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## President U Thein Sein leaves for Brunei to attend 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—A goodwill delegation led by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win left here by air at 10 am today to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit to be held in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei Darussalam.

The President and wife were accompanied by Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Union Minister by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Union ministers, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, Charge d' Affaires of Brunei Embassy Ms Syamim Nabilah Daud and officials.

The President and wife were accompanied by Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Union Minister by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General

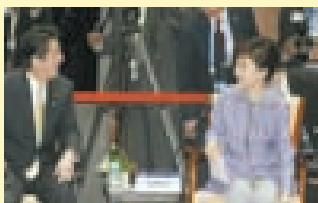
*President U Thein Sein being seen off by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun. —MNA*

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### Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—According to the observations at 5.30 hrs MST today, the depression over Andaman Sea and adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal is almost stationary. It is centered at about 290 miles South-Southeast of Patheingyi and 200 miles Southeast of Cocogyun Island.

Under the influence of the depression, occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced

Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 m.p.h.

The present stage of the depression is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts.

Trawlers, vessels and ships are advised to advert possible danger, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

## Great strides in ensuring peace needed for passing down sound foundations to the next generation

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Peace talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and a KIO delegation took place at Majwe Hall near Manaw Ground in Myitkyina today.

Union Minister at President Office U Aung Min, vice-chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee, expressed his belief that today's meeting would bring better outcomes like the previous meetings that produced a number of outcomes for success, acknowledging that meetings held frequently for trust-building between the two sides have made a great deal of progress.

He called on all stakeholders to put more efforts to be able to produce good results and stressed the need for making great strides in ensuring peace inspired by the entire people for passing down the sound foundations to the next generation.

Also present at the peace talks were Union

Ministers U Ohn Myint, U Win Tun and U Khin Maung Soe, Lt-Gen Myint Soe of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Nga Sai, parliamentarians, commanders Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Deputy Attor-

ney-General U Tun Tun Oo, state ministers, representatives from UNFC members KNU, RCSS/SSA, UWSA, ABSDF, MNSP, PLNO, SSPP, PSLF/TNLA, CNF and NDAA, UNSG's Special Envoy Mr. Vijay Nambiar, a special diplomatic mission of the PRC, rep-

resentatives from political parties in Myitkyina, Shan and Kachin cultural groups, townsmen and officials.

Lt-Gen Myint Soe from the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army) said that he hope that today's talks would bring about best

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*Peace talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and a KIO delegation in progress.—MNA*

## Cash donated to fund for water supply

SAGAING, 8 Oct—Ywahtaung Ward water supply committee of Sagaing held the cash donation ceremony for self-reliant water supply works at the Dhammayon of Ywahtaung Monastery on 28 September.

At the ceremony, U Win Naing (Laminthar)

family donated K 2 million and 11 wellwishers K 2,780,000 to officials.

A tube-well is being sunk for supply of water to 600 houses from Ywahtaung, Ohbo, Shwetahmar, Nansu, Aungthaya and Pabedan wards of Ywahtaung area.

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## Availability of technology, volunteers from KOICA

YANGON, 8 Oct—The Korean government sends volunteers to partnership countries through world friends Korea volunteer program.

WEF program comprises World Friends KOICA Volunteer Program and World Friends Advisor Program. Korean technicians are sent abroad for sharing their knowledge, expertise and experience to partnership countries in addition to education, health, rural development and IT and communications works.

Under the WEF program, 44 volunteers were sent to Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and the Philippines in 1990. At present, over 1500 volunteers are discharging duties in over 40 countries

of Asia, Africa and others. As of 1998, over 130 Korean volunteers have been sent to Myanmar. At present, 19 volunteers and seven advisers are at 11 ministries.

The ministries wishing to seek Korean volunteers to send letter of demand on wanting Korean volunteers to Foreign Economic Relations Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. The letter copy must be sent to KOICA Myanmar Office.

After scrutinizing the necessity of the department and experience of volunteer, KOICA will assign the qualified volunteers at the respective departments.

Sagawah

## Technology

### ICT course for implementing e-government



Trainees at ICT course in Thaton.

THATON, 8 Oct—The ICT applied course No. 1 kicked off at University of Computer Studies (Thaton) on 2 October.

The course is aimed at enabling the departmental personnel in Thaton District to have efficient knowledge for realizing the e-government and to have ICT friendly knowledge.

Deputy Commissioner of Thaton District U Nay Lin made a speech on the occasion.

Principal Dr Win Htay explained that the staff are to have access to ICT so as to implement their tasks.

The experiences from the training course are to be applied in the practical fields for serving the interest of the State, he added.

The principal and faculty members trained 40 staff personnel from Thaton District to be able to apply Internet, e-mail, social media, office work programmes from 2 to 6



Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun and wife being welcomed by German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch and wife at the reception to mark the Day of German Unity at Strand Hotel in Yangon on 7 October.—MNA

## Maungtaw District performing arts competitions launched

MAUNGTAW, 8 Oct—The opening ceremony of Maungtaw District Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Rakhine State was held at Thiri Mingala Hall of Maungtaw on 4 October.

Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner U Aung Myint Soe of General Administration Department, Maungtaw Township Administrator U Kyi San and Buthidaung Township Administrator U Than Shwe formally opened the competition.

Also present on the occasion were district level departmental officials, personnel of Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships, responsible persons of social

organizations, contestants and audience.

At the competition,

the contestants participated in the singing, dancing, song composing and music

contests of the national races' performing arts competition.

Kyemon-District IPRD



## Cash assistance provided to the aged

PUNGPAHKYEM, 8 Oct—Chairman of Monghsat District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Thi Thi Soe and party fed soya milk to KG students at Sub-Township Basic Education High School and visited blind grandma Daw Thein Tin of 88 years old in Tonphae Village in Ward 1 of Pungpahkyem Sub-Township.

They presented cereal foods and K 10,000 to the grandma on 28 September morning.

They also visited disabled children Sai Nwam Khe of 13 years old and grandpa U Ba Chit of 75 years old in Ward 4.



Officials of Pungpahkyem Sub-Township MCWA donates cash assistance to older person.

After providing health care services to them, MCWA officials presented

cereal foods and K 10000 each to them.

Kyemon-Than Zaw (IPRD)

October. Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)

Workers of Myanma Railways carrying out maintenance of rail tracks on Yangon-Mandalay Railroad at the entrance to Swa of Yedashe Township on 6 October.

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## WORLD

## US still in fiscal deadlock, but glimmers of hope emerge



A tour bus with an empty top deck drives past the US Capitol in Washington on 7 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — A few faint glimmers of hope surfaced on Monday in the US fiscal standoff, both in Congress and at the White House, with President Barack Obama saying he would accept a short-term increase in the nation's borrowing authority to avoid a default.

Separately, a Senate aide said Republican Sena-

tor Rob Portman, an Ohioan influential on budget issues, was floating a plan to cut federal spending and reform the US tax code as part of a broader deal to reopen shuttered government agencies and raise the government's debt ceiling.

While Portman's initiative may or may not gain traction, most lawmakers believe that a budget deal

like it will be necessary to end the stalemate. Still, seven days into a government shutdown and only 10 days from a critical need to raise the nation's debt limit, nothing amounting to a breakthrough was in sight.

Senate Democrats could introduce a bill to raise the debt limit this week, according to a Democratic aide. Considering the procedural roadblocks the measure could face, aides said they have to get the legislation rolling well before 17 October, when Treasury Secretary Jack Lew has said the government will run out of borrowing authority.

It was uncertain whether Democrats can muster the 60 votes they would need to push a debt ceiling bill, with no strings attached, through the Senate.

Reuters

## Syria gov't says no safety assurances for inspectors in combat zones

DAMASCUS, 8 Oct — The Syrian government will not ensure the safety of UN and international chemical weapons inspectors in areas where President Bashar al-Assad's military and rebels are fighting, Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad said on Monday.

In an interview with *Kyodo News*, Mekdad said inspectors from the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons should protect themselves in conflict zones. A team of the inspectors began work Sunday to destroy Syrian military assets related to chemical warfare such as rockets used in chemical weapons

attacks. They are aiming to eliminate all Syrian chemical weapons by mid-2014.

Their operations in combat zones are believed to be crucial in making progress in the civil war-torn country. Without assurances for their safety, the inspectors could hit a snag in achieving the target.

Mekdad said Syria has been cooperating with the inspection work but in battleground, "we shall have no responsibility, we tell them in that place there are armed groups, and you have to take measures to ensure safety of (the) UN team by themselves."

On the possibility of the dismantling goal set



Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad is interviewed by *Kyodo News* in Damascus, Syria, on 7 Oct, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

by the United Nations and OPCW not being met in time, Mekdad said, "This is

not our responsibility."

The deputy foreign minister said "all (parties) should cooperate" for the UN Security Council resolution requiring the elimination of Syria's chemical weapons Mekdad suggested that the inspection team negotiate with rebel forces through the United Nations and those countries supporting opposition groups to achieve a truce.

On the rebels, the top Syrian official said that "these terrorist group(s) are (the) agents of (the) United States, Saudi Arabia or Turkey" and that these countries should be able to get in touch with them.

*Kyodo News*

## Abe briefly talks with S Korean president at APEC amid tensions



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and South Korean President Park Geun Hye briefly exchange words on Indonesia's Bali Island on 8 Oct, 2013, while attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit.—KYODO NEWS

NUSA DUA, (Indonesia), 8 Oct — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held a brief conversation with South Korean President Park Geun Hye on Tuesday in Indonesia, amid ongoing bilateral tensions over a number of issues.

Abe talked to Park as they sat next to each other at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit in Bali. The chat only lasted for less than a minute just ahead of the start of the final day of the two-day summit. Details of their dis-

cussion have not been disclosed. The two countries had not agreed on formal bilateral talks on the sidelines of the APEC summit.

Japan and South Korea face growing tensions in their relations over a territorial dispute in the Sea of Japan and the historic issues that stem from Japan's wartime aggression in Asia. Seoul has strongly protested recent remarks by some Japanese lawmakers apparently justifying Tokyo's perception of history.

*Kyodo News*

## Israelis, Palestinians intensify talks despite skepticism

JERUSALEM, 8 Oct — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators held a new round of talks on Monday, picking up the tempo of their meetings at the request of the United States in the face of widespread skepticism that they will ever reach a deal. The two sides resumed direct peace negotiations in late July after three years of stalemate and have conducted a se-

ries of discussions far from the gaze of the media over recent weeks, without any outward hint of the slightest breakthrough. Just as for much of the last 20 years, the same problems continue to snarl progress towards a deal, with Israelis and Palestinians at loggerheads over how to divide the land and over their future security arrangements — among other things.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas held a rare meeting with a group of Israeli parliamentarians on Monday, warning that this could be the last chance to reach a deal to end decades of conflict and create two independent states living side-by-side.

An uncompromising speech by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday underscored pessimism prevailing in both camps, with members of the Israeli leader's own coalition openly campaigning for an end to the so-called peace process.

However, a senior Palestinian official told *Reuters* that the talks were intensifying, with the negotiating teams agreeing to meet for up to eight hours a day and to see one another more regularly than at the start of their latest diplomatic drive.—*Reuters*



Israeli parliament member Hilik Bar (L) gestures as he sits next to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during a meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah on 7 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

## Grenades fired in Cairo, troops killed near Suez Canal after protesters die

CAIRO, 8 Oct — Suspected militants killed six Egyptian soldiers near the Suez Canal and fired rocket-propelled grenades at a state satellite station in Cairo on Monday, suggesting an Islamist insurgency was gathering pace three months after an army takeover. Dozens of supporters of the Muslim

frontations may shake Egypt this week, with Mursi's supporters calling for further protests this week. They are likely to be angered by the publication of an interview with Egypt's army chief on Monday in which he said he told Mursi as long ago as February he had failed as president. Sunday's clashes



Residents and tourists watch as smoke rises near a state security building after a blast in South Sinai on 7 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Brotherhood were killed in clashes with security forces and political opponents on Sunday, one of the bloodiest days since the military deposed Islamist President Mohamed Mursi in July. The death toll from that day's violence across the country rose to 53, state media said, with 271 people wounded.

The Brotherhood denies the military's charges that it incites violence and says it has nothing to do with militant activity, but further con-

took place on the anniversary of the 1973 war with Israel — meant to have been a day of national celebration. The countries signed a peace agreement in 1979.

Authorities had warned that anyone protesting against the army during the anniversary would be regarded as an agent of foreign powers, not an activist — a hardening of language that suggested authorities would take a tougher line.—*Reuters*

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## 3D printing helps reveal bacterial infections



WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—US researchers said on Monday they have devised a three dimensional (3D) microscopic printing technique to study how communities of bacteria, such as those in the human gut and lungs, interact and influence human health.

Bacteria in the human body often thrive within structured 3D communities that contain multiple bacterial species. Recent studies have found that relation-

ships between structure and function in these microbial ecosystems can affect human health, such as the virulence of infections in chronic wounds.

To help study these relationships, researchers from the University of Texas developed a laser-based printing technology to build protein “cages” in gelatin for bacteria in almost any 3D shape or size.

Gelatin, a highly porous material, allows the

enclosed cells to both grow rapidly and communicate with other species growing in separate, nearby enclosures.”

What’s key is these structures aren’t just controllable in terms of their geometries; they’re also very bio-friendly,” lead author Jason Shear, professor of chemistry at the university said in a statement.

“The walls that we make out of these protein molecules are linked to-

gether tightly enough to prevent the bacteria from escaping, but they are porous enough to be chemically permissive,” Shear said.

“Nutrients can come in. Waste can go out. Signals can be exchanged. They’re trapped in these tiny houses, but they function like they do in biological environments,” he added.

The researchers said the new technique should enable an entirely new class of experiments that better approximate the conditions that bacteria encounter in actual biological environments, such as those in the human body.

They demonstrated that a community of *Staphylococcus aureus*, which can cause some skin infections, became more resistant to antibiotics when it was contained within a larger community of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, a bacteria involved in various diseases, including cystic fibrosis.

Xinhua

## Life harder to find on exoplanets than previously thought

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Finding life on exoplanets, or planets outside the solar system, may be more difficult than people thought, researchers from China, the United States and Argentina said on Monday.

Current efforts to find a second Earth focus on so-called M dwarfs or red dwarfs, stars that are smaller than the Sun but make up more than 75 percent of the stars in the solar neighborhood. High levels of atmospheric oxygen are considered the most promising indicator for life on exoplanets.

However, recent observations of several planet-hosting M dwarfs showed that the ultraviolet (UV) properties of these small stars are quite different from those of the Sun, which could further complicate the search for alien life, the researchers said at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society Division for Planetary Sciences in Denver.

Xinhua

## ITU report shows mobile broadband becomes fastest growing segment of ICT market

GENEVA, 8 Oct—Mobile broadband over smartphones and tablets has become the fastest growing segment of the global information and communication technology (ICT) market, said a report released on Monday by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). ITU’s flagship annual report “Measuring the Information Society 2013” showed that mobile broadband connections over 3G and 3G+ networks have been growing at an average annual rate of 40 percent since 2007.

By end of 2013, there will be 6.8 billion total mobile-cellular subscriptions; an estimated 2.7 billion people will be connected to the Internet, though speeds and prices vary widely; and there will be some 2 billion mobile-broadband subscriptions, the report estimated. It said that almost 50 percent of all people worldwide are now covered by a 3G network. Analysis of trends in broadband pricing in more than 160 countries and regions showed that in the four years between 2008-2012 fixed-broadband prices fell by 82 percent overall, from 115.1 percent of average monthly income

per capita in 2008 to 22.1 percent in 2012.

The biggest drop occurred in developing countries, where fixed-broadband prices fell by 30 percent year on year between 2008 and 2011, according to the report. Results showed that in developing countries mobile broadband was now more affordable than fixed broadband, but still much less affordable than in developed

countries. At the beginning of 2013, almost 80 percent of households globally had a TV, compared with 41 percent of households with a computer and 37 percent with Internet access, according to the report. An estimated 1.1 billion households worldwide are still not yet connected to the Internet, 90 percent of which are in the developing world, it said.

Xinhua

## NASA’s new moon probe settles into lunar orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, 8 Oct—Politics may be keeping most of NASA’s workers home, but that didn’t stop the US space agency’s new moon probe from achieving lunar orbit, officials said on Monday.

The Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer, or LADEE, blasted off on 6 September aboard a small rocket that placed the spacecraft into a highly elliptical orbit around Earth.

After three trips around the planet, LADEE on Sunday was in precise position to fire its braking rocket, let itself be captured by the moon’s gravity and then settle into lunar orbit.

The timing was not ideal. The ongoing partial shutdown of the US government has sidelined about 97 percent of the NASA’s 18,000 employees.

But among those still on the job were LADEE’s flight controllers, who monitored the do-or-die maneuver, said deputy project scientist Greg Delory, with NASA’s Ames Research Centre in Moffett Field, California.

Over the next two weeks, LADEE will tweak its orbit so that it ends up about 155 miles above the lunar surface, an ideal vantage point for studying the gases surrounding the

## World Post Day Message from the Director General

9 October, 2013

The Post, delivering for people and businesses daily

In every country, postal services play a vital role in the exchange of information and goods.

In 2012, Posts globally delivered 350 billion letters and more than 6 billion parcels. They also processed millions of financial transactions.



While the core letter-post service remains an important part of the business — letters still accounted, on average, for 45% of a Post’s overall revenues in 2012 — the gradual decline in business mail is forcing national postal services to redefine themselves.

Posts around the world are diversifying their products and services to better meet customers’ needs for reliability, speed and security. As e-commerce grows, they are positioning themselves as the delivery service of choice for goods ordered online. There is no question that Posts remain important facilitators of national and international trade in this constantly evolving world.

Postal financial services, as well as parcels and logistics services, are also on the rise. Soon, revenues from each of these services are expected to account, on average, for more than 20% of a Post’s business. Posts that have never been involved in financial services, or that have been only minimally involved, are considering entering that market.

This is a logical step. Why? Because of the postal network’s vast reach. The postal network remains the largest physical network in the world and a fundamental infrastructure that enables large segments of the economy to function.

With more than 600,000 post offices globally, postal services are inclusive and accessible; no one gets turned away. The Post is truly a public service for every citizen, irrespective of one’s position in society.

This 9 October, on World Post Day, I urge governments to remember their national Post’s potential for delivering essential social and economic services to their citizens and businesses. And I salute the dedication of the more than 5 million postal staff worldwide who work to connect people and businesses everywhere daily.

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NASA’s Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE) spacecraft is pictured orbiting near the surface of the moon, in this artist’s illustration released by NASA on 15 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

moon and search for electrically charged dust rising from the ground.

The government fur- lough also was not expected to impact a LADEE laser communications demonstration slated for later this month, Delory said.

Last week, NASA brought back workers preparing a new Mars orbiter for launch on 18 November. Skeleton crews, meanwhile, are overseeing NASA’s communications satellites and science probes.

Reuters

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## BlackBerry shares up on interest from strategic buyers



A Canadian flag waves in front of a BlackBerry logo at the BlackBerry campus in Waterloo, in this 23 Sept, 2013 file photo. — REUTERS

TORONTO, 8 Oct—Shares of BlackBerry Ltd rose 4 percent on Monday, following news of potential interest from strategic buyers in the embattled smartphone company and an analyst upgrade on the company's stock. Shares in the company rose to \$8 in morning trading on the Nasdaq, after a Reuters report late on Friday that the Waterloo, Ontario-based company is in talks with Cisco Systems, Google Inc and SAP about selling them

all or parts of itself.

The potential interest from strategic buyers, along with the recent decline in BlackBerry's share price prompted Macquarie analyst Kevin Smithen to upgrade his rating on BlackBerry to "neutral" from "underperform."

Smithen, in a note to clients on Monday, said he believes the recent decline in the company's share price to well below Fairfax Financial Holdings' stalking horse bid price of

\$9, "has finally attracted enough interest from the global tech titans who may take a 'punt' on enterprise mobility."

Sources also told Reuters that BlackBerry is seeking preliminary expressions of interest from other potential strategic buyers, which include Intel Corp and Asian technology companies LG and Samsung, by early this week. It was unclear which parties will bid, if any. But the sources said potential technology buyers have been especially interested in BlackBerry's secure server network and patent portfolio, although doubts about the assets' value remain an issue.

Smithen advised clients to hold on to the stock until a deal is concluded, noting that the company's intellectual property, its secure network and its service contracts, could be of value to rivals and software companies that have so far struggled to break into enterprise mobility market.

Reuters

## Three scientists share 2013 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

STOCKHOLM, 8 Oct—Three scientists shared the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, the Nobel Committee at Swedish Karolinska Institute announced here on Monday.

"The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institute has today decided to award the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2013 jointly to James E Rothman, Randy W Schekman and

Thomas C Sudhof for their discoveries of machinery regulating vesicle traffic, a major transport system in our cells," said Goran Hansson, Secretary of the Nobel Assembly at Swedish Karolinska Institute.

"Through their discoveries, Rothman, Schekman and Sudhof have revealed the exquisitely precise control system for the transport and delivery of cellular cargo," the assembly said

in a statement. Schekman identified three classes of genes that control different facets of the cell's transport system, providing new insights into the tightly regulated machinery that mediates vesicle transport in the cell, according to the statement.

Rothman discovered in the 1990s that a protein complex enables vesicles to dock and fuse with their target membranes and his findings, together with Schekman's discovery, revealed an ancient evolutionary origin of the transport system.

Sudhof's research was based on the discovery of machinery by Schekman and Rothman, and his discovery explained how temporal precision is achieved and how vesicles' contents can be released on command. The prizes have been awarded since 1901 and 201 people had won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine till 2012.—Xinhua



Pictures of the 2013 winners of the Nobel Prize in medicine James E Rothman, Randy W Schekman and Thomas C Suedhof (L-R) are seen on a screen during a press conference at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, capital of Sweden.—XINHUA

## GSK aims to market world's first malaria vaccine Twitter gets 'buy' rating even before listing

LONDON, 8 Oct—British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline will seek marketing approval for the world's first malaria vaccine next year after trial data showed the shot significantly cut cases of the disease in African children.

The vaccine known as RTS,S was found, after 18 months of follow-up, to have almost halved the number of malaria cases in young children in the trial, and to have reduced by around a quarter the number of malaria cases in infants.

"Based on these data, GSK now intends to submit, in 2014, a regulatory application to the European Medicines Agency (EMA)," GSK, which has been developing the vaccine for three decades, said

in a statement. It added that the United Nations health agency, the Geneva-based World Health Organization (WHO), has indicated it may recommend use of the RTS,S vaccine from as early as 2015 if EMA drugs regulators back its licence application.

Malaria, a mosquito-

borne parasitic disease, kills hundreds of thousands of people a year, mainly babies in the poorest parts of sub-Saharan Africa, and scientists say an effective vaccine is key to attempts to eradicate it.

Yet hopes that RTS,S would be the final answer were dampened last year

when results from a final-stage trial with 6,537 babies aged six to 12 weeks showed the shot provided only modest protection, reducing episodes of the disease by 30 percent compared to immunisation with a control vaccine.

Tuesday's latest readout from the malaria trial, which is Africa's largest ever clinical trial involving almost 15,500 children in seven countries, were presented at a medical meeting in Durban, South Africa.

GSK is developing RTS,S with the non-profit PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative (MVI), with grant funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to MVI. "Many millions of malaria cases fill the wards of our hospitals.

Reuters



The GlaxoSmithKline building is pictured in Hounslow, west London on 18 June, 2013. — REUTERS

## Former World Bank president rejoins Goldman Sachs

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Goldman Sachs Group Inc (GS.N) said on Monday that former World Bank Group president Robert Zoellick will rejoin the investment bank as chairman of its international advisory board.

The appointment marks Zoellick's second stint at Goldman Sachs.

Before taking the helm at the World Bank in 2007, he served as vice chairman, international, at the bank.

President Barack Obama opted not to renominate Zoellick when his term expired in 2012, choosing instead to tap Dr. Jim Yong Kim, the former president of Dartmouth University. Since leaving

the World Bank, Zoellick has also joined the board of Temasek Holdings, the sovereign wealth fund of Singapore, as well as the international advisory board of the Rolls-Royce Group RROYC.UL.

At Goldman Sachs, Zoellick will oversee an advisory board that helps identify sources of

international business or investment for the bank's clients.

Other members of the international advisory board include Otmar Issing, a former member of the executive board of the European Central Bank, and Erik Åsbrink, a former Swedish finance minister.

Reuters

## Twitter gets 'buy' rating even before listing

BANGALORE, 8 Oct—Twitter Inc's share price could almost double in its first year as a listed company, a brokerage firm said, issuing a "buy" rating on the stock even before the online messaging service goes public. SunTrust Robinson Humphrey analyst Robert Peck, the first to rate the stock, suggested Twitter could float at \$28-\$30 per share, and said it could reach \$50 within a year. Twitter allows its users to post a maximum of 140 character messages called "tweets" to share their personal thoughts and links to content with the public and their friends, or to promote businesses.

"It is important for investors to look at Twitter beyond just a 140 character text," Peck wrote in a 76-page note. Twitter's planned IPO is one of the most anticipated since Facebook Inc's coming-out party in June 2012. Despite posting big losses over the last three years, Twitter hopes to woo investors with its advertisement revenue growth. The company, which started selling advertising only in 2010,

received about 87 percent of its revenue from advertising in the first half of the year.

Twitter's September acquisition of online mobile-ad exchange MoPub, which is viewed as its answer to Google Inc's DoubleClick, and its advertising alliances with broadcasters would boost advertising revenue, the brokerage said. Peck said one of the biggest opportunities for Twitter was to capture a part of the \$200 billion global TV market with Amplify, which allows broadcasters to show video clips and ads through tweets coordinated with what is being shown on TV. Twitter could make use of the search capability with a product similar to Google's AdWords, where advertisers pay Google according to the number of clicks on the ads, the brokerage said. Keyword targeting, a feature which was only rolled out in April, will help the company's revenue, Peck said. He is rated four stars out of a possible five for the accuracy of his recommendations on internet companies by Thomson Reuters StarMine.—Reuters

## Information Ministry and media outlets...

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Directorate of Foreign Investment and Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank and brought before the government along with their remarks.

-The cabinet meeting No. 5/2004 agreed the business deal and thus Myanmar Radio and Television under Information Ministry and Forever Group Co Ltd inked the deal on 10 February 2004.

-At first in broadcasting MRTV-4 education programme, the system employed was receiving the streaming video through satellite dish with the use of MM Box and Sky Sport Card. That system was not successful in broadcasting to the public and thus switched to digital system and then current DVB-T system. The Information Ministry submitted the additional agreement on changing the broadcasting system to the government and the cabinet meeting No 7/2006 on 3 March, 2006 approved the agreement.

-Following this, the MRTV and Forever Group Co Ltd signed the additional agreement on 3 March 2006.

Following is the procedure of signing business deal with Shwe Than Lwin Media Co Ltd—

-The MRTV and Shwe Than Lwin Media Co Ltd submitted the draft agreement on broadcasting new DTH television channels to the Information Ministry on 21 April 2010.

-The draft agreement was then put forward to Myanmar Investment Commission, the Office of Attorney-General, Ministry of Finance and Directorate of Foreign Trade and amended according to their remarks. Then it was submitted to the Union government and was approved by cabinet meeting No 25/2010 on 2 July, 2010.

-The MRTV and Shwe Than Lwin Media Co Ltd signed the agreement on 28 July, 2010.

-The government granted the authority to the Information Ministry to supervise DTH satellite broadcasting permitted with notification No. 71/2010.

Now, I would like to explain the procedures

of signing deals between MRTV and six FM radio media companies.

First of all, the procedure of signing agreement between MRTV and Forever Co Ltd operating Mandalay FM radio is as follows—

-MRTV, Mandalay Development Committee and Forever Co Ltd submitted the proposal for running FM radio in Mandalay to Myanmar Investment Commission and the commission remarked that the Information Ministry was to proceed in line with State-owned Economic Enterprises Law. Then it was put forward to the Union government. The cabinet meeting No 43/2008 approved the proposal and the MRTV, Mandalay Development Committee and Forever Co Ltd signed the deal in April 2009.

-The Union government with notification No. 7/2009 dated 30-5-2009 granted authority to the Information Ministry to supervise the radio broadcasting.

The other five radio broadcasters are Shwe FM of Golden Wave Co Ltd, Cherry FM of Myanmar Album Media Group, Padanya FM of Thein Kyaw Kyaw Co Ltd, Pyinsawady FM of Myanmar Online Co Ltd and FM Bagan of Htoo Trading Co Ltd.

-Those companies submitted the draft agreements to the Information Ministry in March, 2010 and the ministry put forward those draft agreements to Myanmar Investment Commission, Office of the Attorney-General of the Union, Ministry of Finance and Directorate of Investment. The ministry amended the drafts in line with their remarks and submitted to the Union government and the cabinet meeting No. 25/2010 approved them.

-MRTV under the Information Ministry and those radio broadcasters separately signed the deals in July 2010.

-The Union government with notification No. 74/2010 dated 11-8-2010 gave authority to the Information Ministry to supervise their radio broadcasting.

The clarification will

then be continued with Terms and Conditions of contracts with media companies. Each contract features purposes, responsibilities, rules and regulations and enforcing laws under 20 titles. Some background information of respective companies and wordings are the only thing that makes the contracts different.

The license holders and responsibilities and entitlements of the license holders will be revealed at the press conference.

The Forever Group Company paid K 10869 million as revenue to the government from 2005-2006 fiscal year to 2013-2014 fiscal year as per conditions in the contract. It paid K 174 million as the cleaning and electricity charges.

The first three year of operation of DTH transmission by Shwe Than Lwin Company has been set as the Grace Period as it was less profitable and needs a huge amount of investments. There are various styles of designating Grace Period. The 100 per cent exemption has been granted from two to 15 years depending on type of business, profitability to the state and investment volume.

The Grace Period expires July, 2013, and calculation has started to collect revenue from it.

According to profit-sharing in provision 6 in the contract with Mandalay FM, the FM radio station has to pay some part of advertisement income with tax included to the government.

Mandalay FM has paid K 192.79 million to the government from 2009-2010 fiscal year to 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The profit-sharing provision 6 in contracts with five other FM companies is as follows:-

-After the grace period, the income which the tax has been paid for in accord with the law is to be given to the government.

The amount of revenue paid by these FM companies up to August, 2013, after the grace period from 2010 to 2012 is as follows:-

- (a) Shwe FM K 21.347 million
- (b) Cherry FM K 9.340 million
- (c) Padanya FM K 30.217 million

## Union Ministers look round plantations in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct— Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint participated in 'Soon' offering to 40 monks at the Dhamayon in Htantabin Village in Dekkhinathiri Township, here, this morning.

(d) Pyinsawady FM K 11.917 million and USD 832

(e) FM Bagan K 21.784 million

According to these contracts, the Information Ministry and the media outlets are not working outside legal framework. All the contracts are made in the given legal framework with permissions. Each company paid the revenue.

These facts would make clear whether there are corruption between the media outlets and the Ministry of Information.

The ministry requested the Union Auditor-General Office to send a special auditor team to investigate into the terms and conditions of the contracts between the Myanmar Radio and Television and the media outlets on 31 January, 2013. The director-general of the MRTV was reshuffled on the same day for ensuring independent auditing. The Union Auditor-General Office audited the MRTV on 4-29 February. The report of the office was sent on 30-3-2013 to the Ministry of Information, the President Office and the Government Office. The re-

After that, they viewed round paddy and crops plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing proceeded to Allium tuberosum 10-acre plantation of Alliance Stars Co Ltd near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township and 900-acre fruits and veg-

etable plantations of Setsetyo irrigated area in Ottathiri Township.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is striving for Myanmar agricultural products to penetrate into international market in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce.

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port found that there is no case of less revenue paid by the media companies but only late pay. It suggests systematic supervision to prevent such weakness in the future.

Acting on the report, the ministry formed a Broadcasting Governing Body led by one deputy minister in March 2013. The board met once in March, twice in May and twice in August and coordinated revenue and other administration with the respective media.

All the late payments were made on 23 July, 2013. There is no more revenue to be paid to the government by the media companies in accord with the contract between MRTV and the media companies.

The Ministry of Information is being audited once sixth months by the auditors of the Union Auditor-General Office. It has already been audited in detail by the team on 4-29 February. Since April, 2013, one deputy minister oversaw the budget and accounting of the ministry. The monthly financial statements are sent to the Union Government Office after

being audited by the ministry's audit team.

The terms and conditions in the contracts are properly followed and audited once six months by the Union Auditor-General Office. There is no corruption by the ministry's audit team as they are required to submit report in transparent manner once a month.

The Ministry of Information is giving priority to ensure Good Governance and Clean Government, the policy adopted by the government.

Next, Deputy Minister U Pike Htwe, Director-General U Tint Swe and Director-General U Ye Tint replied to questions by Chief Reporter U Mann Thu Shein of Daily Eleven newspaper, CEP Ma May Thagyan Hein of Myitmakha media, reporter U Kyaw Myint of the Street View journal, reporter U Okkar Oo of News Watch journal, reporter U Pyae Phyong Aung of Hot News journal, reporter U Hlaing Tint of News Watch journal, Meiktila reporter U Tin Hlaing, reporter U Zaw Ko Ko of the Voice journal and reporter U Khaing Min of the Forward journal.

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Deputy Minister U Pike Htwe delivering address at press conference of the Ministry of Information.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Hub of Yangon with magnificent creativities



At present, Maha Bandoolla Park is facilitated with new views and scenes. Greening works of lovely-

shaped trees and flower plants can be seen here and there. Lake and water fountain attract those who

taking relaxation.

Six feet wide pavement has been constructed in front of the park. Eleven iron framed umbrellas have been

posted along the pavement. The flowery plants are grown in the umbrellas with the aim of emerging the tree umbrellas in couple of coming years. These umbrellas will provide shade for the people.

Downtown Yangon is one of the tourist gathering points.

In the near future, wonderful views of Maha Bandoolla Park will be prestige of the city.

City Hall, Sule Pagoda, Independent Monument, Maha Bandoolla Park and Emanuel Church and so on at the hub of the city are so magnificent and bring pleasant to the Yangonites.

MMAL-Ko Gyi Tin



WORLD SIGHT DAY



10<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday

Universal Eye Health

Get Your Eyes Tested

Sepak Takraw Test match opens

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The Pre-SEA Games Sepak Takraw Test Match was kicked off at Wunna Theikdi Sepak Takraw Hall of Nay Pyi Taw on 6 October morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the XXVII SEA Games

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan opened the competition and presented gifts to the contending teams.

Malaysia, Cambodia and Cambodia are taking part in the test match from 6 to 9 October.—MMAL-Kyaw Thura (Nay Pyi Taw)

Treated mosquito nets distributed to local people, staff

BHAMO, 8 Oct—Health Assistant U Nay Win Naing, health staff Daw Khin Aye Khant and midwife Daw Lu Ja distributed 2650 treated mosquito nets donated by 3DF to local people and personnel in Dawphonyan Sub-Township of Bhamo District in Kachin State from 26 to 28 September

and shared health knowledge to them.

The health personnel performed medical checkup to the local people from Momauk and Dawphonyan townships where they are suffering from malaria, at the clinic on Bhamo-Myitkyina Road as of 5 October.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Children to discharge duties assigned in respective regions when they grow up

YANGON, 8 Oct—The Early Child Care Course No. 2 organized by Yangon Region Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was concluded at its office on Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township on 6 October.

After delivering an address, Deputy Director U Tin Zaw Moe of Region SWD presented completion certificates to 62 trainees. On behalf of the trainees, Ma Yu Ya Nyein Aye spoke words of thanks.

The training course ran 21 days. Trainers from Myanmar Red Cross Society, Save the Children and Social Welfare Department gave training to the trainees how to care the children under eight.



Ma Lar Larm Zwali, BA (Myanmar) of Mizo Chin national of Sanmyo Ward in Kalay.

Ma Kai Lin, Kachin national of Shwekha Village in Phakant Township said, "I am a student of matriculation. I love children. I would like to take care of them. Applying the experience

from the training course, I will take care of the children and share my knowledge to friends when I arrive home."

Ma Lar Larm Zwali, BA (Myanmar) of Mizo Chin national of Sanmyo Ward in Kalay said, "Our region lagged behind in development. In fact, children will discharge duties assigned in respective regions of the nation when they grow up. I would like to see they become healthy and fit. I thank officials for providing training to us. I will share experience to other persons. I myself will try to open a pre-primary school."

Two graduate trainees Ma Khin Htay Nwe of Thingangyun Township and Ma Thandar Myint of Shwepyitha Township of

HRD



Ma Kai Lin, Kachin national of Shwekha Village in Phakant Township.

Yangon Region expressed their wish to take care of children. They are now discharging duties at pre-primary schools.

MMAL-Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Anti-Human Trafficking Knowledge about prevention of violence against women shared

MYOTHIT, 8 Oct—The chairman of Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and party gave talks on prevention against trafficking in persons and prevention of violence against women at the hall of Myothit Township Administrator Office in Magway Region on 4 October morning.

They also held discussions on health knowledge to the older persons, expectant mothers, disabled persons and midwifery trainees.

At first, Chairperson Daw Thin Thin Htwe extended greetings.

Region Anti-Human Trafficking in Persons Squad IP Kyi Kyi Htay explained prevention against trafficking in persons and Township Law Officer Daw Hla Hla Htay prevention of violence against women law.

Next, they provided health care services to the older persons, expectant mothers and disabled persons and gave foods and cash assistance to them.

MMAL-Zaw Zaw (IPRD)

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Drug traffickers arrested in PyinOoLwin

LASHIO, 8 Oct—A team led by IP Tin Htay of No. 24 Anti-Drug Squad of Nawnghkio in Shan State (North) discharged duty of searching arms and explosives at mie post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawnghkio at 9.30 am on 4 October.

They searched a bus of Dokhtawady-Mandalay bus line driven by Soe Win from Hsipaw to Mandalay.

They seized 800 grams of ownerless solid opium oil from the tea packets.

In the investigation, bus conductor Han Win Aung

said that the packets are to be sent to Sanpya Food Stall in PyinOoLwin and the owner will take it.

No. 24 Anti-Drug Squad of Nawnghkio and No. 17 Anti-Drug Squad of Mandalay contacted each other.

IP Zaw Myo Tun of the Nawnghkio mobile team and Police Captain Zaw Win of PyinOoLwin mobile team waited for the person to take the packet at the bus terminal.

At 11 am, Nan Swe Lin arrived at the terminal to take out the tea packets.

Judicial tasks inspected in Maungtaw District

SITTWAY, 8 Oct—Judge U Thein Aung of Rakhine State High Court and Head of State Judicial Office U Khin Maung on 3 October inspected judicial tasks at courts in Buthidaung,

Maungtaw townships and Maungtaw District.

They met judges and court staff of Maungtaw District and left necessary instructions.

MMAL-District Court



NATIONAL

## Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives delegates to 40<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Intelligence Community Conference



Vice-President U Nyan Tun poses for documentary photo with delegates to 40<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Intelligence Community Conference at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received delegates to 40<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Intelligence Community Conference at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this evening.

The Vice-President said Myanmar is proud and happy to host the conference for the very first time. He expressed his belief that the conference would enable intelligence agencies of the countries in the region to communicate personally, thereby by contributing to-

wards better assistance to combating transnational crimes and addressing unconventional security issues through sharing the intelligence information and fostering mutual trust. He also held talks with them on further cooperation, exchange of information and

ensuring effective measures in coping with threats and challenges in the region.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and U Thant Kyaw and departmental officials.

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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker attends 129<sup>th</sup> IPU assembly

GENEVA, 8 Oct — Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw, attended 129<sup>th</sup> assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU in Geneva, Switzerland, yesterday.

Speakers and MPs from 126 IPU-member countries are participating in the assembly. Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann also held talks with a Moroccan delegation led by the President of House of Councillors of Morocco, IPU president Mr Abdelwahad Radi, Mr William Hay, Speaker of Irish Parliament and Mr Arders B Johnsson, Secretary General of IPU separately yesterday.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attends 129<sup>th</sup> assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU in Geneva, Switzerland.—MNA

## Great strides in ensuring peace needed for passing ...

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fruitful results. Both sides could build mutual understanding and trust thanks to the previous talks. Tatmadaw also has a desire to restore the peace aspired by all people. To achieve fruitful results and reach peace

destination it is required all inclusiveness of the two sides, those involved and all people, he added.

Afterwards, KIO leader U Hswan Lut Gam called for participation of all to hit the target of peace.

After that, delegates

from both sides held discussions on progress after the 30 May peace talks.

Both sides discussed matters related to Joint Monitoring Committee in the afternoon session. In the evening, the Vice-

Chairman of the Union Peace-Making Committee and members had a dinner together with KIO delegation led by U Hswan Lut Gam and observers at Majewel Hall.

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## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 9 October, 2013

### Miss Myanmar beauties

Miss Myanmar winners who are to compete in international beauty contests have emerged through Miss Myanmar pageants. A winner of Miss Myanmar who is to enter the Miss Universe Pageant 2013 has already been chosen from a series of locally held beauty contests.

Moe Set Wine will make news next month when she is the first contestant to represent Myanmar in over 50 years at the Miss Universe Pageant 2013. The 25-year-old who studied business and marketing in California was chosen from 20 hopefuls on 3 October 2013. Contestants representing the country have participated in Miss International, Miss Earth and Miss Supranational pageants this year.

Globally, Miss winners are chosen by agencies of their respective countries and sent to international pageants such as Miss Universe, Miss World, Miss International, etc. to represent their countries as contestants. Winner of Miss Myanmar is simply not a woman of great beauty. She must be elegant, talented, active, astute and shrewd. The one who is fully equipped with the aforesaid qualities is chosen as a miss winner.

Moreover, miss winners are those who pay attention to their healthy life, seek knowledge to widen their horizons and try to be active and lively. They must be role models of others and are to uplift the dignity of Myanmar women. Through Miss Myanmar pageants, Myanmar women who keep abreast of their global counterparts in terms of talents and knowledge have now emerged all the more.

Beauty only could not produce winners of Miss beauty contests. Other important factors are talent, knowledge, astuteness and shrewdness. All Myanmar women who are endowed with the hard-won qualities mean Miss Myanmar although they are not chosen as winners of Miss Myanmar pageants. Therefore, each and every Myanmar woman needs to be fully equipped with qualities the Miss Myanmar possess.

### Shwepanngu Village gets power



KYAUNGKON, 8 Oct — Shwepanngu Village in Kyaungkon Township, Patheingyi District, has got electricity on a self-reliant basis as from 28 September.

To supply power to the village, 53 lamp posts have been erected and so far meter boxes have been installed at 45 houses.

U Myo Win, In-charge of Mawgunthit Bus Line,

contributed K 6 million to the funds as a main sponsor to supply power to the village. A ceremony to launch the power supply to the village was formally opened by Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Dr Htien Win, Senior Engineer of Kyaungkon Township Power Supply Board U Win Kyaing and U Myo Win.

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# President U Thein Sein, wife arrive in Brunei to attend 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 8 Oct— President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win left here to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit to be held in Brunei Darussalam by special flight at 10 am today, and reached the International Airport of Bandar Seri Begawan at 3:05 pm.

On their arrival at the airport, they were welcomed by Permanent Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office Haji Abdul Mumin, the Brunei Ambassador to Myanmar, Myanmar Ambassador to Brunei Daw Yin Yin Myint and embassy staff and families.

They then proceeded to the Government Guest House.

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*President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win being welcomed on their arrival in Brunei.—MNA*



## Coordination to be made whether a certain ...

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of Chin State Constituency No (9), Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied that a 600-foot Myi-

thar river crossing bridge will be built on Pakokku-Pauk-Htilin-Gangaw road with the funds of the Magway Region government

during the 2014-2015 fiscal year, making a vow that the task to determine the alignment of the bridge and preliminary survey will be made starting from 15 October. Today's Amyotha Hluttaw session came to an end at 10.45 am. —MNA

## Consumers to get more effective ...

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a total of 6472 citizenship scrutiny cards have been issued. The ministry has already instructed officials

to process the documents smoothly. In addition, the public have been informed that they can lodge complaints about their convenience to Headquarters (Nay Pyi Taw) in person or by phone. Forty-five of 63 complaints have been dealt with and the remaining cases are under process.

cards as they cannot afford to process documents. This would be difficult to achieve success in the 2014 nation-wide census taking process as expected. He expressed his hope for swift implementation of Moepwint project without corruption and bribery.

MP U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency submitted a proposal on formation of an organization for exchange of foreign glossary and terminology with Myanmar language and uniform use of standard Myanmar and Myanmar glossary. Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung discussed that it should be put on record. Then, the Hluttaw put it on record. The meeting came to an end at noon.

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## Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses work coordination meeting on holding 14<sup>th</sup> ACAMM



Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects preparations for 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct— Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win delivered an address at the work coordination meeting on success-

ful holding of the 14<sup>th</sup> ACAMM, at the meeting hall of the Central Command on 6 October morning.

On 7 October, the Vice-Senior General inspected local battalion. On 8 October, Vice-Senior General

Soe Win inspected sports ground, barrack and library for the cadets of Anawrahta battalion, and Defence Services Academy Museum, Defence Services Academy Library, Planetarium and language lab.

Then, the Vice-Senior General addressed the work coordination meeting for holding the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet at the meeting hall of the Defence Services Technological Academy.

Next, he viewed space for science lab, demonstrations on flag hoisting ceremony and the 14<sup>th</sup> ACAMM, and training of liaison officers, barrack and handcraft booths at the buildings in which ASEAN shooting teams would stay.

In the afternoon, the Vice-Senior General viewed VIP lounge, Novelty Shoot demonstration, preparations for awarding ceremony, and shooting demonstrations at Tatmadaw Shooting Range (PyinOoLwin).—MNA

Questioner U Myint Oo said that our region, Thanatpin remains lot of difficulties for it even though the ministry on its part has actively been implementing that project. One stop services is made available only to people in urban areas. The majority of people there have no citizenship scrutiny

## Bay of Bengal Condition

A Low Pressure Area may form over the South Bay of Bengal and it likely to intensify into a depression. Weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Rainy conditions are likely to be above normal in Upper Sagaing,

Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin State and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Rainy days are expected about 6 to 8 days in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin State and 4 to 5 days in the remaining Regions and States.—NLM

## MoU on coal-fired power plant (500-MW) in Kyauktan Township inked

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct— A ceremony to sign an MoU on construction of a coal-fired power plant (500-MW) between Hydropower Planning Department under the Ministry of Electric Power, Orange Powergen Pvt Ltd of India, Global Advisors Pte Ltd of Singapore and local-based Diamond Palace Services Co., Ltd, took place at the ministry here this morning.

Chairman U Thein Than of Diamond Palace Services Co., Ltd explained

implementation of project and spoke of words of thanks.

Afterwards, acting director-general U Thaug Han of Hydropower Planning Department and Co-Founder and Director Mr Murali Subramanian of Orange Powergen Pvt Ltd signed the MoU and exchanged the documents.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aung Than Oo, directors-general, managing directors and officials

under the departments and enterprises under the ministry and responsible persons from Orange Powergen Pvt Ltd, Global Advisors Pte Ltd and Diamond Palace Services Co., Ltd.

It is reported that the coal-fired power plant (500 MW) located in Kyauktan Township of Yangon Region will be implemented through JV/B.O.T system. Upon completion, the project can distribute more power to the people.

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## Internet Service to be cut for a while in Nay Pyi Taw

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs has implemented the project for improvement of communication network to increase the Internet speed.

Regarding the project, MPT in cooperation with the Information Technology Department and NTT Communications has upgraded and installed ISPs and National Gateways in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay. Nay Pyi Taw POP which is currently linked with Yangon Hanthawady ISP Network would be connected with newly installed Nay Pyi Taw ISP Network at the duration mentioned below and the MPT's internet service in the Nay Pyi Taw POP area would be stopped for a while when the work is carried out.

No.	Date	Time	POP	Duration
1.	11-10-2013	from 02.00 am to 02:15 am	Nay Pyi Taw POP	15 minutes

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

## Practices for taking part in International White Cane Day



Students of School for the Blind taking practice for International White Cane Day in PyinOoLwin.

PYINOO LWIN, 8 Oct—About 110 students led by Sayadaw U Nēya of Parahita School for the Blind in PyinOoLwin Township take exercises to be able to take part in the International White Cane Day to be held in Yangon and Mandalay on 15 October.

On 6 October, they took

a practice session from the school to the downtown. Along the route, the local people and wellwishers donated soft drinks, purified drinking water, foods and cash donation to the them.

The youth will take exercise on PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road on 9 October.

A total of 20 students

from the school will participate in the International White Cane Day in Yangon and 100 in Mandalay.

In the previous years, the students from the School for the Blind (PyinOoLwin) bagged the largest amount of prizes in the white cane day celebrations.

Kyemon-Zaw Min Htwe

## Construction

### Detour to Bago under construction



BAGO, 8 Oct—Max Myanmar Co and Shwe Than Lwin Co are building the detour to Bago through BOT system.

The detour starts from the mile post 45/1 in front of Bago University at Saragalaywin Village on Yangon-Mandalay Highway and connects with the highway at mile post 56/6 in Kali Village. It will be 11 miles and five furlongs long.

The detour will pass Phayathonhsu Village Kyauktainggan Village, western part of Oktha Myo-thit and eastern part of Sar-galegwin Village. The road will have 24 feet wide. A 340 feet long RC bridge will be

built across Bago River on the detour.

Upon completion, the highway cargo and buses will not be allowed to pass the downtown Bago and to use the detour so as to reduce traffic congestion at

the downtown Bago.

A part of detour that starts from Yangon-Mandalay Highway seen from Bago University.

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## Health Care

### Reproductive health course conducted in Pyay

PYAY, 8 Oct—Jointly organized by Myanmar Medical Association, Health Department and UNFPA, the training course for reproductive health care service was opened at the hall of Pyay District Health Department in Pyay on 7 October.

Dr Khin Nwe Oo and Dr Than Htaik Nyein of Myanmar Medical Association gave lectures on prevention against disadvantages of sexual harassment and care

for early days and weeks of emergency situation, ailness of infants and mothers and prevention against mortality rate, reduction of infection of HIV, drawing the plan for comprehensive reproductive health, coordination systems, packaging of essential medicines and related equipment in emergency situation, and usage.

The training course was attended by general practitioners of Pyay Township, members of Maternal

and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross Brigade, officials of administrative body, staff of Social Welfare Department and Relief and Resettlement Department, Women's Affairs Organization, Myanmar Police Force, Fire Services Department and Information and Public Relations Department, totalling 20.

The training course ran three days.

Kyemon-District IPRD



Yangon Region Minister for Finance Daw San San Nwe, Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein and Yangon South District Deputy Commissioner U Sai Thaw Win formally open 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Performing Arts Competition of Yangon South District at Shwehmawwun Hall in Kyauktan on 7 October.

KYEMON-THAN WIN (TANYINLAY)

### Illegal teak parquets seized in Ottwin

OTTWIN, 8 Oct—According to the information that illegal timber are carried, a team led by Forester U Tin Swe Myint of Forest Department, acting on tip-off, discharged duty near mile post 120.7 on Ottwin-Paukhaung Road in Yethoe Village of Ottwin Township on 5 October morning.

They saw a 125 Kenbo motorcycle, driven by U

Khin, 47, son of U Hla from Pinyakwin Village of Ottwin Township.

They seized 297 pieces of teak parquets weighing 0.0928 ton worth K 23200 from the motorcycle and 260 pieces of teak parquet weighing 0.0832 ton worth K 20300 from Kenbo motorcycle driven by Zaw Win Tun, 26, son of U Than of Kyetthunkhin Ward 1 in

Ottwin Township.

Ottwin Police Station opened files of lawsuit against U Khin and Zaw Win Tun under the law.

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**Crime Reduction**

### Artisian well automatically pours out water in Meiktila Tsp



Township officials inspect pouring out of water from the natural artisian well in Myin Village of Meiktila District.

MEIKTILA, 8 Oct—While sinking a tube-well near the farmland of U Min Aung in Myin Village of Khinte Village-tract of Meiktila District on 2 October, it became a natural artisian well that pours out 40 gallons of water per hour.

It was sunk with the use of loan disbursed to the farmers from rural areas under the arrangement of the Mandalay Region Government to sink tube-wells. We set a plan to sink four-inch diametre tube-well. After the two-inch diametre tube-well had been sunk, the water pours out automatically. The region is shortage of water. So, the water from the well can be used for agricultural purpose and consumption, said the tube-well sinking operator.

Township level officials inspected the well.—Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)

## REGIONAL

## Victims to be informed of how US military personnel handled

TOKYO, 8 Oct — Tokyo and Washington have agreed to inform victims of crimes committed by US military personnel in Japan of court proceedings, including punishment handed to perpetrators, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said on Tuesday.

The first-ever revision in the operational arrangements regarding the notification system under the Japan-US Status-of-Forces Agreement comes into effect on 1 Jan, 2014.

Kishida said at a press conference that the measure “should lead to reducing the burden on people in Okinawa Prefecture.” Okinawa hosts the bulk of US

bases in Japan.

“I hope (the measure) will spur understanding for our country’s security policy and the US military realignment process,” he said.

The Japanese government has currently been informed by the US side only of finalized court rulings. Under the new rules, Japan can also be informed about court decisions even before they are finalized, whether or not the personnel were given disciplinary actions or not, and if punished, what kind of disciplinary actions were given, Kishida said.

This piece of information can, in principle, be revealed to the victims and

their families, if they wish, even without US approval.

The revision comes in response to growing frustration in Okinawa Prefecture, which shows dissatisfaction about the current notification system.

The latest measure is also aimed at easing local opposition to a long-stalled plan to relocate the US Marine Corps’ Futenma Air Station from a densely populated area to a less-populated area within the island prefecture, officials said.

Locals are calling for the Futenma base to be moved outside Okinawa.

Kishida will fly to Okinawa on Tuesday afternoon to explain the new



Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida holds a Press conference at the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo on 8 Oct, 2013. KYODO NEWS

## Deal signed to conduct study for Japanese high-speed rail in India

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct — The Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Indian Ministry of Railways on Monday signed a memorandum to conduct a joint feasibility study on introducing Japan’s bullet train technology in India.

The Japanese agency said contractors would be selected by the end of the year to start the study on technology, cost and impact on society and environment for the roughly 500-kilometre route between Mumbai and Ahmedabad over one and a half year.

The joint study was agreed in May during talks between Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. It may take some time before India decides whether or not to introduce Japan’s shinkansen system.—Kyodo News

Kyodo News

## Four dead, thousands evacuated after Typhoon Fitow hits eastern China



Rescuers talk on a boat as they travel along a flooded street after Typhoon Fitow hit Taoshan township of Rui’an, Zhejiang Province on 7 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

SHANGHAI, 8 Oct — Four people were killed and hundreds of thousands evacuated after Typhoon Fitow hit eastern China, destroying houses and farmlands and closing ports and airports.

Packing winds up to 151 kms (94 miles) per hour, Fitow hit Fuding city in Fujian Province on early Monday before weakening into a tropical storm later in the day, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

At least four people have been killed and four others were still missing, Xinhua said on Tuesday.

Flight and train services in Zhejiang Province, south of Shanghai, were suspended on Monday.

In Wenzhou city in Zhejiang province, the storm destroyed over 1,700 houses and 46,800 hectares of crop land, the report said.

It was the 23rd typhoon to hit China this year.

Reuters

## Two killed, over 92,600 individuals affected by bad weather in Philippines

MANILA, 8 Oct — Two people were killed and more than 92,600 people were affected because of flooding brought by continuous rains and thunderstorms due to intertropical convergence zone during the past days, a senior government official said on Monday.

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) executive director Eduardo del Rosario said the two victims, one of them a five-year old girl, drowned after they were swept by strong water currents in separate occasions both in central

Philippine province of Antique.

He said that a total of 18,828 families, or 92,658 people, from four regions in central and southern Philippines have been affected by the weather disturbance.

Xinhua

## Australia jobless rate seen steady at 4-year high in September

SYDNEY, 8 Oct — Australia’s unemployment rate is expected to hold steady at a four-year high in September, but analysts suspect a rise to 6 percent and above, levels not seen in a decade, is only a matter of time with the economy still struggling to gain momentum.

Official data on Thursday is expected to show the unemployment rate unchanged at 5.8 percent in September despite the creation of 15,000 jobs, median forecasts in a Reuters poll show. Employment fell in both July and August.

National elections on 8 September are expected to have provided a temporary

boost to employment, but longer-term pressures on the jobs market remain.

Miners are expected to keep shedding jobs as they shift to a less labour-intensive phase after an investment boom and cut costs, while firms in other sectors are cautious about hiring as they face a still-strong currency and uncertain global outlook.

As such, analysts said the jobless rate should trend higher. It has already risen from a low of 5.0 percent in April last year, and a move to 6 percent and above would take it to highs not seen since mid-2003.

The Reserve Bank of Australia said it expects a boost to employment, but longer-term pressures on the jobs market remain.

“In my view, it is extremely important to enhance maritime cooperation between China and ASEAN countries,” said Chiew, adding that port trade would effectively speed up the China-ASEAN cooperation.—Xinhua



A man arrives at a compound of employment offices in Karratha at the Pilbarra region in Western Australia on 19 April, 2011.—REUTERS

Australia is predicting modest employment growth into 2014, reflecting an economy that is growing at a below-potential pace. That would drive the jobless rate gradually higher for a year or so, before leveling out and then declining as the economy eventually picks up steam, the RBA has said.

Forward-looking indicators on Tuesday pointed to a soft labor market. The ANZ job advertisements report showed only a modest increase in September after six months of declines, while the NAB business confidence survey showed

employment conditions remaining subdued.

This is one reason why several economists still expect the RBA to keep monetary policy loose and even cut rates again if necessary. It has already slashed the cash rate by 225 basis points since November 2011 to a record low of 2.5 percent. “Based on the most recent RBA statement, we have decided to delay our rate cut call from November to February, allowing the RBA time to pause and watch the data,” National Australia Bank Chief Economist Alan Oster said.—Reuters

## Brunei expert lauds Li’s plan to upgrade China-ASEAN FTA

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 8 Oct — Beijing has made it a policy priority to upgrade the China-ASEAN free trade area, which would contribute to development and prosperity in the region, a Bruneian expert said.

In a China-ASEAN expo early September, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang called for an “upgraded ver-

sion” of the free trade area (FTA) between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), pledging economic and trade cooperation of “greater scope and higher quality.”

His proposal is a remarkable blueprint for future China-ASEAN ties, Chiew Chee Phoong, deputy editor-in-chief of the

Brunei Times, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

Bilateral trade between China and ASEAN amounted to 400.1 billion U.S. dollars last year, nearly six times that of 10 years ago. In the first half of 2013, bilateral trade surged to 210.56 billion dollars, up 12.2 percent year on year.

Li has suggested China and ASEAN strengthen in-

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*Journalists work at the media center of the 21th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Bali, Indonesia, on 7 Oct, 2013. —XINHUA*



**Improving tourism market attracts more foreign visitors**

HAIKOU, 8 Oct — For Philip Masleid, who married a Chinese woman three years ago, taking a tour in China once a year has become a regular schedule.

Charmed by the country's diverse landscapes, the American young man was also deeply impressed by some inconveniences during his China tours.

"The most frustrating moment is when you can't find toilet paper in public restrooms at some scenic spots," said Masleid.

He is not the only foreigner who has such unpleasant experiences.

According to a recent survey conducted by China Tourism Academy among foreign travellers, respondents had relatively low satisfaction with tourism environment, public services and the sense of security during their tours.

China's first tourism law took effect on 1 October. The law aims to regulate the country's tourism market and upgrade the sector's services, to boost

the industry.

It bans profits from hidden traveller costs, such as mandatory shopping outings and scenic spots are not allowed to receive tourists exceeding their capacities, and these should be made public.

China has rich cultural resources and natural sceneries, yet the country's tourist industry still lags behind the world's mature tourist markets, said Dai Xuefeng, a tourism analyst with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

A World Economic Forum report released in March showed that China ranked the 45th in terms of travel and tourism competitiveness among 140 economies that were assessed.

The new law has made specific requirements on how to improve the country's tourism public services system, the security environment and the industry self-regulation, said Dai Bin, head of the China Tourism Academy.

Xinhua

**Int'l aid for Syrian refugees in Jordan insufficient**

AMMAN, 8 Oct — Jordanian Interior Minister Hussein Majali said on Monday that international aid for Syrian refugees in Jordan is insufficient and covers only 30 percent of the real cost, the state-run Petra news agency reported.

The impact of the in-

flux of Syrian refugees is evident on the Jordanian economy, as there are about 1.3 million Syrian refugees in Jordan, accounting for about 15 percent of the country's population, Majali said.

About 146,000 Syrian refugees live in camps in Jordan, while the rest live

in cities, towns and villages in the Arab kingdom, he said.

The minister said the influx of the Syrian refugees also increased burdens on the security apparatuses, which have foiled attempts of armed groups to infiltrate into the country.—Xinhua

**More Palestinian prisoners to be released in October**

RAMALLAH, 8 Oct — Israel and the United States have assured the Palestinian leadership that the second group of prisoners would be released by the end of October, a Palestinian official said on Monday.

They are part of 104 prisoners who have been held since before the 1993 Oslo peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians. The first group of 26 inmates were freed in August following US efforts that brought the two sides to the negotiation table.

"The release of the prisoners on that time (end of October) was confirmed by the Israeli and American side," said Ziad Abu Ein, Palestinian deputy minister of prisoners' affairs.

He noted that the prisoners would be released though the negotiations, which were resumed after nearly three years of halt.

There are about 4,600 prisoners in Israeli jails, including dozens who spent more than two decades behind bars.—Xinhua

**Two miners alive 10 days after being trapped**

TAIYUAN, 8 Oct — Two miners were found alive early on Tuesday morning in north China's Shanxi Province 10 days after being trapped under a coal

mine shaft, a company source said.

The two workers were saved by rescuers at about 3 am at the Zhengsheng Coal Mine of Shanxi Cok-

ing Coal Group Co, Ltd. in Fenyang City, according to the company rescue headquarters.

They were conscious and did not have life-threatening problems. They are currently receiving treatment at a local hospital, according to the company.

How they survived in the shaft were yet to be known as they were too feeble to talk, according to the company. Search is still under way for the other 10 missing miners.

A total of 12 miners were trapped after a flooding in the state-owned mine at 3:10 am on 28 September. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Xinhua



*Rescuers rest near the accident site after flooding in the Zhengsheng Coal Mine of Shanxi Coking Coal Group Co, Ltd in Fenyang City, north China's Shanxi Province, on 8 Oct, 2013. —XINHUA*

ENTERTAINMENT

## Lady Gaga's song Aura in Machete Kills trailers

LONDON, 8 Oct—Pop star Lady Gaga's song Aura features in the latest trailer of Robert Rodriguez-directed movie Machete Kills.

In the film, Gaga will be seen as 'the Chameleon'. The trailer shows Gaga in a yellow gold wig and fur coat and the scenes feature Danny Trejo, Michelle Rodriguez, Sofia Vergara, Amber Heard, Charlie Sheen, Antonio Banderas, Jessica Alba, Cuba Gooding Jr and Mel Gibson, reports aceshowbiz.com.

A special Machete Kills themed lyrics video featuring the complete song is set to come out on 8 October.—PTI



Lady Gaga will be seen as 'the Chameleon' in Machete Kills.



## Kristen Stewart still hasn't moved over ex-beau Robert Pattinson

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct—Actress Kristen Stewart is still not over her ex-boyfriend, actor Robert Pattinson.

The 23-year-old is convinced that no matter who Pattinson is dating, their love was so special that it could never, ever be replaced.

"Even though Rob is dating (someone else), Kristen is convinced that what she and Rob had was one of a kind, that their love for each other was one of a

kind and can never, ever be replaced," hollywood-life.com quoted a source as saying.

"Kristen still misses Rob, but finds comfort in knowing that what they shared was the best thing that ever happened to her," the source added.

Pattinson is currently rumoured to be dating Dylan Penn and Stewart doesn't want to compare herself with anyone linked to the actor.

PTI

Robert Pattinson and Actress Kristen Stewart

Academy Award winning actress Halle Berry



## Actress Halle Berry gives birth to baby boy

NEW YORK, 8 Oct—Actress Halle Berry gave birth to a baby boy on Saturday, her representative confirmed to Reuters. The baby is Berry's second child and her first French actor Olivier Martinez. Berry and Martinez, both 47, July. Berry has a five-year-old daughter, Nahla, with Canadian model Gabriel Aubry.

A former model, Berry has appeared in over 30 films, and won an Oscar for a leading role. She will reprise her role as Storm in "X-Men: Days of Future Past" when the film hits theatres in May of 2014. Berry was previously married to baseball player David Justice and R&B singer Eric Benet, and had a five-year relationship with Aubry that ended in 2010.—Reuters

Reuters with married in model Gabriel Aubry.

## Britney Spears: I always sing live

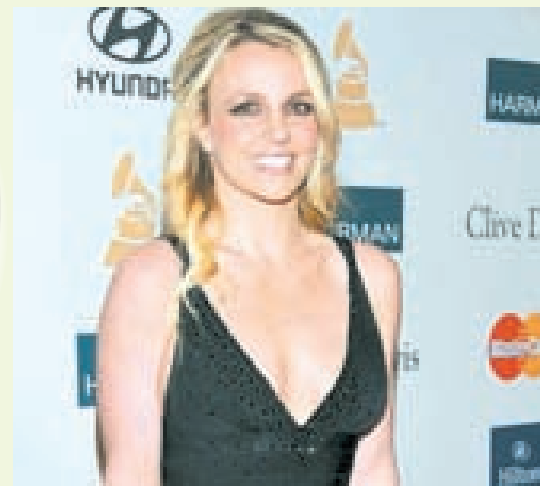
LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct—Singer Britney Spears says she always sings live during her concerts.

The 31-year-old's reaction came after certain reports claimed that the singer lip-sync on pre-recorded audio. But she tries to give her best while performing in front of the audience, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"I'm definitely going to be singing live. I always sing live. It doesn't sound so great all the time, but I do my best," Spears said in a radio interview.

Spears will soon perform in Las Vegas at the upcoming Las Vegas Residency.—PTI

Britney Spears

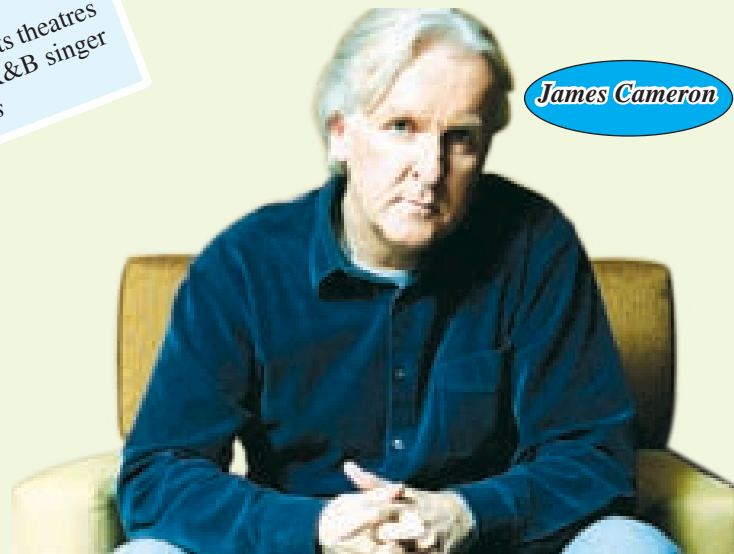


## James Cameron: Gravity is the best space film ever made

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct—Filmmaker James Cameron has called Alfonso Cuarón's Gravity the best space film ever made. The Avatar director praised Cuarón's vision for the new thriller, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as a pair of astronauts who become separated from their craft during a routine mission, reported Variety. "I was stunned, absolutely floored. I think it's the best space photography ever done, I think it's the best space film ever done, and it's the movie I've been hungry to see for an awful long time," Cameron said.

"What is interesting is the human dimension. Alfonso and Sandra working together to create an absolutely seamless portrayal of a woman fighting for her life in zero gravity," he added.—PTI

James Cameron



## US dominance puts Presidents Cup relevance on the line

DUBLIN, 8 Oct — A marathon week of rain delays and birdie hunting at Muirfield Village Golf Club ended with yet another United States victory at the Presidents Cup, once again raising questions about the relevance of the biennial team competition.

The Internationals have triumphed only once and been beaten eight times in 10 editions since the Cup was launched in 1994, and many feel that a change to the event's points structure is sorely needed to make it more competitive.

Australian world number two Adam Scott has never been on a triumphant Internationals

team despite playing in the Presidents Cup on six occasions, and expressed concern about the imbalance between the two sides on the eve of last week's edition. "We need to make this thing really relevant, make it a real competition, because it's got a bit lopsided the last few outings," the Masters champion said. "I think we've got a team that can win, but the only way we can do it is by playing good and wanting it more than the Americans."

Despite mounting a gutsy fightback in Sunday's concluding singles session which they dominated, the Internationals faced an uphill task in their bid to beat a potent US team and

ultimately lost by 18-1/2 points to 15-1/2. While the 12-man American lineup at Muirfield Village bristled with six players ranked in the world's top 10, the Internationals had eight players from outside the top 25.

"Absolutely," Internationals captain Nick Price said when asked if the depth in strength on the US team had been the most significant factor. "That's pretty apparent."

Price firmly believes that the Presidents Cup should adopt the more compact Ryder Cup format to ensure the event's survival and to create closer competition, though his suggestion has been turned down by PGA Tour commission-



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US team captain Fred Couples holds the Presidents Cup during a team picture after the US defeated the International team in the 2013 Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 6 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

er Tim Finchem.

In Price's opinion, fewer points give the stronger team less of an advantage as the weakest players do not compete as often, and he believes this would help the Internationals improve

their dismal record against the United States.

"In order for the Presidents Cup to really go to the next level, it's got to become more consistently competitive," Zimbabwean Price told Reuters. "That

is what's lacking. "Until such time as that happens, I don't want to say it's going to flounder but it's not going to get to the next level. And everything needs to get to the next level to survive."—Reuters

## Redknapp hits out at Football Association

LONDON, 8 Oct — Harry Redknapp accused the Football Association of being clueless and said he "would not trust them to show him a good (England) manager if their lives depended on it". The Queens Park Rangers manager was a favourite to replace Fabio Capello as England manager last year while he was in charge of Tottenham Hotspur but the FA decided to appoint Roy Hodgson instead.

"I wouldn't trust the FA to show me a good manager if their lives depended on it," Redknapp said in his autobiography which is being serialised by the *Daily Mail*. "How would they know? What clubs have they ever run? Who do they speak to who really knows the game?"

"This isn't about them giving the England job to me or Roy Hodgson, but English football being run by people who really haven't got a clue. And they get to pick the England manager."

The 66-year-old said he held no grudge towards Hodgson, who leads England into their final two 2014 World Cup qualifiers against Montenegro and Poland with a place at the tournament in Brazil still uncertain, but said senior players wanted him to get the job and he had already approached Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers, then in charge of Swansea, about being his assistant at the 2012 European Championship.

"Everyone said I was the people's choice, the



Queens Park Rangers' manager Harry Redknapp

only choice. All the senior players seemed to be up for me to get the job.

I got quite a few text messages at the time from players saying they would love me to manage England: Steven Gerrard, Wayne Rooney, Rio Ferdinand, John Terry. But the FA went for Roy Hodgson to be the England manager — a man who is more their cup of tea."

He said that Hodgson was more of an "FA man",

having come through their system, and that the governing body may have been put off by a potentially large compensation demand by Spurs' chairman Daniel Levy.

"I'm sure the FA would deny they were interested in me anyway, they always like to say they got their No 1 choice, but maybe what helped make their minds up was the thought of writing a cheque in the region of £16 million to Levy."—Reuters

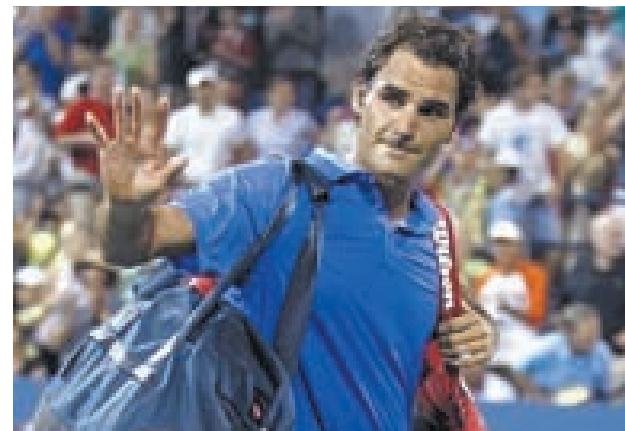
## Federer already looking forward to 'great' 2014

BEIJING, 8 Oct — Looking back is a waste of time, as far as Roger Federer is concerned.

While tennis fans and pundits are obsessed with his below-par performance at the four majors this year which has left him in danger of missing the cut for the season-ending ATP finale for the first time since

pecially at some very key moments where I consider myself a favourite. "For that reason I'm really looking forward to 2014 already."

Federer, who won the last of his record 17 grand slam titles at Wimbledon 15 months ago before scooping a silver at the London Games, went through the



Roger Federer of Switzerland

2001, Federer has already put a positive spin on his 2013 trials and tribulations.

"I always knew that this year, after a very tough year in 2012, the Olympics (and winning Wimbledon), was going to be a bit more quiet," the Swiss told reporters in Shanghai on Monday after winning his first-round doubles match with little-known Chinese Zhang Ze.

"I expected myself probably not to be as successful and as busy playing matches and tournaments.

"My mindset now is, okay, next year is going to be a great year again where I'm not going to have that many points to defend, es-

2013 season without reaching a major final for the first time since 2002 and his

only success has been at the low-key Halle tournament. He lost in the Australian Open semi-finals to Andy Murray, fell at the last-eight stage to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the French Open, suffered a shock second-round defeat at Wimbledon to journeyman Sergiy Stakhovsky before losing to Tommy Robredo in the US Open fourth round last month. "I didn't want to focus too much on what happened the last two months. The US Open, I hardly ever thought about it if I look back, at the Robredo match," he said.—Reuters

## Injured Sharapova out of WTA Championship



Maria Sharapova of Russia

ISTANBUL, 8 Oct — World number three Maria Sharapova withdrew on Monday from the end-of-season WTA Cham-

pionship in Istanbul due to the shoulder injury that also kept her out of the US Open.

The 26-year-old Rus-

sian has not played since losing to Sloane Stephens in the second round of the Western and Southern Open in Cincinnati in August.

"I am very disappointed I will not be able to play in the TEB BNP Paribas WTA Championship this year," Sharapova told the tour website (www.wtatennis.com) on Monday.

"The fans in Istanbul have welcomed us each year with such intense passion and warmth. I will sincerely miss the energy and excitement they bring to the year-end tournament."

The four-times grand

slam winner, who fired coach Jimmy Connors after just one match together following the defeat by Stephens, pulled out of the US Open held in August and September due to inflammation in her right shoulder.

Petra Kvitova, Sara Errani and Jelena Jankovic have joined world number one Serena Williams, Victoria Azarenka, Agnieszka Radwanska and Li Na in qualifying for the eight-player WTA Championship that begins on 22 October. Sharapova's place is still up for grabs through the rankings.—Reuters

GENERAL



Residents ride in dense haze in downtown Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 8 Oct, 2013. Zhengzhou was shrouded by severe haze in the past few days.—XINHUA

## Turkey, India sign agreements to boost bilateral cooperation

ANKARA, 8 Oct—Turkey and India signed cooperation agreements on Monday in the Turkish capital of Ankara to boost bilateral ties.

At the presence of Turkish President Abdullah Gul and his visiting Indian counterpart Pranab Mukherjee, the two countries signed 11 bilateral agreements, aiming to boost

cooperation in the fields of small- and medium-sized enterprises, archive research, media, science and technology.

Gul and Mukherjee discussed Turkish-Indian ties and exchanged views about current regional and global developments.

Mukherjee, the first Indian president to visit Turkey in 15 years, began his

three-day visit in the Turkish largest city of Istanbul on Friday, when he attended a ceremony at Istanbul University which granted him an honorary doctorate degree.

Mukherjee is also set to meet with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Parliament Speaker Cemil Cicek.

Xinhua

## Rossi back in Italy squad, Balotelli included despite ban

ROME, 8 Oct—Giuseppe Rossi returned to the Italy squad on Sunday for the first time since the injury nightmare which cost him two years of his career while Mario Balotelli avoided being dropped despite a ban for bad behaviour.

US born forward Rossi was included in the squad, published on the Italian Football Federation website (www.figc.it), for the World Cup qualifiers away to Denmark on 11 October and at home to Armenia four days later.

He is set to make his first appearance since playing against Serbia two years ago.

Rossi's troubles began

when he suffered an anterior cruciate ligament injury to his right knee while playing for Villarreal in a Spanish league match against Real Madrid in October 2011.

He fought desperately to be fit again in time for Euro 2012 only to re-injure the knee in training two months before the tournament.

Villarreal sold him to Fiorentina at the start of this year and he finally made his comeback against Pescara in May, playing 27 minutes in the final match of last season. This season, he has surpassed expectations by scoring five league goals for Fiorentina.

Balotelli's place in the



Italy's coach Cesare Prandelli (R) talks to Mario Balotelli during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match against Czech Republic at the Juventus stadium in Turin, on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

squad was in the balance after he was sent off at the end of a 2-1 home defeat by Napoli two weeks ago for arguing with the referee and given a three-match ban.

Coach Cesare Prandelli has in the past punished players for similar misdemeanours, including Balotelli himself, but on this occasion decided not

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| 10. News/International News                          | 27. News/ Weather Report  |
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| 15. Approaching Sciencee Discovery World             | 32. People Talks  |
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## Conservation groups call for New Zealand unity on proposed Pacific Ocean sanctuary

WELLINGTON, 8 Oct—Environment and conservation group on Tuesday called for a united political front to protect the waters of New Zealand's remote Kermadec Islands, one of the world's last remaining pristine ocean areas. The call came after opposition Green Party Member of Parliament Gareth Hughes launched a Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill that would set up a no-take marine sanctuary up to 200 nautical miles from the islands. The islands, which lie in the Pacific Ocean about 1,000 km northeast of New Zealand, are a nature reserve, while the waters around them already boast New Zealand's largest

marine reserve, covering 745,000 hectares.

The WorldWide Fund for Nature (WWF) called for all political parties to come together to support the bill. "This bill will protect one of the last near pristine ocean sites in the world," WWF New Zealand head of campaigns Peter Hardstaff said in a statement. The Kermadecs were home to species found nowhere else in the world, and new species were still being discovered, he said.

The region teemed with marine life on the sea surface and down to the second deepest trench in the world, which was more than 10,000 metres deep.

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## Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Thai delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Chairman of Amata Foundation Mr. Vikrom Kromadit of Thailand at the hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, Dr Daw Khin San Yi, Dr Tin Shwe and officials concerned.

The meeting focused on potentials to rapidly establish an industrial zone in Myanmar-Thai border area by Thailand.—MNA

*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham poses for documentary photo together with Thai delegation.—MNA*

## Consumers to get more effective protection after enactment of Consumer Protection Law

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — “Stern action will be taken against those who import and distribute low-quality oil after the Consumer Protection Law has been enacted,” said Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, regarding the question on the measures for edible palm oil distribution and selling at today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

The ministry of commerce has made coordina-

tion with Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association, importer companies and edible palm oil tank owners on systematic distribution of quality edible oil to people. The companies and officials including the directors who fail to follow the rules will be blacklisted. A plan is under way to set up a working group comprising importers, oil tank owners, wholesalers, experts and

departmental officials and to hold a workshop at UM-FCCI as soon as possible, he added.

Regarding the question of U Myint Oo of Thanatpin Constituency on swift measures for issuance of citizenship scrutiny card and census like “Moepwint” project, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win replied that so far, (See page 9)

## Coordination to be made whether a certain place should be designated as a remote area on the basis of village-tract/region

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — “There is no plan to designate Malikyun village-tract in Pulaw Township as a remote area and allow departmental staff in the village-tract to enjoy a double salary increase monthly. Coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs and relevant region/state governments will be made whether or not a certain place should be designated as a remote area on the basis of village-tract/re-

gion,” Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung said in his answer to the question raised by U Hla Soe of Taninthayi Region Constituency No (9) at today’s Amyotha Hluttaw session.

“Designation of remote areas should be made on the grounds of village level, not township. The Speaker said this matter will be taken into consideration on the basis of village. Among the island villages, Malikyun village is the place with

more difficult access during the rainy season. More than 200 staff live a difficult life with traffic disruption during a period of five months in every year. The deputy minister suggested that the submission of a report should be made through the region government. I try my best to have a double salary increase for them,” U Hla Soe said.

Regarding the question of U Paw Hlyan Lwin (See page 9)

## Information Ministry and media outlets not working outside legal framework; all contracts made in given legal framework with permissions

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — The press conference of the Ministry of Information was held at the assembly hall of the ministry, here, this noon.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htwe and departmental heads, local and foreign media, totaling over 50.

In his clarification, Deputy Minister U Pike Htwe said:

The press conference of the Information Ministry today is about an article “connection between broadcasters’ tax affairs and Information Ministry should be investigated and made public” appeared on 4 October 2013 issue of the Daily Eleven Newspaper. We would like to explain that private broadcasters and Ministry of Information are operating in line

with rules and regulations and law and there is no corruption.

First of all, I would like to explain the operation of the Information Ministry and those private media companies are in compliance with law. The State Law and Order Restoration Council enacted State-owned Economic Enterprises Law on 31 March 1989 with law No. 9/89. Broadcasting is one of the 12 businesses that only the government has the right to carry out, according to sub-section (i) of Section (3) of the Chapter 2 of the law. The Section (4) of the law states that “The government may by notification, permit in the interest of the Union of Myanmar any economic enterprises which is prescribed under Section 3 to be operated solely by the Government

to be carried out by joint-venture the Government and any other person or any other economic organization or under conditions by any person or any economic organization subject to conditions. In addition, the State Law and Order Restoration Council enacted TV and Video Law with law No. 8/96 on 29 July 1996. The Section 31 of Chapter (9) Offences and Penalties of the law states “Whoever with the exception of a Government department and government organization operates the television transmission business without the permission of the Government shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 5 years or with fine. In addition, the property which relate directly to the offence shall also be con-

fiscated. According to those laws, issuing permits to Forever Group Co Ltd and Shwe Than Lwin Co Ltd to run broadcasting is in compliance with law.

From 2004 to 2010, the Myanma Radio and Television under the Information Ministry signed business deals with two broadcasting media companies and six FM radio companies.

Here is the procedure of signing business deal with Forever Co—

—Forever Group Co Ltd applied to the Information Ministry for broadcasting through common channel streaming video system in 2003.

—The Information Ministry put forward the draft agreement to Ministry of Finance, Office of Attorney-General of the Union, (See page 6)

## Amnesty granted

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — Aiming at encouraging them to be able to serve the national, regional and their own interest joining hands with the people after realizing the magnanimity of the State, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has granted an amnesty for 56 prisoners who were in the

list of the committee for scrutinizing remaining political prisoners and have served their terms to a certain extent in various prisons/work camps in accordance with Section 204 (a) of the Constitution and Section 401, Sub-section (1) of Code of Criminal Procedure as of today.—MNA



*Prisoners who enjoyed amnesty granted by the President were released from Bhamo Jail.*

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