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President's radio message on air

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — A radio message to be delivered by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein will be broadcast through radio programmes from 1 to 3 October. Myanma Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padamyia FM, FM Bagan and Thazin Radio will broadcast the message four times a day.

In the radio message, the President clarifies the stance and attitude of the government on peace-making process.

He said in the message that he has welcomed the political dialogues which have constructive attitudes to nation building, national unity and reinforcing peace upholding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty

as basic principles.

The President also urged to keep a strict adherence to media ethics and disciplines of media and refrain from producing groundless news and making personal attacks through media as now is the time when the nation is growing the seed of media freedom essential for democracy.

He assured that during the period of his administration, great strides are being made in the drive for ensuring internal peace and improving socio-economic status of the people, foreseeing a brighter future for the next generation to be able to achieve a better life.

The full text of the message of the President will be covered on 2 October issue of this daily.

MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Chinese President, Premier

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 October 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, and His Excellency Mr. Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

MNA

Use development aid effectively, efficiently

President U Thein Sein attends ceremony to clarify international grants/loans

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept —Chairman of the international grants/loans management central committee President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an address at the meeting of international grants/loans management central committee at the meeting hall of the Union Government office at the Presidential Palace here today.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of international grants/loans management central committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union, the Chairman of Union Civil Services Board, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar

and officials.

In his opening address of the meeting, President U Thein Sein, chairman of the loans/grants management central committee said Myanmar has gained good relations with international countries due to political, economic, social and administrative reforms and thanks to the cooperation of international organizations and non-governmental organizations at home and abroad, Myanmar has received assistance, loans and grants.

The First Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum was successfully held on 19 and 20 January and the forum declared the Nay Pyi Taw Accord, he said.

Regarding the loans and grants, he stressed the

need for making efforts for gaining good outcomes in accordance with the disciplines of the Paris Declaration.

During the first Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum, the participants discussed the framework for economic and social reforms and short-term and long-term projects, and partner countries and organizations agreed to cooperate with Myanmar for the national development, he said.

The President also called for spending loans and grants right on necessary sectors after discussing with development partners. For effective utilization of the international loans and grants

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President U Thein Sein delivering an address at the meeting.—MNA

Hydropower, gas power plants to generate over 1800 megawatts within three years



Photo shows a sub-power station.

The Ministry of Electric Power signed MoU with local and foreign companies to build power plants from 2013-

14 to 2015-16 fiscal years, said officials of the ministry in meeting with media on 28 September. Of them, Upper Biluchaung

Hydropower Plant Project is expected to complete in 2015-16 fiscal year with 29 megawatts generating capacity by New Energy Oasis Co.

Tarpein Hydropower Plant to be implemented by China Datang Co of China will have 101 megawatts generating capacity and it may be completed in 2015-16 fiscal year. A total of 50 per cent of electricity generated from Tarpein Hydropower Plant will be supplied to Myanmar. In addition, Myanmar will get 19 megawatts free and will have the opportunity to buy 2.8 cents per megawatt for

101 megawatts. To obtain the electricity, it needs to construct 230 KV 285 miles long Bhamo-Naba-Hngetyawdine-Ohndaw national grid.

Moreover, MoU has been signed with HydroLancang Co of China for construction of the gas power plant in Hlawga that can generate 486 megawatts and a plan is underway to complete the plant in 2015-16. The power plant will start to generate 243 megawatts in 2014-2015.

One more gas power plant will be constructed in Thakayta of Yangon and it is expected to complete

the power plant in 2015-16. MoU was signed with BKB Co of Republic of Korea to generate 503 megawatts. With regard to construction of a gas power plant in Thakayta, the ministry has signed MoU with UREC Co of China to be completed in 2015-16. It will have 513 megawatts generating capacity.

The ministry has signed MoU with Myanmar Lighting Co for 230-megawatt gas power plant in Mawlamyine and it will be completed in 2015-16. A 50-megawatt gas power plant in Kyaukpyu built by MDEP with the loan of

China will be completed in 2014-15.

In Kanpauk, one gas power plant with 525 megawatts generating capacity will produce 175 megawatts in 2015-16.

Now, the ministry is in meeting with Sumitomo Co of China to build a gas power plant in Hlinethaya. On completion, the plant will generate 500 megawatts.

All the power plants in projects will generate 1807 megawatts for electrification of the people on their completion.

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Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)

Mingun, a great tourist attraction in central Myanmar



SAGAING, 30 Sept— Tourists arrival increases in Mingun Ancient Cultural Region while the local pilgrims visit the region daily.

Despite drop in number

of foreign tourists, Mingun region attract the increasing visits of globetrotters. It was reported that about 60 to 100 globetrotters arrive at the ancient region daily. The majority of the

foreign tourists to Mingun are those from Thailand, Korea, China, Spain, France, Greek, Germany, Australia and Britain.

They have to pay K 3000 per foreigner for

Culture

the entrance free for the zone.

“Now, Mingun is hustling with local pilgrims daily. On Sabbath Days, Saturdays and Sundays, the region is busier with pilgrims and visitors. As time is rolling on to the tourism season, the number of tourists increases at the region. In next month, arrival of tourists will rise there. Most of the tourists go to Mingun by tour boat. Some come from Sagaing by taxi and motorcycle. Some tourists go to the region by tour boat and then spend the night there. The local pilgrims visit there in group by car or motorcycle,” said an artist.

It is estimated that about 500-1000 local visitors arrive at Mingun daily and most of the pilgrims pay homage to the pagodas through a day trip. *Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin*



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

“The Future We Want-What Older Persons Are Saying.”

Nay Pyi Taw

1-10-2013

Health Care

Triplets successfully born at Pakokku General Hospital

PAKOKKU, 30 Sept— Female triplets were born at the Maternity Ward of Pakokku General Hospital in Magway Region on 27 September morning.

Daw Thin Thin Aye, wife of U Aung Kyaw Thu of Thabawgon Village of Kokkohla Village-tract of Pakokku Township gave birth to triplet twins under

the supervision of the OG specialist of Pakokku General Hospital on 27 September.

The medical superintendent of Pakokku General Hospital, specialists, assistant surgeons, medical relations officers and staff donated cash and kind to triplet twins’ mother.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)



Health care given to older persons at home

YANGON, 30 Sept— Health care service is provided to older persons in Dawbon Township of Yangon Region weekly.

Under the arrangements of Township Administrator U Myint Lwin and Township Medical Officer Dr Moh Moh Aung, the medical team led by Dr Moh Moh Aung makes a field trip to the wards.

In Yamonna Ward 2, the team gives health care

services to the older persons at Maga Dhammayon every Wednesday.

Ward authorities and members of Women’s Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members of Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and wellwishers participated in feeding the older persons refreshments and giving the gifts to them.—*Kyemon-Maung Sein Hnin (Dawbon)*



Pollination held at paddy plantations in Lashio

LASHIO, 30 Sept—The paddy pollination ceremony took place on six acres of Paletwe II hybrid paddy plantation of farmer Daw Yan Kyaing in Humon Village-tract in Lashio Township of Lashio District in Shan State (North) on 26 September morning.

Deputy Head of Shan State Agriculture Department U Myint Aung, Head of District Agriculture Department U Mya Kyaw and Head of Township Agriculture Department U M Zaw La explained production of seeds of Paletwe II hybrid paddy and pollination works.

It was attended by administrators at different levels of the state and local farmers, totaling 80.

Kyemon-Han Htay Aung

Lwejel Market in Lwejel of Bhamo District in Kachin State is in dreadful state of dilapidation.

Therefore, local people demand the local authorities to repair the market.

MMAL—LA BAN AUNG (KACHIN LAND)

Rescue & Relief

Relief items donated to flood victims in Myeik

MYEIK, 30 Sept— Taninthayi Region Minister for Forestry U Tin Soe together with Myeik District Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo, UNHCR Project Manager U Than Maung and officials on 27 September donated 200 treated mosquito nets, 18 packages of tarpaulin sheets, seven bales of blankets, 26

packages of pots and plates and 46 kits of personal hygiene and relief items to the flood victims.

Likewise, Shwe Kanbawza Oil Palm Co donated 20 bags of rice, 50 viss of edible oil, 50 packages of instant noodle and 50 packages of purified drinking water.

Manager U Hla Myint

and officials of the company sent the relief items for the flood victims to Taninthayi Township by boat on 26 September. The township administrator, departmental officials, members of the rescue teams, Red Cross and Fire Brigade members distributed the items to flood victims.—*Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)*

Five monsoon paddy plantations thriving on test plots

NYAUNGDON, 30 Sept—In accord with the instructions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Nyaungdon Township of Ayeyawady Region, agricultural staff cooperated with local people in Tuchaung Village of Tuchaung Village-tract for boosting

agricultural production.

The department distributed five monsoon paddy strains namely Shwe Wah, Paletwe, Shwepyithay, Thehtetyinkhwin and TMM.02 to the local farmers and urged them to compete in cultivation.

The local farmers

nurtured the saplings on 27 June and grew them on 17 July. With the assistance of the agricultural staff, the local people compete in the cultivation through 14-point good agricultural patterns.

According to Staff Officer Daw Aye Aye Si,

five strains of paddy plantations are thriving on their farmlands. Of them, Paletwe monsoon paddy plantation is the best in cultivation. *Kyemon-Bo Shwe*



WORLD

Kerry sees potential for quick Iran nuclear deal

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — Secretary of State John Kerry said a deal on Iran's nuclear weapons programme could be reached relatively quickly, and it would have the potential to dramatically improve the relationship between the two countries. Kerry said intensifying diplomatic efforts to resolve the dispute over Iran's nuclear programme could produce an agreement within the three- to six-month time frame that Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has called for.

"It's possible to have

a deal sooner than that depending on how forthcoming and clear Iran is prepared to be," Kerry said in an interview aired on CBS's "60 Minutes" on Sunday.

"If it is a peaceful programme, and we can all see that — the whole world sees that — the relationship with Iran can change dramatically for the better and it can change fast," he said.

Rouhani and US President Barack Obama spoke by telephone on Friday in the highest-level contact between the two countries in three decades, raising

hopes of a breakthrough in Western efforts to prevent Iran from building a nuclear bomb. The call was the culmination of a recent, dramatic shift in tone between Iran and the United States, which cut diplomatic relations a year after the 1979 Iranian revolution. Kerry said Iran could prove its sincerity by immediately opening its nuclear facilities to inspections and keeping its uranium enrichment efforts at lower grades that were not suitable for military use.

Iran has defended its right to enrich uranium as

part of a civilian nuclear energy and medicine programme and denied that it aims to develop atomic weapons, but the United States and its allies have sought an end to higher-grade uranium enrichment that could be a step away from the production of weapons-grade material.

"Iran needs to take rapid steps, clear and convincing steps, to live up to the international community's requirements regarding nuclear programmes, peaceful nuclear programmes," Kerry said.—Reuters



US Secretary of State John Kerry takes his seat moments before the United Nations Security Council voted unanimously in favour of a resolution eradicating Syria's chemical arsenal during a Security Council meeting at the 68th United Nations General Assembly in New York on 27 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Assad says Syria will respect UN chemical weapons accords

ROME, 30 Sept — Syria will respect United Nations accords on chemical weapons, President Bashar al-Assad told Italian television station RaiNews24 on Sunday.

"We joined the international agreement against the acquisition and use of chemical weapons even before this resolution was passed," he said when asked if Syria would comply with Friday's UN resolution.

The UN Security Council adopted a resolution on Friday that demands the eradication of Syria's chemical weapons but does not threaten automatic punitive action against Assad's government if it does not comply. "The central part of it is based on what we ourselves wanted. So it is not about a resolution, in reality it is our own intention," he said, according to the Italian



Syria's President Bashar al-Assad speaks during an interview with Italian television station RaiNews24 in Damascus in this handout photograph distributed by Syria's national news agency SANA on 29 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

translation of his remarks.

"In 2003, the UN Security Council proposed liberating this entire region from these arms and declaring the Middle East a region free of chemical weapons. So it is obvious, we have to respect

these conditions, it is part of our history," he said. "We have to respect all treaties we sign."

The US-Russia deal averted punitive US military action against Assad's government, which Wash-

ington blamed for the 21 August sarin nerve gas attack on a Damascus suburb that killed hundreds. The Syrian government and its ally Russia blamed anti-government rebels for the attack.—Reuters

At least 16 dead as Syrian school hit in air strike

BEIRUT, 30 Sept — At least 16 people, most of them students, were killed in an air strike that hit a secondary school in the rebel-held Syrian city of Raqqa on Sunday, activists said.

Fighting continued across the country includ-

ing in the outskirts of the capital, underlining the relentless nature of the civil war in the face of international efforts to destroy Syria's chemical arms and revive peace talks.

Raqqa in northeastern Syria has been under the

control of insurgents fighting to oust President Bashar al-Assad since March but the city has been regularly bombed by government forces. Videos posted online by activists showed the bloody and charred remains of bodies said to have been from the air strike in Raqqa. Some of the victims appeared to be young men, possibly in their teens.

The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a monitoring group with a network of sources across the country, said the death toll was at least 16 — 10 of them students at the school — but that the number was likely to rise because some people were critically wounded.

Reuters



A man looks at one of the walls of the secondary school that is covered with blood after activists said it was hit by an air strike from forces loyal to President Bashar Al-Assad in Raqqa, eastern Syria on 29 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Japan, US to revise accord on Marine transfer from Okinawa

TOKYO, 30 Sept — Japan and the United States plan to give the go-ahead at a ministerial meeting this week to revise a bilateral accord on the envisioned realignment of US Marine Corps personnel stationed in Okinawa, government officials said on Sunday.

The planned revision of the so-called Guam Agreement codifying the Marine transfer from Okinawa to Guam followed a review in April last year of the transformation of US forces stationed in Japan that led to cuts in the number of US Marine Corps personnel to be relocated from the island prefecture to the US territory to about 4,000 from an initially envisaged 8,000.

Of an estimated \$8.6 billion in costs for projects such as relocating Marines and their dependents, and building runways and facilities in Guam and neighbouring islands in the Pacific with an eye on future joint exercises between US and Japanese forces, Japan will maintain its share of up to \$2.8 billion, the officials said.

The defence and foreign ministers of the two countries plan to sign the revised agreement during their "two-plus-two" meeting slated for Thursday in Tokyo.

The move is aimed at mitigating the impact of US forces on Okinawa by accelerating the planned Marine personnel transfer.

Kyodo News

Austrian centrist coalition wins majority in parliamentary vote despite declining support

VIENNA, 30 Sept — Austrian centrist coalition on Sunday won a combined majority in the parliamentary elections, despite declining support compared to the last election.

The centre-left Austrian Social Democrats, Chancellor Werner Faymann's party, got 27.1 percent of the votes, which translates into 53 seats in parliament, decreasing 2.2 points from 2008, while the centre-right conservative People's Party (ÖVP) received 23.8 percent of the vote, preliminary results showed.

Together, the two parties coalition got 99 seats in parliament, giving them a majority for the next five-year term in parliament, which seems to make a



A voter casts her vote during the parliamentary elections at a polling station in Vienna, Austria, on 29 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

continuation of Austria's current governing coalition. However, the centrist coalition lost some support to the far-right Freedom Party and a new liberal party, recording the worst election results since World War II.

Faymann said he would invite ÖVP head Michael Spindelegger to join him in a new coalition government. However, Spindelegger refused to rule out his possible coalition with the far-right Freedom Party (FPÖ).

Xinhua

SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket blasts off from California



A Falcon 9 rocket carrying a small science satellite for Canada is seen as it is launched from a newly refurbished launch pad in Vandenberg Air Force Station on 29 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, 30 Sept—An unmanned Falcon 9 rocket blasted off from California on Sunday to test upgrades before commercial satellite launch services begin later this year.

The 22-story rocket, built and flown by Space Exploration Technologies, or SpaceX, soared off a newly refurbished, leased launch pad at Vandenberg Air Force Station at noon (1600 GMT).

The Falcon 9 blazed

through clear blue skies out over the Pacific Ocean, its water vapour trail visible even as the rocket left the atmosphere.

“It went better than expected. It was incredibly smooth,” SpaceX founder and Chief Executive Elon Musk told *Reuters* after the launch.

Nestled inside the rocket’s new 17-foot (5-metre) diameter nose cone was a small Canadian science satellite called Cassiope that ini-

tially was to fly on SpaceX’s now-discontinued Falcon 1 launcher in 2008.

“It’s certainly a huge relief to have successfully delivered Cassiope to orbit. It’s been weighing on me quite heavily,” Musk said.

Cassiope, which is designed to monitor the space environment around Earth and serve as a communications satellite, and five secondary payloads were delivered into their intended orbits, Musk told reporters on a conference call.

As an experiment, both of the rocket’s two stages were restarted during flight.

Musk is particularly interested in developing the technology to fly the Falcon’s first stage back to the launch site or have it gently splash down in the water so its motors can be recovered, refurbished and reflown. Currently, after delivering their payloads into orbit, the boosters tumble back toward Earth and essentially explode mid-air before crashing into the sea.—*Reuters*

Sony’s PS4 tops Xbox One as gamers’ holiday choice

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Sept—More US shoppers prefer Sony Corp’s upcoming PlayStation 4 than Microsoft Corp’s Xbox One, according to a *Reuters/Ipsos* poll, as the industry’s two leading videogame console makers prepare to do battle this holiday season.

Asked about their interest in dedicated game devices, 26 percent of 1,297 people surveyed online last week say they are likely to

purchase the new PlayStation 4 when available, versus 15 percent opting for the Xbox One.

The rift widens among those below the age of 40. Of that group of 408 people, 41 percent picked Sony’s PS4 versus 27 percent for Microsoft’s Xbox One, according to a *Reuters/Ipsos* poll conducted from 23 Sept to 27 Sept.

Though based on a limited sample, the results potentially point to a lopsided

battle during the crucial holiday season, with Microsoft and Sony hoping to get their newest consoles into US households. Apart from games, they act as conduits for living-room entertainment, from TV shows to music.

Microsoft came under fire from gamers after initially saying it would set restrictions on used games, and require an Internet connection to play. After a flurry of complaints, the company reversed its policies in June. In contrast, Sony has consistently touted support for used games and offline gameplay at industry events. And the PS4 comes \$100 cheaper.

Sony said at video game industry trade show in Germany that it had received more than 1 million pre-orders for its upcoming console, while Microsoft has revealed only that pre-orders for the Xbox One exceeded those of its predecessor, the 360, eight years ago.—*Reuters*



Visitors take pictures of Sony Corp’s PlayStation 4 new game console at the Tokyo Game Show in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 19 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

Russian puts rare meteorite fragment on sale

MOSCOW, 30 Sept—The biggest commercially available fragment of a meteorite, which fell into Russia’s Chelyabinsk earlier this year, has been put on sale, local media reported

on Sunday.

The stone, weighing 3.36 kilograms and was certified by the Chelyabinsk State University, was listed on an advertising website with a slogan saying “a se-

rious meteorite for serious people,” the *RIA Novosti* news agency said. Alexei Usenkov, the discoverer and owner of the celestial object, has asked a price of 2.1 million rubles (about

65,000 US dollars) for his booty.

According to local media reports, Usenkov has found several other smaller fragments but has given them to friends and relatives. He originally meant to keep this bigger one or hand it over to a museum, but changed his mind after learning that there is an ongoing operation in the local Lake Chebarkul in the Urals and fearing more meteorite fragments could be fished out.

Usenkov said he hoped to find a buyer before the first anniversary of the meteorite’s strike on 15 Feb, when it left some 1,500 people injured and some buildings damaged.

Xinhua

Etisalat talks to buy Vivendi’s Maroc Tel stake extended to 31 October

DUBAI, 30 Sept—Exclusive talks for Etisalat to buy Vivendi’s 53 percent stake in Maroc Telecom have been extended to 31 October, the United Arab Emirates’ former telecom monopoly said on Sunday.

Vivendi in July entered into exclusive negotiations with Etisalat — the UAE’s No1 telecom operator — to sell its majority holding stake in Maroc Telecom for 3.9 billion euros (\$5.28 billion) in cash.

The previous deadline for these exclusive talks to end was 25 September, but have now been extended to 31 October, according to an Etisalat statement. The statement did not say why talks were extended or at which party’s behest.

Morocco’s government owns 30 percent of Maroc Telecom, with the remaining 17 percent publicly traded. On 11 September, Morocco’s Minister Saadeddine Othmani told reporters that “We have agreed on all main terms and a deal may be finalized in one to two months”.

Etisalat’s statement on Sunday struck a more cautious tone, saying a final agreement was subject to “execution of a shareholders’ agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco regarding Maroc Telecom, and securing competition and regulatory approvals in Morocco in addition to certain other jurisdictions in Maroc Telecom’s footprint”.—*Reuters*



UK seeks full cyber warfare capability, experts

MANCHESTER, 30 Sept—Britain will recruit hundreds of computer experts to defend its vital networks against cyber attacks and launch high-tech assaults of its own, Defence Secretary Philip Hammond said on Sunday.

Addressing the annual conference of his ruling Conservative party, Hammond said Britain was spending increasing amounts of its defence budget, the fourth largest in

the world, on cyber intelligence and surveillance.

“Last year our cyber defences blocked around 400,000 advanced malicious cyber threats against the government’s secure internet alone, so the threat is real,” he told delegates.

“But simply building cyber defences is not enough: as in other domains of warfare, we also have to deter. Britain will build a dedicated capability to counterattack in cyberspace

and if necessary to strike in cyberspace.”

He did not go into details on who was attacking Britain’s infrastructure, but government sources have said a large number of such assaults have originated in China or Russia.

Separately, he told the *Mail* on Sunday newspaper that clinical “cyber strikes” could disable enemy communications, nuclear and chemical weapons, planes, ships and

other hardware.

“Our commanders can use cyber weapons alongside conventional weapons in future conflicts,” he said in the newspaper.

Hammond told the conference the government would recruit hundreds of experts in the coming months from a variety of backgrounds, including civilian computer experts, to join what he called a new Joint Cyber Reserve.

Reuters



A man walks past a sign at the headquarters of telecommunications company Etisalat in Dubai on 25 Oct, 2011. —REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Siemens to cut 15,000 jobs by autumn 2014



MUNICH, (Germany), 30 Sept — The German engineering giant Siemens plans to cut 15,000 jobs, including 5,000 in Germany, by autumn 2014, a spokesman said here on Sunday.

Cutting 15,000 jobs is part of a 6-billion-euro cost cutting program named "Siemens 2014", which started from a year ago, the spokesman said.

The announced number of job cuts is even beyond analysts' estimation. The *Welt am Sonntag* newspa-

per had earlier reported that analysts estimate that about 10,000 jobs would be cut.

In Germany, about 2,000 jobs will be cut at the company's industry division and 1,400 each at its energy division and infrastructure division, according to the spokesman. Siemens and its employee representatives have already reached an agreement over about half of the job cuts and both sides have had clear knowledge of the other half, which are due to be cut by next autumn, in

order to end wild speculations in the market about the number of jobs which are about to be cut, the spokesman added.

The Munich-based company's total number of global workers will firstly not shrink. It still expects to close the current fiscal year on Monday with around 370,000 workers. As the spokesman said, when Siemens cuts jobs in some areas, new people will be hired in other growth areas.—*Xinhua*

Glencore seen unlikely to bid for OZ Minerals

MELBOURNE, 30 Sept — Glencore Xstrata Plc is unlikely to pounce on OZ Minerals Ltd, a banker who knows both companies well said on Monday, playing down a report in a British newspaper that said Glencore was weighing a 750 million pound (\$1.2 billion) takeover offer.

The *Mail* on Sunday reported that Glencore had acquired up to a 10 percent stake in OZ Minerals, citing City sources, and said OZ Minerals had appointed UBS (UBSN.VX) as a defence adviser.

OZ Minerals said on Monday it had received no proposal nor any substantial shareholder notice from Glencore. Under Australian rules, any investor directly holding at least 5 percent of a stock must disclose their ownership.

A banker who knows both Glencore and OZ Minerals well doubted Swiss-based Glencore would have any interest in OZ Minerals as Glencore is looking to conserve cash, and said

even if OZ was a bargain its assets would not be a good fit.

OZ Minerals owns the Prominent Hill copper mine in South Australia, whose costs are rising as its mine life runs out. The mine's copper is exported to China, so would not provide any feed for Glencore's Mt Isa operation.

"There's no obvious synergy," the banker said, declining to be identified because he was not authorized to speak on behalf of Glencore.

OZ Minerals' other

key asset is the undeveloped Carrapateena deposit in South Australia, which Glencore would not want as it is selling off some undeveloped copper assets and has made clear it has no interest in spending on new mines.

OZ Minerals is sitting on A\$433 million (\$403.36 million) in cash, hunting for producing mines that could boost its output as Prominent Hill output declines, while it weighs whether to develop Carrapateena.

Reuters



The logo of commodities trader Glencore is pictured in front of the company's headquarters in the Swiss town of Baar on 20 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Toshiba to cut 3,000 staff in ailing TV division

TOKYO, 30 Sept — Toshiba Corp (6502.T) said on Monday it would cut 50 percent of staff in its loss-making TV unit and cease production at two of its three overseas factories before the end of this fiscal year. Toshiba said it would increase outsourced production to 70 percent from 40 percent and reduce its global staff in the division by 3,000, with two-thirds of those positions overseas. In July it said it would move 400 staff, included in that figure, to other business

units.

The company did not say which two of its three factories in China, Indonesia and Poland it would close.

Toshiba's TV segment has been in the red for the past two years due to weak global sales, partly due to a slowdown in Europe and a fall in domestic demand after a short-lived boost from the switch to digital broadcasting.

In July the company announced plans to cut a combined 10 billion yen



The logo of Toshiba Corp is seen at the company's news conference venue in Tokyo on 17 May, 2012.—REUTERS

(\$101 million) in costs in its television and PC businesses this fiscal year, and then double that figure in the following year to cope with weak demand.

The company said it expected the measures to help its TV division to swing into the black in the second half of this fiscal year.—*Reuters*

Roche immunotherapy drug may be 'game changer' in lung cancer

AMSTERDAM, 30 Sept — An experimental Roche drug that seems to work particularly well against lung cancer in smokers may be a "game changer" for these normally difficult-to-treat patients, researchers said on Sunday.

Presenting detailed data from an early-stage trial of the drug, called MPDL3280A, in patients with a form of the disease called non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), investigators said what they had found was "great news for lung cancer patients".

Of 53 patients with NSCLC tumours treated with the drug, 23 percent saw their tumours shrink, according to results presented at the European Cancer Congress (ECC) in

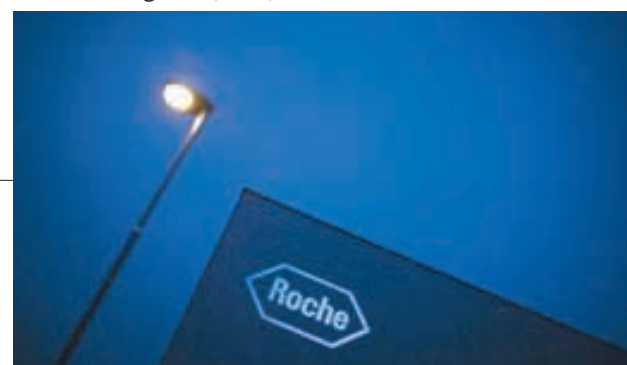
Amsterdam.

But the most encouraging numbers were among smokers, where the response rate was 26 percent compared with 10 percent of patients who had never smoked, said Professor Jean-Charles Soria of France's Institut Gustave Roussy, who led the study.

Lung cancer, which is usually caused by smoking, is extremely difficult to treat successfully and once it has started to spread to other parts of the body, it is incurable.

Roche's MPDL3280A is an engineered antibody that targets a protein called PD-L1 — a defence mechanism that tumours use to trick the immune system's T-cells into being inactive.

Reuters



A logo of Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche is pictured in front of a company's building in Rotkreuz, on 12 April, 2012.—REUTERS

Psychiatric drug use in preschoolers stabilizing

NEW YORK, 30 Sept — By the end of the last decade, psychiatric medications were being used less often in very young children, a new study suggests. Researchers found the percentage of children prescribed antipsychotics, stimulants and antidepressants at doctors' visits spiked in the mid-2000s but leveled off again between 2006 and 2009.

"I'm very excited that the use of these drugs in this age group seems to be stabilizing," Dr Tanya Froehlich, the study's senior author from Cincinnati

Children's Hospital Medical Centre in Ohio, told *Reuters Health*.

"It's good to get a gauge on what we're doing with psychotropic medications in this age group, because we really don't know what these medications do to the developing brain," she said.

Previous studies have tried to estimate the use of psychiatric, or psychotropic, drugs among preschoolers, Froehlich and her colleagues write in *Pediatrics*. But those studies tended to focus on one class of medication or only a segment of

the population.

For the new study, the researchers pulled national data from 1994 to 2009 on about 43,500 doctors' visits for kids aged two to five.

During that time, the proportion of psychotropic drug prescriptions varied between one prescription for every 217 doctors' visits in 1998 and one for every 54 visits in 2004.

Overall, the researchers found about 1.0 percent of preschoolers left doctors' visits with a psychotropic prescription between 1994 and 1997. That rate fell to about 0.8 percent between

Constitution Assessment Joint Committee meets



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa delivers address at Constitution Assessment Joint Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—The Constitution Assessment Joint Committee held its meeting (2/2013) at the meeting hall of the Hluttaw Office, here, this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of the Constitution Assessment Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Vice-Chairman of the Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, the joint committee members Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

Chairman of the joint committee U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Vice-Chairman U Mya Nyein delivered addresses at the meeting.

Then, Secretary of the joint committee U Aye Mauk touched upon work progress on the minutes of the meeting (1/2013).

The joint committee chairman, the vice-chairman and those present participated in the discussions about their respective sectors.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remark of the joint committee chairman.—MNA

Union Health Minister receives No-Tobacco Award

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—A ceremony to present WHO World No-Tobacco Day 2013 Award to the Union Minister for Health by World Health Organization was held at the University of Public Health on Myoma Kyaung Street, here, yesterday morning. At the ceremony, Rector Dr Nay Soe Maung of the university, Acting WHO Resident Representative Dr Jigmi Singay and WHO South-East Asia Regional Director Dr Samlee Plianbagchang extended greetings. The WHO South-East Asia Regional director presented WHO World No-Tobacco Day 2013 Award to Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin.

Then, the Union minister said that Myanmar has been implementing anti-tobacco activities for over one decade. Although only knowledge sharing and discussion were conducted to the people in the past, Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product Law was enacted in 2006 in Myanmar, he added. It needs to amend the law and raise public awareness in accord with Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product International Convention and related agreements Myanmar had signed, the Union minister said. He pledged to push ahead the task with the participation of departments concerned, social organizations and people.

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Trade promotion discussed

YANGON, 30 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung met Bangkok-based Mongolian Ambassador Mr Chimeddorj Batumur at his office, here, on 26 September.

They had a cordial discussion on cooperation in business and trade sectors between Myanmar and Mongolia and promotion of business between the businessmen of the two countries.—MNA

Appointment of Finnish Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Ms. Kirsti WESTPHALEN as non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Finland to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.

Ms. Kirsti WESTPHALEN was born in Helsinki in 1953. She got a Master Degree of Political Science from the University of Helsinki in 1981 and Master of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Durham in 2005. The Ambassador joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Embassies abroad in Beijing, New York, Damascus and Robat. Ms. Kirsti WESTPHALEN worked for Ministry of the Environment as a Special Advisor from 1999 to 1992. She was a Consul General of Finland to Los Angeles from 2008 to 2012. Recently Ms. Kirsti WESTPHALEN resides in Bangkok as Ambassador of Finland to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Ms. Kirsti WESTPHALEN will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador of the Republic of Finland to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok, Thailand. She is married.

Appointment of Portuguese Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Louis Manuel Barreira de Sousa as non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Portugal to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Louis Manuel Barreira de Souza was born in Lisbon on 25 October 1957. He got a bachelor of economy at the Portuguese Catholic University and a master degree in international relations at John Hopkins University. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in March 1983 then served in various capacities at the office of State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Cooperatives and the Diplomatic Missions in Harare, Luanda, Sarajevo and Geneva. In 1997, he was Deputy Director General of National Defence Policy at the Ministry of Defense. In 2009, he was accredited as Portuguese Ambassador to East Timor. Since April 2013 he has been serving as Portuguese Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Union FM felicitates Chinese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—On the Occasion of the 64th Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 October 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

Union FM felicitates Nigerian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which falls on 1 October 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Olugbenga Ashiru, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.—MNA

Union FM felicitates Cypriot counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus, which falls on 1 October 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ioannis Kasoulides, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus.—MNA

Workshop on Broadcasting Law (Draft) held



Director-General of MRTV U Tint Swe addresses Workshop on Broadcasting Law (Draft).—MNA

YANGON, 30 Sept—Myanmar Radio and Television Workshop on Broadcasting Law (Draft), organized by the Ministry of Information, was held at

Inya Lake Hotel, here, this morning.

Director-General of MRTV U Tint Swe addressed the opening ceremony. Head of Office, Programme Manager for UNESCO Mr. Sardar Umar Alam extended greetings.

Media Development Specialist Mr. Ramon Guillerno R. Tuazon touched upon the Broadcasting Law (Draft).

U Zeyar, Director of MRTV, clarified the Broadcasting Law (Draft) and answered the queries raised by those present on the occasion. The workshop was attended by departmental heads and officials of the Ministry of Information and officials from Philippine, French, US, Vietnamese, German, Bangkok-based Swedish and Brunei embassies, UNESCO, UNDP, UNOHCHR, JICA, Myanmar Press Council (Interim), nine foreign news agencies and 27 publications.—MNA

AT THE SUNSET OF LIFE

- * Morning, noon and evening of man's life
He has to struggle with all might
May be likened to a day's journey
By sunset, man is weary with drudgery.
- * Lives of older persons are like sunset
Aged parents should assume love and respect
Should be given preference and top priority
By the members of their own family.
- * Though they regard themselves as useless ones
Be provided with necessities they should earn
The younger never fail to show sympathy
T's a fine tradition in Myanmar society.
- * As they worked and struggled in communities
They cannot be denied even little amenities
Besides all the little comforts of life
Which they are entitled as a right.
- * Older persons are essential and so vibrant
What they have done are more radiant
Not to leave them in desperate plight
Before their real exit from this life.
- * Their experiences are regarded as gold
Still act as heads of the household
Sons and daughters know the filial duty
For the last leg of life's journey.

Maung Swe Ngae

LOCAL NEWS

Pindaya hospital gets new patient wards

PINDAYA, 30 Sept—The government built a series of wards for hospital in Pindaya in Danu Self-Administered Zone with the funding of K 300 million in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The new facilities include men's ward,

women's ward, meeting hall, fences, water treatment system and water tanks.

The opening ceremony was held on 26 September.

Chairman of Leading Body of Danu Self-Administered Zone U Htoo Ko Ko, Shan State Health

Officer Dr Than Htut Oo, Township Health Officer Dr Than Min Htut formally opened the facilities.

Danu Self-Administered Zone Leading Body and Cedana Mon Drinking Water and Blood Donors Association, Saung Hayman Company, U San Htin and family, military officers, Inlay Hotel, Kan Pwint Robes House and Daw Ohn Yin and families donated cash and medical equipment to the hospital.

MMAL-Moe Moe Htway-Pindaya

Construction and architectural design exhibition held

YANGON, 30 Sept—CEMS Co Ltd of Singapore and NMT Co Ltd of Myanmar organized a construction and architectural design exhibition at Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon Region on 25-27 September.

The event was

sponsored by Myanmar Engineering Society, Myanmar Architects Society and Myanmar AGTI Society.

A total of 32 companies displayed 45 booths. Myanmar architects participated in discussion with international field experts.

MMAL-Maung Thein

Dentists provide free dental care to students

YANGON, 30 Sept—Myanmar Dental Association (Yangon Region Branch) Chairman Professor Dr Pwint Phu and 30 dentists visited Aung monastic school in Hlinethaya Township on 22 September.

They provided dental care to the students from 9

am to 3 pm.

They also gave educative talks on dental care to some 800 students of the school and provided dental treatment.

They then presented toothbrushes and food to the students and donated cash to the school.

MMAL-Aung Aung



The 20th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions and National Races Traditional Performing Arts Competitions in Langhkiio District in southern Shan State were held at Ngwewady Hall in Langhkiio on 25 September.—DISTRICT IPRD

Agriculture

Fertilizers presented to Mohnyin farmers

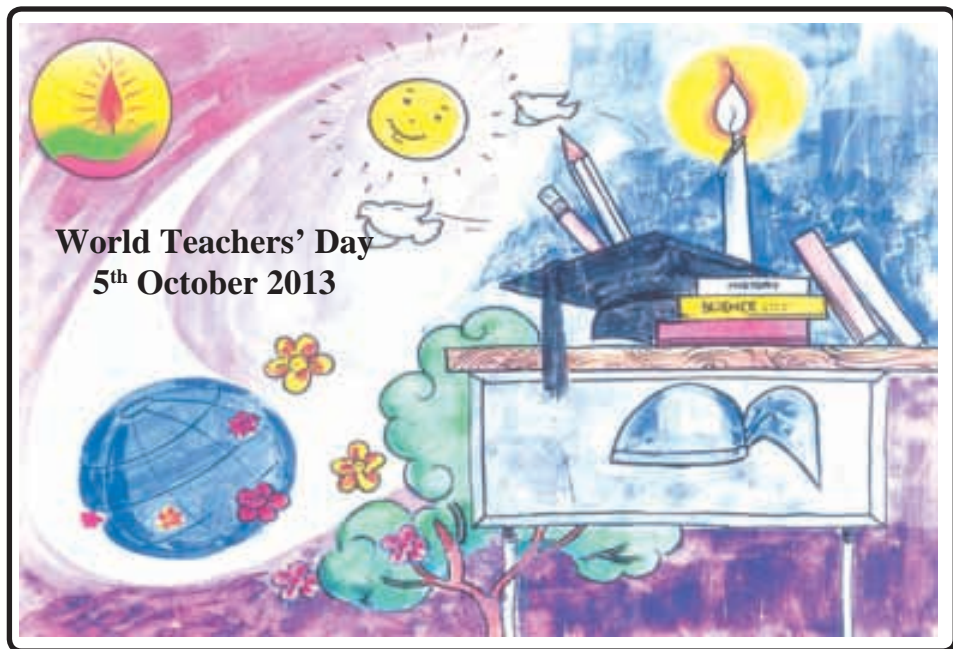
MOHNYIN, 30 Sept—The District Deputy Commissioner and the Township Administrator in Mohnyin Township in Kachin State met local farmers in Myaynu village Dhammayon in Myothitkalay village-tract in Hopin Sub-Township in Mohnyin Township on 26 September.

The authorities elaborated on efforts to

improve socio-economic status of the people and the use of marketable and high-yield paddy strains.

Taungthu Swan Ah Co Ltd provided the farmers with 50 bags of Urea, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Soe Lay K 300,000 for repair of Myaynu village Basic Education Middle School (branch) and honorarium for the elders.

MMAL-State IPRD



World Teachers' Day 5th October 2013

Development

Mandalay Region government meets Turkish guests

MANDALAY, 30 Sept—The Mandalay Region government led by Chief Minister U Ye Myint met Team Delegation Leader of Ministry of Family and Social Policy Mr Orhan Bilge and Third Secretary of Turkish Embassy Mr Ahmet Yildiz and party at the Region government office, here, on 26 September evening.

The meeting was also attended by Region Ministers U Than Soe Myint and Dr Win Hlaing and Region government



Secretary U Ohn Lwin. They exchanged views on the friendly ties between Myanmar and Turkey in a frank manner.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Disaster Risk Reduction

Disaster prevention drill conducted in Ngathaingyoung

NGATHAINGGYOUNG, 30 Sept—International Disaster Risk Reduction Day was organized in Ngathaingyoung Sub-Township in Yekyi Township in Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region on 27 September morning.

It was organized by Myanmar Disaster Risk Management Committee, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ayeyawady Region Government

and Ayeyawady Region Disaster Risk Management Committee.

The flood prevention drill was carried out at the ceremony.

Ayeyawady Region Rescue and Resettlement Department Deputy Director U Than Soe, Ayeyawady Region Information and Public Relations Department Deputy Director U Ngwe Tun, Pathein District Deputy Commissioner U

Khin Maung Lay, the Yekyi Township Administrator, the Ngathaingyoung Sub-Township Administrator, the officials of the Meteorology and Hydrology Department, Fire Services Department, Agriculture and Irrigation Department and other related departments, Persons with Disabilities Association, War Veterans' Organization, Ngathaingyoung Sub-Township Disaster Management teams, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, students and some 1000 people joined the drill. The deputy commissioner briefed on the purpose of organizing the drill.

According to a local people in Ngawun ward, the drill was helpful to the local who often witnessed the flood.

MMAL-Thein Zaw (Shwe Li Oo)



Livestock Breeding

Fingerlings released into farmland in Salin

SALIN, 30 Sept—Fingerlings were released into farmlands of farmer U Hla Win in Myaynigon village in Paungtu village-tract in Salin Township of Magway Region on 21 September in order to improve socio-economic status of the rural people by increasing income options for the rural farmers.

The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Tun Thein, Pwintpyu Township Fisheries Department officials, members of social organizations and local people of the villages.

It is also aimed at contributing to rural development and poverty alleviation efforts.

MMAL-Sit Kyi (Salin)

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 1 October, 2013

Democracy culture

If we want a promising democracy in our country, we all must strike a balance between accountability, transparency and freedom the main factors shaping a high-standard human society.

In fact, democracy evolves through different approaches and ways depending on how or in what way historical background of a nation and its people's lifestyles, traditions and customs, values, political parties, political, economic and social organizations and the entire people or all the stakeholders are shaping democracy.

As our political transition is from centralized system to democracy governance the responsibility of shaping our own democracy culture in our own way falls on every one of us. Here we must understand that factors such as mindset maturity, vision and discipline are indivisible with democracy.

And the initial steps have already been taken for all the Myanmar people to enjoy more rights, and to have their say in public affairs management as well as in the political decision-making process. One important thing here is although the people can express their wishes, they must stay away from harming others' rights and hate speech or hate lectures.

In democracy not only the governments have decision-making power. The people themselves participate equally in choosing the administrative system and values they aspire. Myanmar is among the countries with resolve towards democratization, and her people are making bold steps in building a modern democratic nation. From political and economic reforms to peace, nation-building and national integration, we are reshaping our society and raising democracy values.

So, we urge the entire people of Myanmar to cooperatively and energetically take part in the mission of further promoting democracy culture through the ongoing democratic reforms so that every one of us can fully enjoy the essence of democracy in the near future.

Talks on Prospects and Challenges to ASEAN Integration in 2015 held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Director of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) delivered Talk on "Prospects and Challenges to ASEAN Integration in 2015" jointly conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and The Asia Foundation, the United States of America which headquarters is located in San Francisco was held at Winzinyarzar Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yangon at 2 pm, today, with the opening remarks delivered by U Myint Lwin, Deputy Director-General for Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On the Occasion, Dr. Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Director of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) delivered Talk on "Prospects and Challenges to ASEAN Integration in 2015".

Also present on the occasion were officials from Yangon Region Government, invitees from Governmental Organizations, members of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), Mrs. Kim Ngoc Bau Ninh, Country Representative of the Asia Foundation and representatives from Foreign Embassies in Yangon as well as professors and students from invited Universities.—MNA

OLDER PERSONS IN OUR SOCIETY

Whenever the birthdays of our family members come round, we usually make a donation to the Home for the Aged in our native town. The Home is founded in memory of our late Headmistress, named Daw Pike Mi who was well-known for her good performance while she was working as an efficient headmistress of the State High School in Wakema.

The aims of the Home are—to accommodate and render help and care to the homeless aged; to create a peaceful and tranquil atmosphere for all residents during their dotage and infirmity; and to render a helping hand and assistance to the needy aged people with the provision of free meal, accommodation, medical care, social amenities, psychological security and peace of mind.

Situated as it is at the head of the town, the Home for the Aged is airy and gets all the sunshine. Only a limited number of the aged are accepted into the Home where they are provided with good beds and a larger space to enjoy comfort and peace. On our birthdays, when we reach the Home, we usually have pleasure to see them eating with relish. This is founded by a group of well-wishers and privately run by the well-wishers of the township. Now it can stand on its own feet.

What I mean is that as long as we have such homes for the aged in addition to the ones financed by the government, we can be sure about the future of the older persons in our country.

Since 1915, over 70 homes for the aged have been built to accommodate helpless and neglected old persons who are entirely without dependents and in desperate plight. According to the statistics, the rate of those who are 60 years and older hits 9.1 percent in Myanmar which has a population of about 60 million.

According to the United Nations Popula-

tion Division, which defines older persons as those 60 years and older:

- One of every 10 persons is now 60 years or older. By the year 2050, one of five will be 60 years or older; by 2150, it will be one of three persons.

- The older population itself is ageing. Currently, persons 80 years and older constitute 11 percent of the population aged 60 and above. By 2050, 27 percent of the older population will be over 80 years old.

(Ref. Towards a society for all ages, by Po Thet Shay, the Guardian Monthly Magazine, April 1999, p.23)

No one can deny that man is growing older and older with the passage of time. And no one can avoid it. Old age is the last leg of life's journey.

Throughout the history, human beings have

change. Since 1950, the proportion of the world's population over 60 years old has changed with the population of some developing countries ageing at a more rapid than developed countries. The impact of the world's ageing population growth on socio-economic policies and the culture of societies is already threatening the governments. Likewise, the situation of older persons and its impact on a nation's resources call for immediate study and solution.

In developing countries, another problem people are facing is that workforce is decreasing while the number of older persons is on the increase. It is for this reason that most governments in cooperation with the non-governmental organizations and civil societies come to pay attention to noble work of caring for the aged, seeking the ways and means on ageing and technology.

Maung Hlaing

lived on average a mere forty or fifty years—a life span statistics heavily influenced by deaths in infancy. It is only in the past over fifty years when improvements in healthcare have enabled more people to survive into adult life. Thus, there has been an acceleration in longevity and increasing proportion of old people in the population.

We have learned that US women over the age of eighty have lower death rates than their contemporaries in Western Europe or Japan, which may be due to the benefits of medical care. Some raise the question, "Why prolong life if the extra years are to be spent in misery or dependence?" People come to talk about the "health expectancy" and "life expectancy".

However, governments are as eager as their populace to increase health expectancy because of the cost of healthcare for an increasing long-lived population.

The world today is facing two challenges: climate change and demographic

change. In some countries, authorities as well as well-wishers come to consider to build Age Friendly Buildings, Age Friendly Community and Age Friendly City and so on to solve the problems on older persons.

Indeed, Myanmar society is quite different from other societies.

In Myanmar society, people have a fine tradition which has been handed down by the ancestors. It can be called the tender nature and mentality of Myanmar people who are living under the teachings of the Lord Buddha. This is "Respect the elders, have regard for the same age-group, and pity the younger"—which is the will to serve the wellbeing of the community with goodwill, or cetana.

According to the Myanmar traditional customs, the aged win the love, respect, reverence, esteem and obedience of the young. In a typical Myanmar family, grand-parents usually act as heads of the households. Grandpa and Grandma, Father and Mother, sons and daughters and

grand-children make a home sweet home. When Thadingyut Festival and Thingyan, or New Year Festival come, the young pay homage to the aged people with offerings in cash or kind. This lovely tradition has been observed and handed down to us by our forefathers since time immemorial.

As long as Myanmar people have the tradition of collectively building houses for the feeble and aged persons and poor families of their communities.... As long as Myanmar people believe that serving the interests of the community and others can gain remarkable benefits in the present life as well as in the next existence, noble work of caring for the aged will never vanish in Myanmar society.

When people grow older, they come to think that they are hopeless and regard themselves as useless persons to the society.

However, older persons should rightfully deserve respects, well care and love.

Men are struggling between the womb and tomb. Throughout the morning, noon and evening of man's life which may be likened to a day's journey, man has to struggle to live his brief span. By sunset, man is weary with the day's work. And the lives of older persons are like the sunset. However, before these older persons have to go to sleep, they need all the little comforts of live which might have been denied throughout their lives.

As people who have worked and struggled all their lives, they cannot be denied the little amenities to which they are entitled before their exit from this life.

Let us take all measures to meet the needs of older persons who have done their best. May all the people in the world happily celebrate the International Day of Older Persons all over the world!

NATIONAL

Use development aid...

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in the people-centered development, the work committee for managing foreign loans/grants and the national economic and social advisory council under the central committee for managing foreign loans and grants have been formed, the President said.

The central committee laid down policies and directives while the work committee working together with the central committee is obliged to work together with the central committee and the council for the equitable development of the regions, he said. The national economic and social advisory council is also cooperating with the central and working committees to be able to divide the grants and loans effectively, he added.

He urged the working groups to cooperate with donor organizations while working for implementing priorities and projects in accordance with the framework.

He also stressed the need for active cooperation between working groups to use foreign grants, loans and technical assistance and projects.



Union Minister at President Office U Soe Thane makes explanation.—MNA

Regarding the implementation of projects and region/state development projects, he called for practicing the bottom-up policy which is based on the socio-economy of the people.

Yearly plans and a five-year plan based on economic and social reform framework and four economic policies will be laid down and implemented. National Comprehensive Development Plan 2011-2031 is being implemented, aiming at ensuring long-term benefit for the people. It is required to perform coordination and negotiation between the Union ministries and region/state governments and to ensure harmonious

combination of planning and financing in implementing the tasks. Moreover, it is necessary to cope with poverty alleviation and to



Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein gives explanation.—MNA

ensure development of rural regions home to 70 per cent of the country's population.

The President called for allocation of funds to implement sector-wise investment projects in accord with the township development project, urban development project and region/state development project, saying that public awareness and mass participation are imperative for formulation and implementation of projects.

Host country will have to play a role of the driving force after accepting aid and loans and more efforts are needed to achieve the people-centred development goal. Moreover, the millennium development goals are to be realized at the same time.

It is required to use development aid effectively and efficiently. It is necessary to carry out Monitoring and Evaluation-M&E on the projects in order that development assistance can be translated into an effective one, thereby contributing towards practical benefits for the people.

With the aim of valuing financial sources, taking a comparison between cost and profit into consideration is necessary for promoting socio-economic development indicators and making development aid and budget allocation effective.

During the remaining 29-month of the government, great strides are to be made in fulfilling the basic needs of the people and giving a high priority to availability of electricity and drinking water, agriculture sector development, job creation and sectors of tourism, banking, trade and investment.

Grant aid, loan, local

investment and FDI are to be used in implementing sector-wise and region-wise development projects, instead of relying on State budget only.

Arrangements are being made to ensure effective



Union Minister U Win Shein makes clarification.—MNA

utilization of natural resources and to improve the people-centred services for people-centred development.

The President pointed out systematic management on aid, interest-free loan, low interest loan and foreign direct investment for ensuring effective development aid so that more aid and investment will go to the country. He concluded his speech stressing the need for a harmonious approach towards other ongoing domestic economic reforms and changes in institutional rules and regulations.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Soe Thane, chairman of the work committee for managing foreign assistance, said the committee has worked for implementing 10 sectors included in the economic and social framework comprising financial and tax system reforms, financial and budget sector reforms, relaxation for trade and tax system, development of private sector, health, education, food sufficiency and development of agricultural sector, governance system and transparency, mobile and Internet infrastructure and for becoming good government.

The 10 sectors should be considered as the barometer for using grants and loans from international countries and seven sectors which are given priorities are power supply, drinking water supply, agriculture, creating job opportunities, tourism, financial sector, trade sector and investment sector, he added.

To seek budget for the above sectors, it needs financial assistance from the

government budget, investment and international aids, he said.

He also suggested the government to create opportunities and plans for the private sector to get loans as it plays an important role in the country's economy.

He said that it is important to decide whether the



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw makes explanation.—MNA

country should seek loans or not depending on the budget of the country and necessary inputs for development of the economy.

It is estimated that the current inputs are not enough to boost the country's economy in order to meet the millennium development goals in 2015, he added.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein also called for promoting the private sector with the use of loans and grants as the government budget is not enough to boost the country's economy.

He also suggested the ministries to draw plans that should be given priorities for the development of the respective ministries and to draw schemes for grants and loans for the plans.

Regarding the use of State budget, he called for spending the State budget on development of the sectors, not on the ministries.

He urged the ministries who would receive loans and grants to draw the debt management plans for giving back their loans to lenders.

Union Minister U Win Shein gave an account of foreign debts before and after 1988 and repayment of debts.

Then, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw explained foreign aid and loans of development partners and international organizations to Myanmar, Japan's ODA, loans of EXIM Bank (EDCF) of the ROK, loans of EXIM Bank of the PRC, different rules between low

interest loans and soft loans of ADB, WB and IMAD, the list of ministries receiving loans for respective sectors from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 and projects that are run by loans, development aid, loans and technology provided by partners, international financial institutions and UN agencies, proposed loans and unused loans and development assistance.

Next, Governor of the



Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung gives explanation.—MNA

Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung reported on establishment of CBM Net that will be assisted by JICA, arrangements for signing of Exchange of Note (EN) and relaxation of rules and regulations in financial sector of Myanmar.

In his concluding speech, the President stressed the need to lay a sound foundation on which sustainable development can be realized, pointing out that remarkable progress cannot be made within four or five years and it took around 30 years to see development in some countries. The government is responsible to lay a sound foundation for economic development. As laying sound foundations calls for capitals, human resources and technology, works are underway to fulfill such requirements in cooperation with the international community.

He called on departments concerned that are receiving foreign aid to firmly grab the opportunity while the country sees inflow of foreign capitals and technologies to a certain extent, to use them effectively and efficiently. The ministries are to implement the tasks without delay, to make a close link and constant coordination with development partners and to spend unused funds on projects that bring benefits to the people, he added.—MNA

Curriculum Vitae of New Zealand Speaker of House of Representatives Rt. Hon. David Carter

Speaker of House of Representatives of New Zealand Rt. Hon. David Carter was born on 3rd April, 1952. He got a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree. He served as an organizer of the House of Representatives from 1996 to 1998, as the Minister of the Senior Citizens, the Associate Minister of Revenue, the Associate Minister of Food, Fibre, Biosecurity and Border Control, the Associate Minister of Education from 1998 to 1999, as the Associate Spokesperson of Finance from 1999 to 2003, as the Spokesperson of Housing from 2003 to 2005, as the Spokesperson of Tourism from 2005 to 2006, as the Chairperson of the Primary Production Committee from 2005 to 2008, as the Minister of Agriculture, of Biosecurity and of Forestry from 2008 to 2011, as the Minister of



Local Government and of Primary Industries from 2012 to 2013. From 13 January, 2013 to date, he is serving as the Speaker of House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Business Committee, the Chairman of the Officers of Parliament Committee and the Member of the Standing Orders Committee.

At the invitation of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, the Speaker and party will pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar in the near future.

Doh Kyay Ywa journals donated to village libraries

MEIKTILA, 30 Sept—The meeting on development of youth in rural regions was held in conjunction with the publication donation to village libraries at ActionAid Hall in Aung San Ward of Meiktila on 24 September.

Staff Officer of Township Planning Department U Myint Aung, Staff Officer U Myint Aye of Meiktila District Information and Public Relations Department and School Health Officer Dr Daw Kaythi explained ways to solve the problems the youth faced in participation in the regional development tasks, tasks for development of village libraries and sharing of knowledge for school health activities.

They then replies to queries raised by May Thiri Min Han of Action Aid Township Project,

HRD

Free computer course kicks off in Mingin

MINGIN, 30 Sept—Chan Myae Aungsi Education Foundation in Mingin Township of Sagaing Region conducted the free computer course as of 15 August.

On 26 September, the

training course concluded. Patron of the foundation the Sayadaw made an Ovada Katha at the ceremony.

Officials presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

The ceremony was

attended by departmental officials, members of social organizations and course instructors.

The training course was fourth time of its kind, attended by 48 trainees.

Kyemon-Lin Let Kyei Sinn

Township development tasks discussed in Kalay Tsp



KALAY, 30 Sept—A meeting on township development of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region was held at the hall of the Township Development Supportive Committee on 27 September afternoon.

It was attended by Hluttaw representatives, members of District Management Com-

mittee, Township Supportive Committee and townselders.

Chairman of the Township Supportive Committee U Than Tun made a speech. Township Management Committee Chairman U Aye Naing said that the administrators are to take responsibility for governance to

the Township Supportive Committee U Gin Khant Pawng explained the cash donated by wellwishers are saved at the bank systematically for spending it on the development tasks.

At the meeting, those present discussed future tasks for development of the township.

Kyemon-Lin Let Kyei Sinn

Traffic rules knowledge shared in Nyaunglebin



NYAUNGLEBIN, 30 Sept—The educative talks on traffic rules, jointly and youths from 30 villages including Myaingtha, Magyicho, Khanbingon, Hsatbyagyin, Omatway, Swadaw and Kyargan villages.

After that, the staff officer of District Information and Public Relations Department handed over copies of Doh Kyay Ywa journals to the village libraries through youths.—*Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)*

organized by Nyaunglebin Township Police Force and Traffic Police Corps, was held at Aung Soe Moe Hall of No 20 Light Infantry Regiment in Nyaunglebin Station yesterday.

On behalf of the station commander, Officiating Major Kyaw Thu Myint made a speech.

IP Win Naing of Nyaunglebin Police Station explained significant points for rape case and IP Zaw Lin Thant of Traffic Police Corps traffic rules.

Later, Officiating Major Kyaw Thu Myint made a concluding remark.

Police Force Police Major Tin Aung, Police Captain Thet Lwin of the Township Police Force, Leader of Surveillance Squad IP Win Htut Aung, officials and families totalling about 300.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Land Utilization Management Committee meets

Next, police officer presented pamphlets on traffic rules to the attendees.

Also present on the occasion were Major San Naing Oo, Major Myo Thura Kyaw, Commander of Township

MAGWAY, 30 Sept—Magway Region Land Utilization Management Committee held the meeting 2/2013 at the hall of Magway Region Government on 27 September morning.

Chief Minister of the region U Phone Maw Shwe made an opening address.

The Secretary of Region Land Utilization Management Committee Head of Region Settlement and Land Records Department reported on work plans.

Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Lin Aung and departmental officials participated in the discussions. The head of Region Settlement and Land Records Department replied to the discussions.

Next, the meeting ended with remarks by the chairman of the committee Chief Minister of the region.

The meeting focused that the investigation committee will be formed for the confiscation of farmlands and other lands; a total of 32 cases of farmland and other land confiscation have been received in the region; the land areas allotted to the agriculture, livestock breeding and projects include the farmlands of the farmers; reasonable compensation will be given for confiscated lands by the State for construction of railroads, motor roads and airport, and the unusable lands will be systematically handed over to the original owners.

Tin Tun Oo



Construction

Sanmya Thida River-crossing Bridge commissioned

KYAUKSE, 30 Sept—Sanmya Thida Samon River-crossing steel cable suspension bridge was put into service linking Nwattetgon Village of TadaU Township and Sinkunka Village of Kyaukse Township in Mandalay Region on 26 September.

At the ceremony,

Township Administrator U Khin Maung Than, Engineer U Kyaw Min of Township Public Works and townselder U Htay Oo formally opened the bridge.

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Township Administrator made a speech. He explained the emergence of the suspension bridge will contribute much to rural development and it will be an engine for improvement of transportation sector in the region, he said.

The bridge materials were donated by the Swit

citizen and contributed K 36 million by local people.

The bridge is 230 feet long and six feet wide. Thanks to the bridge, the local people will enjoy fruits of better transport between TadaU and Kyaukse Township.—*Kyemon-Thet Maung (Kyaukse District IPRD)*



REGIONAL

Tokyo Electric set to receive \$5.9 bln financing

TOKYO, 30 Sept — Creditors are set to provide \$5.9 billion in financing to Tokyo Electric Power Co (9501.T) (Tepco), a person involved in the talks told *Reuters* on Monday, offering a lifeline to the embattled owner of the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant.

Tepco's major banks are prepared to provide 500 billion yen in financing in December — 200 billion yen in loan rollovers and 300 billion yen in new financing — said the person, who has been involved in financing talks as a repre-

sentative of one of the utility's major creditors.

At the same time, Tepco's application on Friday to restart an undamaged nuclear plant helped convince some wavering smaller banks to join a group of 28 financial institutions in rolling over 77 billion yen in loans due at end-October, the person said.

The utility's success in winning a refinancing of the loans due next month was previously reported by the *Nikkei* and *Asahi* newspapers. The outcome of the larger funding round due in

December has not been previously reported.

Tepco on Friday applied to restart its Kashiwazaki Kariwa facility, the world's largest nuclear plant in northwestern Japan, although approval is uncertain and any restart is many months away.

The company's president, Naomi Hirose, said in an interview published on Sunday that Tepco will likely make its first profit in three years in the year to March — without raising electricity rates or restarting reactors.



A man walking out is seen past Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO)'s logo at the company headquarters in Tokyo on 19 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Once Asia's largest utility, Tepco has posted more than \$27 billion in net losses since the March 2011 earthquake and tsuna-

mi triggered nuclear meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi plant. Tepco shares have fallen 71 percent since the disaster.—Reuters

Japanese woman robbed in Cambodia, injured by gunshot

PHNOM PENH, 30 Sept — A Japanese tourist was injured by gunshot on Saturday during a robbery as she was visiting a night market in Phnom Penh, police said on Sunday.

According to police, Sakiko Takayanagi, 33, from Saitama Prefecture, arrived in Cambodia with her sister earlier on Saturday and was robbed as they were visiting a night market in central Phnom Penh that evening.

Police said Takayanagi was shot in her left thigh after she resisted two robbers who tried to snatch a bag she was carrying.

Takayanagi told police that she had her passport, about \$300 in cash, a cellphone and other personal belongings in the bag.

The two robbers escaped from the scene on a motorcycle.

The police said Takayanagi was taken to a local clinic and she was not in a serious condition. Her younger sister was not injured.

The women had planned to stay in Cambodia for five days.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 29 Sept, 2013 shows a building on fire with dense smoke near the South 2nd Ring Road in Hohhot, capital of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. No injuries have been reported so far.—XINHUA

Drought declaration officially lifted with call for greater water storage in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 30 Sept — An official declaration of drought covering much of New Zealand after the worst dry spell in seven decades was formally lifted on Monday.

Primary Industries Minister Nathan Guy said rural communities had bounced back strongly after the drought, which began during the southern summer early this year.

"Earlier this year I extended the official drought declaration covering the entire North Island and West Coast of the South Island until the end of September. This was in recognition that the drought was the worst in 70 years and the need for support would continue through the winter," Guy said in a statement.

"Fortunately we have had an excellent winter with warm temperatures and decent rainfall. This has meant very good growing

conditions for most farmers across the country."

The drought had shown the importance of irrigation and water storage in a country that currently stored less than 2 percent of rainfall, said Guy.

"We don't have a shortage of rainfall in this country, we just don't have enough capacity to store and use that water in dry times," he said.

The government was investing 80 million NZ dollars (66.18 million US dollars) this year into the state-owned Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd to act as a bridging investor for irrigation projects, and planned to invest up to 400 million NZ dollars in regional-scale schemes.

The New Zealand Treasury has estimated that the drought could shave up to 1 percentage point off the country's economic growth figure this year.—Xinhua

Storm Wutip forecast to hit central Vietnam

HANOI, 30 Sept — Tropical storm Wutip, which is estimated to be the strongest storm to hit Vietnam's central region since 2006, is forecast to make a landfall from Vietnam's central Ha Tinh to Quang Tri provinces late Monday afternoon, according to the Vietnam National Hydro-Meteorological Forecast Centre.

At around 19:00 local time on Monday, the eye of the storm is predicted to hit those provinces' mainland with wind speeds ranging between 90 and 100 km per

hour, said the centre. Coastal provinces from Nghe An to Da Nang in central Vietnam were warned to cope with sea water rising from three to four meters.

In the following 24-48 hours, the storm is forecast to move northwest at 15-20 km per hour, before fading into a tropical depression.

During an urgent meeting Sunday, Deputy Prime Minister Hoang Trung Hai instructed relevant agencies and localities to take preventive measures to help local people evacuate to safe locations, local *Vietnam*

News reported on Monday.

Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung also made a request to leaders of the possible storm-hit provinces to cooperate with related agencies in minimizing property damage and loss of human life.

All fishing vessels operating offshore were ordered to find anchorage, while students in affected localities will be kept at home from schools.

Wutip will be the 10th tropical storm that hits Vietnam so far this year in 2013.—Xinhua

Chinese hybrid rice yield hits record

CHANGSHA, 30 Sept — A team led by Yuan Longping, known in China as "the father of hybrid rice" has made a record for hybrid rice production with an average yield of 988.1 kilograms per mu (0.0667 hectares).

Deng Qiyun, a member of the team, told *Xinhua* Sunday that the new progress has pushed China's hybrid rice study to a new level and greatly boosted the team's confidence to achieve the targeted production of 1,000 kg per mu.

The new record was confirmed by experts from the China National Rice Research Institute, the Wuhan University and the Fujian Academy of Agricultural Sciences, who actually harvested three lots of a farm of 101.2 mu growing the new hybrid rice known as "Y liangyou 900" on Saturday. The farm is located at Niuxing Village, Longhui County of central China's Hunan Province on Saturday. Officials from the

China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development Centre confirmed the development.

Yuan Longping, 83, an academic from the Chinese Academy of Engineering, developed the world's first hybrid rice in 1974.

The new progress is

approaching the 1,000 kg-per-mu target set by the Chinese Agriculture Ministry in 2013 after the yield of hybrid rice was raised to 963.65 kg per mu in 2012.

The yield of hybrid rice per mu in China surpassed 700 kg in 2000, 800 kg in 2005 and 900 kg in 2011 re-

spectively, according to the Agriculture Ministry.

China, the world's most heavily farmed country, faces problems including limited land and water resources, and rising pollution, making food security a major concern.

Xinhua



Fire rages from the blast site in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 29 Sep, 2013. The death toll of a blast that hit Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar on Sunday morning has risen to 39, said a local hospital official.—XINHUA

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

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)**

(9/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

<u>Sr.No</u>	<u>Tender No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Remark</u>
(1)	IFB -073(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for KG-2 kongsberg Gas Turbines	(47) Items	US \$
(2)	IFB -074(2013-2014)	High & Low Drum Clutch for ZJ 70 L Sr-1&2 Drilling Rigs	(2) Items	US \$
(3)	IFB -075(2013-2014)	1 Meter DEM or STRAMD Data (Myanmar)	(20) Nos	US \$
(4)	DMP/L-033(2013-2014)	9.00x20 Tyres, 12.00x24 Tyres 18 R 22.5 Tyres & 14.5x20 Tyres	(4) Items	Kyat
(5)	DMP/L-034(2013-2014)	Sercel 408 UL Line Cable Section for Acquisition Recording System	(1) Lot	Kyat
(6)	DMP/L-035(2013-2014)	Spare Parts for Mud Logging Unit Ex ZJ 70 L&ZJ 50 D Drilling Rigs	(1) Lot	Kyat
(7)	DMP/L-036(2013-2014)	2"Dia,4"Dia, 6"Dia and 8"Dia Rubber Hose Pipe	(4) Items	Kyat
(8)	DMP/L-037(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares For US\$ Oil Well Drilling Rig (20 Pin Plug and Receptacle)	(32) Sets	Kyat
(9)	DMP/L-038(2013-2014)	200 AMP Circuit Breaker and Speed Adjust Rheostat For ZJ 50 D Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat
(10)	DMP/L-039(2013-2014)	Electrical Cards For Mud Pump Field Thyristor of Main PCR Unit Ex D3 T2 Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 30-10-2013, 1300 Hrs.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 30th September, 2013 at the Firance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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China ready to help Sudan, South Sudan mend ties

KHARTOUM, 30 Sept— China stands ready to help improve the relationship between Sudan and South Sudan, the Chinese ambassador in the Sudanese capital said on Sunday.

"China appreciates the two parties' adherence to the option of peace and urges them to find solutions to the outstanding issues between them through dialogue," Luo Xiaoguang said at a reception to mark

the 64th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 Oct.

"We reiterate China's readiness to play a vital role in enhancing the relations between the two countries," he added.

Sudanese Petroleum Minister Awad Ahmed Al-Jaz conveyed his government's congratulations, saying "today we are celebrating the anniversary of

the founding of China and the bilateral ties between Sudan and China, which we present as a model for the peace-loving nations and for friendship and cooperation without intervention in the internal affairs."

Over 500 people, including government officials and diplomats from both countries, attended the reception held at the Friendship Hall in Khartoum.

Xinhua



Warships arrive at the Jervis Bay, Australia, on 29 Sept, 2013. Warships from 11 countries arrived at Jarvis Bay to take part in a marine security exercise held during the enlarged meeting of ASEAN Defence Ministers on Sunday. The exercise would last till Tuesday.—XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Michael Jackson verdict could shake up entertainment business model

LOS ANGELES, 30 Sept—The wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family of late pop star Michael Jackson against his concert promoter is now in the hands of a jury, and the verdict could have far-reaching implications for how the entertainment industry does business with its biggest stars.

The 21-week trial, which has opened a window into the private life and last days of the King of Pop, has put not only concert promoter AEG Live on trial but also the entertain-

ment industry's live-performance business model, analysts say.

After closing arguments concluded on Thursday, the judge sent the jury to deliberate and a verdict is expected some time next week, if not earlier. Jackson family lawyers have suggested in court documents that damages could exceed \$1 billion.

"If AEG is found liable, that puts these companies on the line for millions and billions of dollars, and it is already causing the industry to rethink how the



Brian Panish, attorney for the Michael Jackson family delivers his closing argument to jurors in a packed courtroom in Los Angeles, on 24 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

structure is set up," said Jo Piazza, the author of "Celebrity, Inc" and a celebrity branding consultant.

Currently, entertainment producers typically pay up-front sums running into millions of dollars to performers in exchange for being able to have greater control over some of the performers' affairs.

The lawsuit alleged that "AEG came to control much of Jackson's life. The

home Jackson lived in was provided by AEG; his finances were dependent on AEG, and his assets stood security if he failed to perform." Those assets included The Sony/ATV music catalog owned by Jackson, which even includes iconic Beatles songs.

The verdict "could have a chilling effect on how much micro-management of a star's life companies like AEG and

other production companies have," Piazza said.

"But the reason the micro-management even exists is to make sure that the celebrities, the talent, is in the best position possible to make money for the production company," she added. That kind of control is the crux of the wrongful death lawsuit filed by Jackson's mother, Katherine Jackson, and his three children.—Reuters

Katy Perry praises "genius" John Mayer

LOS ANGELES, 30 Sept—Singer Katy Perry has praised her boyfriend John Mayer's "genius" mind. She also says she wants to donate his brain to science and figure out "how all these sparks work".

"He literally is a genius, as is evident from his songwriting," contactmusic.com quoted Perry, 28, as saying.

"I always tell him, 'Darling, you know I'm going to have to give your mind to science after you've passed, because we're going to have to understand how all these sparks work,'" she added.—PTI

Artist uses robots to create art in three cities



Austrian artist Alex Kiessling creates a drawing in Vienna on 26 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

VIENNA, 30 Sept—An Austrian artist enlisted the help of two robots on Thursday to create a work of art simultaneously in Vienna, London and Berlin in what he called a world first.

Alex Kiessling used an infra-red sensor to trace the movements of his pen and send the signal via satellite to the industrial robots on Trafalgar Square and Breitscheidplatz that reproduced on canvas the lines he was drawing. Kiessling, 33, said that as he learned to work with the robots — it took more than six months

to perfect the technique and the software — he increasingly questioned the concepts of original and copy.

"What are the machines doing, actually?" he asked during a news conference. "It appeared to me in working with the machines that it was less about a kind of copy and more like a clone." The three versions of Kiessling's "hybrid head" — one full face with two half heads on either side — will be joined together and exhibited as a triptych in Vienna and London.

Reuters



Katy Perry says she wants to donate John's brain to science.—PTI

Miss Philippines crowned Miss World 2013 after protests

JAKARTA, 30 Sept—Miss Philippines was crowned Miss World 2013 on Saturday at a tightly guarded ceremony in Bali, Indonesia, after the contest was plagued by protests from Muslim hardliners and fears that extremist groups could try to disrupt the event.

US-born Megan Young, a 23-year-old studying digital film, accepted the crown from last year's winner, Wenxia Yu of China, and promised to "be the



Megan Young (L), a local actress, reacts as she is crowned Miss World Philippines 2013 during the pageant coronation night in Manila on 18 Aug, 2013. REUTERS

best Miss World ever".

Thousands of members of the radical Islam Defenders Front took to the streets over the past month to protest holding the pageant in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country,

calling it "pornography".

The protests forced organizers to move the event from a venue outside Jakarta to Nusa Dua in southern Bali, a predominantly Hindu resort island.

Event organizers

announced in June that contestants would eschew bikinis this year in favour of sarongs and one-piece swimwear to avoid causing offence. The embassies of the United States, Britain and Australia issued travel warnings for Indonesia, saying extremist groups could be planning violence to disrupt the pageant.

However, Indonesian police said there were no reports of unrest surrounding the contest on Saturday.

The new Miss World will spend the next year travelling to represent the Miss World Organization and help raise money for its charitable causes.

Marine Lorphelin, a 20-year-old medical student from France, took second place. From Ghana, Carranza Naa Okailey Shooter, 23, also a medical student, came third.—Reuters

Aditi Rao Hydari: I hate the term 'item song'

MUMBAI, 30 Sept—Actress Aditi Rao Hydari is totally against the term "item song". She says she won't mind being a part of a "dance number" as long as it is graceful.

"I hate the word item song. For me, an item song is when a girl wears small clothes and looks sexy...I don't want to look cheap. For me, grace is important. So I don't think I will do item number. But yes, if it's a dance number, I would love to do it," Aditi said.

The actress is busy promoting her forthcoming film Boss, in which she has even donned a bikini. She says she is happy with the positive response to her look in the movie which stars Akshay Kumar in the lead role.

"I was asked not to lose weight (for the movie), but I worked hard and toned my



Aditi Rao Hydari will be seen wearing a bikini in Boss.

body. I wanted to go for a naturally feminine body. I did a lot of body exercise. I ate healthy, I am happy that people have liked it. I am happy that the feedback has been very positive," added the actress.

Boss, directed by Anthony D'Souza, releases on 16 October.—PTI





Juventus' Paul Pogba (R) heads the ball and scores against Torino during their Serie A soccer match at Olympic stadium in Turin, on 29 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Suarez nets two on league return as Liverpool win

LONDON, 30 Sept—Luis Suarez marked his return to Premier League action with two goals to help Liverpool to a 3-1 win at managerless Sunderland that lifted them to second in the table on Sunday.

The Uruguay striker, who returned from a 10-match ban for biting in the midweek League Cup loss at Manchester United, was making his first league appearance since being suspended for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic in April.

He scored Liverpool's second in the 36th minute after Daniel Sturridge had opened their account eight minutes earlier with a controversial goal that went in off his upper arm after he had risen to try to head in a corner.

Sunderland, bottom of the table with one point, got themselves back into the game early in the second half when Emanuele Giaccherini pounced after keeper Simon Mignolet failed to deal with Ki

Sung-yeung's long-range effort.

Suarez had to wait until the 89th minute for his second goal and it was Sturridge again who set him up for a simple finish that sealed Liverpool's fourth league victory of the season.

The win put them on 13 points from six games, ahead of Tottenham Hotspur on goal difference and two points behind leaders Arsenal.

"On the back of a really tough game where we played well during the week (against United), today was always going to be a really physically demanding game for us," Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers told Sky Sports.

"I thought the work we put in today was exceptional. To get the three goals and a few more chances to score, I thought we were really dangerous on the counter-attack. As a team we worked really, really hard."

Reuters



Liverpool's Luis Suarez (L) shoots to score against Sunderland during their English Premier League soccer match at The Stadium of Light in Sunderland, northern England, on 29 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

David Howell



LONDON, 30 Sept—Englishman David Howell birdied the second extra hole to beat American Peter Uihlein in a sudden-death playoff and win the Alfred

Raonic boosts London hopes by taking Thai title

BANGKOK, 30 Sept—Big-serving Canadian Milos Raonic boosted his hopes of qualifying for the end-of-season ATP World Tour finals in London by downing Czech Tomas Berdych 7-6(4), 6-3 to win the Thailand Open on Sunday.

The tall 22-year-old gave a lesson in serving as he delivered 18 aces on the indoor hard court in Bangkok to win the \$567,530 title, his second of the year after he retained his San Jose crown in February.

Raonic began the week 11th in the race to London with only the top eight guaranteed a spot but his fifth career victory should move him up the congested leaderboard when the list is updated on Monday ahead of the November event.

A tight first set between the powerful duo inevitably went to a tiebreak after Raonic was able to save the only break point.

The Montenegro-born

Juve rest Pirlo but still keep derby dominance

TURIN, 30 Sept—Juventus continued to dominate neighbours Torino on Sunday by winning a niggly derby 1-0 with a Paul Pogba goal after resting playmaker Andrea Pirlo.

The Serie A champions completed their ninth match against Torino without conceding a goal, a run stretching back to 2002, and extended their unbeaten run in the fixture to 13.

Inter Milan lost ground on the leaders when they conceded a late goal to draw 1-1 away to homeless Cagliari, Catania beat Chievo 2-0 to clock up their first

win of the season and base-ment club Sassuolo hit back to draw 2-2 with Lazio.

The only goal of the Turin derby came in the 54th minute when Carlos Tevez headed against the crossbar from a corner and Frenchman Pogba reacted quickly to bury the rebound for the visitors, amid suspicions of offside.

"They told me that Tevez was offside leading up to the goal, but we must also say that we were unfortunate before that because

Conte told reporters.

Juventus remained unbeaten this season with 16 points from six games, level with Napoli. AS Roma, who began the weekend in top spot with 15 points, were at home to Bologna later on Sunday (1845 GMT). Inter are fourth with 14.

Juventus coach Antonio Conte has made it clear he will rotate the squad this season and, having rested goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon one week ago, it was 34-year-old Pirlo's turn on Sunday.

Reuters

Howell rolls back the years to win Dunhill title

pro-am event in which players alternate between three courses over the first three days, before the top 60 pros and the top 20 teams compete in the final round.

Uihlein, 24, who carded a 60 in his second round, took a two-shot lead into the final day but Howell came home with a five-under par 67 to Uihlein's 69 to force the playoff.

England's Tom Lewis put himself in contention with a final-round 64 but he fell just short on 22 under par for a share of third place with Ireland's Shane

Lowry. Former Ryder Cup player Howell, 38, has struggled in recent years to find his form.

"As a pro, to win at the home of golf is quite amazing. It has been a long, long road from the depths of despair," he told Sky Sports.

"I have had a lot of support from people around me and this is for them, too. It is sweet (to win) and a dream."

It was Howell's fifth appearance in a playoff—and his first victory.

Reuters

third seed prevailed 7-4 before grabbing an early break in the second with his only opportunity of the match.

Raonic then comfort-

ably served out the set with the top seed Berdych unable to put any pressure on his opponent's serve.

The loss leaves

Berdych, fifth in the race to London, as the only player in the top 10 not to have won a title this season.—Reuters



Thai Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya (R) presents the winner's trophy to Milos Raonic of Canada after the men's singles final match at the Thailand Open tennis tournament in Bangkok on 29 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

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Vipassayana Acharya
Satyanarayan Goenka @ U Goenka
(90 Yrs)**

Son of Gopi Ram Goenka(Kopiya Babu)+Kamala Devi, Husband of Illayachi Devi, father of G.L.Goenka + Manju, B.L. Goenka @ U Shwe+Sushila Devi@ Daw Ni Ni Shwe, M.L.Goenka+Vatsala, S.B. Goenka+Neena, S.P.Goenka+Naina; J.P.Goenka+Renu, grandfather of (Vineet Goenka), Vishal Goenka+Anamika, Rahul Goenka+Anuja, Rajul Goenka @ Maung Sein+Neha, Suneet Goenka+Neha, Vishakha Goenka+Anup, Sujata Goenka+Ashish, Gautam Goenka+Akansha, Arpita Goenka+Gaurav, Shubha Goenka+Gaurav, Lokesh Goenka+Tasleen Great Grandfather of (6)children has passed away peacefully at his residence at Mumbai, India on Sunday (29-9-2013) at 23:40(MST). Funeral will be held on Tuesday (1st October 2013) at 11:30 AM (MST) at Electric Funeral Ground near Oshiwara Bridge, at Mumbai, India.

Bereaved Goenka Family

People pass by an electric car during an event to mark the National Plug In Day at the Capitol Hill, in Washington DC, on 29 Sept, 2013. The National Plug In Day is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. Throughout the weekend of 28-29 Sept, 2013, events across the United States will celebrate the thrid annual National Plug In Day.

XINHUA



S Korea, DPRK open Kaesong committee secretariat

SEOUL, 30 Sept—South Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Monday opened a permanent committee secretariat on Kaesong complex to prevent work stoppage of the inter-Korean factory park, *Yonhap* news agency

quoted the unification ministry as saying.The newly launched committee, consisted of both officials from South Korea and the DPRK, gives Seoul an equal say on the zone, which had been managed solely by Pyongyang in the past.The secre-

ariat will provide administrative support to the joint committee and four subcommittees, officials said, adding that eight officials from South Korea and five from the DPRK will be assigned to the secretariat initially.

Xinhua

Kipsang smashes marathon record in Berlin win

BERLIN, 30 Sept—Kenyan Wilson Kipsang made the most of the notoriously flat and fast Berlin streets to smash the marathon world record by 15 seconds en route to taking the title on Sunday.

The 31-year-old Kipsang clocked a time of two hours, three minutes and 23 seconds to better the previous mark set two years ago in the same race by compatriot Patrick Makau, who was forced to pull out through injury two weeks ago.

Kipsang, who won the 2012 London Marathon and also took bronze at the Olympics, produced a storming finish to leave compatriot Eliud Kipchoge a distant second almost a minute behind.

"I'm very happy that I have won and broken the world record," Kipsang said in a televised interview

after the race.

"I was really inspired by Paul Tergat when he broke the world record here 10 years ago and I'm very happy that I was in a position to break the record on the same course."

Kenyan Tergat's time of 2:04:55 at the 2003 Berlin Marathon was the first to be ratified as a world record by governing body the IAAF, who previously recognized fastest marathon times as world bests.

Makau's mark had looked safe as the leading bunch dropped more than 20 seconds off the pace after 30 kilometers but they clawed back the deficit over the next five kilometres.

With the group whittled down to three runners, Kipsang made his decisive move at the 37 km mark and held off former 5,000 meters world champion Kipchoge before pulling



Wilson Kipsang of Kenya poses during the victory ceremony after winning the 40th Berlin marathon, on 29 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

well clear in the final two kilometers on the fastest of the big city courses.

Kipchoge's time of 2:04:05 was a personal best with Geoffrey Kipsang third in 2:06:26.

It was the ninth world record at the race—which celebrated its 40th running on Sunday—and fifth by the men in the last decade.

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6:00 am	1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw	3:00 pm	17. News
6:25 am	2. Physical Exercises	3:15 pm	18. India Drama Series
6:35 am	3. Song & Dance of National Races	4:00 pm	19. News/ Weather Report
7:00 am	4. News/Weather Report	4:25 pm	20. Song & Dance of National Races
7:20 am	5. People Talks	4:40 pm	21. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
7:30 am	6. Documentary (traffic, on mtv exit special)	5:00 pm	22. News
8:00 am	7. News/International News	5:15 pm	23. SEA Games Go for Gold (football) (2)
8:25 am	8. Teleplay (SEA Games)	6:00 pm	24. News/Weather Report
9:00 am	9. News/International News	6:20 pm	25. Documentary (International Day of Older Persons)
9:25 am	10. Mono Classical Songs	7:00 pm	26. News
10:20 am	11. TV Drama Series	7:25 pm	27. TV Drama Series
11:20 am	12. Documentary	8:00 pm	28. News/International News/Weather Report
11:50 am	13. International Day Of Older Persons	8:35 pm	29. Hit Songs of Stars
12:00 pm	14. News/International News/Weather Report	9:00 pm	30. News
12:25 pm	15. Teleplay	31. Sing A Song	
2:10 pm	16. Singing In Different Versions	32. India Drama Series	

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- * Local News
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- * I'm In Love With Diamond

IAEA chief visits Cuba

HAVANA, 30 Sept—The head of the UN nuclear watchdog on Sunday kicked off a three-day official visit to Cuba, a local TV channel reported.

During his stay, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano is scheduled to hold talks with Foreign Minister Marcelino Medina, "among other activities," NNTV said. Amano's visit "corresponds with

the excellent level of relations" between the IAEA and the Caribbean nation, a founding member of the agency, government officials were quoted as saying.

Cuba has cooperated with the IAEA in such fields as health, agriculture and environmental protection, officials said, adding that the country's nuclear facilities are subject to the agency's supervision.

Xinhua

11 killed in check-post attack in W Afghanistan

HERAT, (Afghanistan), 30 Sept —Eleven people were killed early on Monday morning when the militants raided a security check-post in western Afghanistan's Herat Province, said a district police source.

"Militants numbered 10 or 15 attacked the Afghan

Local Police (ALP) check-post along a main road in Obe District at around 2:00 am on Monday. Four ALP personnel, three civilians and four militants were killed in an engagement which lasted an hour," the district police chief Shir Aga Aliqozai told *Xinhua*. —*Xinhua*

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham sends felicitations to Chinese Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 October 2013, Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Li Yuanchao, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wife attend 64th Anniversary Founding Day of PRC



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar and wife cut the cake to mark the 64th Anniversary of founding Day of PRC.—MNA

YANGON, 30 Sept— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attended the 64th Anniversary of Founding Day of the People's Republic of China at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this evening. It was also attended by the Yangon Region Chief Minister and wife, the Yangon Region Commander and wife, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Oo Lwin, the Yangon Region Hluttaw

Speaker and Yangon Region ministers, military officers, departmental heads, ambassadors of Yangon-based foreign embassies, charge d'affaires, military attachés and invited persons. On arrival at the hotel, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife were welcomed by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yang Houlan and wife.

At first, the national anthems of the two countries were played.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife and the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar and wife cut the cake to mark the 64th Anniversary of founding Day of China, and posed for a documentary photos.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife and those present enjoyed the dinner hosted by the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar and wife.—MNA

C-in-C leaves for Malaysia to accept Malaysian King's title

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left here for Malaysia by Tatmadaw aircraft this morning to accept Honourary Malaysian Armed Forces Order For Valour (First Degree)-Gallant Commander of Malaysian Armed Forces presented by the Malaysian King.

A delegation led by the Senior General and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, senior officers from Commander-in-Chief Office their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander and wife, the Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar and the military

attaché and wife. The Senior General and wife were accompanied by Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe from Commander-in-Chief Office and senior military officers.

The Senior General and party arrived at Subang Airport of Royal Malaysian Air Force in Kuala Lumpur at 3.50 pm Local Standard Time.

They were welcomed at Subang Airport by Chief Executive of MIDEF Lieutenant General Dato' William R. Stevenson and wife, Joint Force Chief of Staff Major General Dattuk Baharom Bin Hamzah and wife, Charge d' Affaires ai of Myanmar Embassy Minister-Councillor U Kyaw Swa and wife, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Win Maung and wife and officials.

Myawaddy

Japanese training warships make port calls in Thilawa

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept— Three training warships— Kashima, Shirayuki and Isoyuki— of Maritime Self Defence Force of Japan arrived in Yangon today to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar for five days. On arrival of three training warships at MITT jetty of Thanlyin Thilawa Port, Commodore Maung Oo Lwin of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and seinor military officer of the Defence Services (Navy) cordially welcomed 724 crew members led by Rear Admiral Kitagawa of Japanese Navy. The three warships will be in Myanmar from 30 September to 4 October. It is learnt that further bilateral friendship, trust and cooperation between the navies of Myanmar and visiting countries will be frequent promoted through frequent goodwill visits of warships from neighbouring countires to Myanmar.

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Three training warships—Kashima, Shirayuki and Isoyuki—of Maritime Self Defence Force of Japan seen at Thanlyin Thilawa Port in Yangon.—MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed by Chief Executive of MIDEF Lieutenant General Dato' William R. Stevenson at Subang Airport.—MNA

Students of NCFAU (Yangon and Mandalay) leave for Japan

YANGON, 30 Sept— An 18-student delegation from National Culture and Fine Arts Universities (Yangon and Mandalay) under the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture left here for Japan by air this evening to attend ASEAN-Japan Students and Youth Exchange for Enhancing Understanding in Traditional Culture/Heritage/Art-ASEAN Youths visit to Learn Japan's Pop Culture organized by Japan International Cooperation Centre (JICE)

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