great Bebeto has signed a new three-year contract with Rio de Janeiro giants Flamengo. Matheus, an 18-year-old playmaker and product of Flamengo's youth academy, had been linked with moves to Juventus and Real Madrid.

"I am happy to be renewing my contract with Flamengo which is where I grew up," Matheus said on Tuesday. "My plan now is

to get myself right physically because I haven't played for a while. I am training but it's not the same as playing. I want to wear the Flamengo shirt as soon as possible and help the club in 2013."

Matheus had impressed European scouts in January while representing Brazil at the South American Under-20 championship in Argentina. Bebeto scored 39 goals from 75 international matches for



Matheus, the son of former Brazil great Bebeto

Brazil and was a member of the team's 1994 World Cup-winning team in the United States.—Xinhua

Nicaragua to test tsunami early warning system

MANAGUA, 29 May—Nicaragua will test its tsunami early warning system on Wednesday, according to a disaster prevention official.

The system is designed to protect at least 70,000 people who live in 43 municipalities located along the 372-km Nicaraguan Pacific coast, Guillermo Gonzalez, executive director of the National System of Disaster Prevention, Attention and Mitigation (Sinapred), told a Press conference here on Tuesday.

The drill, to include a massive evacuation of people, would test Sinapred's scientific and organizational ability for life preservation and its contingency plans in case of a tsunami,

he said. "The goal is to see how the system works and detect its weaknesses. This exercise should be an important guide to ensure protection and prevention before tsunami strikes," Gonzalez said.

Several thousand inhabitants in the coastal area would participate in the drill, Gonzalez said. Participants also include a

number of entities, such as the Army's Civil Defence Office, the Institute of Territorial Studies and units from the Fire Brigade and the Red Cross. In addition, the Education Ministry will help schools be prepared by training teachers and holding parents' meetings to spread the evacuation plans, he said.—Xinhua

Progress seen in ongoing peace talks between UPMWC, KIO delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— After discussing military issues today, the Union Peace Making Working Committee and the KIO delegation have seen progress in ongoing peace talks, said Lt-Gen Myint Soe, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army) Office.

At the meeting with the press after the round of negotiation today, he said the two sides will finalize the discussion on military issues tomorrow and will announce a statement.

The Tatmadaw has appointed Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Aung Thaw as the spokesperson and has set up an information team.

During the peace talks in Myitkyina today, Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min, Vice-Chairman of the UPMWC, Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Commander-in-Chief of

Defence Services (Army) Office, Commanders Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Brig-Gen Aung Soe and senior military officers participated in the talks while the KIO delegation was led by Maj-Gen Swan Luk Guam Maw.

After the talks, Union Minister U Aung Min, along with Union ministers U Ohn Myint and U Win Tun, Chief Minister of Kachin State U La Jun Ngan Sai, Lt-Gen Myint Soe, Commanders Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Brig-Gen Aung Soe and officials, met with Rev. U Kalam Sam Swam, General Secretary of Kachin Baptist Church in Myitkyina and pastors there.

During the meeting, Union Minister U Aung Min said the government has been working for the unity of all national races, national reconciliation and rights of all national races in attempts

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives legal expert of ICJ

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received legal expert Mr Benjamin Zawacki of International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) at the meeting hall No. 1 of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Building, here, this afternoon.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on legal affairs, freedom of legal professionals of Myanmar and further legal cooperation between the Hluttaw and ICJ in the future.—MNA

to bring about equitable development across the country.

He continued to say that he believed that the two sides would reach peace as they have been committed to bringing about development of Kachin State and the peace very much desired by the people.



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives legal expert Mr Benjamin Zawacki of International Commission of Jurists (ICJ).—MNA

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Soe called on the people to participate in the peace making process without doubt and with trust.

The general secretary of the church and pastors discussed matters on rehabilitation of the internally displaced people in Kachin State.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw committee chairmen and party meet Norwegian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— The chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Mines and Natural Resources Affairs Committee, the chairman of Public Accounts Committee and party met a six-member Norwegian delegation from Oil for Development Program of Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) at the hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

Both sides focused on

sustainable environmental conservation for resources management in developing countries, future energy development between the two nations for socio-economic development of developing countries, technology and investment sectors, environmental management, financial management, monetary and taxation matters and further cooperation.

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Peace talks between Union Peace Making Working Committee and the KIO delegation in progress.

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Myanmar hands over elephant with fully grown tusks to Sri Lanka

YANGON, 29 May — A ceremony to donate an elephant with fully grown tusks to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as a gesture of bilateral friendship took place at Zoological Gardens (Yangon) this morning.

Most Ven Prof Bellinwila Wimalaratana of Sri Lanka, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin and

Secretary Mr. Kauratilake Amunugama of Ministry of External Affairs of Sri Lanka lit a commemorative candle for the donation.

Next, the deputy minister explained the purpose of donation and Mr. Kauratilake Amunugama spoke words of thanks.

Then General Manager (timer extraction) of Myanma Timber Enterprise U Maung Maung Toe and Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. H.R Piyasiri signed an agreement.

Afterwards, Sri Lankan Sayadaw Most. Ven. Prof. Bellinwila Wimalaratana gave an account of cooperation in religious matters between the two countries. The deputy minister handed over documents related to the elephant called Aung Lin Oo, to the Sri Lankan Sayadaw.

Aung Lin Oo was born to Sann Zarchi, mother elephant, at Thayawady timber extraction zone in Bago Region on 2 November 2007. He is an elephant that can carry

loads. He is five feet and eight inches in height, 2200 pounds in weight and eight feet and six inches in circumference.

The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry had handed over two elephants with fully grown tusks to Buddha Tooth Relic Temple in Kanni in Sri Lanka in 2006 for the first time and one elephant with fully grown tusks to the Monastery in Colombo in 2009 for the second time.

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Storm news

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—According to the observations at 17:30 hrs M.S.T today, the depression over North Bay of Bengal is centered at about 50 miles from the Southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh), 90 miles from the Southeast of Kolkata (India) and 165 miles from the Northwest of Maungtaw (Myanmar). It is forecast to move Northwards and likely to cross Bangladesh coast during next 12 hrs. The present stage of the depression is coded yellow stage.

Under the influence of depression, Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40-45 mph.

Trawlers, vessels and ships are advised to avert possible danger, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—NLM



Elephant with fully grown tusks.—MNA