

President U Thein Sein felicitates Laotian counterpart, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—On the occasion of the 38th Anniversary of the Founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.—MNA

Unity a must for implementation of national, regional development undertakings

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec — “The objective of the government's reform process is to fulfill the two desires of the people for ensuring peace and stability and the rule of law and socio-economic development of the nation and its people through implementation of tasks for the development of agriculture sector,” said President U Thein Sein on

his tour of 100-acre Aung Mingala modern farmland in Kyaunggon Township this morning.

After hearing reports on implementation of flood preparedness measures and five-point of agriculture reform in Ayeyawady Region presented by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, (See page 9)



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein greets local people in Kyaunggon Township.—MNA

The definition of ASEAN Logo for 2014



Kha Yay or Star Flower

- Since kha yay is known as ‘star flower,’ (10) kha yay flowers stand for 10 ASEAN Member States as ‘Stars’ in its own right, and the links among them means that all ASEAN Member States are joining hands in unity as a community and as emerging stars in the world.
- In the form, Star flower resembles the pinion of a machine. The linkage of the (10) pinions will be driving force for the peace and prosperity of the region for which the theme of the Chair stands for.
- In fact, Star flower is an ordinary flower in Myanmar valued by the millions of people. Therefore, it represents the majority

people of the region. Therefore, Kha yay stands for millions of ASEAN people. Centered on the ASEAN people, ASEAN will advance towards the peace, prosperity and development of the region.

- The mixture of the white and yellow color of the star flower indicates peace and prosperity for the people of the region.
- The nobility of the star flower is its scent. The scent of the star flower recalling far and near even when it wilts. Therefore, like the resilience of the scent of star flower, the resilience of the ASEAN people remains in robust strength not only in times of enjoying achievements but also in times of encountering challenges.

Background Colour

The green background of the logo means that ASEAN will implement the development of the region emphasizing peace, green growth and environmental preservation in the region.

MOFA

Myanmar rowers to secure gold medals in traditional boat race

Myanmar traditional boat rowers are hoping to secure gold medals in upcoming SEA Games, said Secretary of Myanmar

Rowing Federation U Pe Win.

The rowing covers three categories. They are rowing, canoeing and kayak

Maung Shwe Yoe

and traditional boat race. Out of them, Myanmar row-



ers are expected to sweep gold medals at traditional boat race. Myanmar rowers could bag most gold medals at traditional boat race in Indonesian SEA Games. We expect to secure 17 gold medals in this event. We will try our best to achieve success in front of our fans, he added.

Traditional boat race, canoeing and kayak event and rowing contest will be held at Ngalike Dam in Nay Pyi Taw from 18 to 21 December. A total of 42 gold medals — 15 in canoeing and kayak event, nine in rowing contest and 17 in traditional boat race — will be awarded to the winners.

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LOCAL NEWS

Defence Services families donate eggs to Myanmar athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec— Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) today donated 1000 eggs to Myanmar athletes for successfully competing in the 27th SEA Games. The families will donate 1000 eggs daily for the athletes during the SEA Games. *Myawady*

Wellwishers donate cash for construction of Pagoda

MEIKTILA, 1 Dec—A cash donation ceremony for construction of Maha Yanmyoang Shwedagon Pagoda was held at the Dhammayon of Sasana Waiponla Monastery near the Pagoda on 27 November. Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida explained the purposes of building the pagoda. Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Aye accepted K 20 million donated by U Than Htoo and family and U Aung Kyaw Kyaw and family (D//2 and Nino Co.). The 74 feet high Maha Yanmyoang Shwedagon Pagoda, a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda will be built with eight encircled zedis. *Kyemon-Than Kyaw Myint*

National Sports

Kyaw Zeyar Win moves to Perek Club of Malaysia



Captain of Myanmar U-23 team Kyaw Zeyar Win in action of controlling the football.

YANGON, 1 Dec—Kyaw Zeyar Win, Captain of Myanmar U-23 team that will take part in the XXVII SEA Games, will join Perek FC of Malaysian Super League. He will play there from 1 December 2013 to 1 December 2014 under the one-year contract. He will get US\$ 5000 per month as salary. His mother club Kanbawza FC allowed him to join Perek Club for contributing to development of Myanmar football sport and for enabling him to get experiences. However, it did not announce transfer fee for Kyaw Zeyar Win. Kanbawza FC and Perek FC agreed to hire its player in the coordination meeting on 28 November.—*MMAL-Po Thaw Zin: Photo: Soe Nyunt*

Tourism

Hotels in Yangon ready for SEA Games

YANGON, 1 Dec—“Hotels in Yangon are ready for the XXVII SEA Games,” said Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association (Yangon Zone) U Tin Win. More than 30 hotels including eight hotels for sportspersons have been arranged for those who will come to the SEA Games. Authorities concerned have already inspected security measures in the hotels. We have already arranged food, accommodation, security and health for the XXVII SEA Games. We have to attend the daily meeting, he added. Additional hotels are held in reserve in case of the massive influx of tourists during the SEA Games period. Even my hotel is ready to provide 24/7 services to the guests. No needs to worry about the shortage of hotel rooms, he said. *Kyemon-Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)*

Odd News

Badly rusted grenade found in Kyaikto

KYAIKTO, 1 Dec—U Soe Naing, 45 of Kawsannaing Ward in Kyaikto found a Badly rusted grenade from Kawsannaing Creek while fishing with net near the railroad in Kawsannaing Ward of Kyaikto on 29 November morning. Township Police Force and officials of Township Police Force inspected the grenade and informed the local battalion about the findings. The grenade was seen with the brand of BS 97 dated 1-1-2006, and it was taken by officials concerned. *MMAL-Township IPRD*

MAWLAMYINE, 1 Dec —“Closed-circuit television cameras will be mounted in public areas to monitor flows of traffic and to fight crimes,” said Mon State police commander Police Col Myo Swe Win in his address at a meeting of Mon State traffic rules enforcement committee in Mawlamyine on 28 November. According to the meeting, plans are underway to install the CCTV cameras at two digital traffic lights near Diwunkwin ground and the market in downtown Mawlamyine. The Mon State traffic rules enforcement committee is carrying out enforcement of

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The first Mandalay Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Exhibition 2013 was opened at Chanmyathazi airport in Chanmyathazi Township on 28 November morning.
MMAL-KHIN KHIN WIN (EDUCATION)



Asphalt concrete placed on Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec—Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee focuses on smooth transportation of local people, construction of new roads, repairing of old roads and upgrading of roads in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.



On 29 November afternoon, Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee supervised placing of asphalt concrete on Pyinmana-Taungnyo road section in front of Shwekyarbin Guesthouse in Zabuthiri Township.

At works, Thawdar Win Company undertook the AC placing of road with the use of heavy machinery.

Khin Zaw (Mingala)

English, Maths skill contest held in Gangaw

GANGAW, 1 Dec—Organized by Gangaw Township Education Office of No 2 Basic Education Department, the English and Maths skill contest was held at the hall of Basic Education High School in Gangaw on 25 and 26 November. A total of 19 students from 11 education regions took part in the English skill contest and 21 in the Maths skill contest at primary level, and 65 in the English skill contest and 66 in the Maths skill contest at middle school level. *MMAL-101*

Heroin powder seized in Shwegu Tsp

SHWEGU, 1 Dec—Acting on a tip-off, a team led by SIP Wai Phyo Oo of Shwegu Myoma Police Station together with the witnesses intercepted a motorbike driven by Toe Tet Aung (a) Tet Toe, 28, son of U Chit Khin, of Poukkon Village traffic rules on the one hand and maintenance works and installation of new traffic lights at necessary places on the other hand.

in Kyaukgyi Village-tract near the cemetery of Ward-1 in Shwegu Township on 26 November. During the operation, they seized 0.20412 gram of heroin powder worth K 8100 and the suspect is charged under the Sections 15/16 (C) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Shwegu Myoma Police Station.

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WORLD

New York train derails, four dead, 63 injured - transit officials

NEW YORK CITY, 1 Dec— At least four people were killed and 63 injured, including 11 critically, when a suburban train derailed in New York on Sunday, with at least five cars from the Metro-North train sliding off the tracks, officials said.

The train derailed on a large curved section of track at 7:20 a.m. in New York about 100 yards (meters) north of Metro North's Spuyten Duyvil station in

the Bronx borough, said Aaron Donovan, a spokesman for Metro North, a subsidiary of New York State's Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

A spokesman for the city fire department confirmed the number of dead and said 11 people were in critical condition, six were in serious condition with non-life threatening injuries and another 46 sustained minor injuries.

At least one rail car

was lying toppled near the Hudson river and police and other rescue workers were searching for survivors along the shoreline and the waterway.

Reuters

Emergency workers gather at the site of a Metro-North train derailment in the Bronx borough of New York December 1, 2013.

REUTERS



Egypt's draft constitution enshrines army role in politics



Amr Moussa, chairman of the committee to amend the country's constitution speaks at a news conference at the Shura Council in Cairo on 22 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

CAIRO, 1 Dec — Egypt's new constitution, according to a draft text completed on Saturday nearly five months after the army deposed an Islamist president, will bolster the military's hand and ban religious parties.

The constitution, expected to be put to a referendum in December, is part of an army-planned political transition meant to lead to parliamentary and presidential elections next year.

"In the early hours of the morning the assembly (reached) an overall consensus over the constitution articles," its chairman, former Arab League chief Amr Moussa, told a news conference.

The 50-member constituent assembly later began voting to approve the draft, article by article, and once this process is complete it will submit the document to interim President Adli Mansour, who will set a date for the referendum.

The final draft, seen by Reuters, does away with the Islamist-inspired additions that featured in the constitution approved by a

referendum during Mursi's year in office.

It empowers the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces to approve the choice for a defense minister who would serve for eight years from when the constitution becomes law.

Army chief General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ousted the Muslim Brotherhood's Mursi, Egypt's first freely elected leader, on 3 July after mass protests against him. Sisi suspended the constitution and an assembly was named to draft a new one by 3 December.

The document it has produced proscribes any political party founded on "a religious basis", reverting to a prohibition that was in force during Mubarak's 30-year rule. Even though Islamists dominated five national votes held since Mubarak fell in 2011, the constituent assembly includes only two Islamists — one from the hardline Salafi Nour party and the other a former Brotherhood leader who is now harshly critical of the group he left last year.

The draft constitution also allows civilians to be tried in military courts—another holdover from the Mubarak era and one that will dismay pro-democracy campaigners. Assuming the draft constitution is approved, next year's parliamentary election will be run under a different voting system, with two-thirds of the seats allotted to individual candidates and one third to party lists - reversing the proportions in the last polls, which Islamist parties won.

Reuters

Japan, India to launch working-level talks on exports of US2 rescue plane

TOKYO, 1 Dec — Japan and India have agreed to launch working-level talks soon to pave the way for exports of the Japanese amphibious rescue US2 aircraft, a government source said on Saturday.

The two countries are expected to negotiate details, eyeing plans for Japan to give training to Indian pilots and allowing licensed production of the aircraft to develop India's air industry, the source added, and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is expected to push for the deal when he visits India

in late January. The US2 can land on oceans, even in 3-meter high waves, for rescue operations. Tokyo aims to make a pitch for the aircraft overseas as one of the main defence equipment to be allowed for exports at a time when Japan is reviewing its arms embargo under the so-called "three principles on arms exports."

Under Japan's arms export principles, weapons should not be exported to communist-bloc countries, countries subject to an arms embargo under UN Security Council resolu-

tions, and countries involved in or likely to be involved in international conflicts. It is still necessary to examine the deal, as the identification device installed in the aircraft to detect enemies could fall into the category of weapons under the three principles. The outlook for Japan to land a deal with India, meanwhile, is uncertain given that Canada and Russia are also trying to sell their own small light airplanes, which are much cheaper than the 12 billion-yen US2.

Kyodo News

Thai protesters storm police complex, PM able to leave



Anti-government protesters tear down barricades during a demonstration outside Government House in Bangkok on 30 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

BANGKOK, 1 Dec — Hundreds of protesters seeking to overthrow Thailand's government stormed a police compound on Sunday where the prime minister had been during the morning, forcing her to leave hastily for an undisclosed location, a government official said.

Police fired several rounds of teargas in an area of Bangkok near Government House, after a

chaotic night of street fighting elsewhere in the capital during which two people were killed and at least 45 wounded.

As the Thai capital braced for what protest leaders are calling "V-Day" for toppling the government, thousands gathered at several points across the city, wearing black, waving flags and blowing whistles.

A "red shirt" government supporter was shot

and killed early on Sunday, a day after a 21-year-old student was also fatally shot, as protesters intensified a week-long bid to topple Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and end her family's more than decade-long influence over Thai politics.

Police called in military back-up to protect government buildings after the clashes erupted between supporters and opponents of Yingluck and her billionaire brother, ousted former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, near a sports stadium where about 70,000 government supporters had gathered.

The fighting is the latest in an intractable conflict that broadly pits Thailand's establishment of royalists, wealthy elites and the urban middle class against the poor supporters of Thaksin, who come mostly from provinces north of Bangkok, the country's lowest-

income regions. Protest leaders have told supporters to seize 10 government offices, six television stations, police headquarters and Government House, where Yingluck's office is.

The headquarters of state broadcaster Thai PBS were taken over by protesters, according to a statement from PBS and police, and at least 3,000 protesters massed in front of the police headquarters, a Reuters reporter said.

Five major shopping malls were shut as a precaution.

Streets near the stadium, the scene of intense street battles overnight, were littered with broken glass and rocks, a Reuters witness said. A red-shirt leader, Jatuporn Promphan, said four red shirts had been killed but Reuters only confirmed one, 43-year-old red-shirt guard Viroj Kemnak.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

'Zombie' comet ISON may be back from the dead

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 1 Dec — A smaller, paler version of Comet ISON may have survived incineration in the sun's corona and may be brightening, scientists said on Friday. Since its discovery in September 2012, Comet ISON has been full of surprises. It started off extremely bright, considering its great distance from the sun at the time, beyond Jupiter's orbit. As it drew closer, it did not brighten as much as expected, raising doubts about its size and the amount of water it contained. Ice in a comet's body vaporizes from solar heating, causing a bright stream of particles to trail the body in a distinctive

tail. Conflicting pictures of the comet's future continued until Thursday when ISON apparently flew too close to the sun.

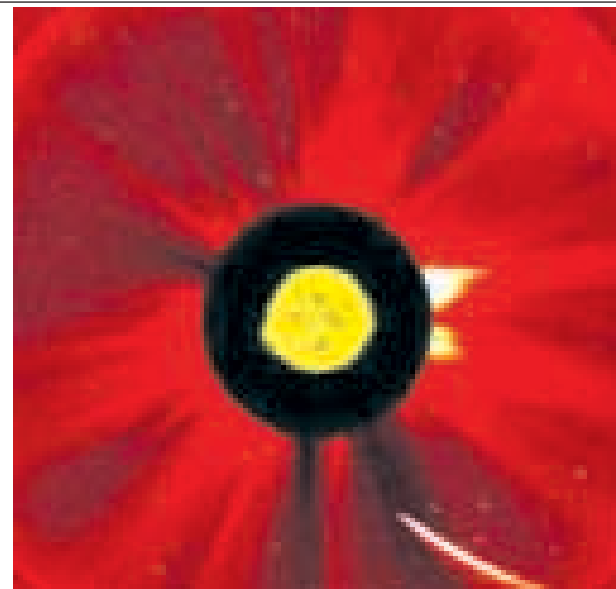
Its long tail and nucleus seemingly vaporized in the solar furnace, dashing hopes of a naked-eye comet visible in Earth's skies in December. But late on Thursday, ISON surprised again. "A bright streak of material streaming away from the sun appeared in the European Space Agency and NASA's Solar and Heliospheric Observatory later in the evening," NASA wrote on its website on Friday. "The question remains whether it is merely debris from the comet, or if some portion of the comet's

nucleus survived," the US space agency said. Preliminary analysis suggests that at least a small nucleus is intact.

"One could almost be forgiven for thinking that there's a comet in the images," astrophysicist Karl Battams, with the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, wrote in a blog posted Thursday night. "Right now it does appear that a least some small fraction of ISON has remained in one piece and is actively releasing material," Battams wrote. "If there is a nucleus, it is still too soon to tell how long it will survive. If it does survive for more than a few days, it is too soon to tell if the comet

will be visible in the night sky. If it is visible in the night sky, it is too soon to say how bright it will be ... I think you get the picture, yes?" he added. The comet was discovered last year by two amateur astronomers using Russia's International Scientific Optical Network, or ISON.

Comets are believed to be frozen remains left over from the formation of the solar system some 4.5 billion years ago. The family of comets that ISON is from resides in the Oort Cloud, which is about 10,000 times farther away from the sun than Earth, halfway to the next star. Computer models show it left the outer edge of the solar system about 5.5



million years ago and began journeying toward the sun. At its closest approach on Thursday, it passed just 730,000 miles (1.2 million km) from the sun's surface and experienced temperatures reaching 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit (2,760

degrees Celsius.) "This has unquestionably been the most extraordinary comet that ... I, and many other astronomers, have ever witnessed," Battams wrote. "This story isn't over yet."

Reuters

Beijing launches carbon emissions trading

BEIJING, 1 Dec—Beijing launched carbon emissions trading on Thursday, making it China's third market for compulsory carbon trading. An initial 490

companies, whose carbon emissions account for 40 percent of the city's total emissions, have been included in the scheme, according to the Beijing

Municipal Commission of Development and Reform.

Under the trading programme, companies which produce more than their fair share of emissions

will be able to buy unused quotas on the market from companies that cause less pollution. The market is based at the Beijing Environment Exchange. Five deals worth 40,800 tonnes in carbon quotas have been traded thus far at prices ranging from 50 to 51.25 yuan (8.16-8.36 US dollars) per tonne.

On Tuesday, Shanghai launched its compulsory carbon trading market, the country's second such market, and south China's Shenzhen City started its market in June. The National Development and Reform Commission, the nation's top economic planner, has also approved pilot carbon emissions trading schemes in Beijing, Tianjin, Chongqing, Hubei and Guangdong. The country has pledged to reduce carbon dioxide emissions 40 to 45 percent per unit of GDP by 2020 compared with 2005 levels.—Xinhua



Xie Zhenhua (R), deputy head of China's National Development and Reform Commission, and Beijing Mayor Wang Anshun attend the inaugural ceremony for Beijing's carbon emission trading in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 Nov, 2013. Beijing launched carbon emissions trading on Thursday, making it China's third market for compulsory carbon trading.—XINHUA

Canada competition bureau approves Telus bid for Public Mobile

OTTAWA, 1 Dec — Canada's Competition Bureau said on Friday it would allow Canadian telecom company Telus Corp to buy all of struggling startup Public Mobile.

Industry Minister James Moore had approved the sale last month, saying it would not hurt consumers. The Conservative government is eager to boost competition in the wireless sector.—Xinhua

Recovering Alcatel-Lucent seen rejoining France's CAC 40

PARIS, 1 Dec — Alcatel-Lucent could rejoin France's blue-chip CAC 40 index next month as the telecom gear maker's turnaround gains traction and its stock hits two-year highs, analysts and fund managers said. If restored to the CAC 40, Alcatel would benefit from demand from index trackers of about 255 million euros, or 81 million shares, equivalent to two average days of volume, Exane BNP Paribas index analyst Christophe Wakim said.

Alcatel — a founding member of the CAC 40 when the benchmark was created a quarter century ago — was kicked out of the index a year ago. It is expected to replace chipmaker STMicroelectronics, whose shares have lost 24 percent over the past six months as the company grapples with weakening demand from Asian smartphone and electronics makers. Alcatel, which makes equipment for big telecom groups like AT&T and Orange, had been stuck for



years in a downsizing spiral as it struggled with stiff competition from low-cost Chinese rivals and weak demand from customers. As a result, its shares plummeted to a record low of 0.67 euros in October 2012.

The logo of the telecom equipment maker Alcatel-Lucent is seen on the company site building in Rennes, western France, on 15 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

But the arrival this year of a new chief executive and an aggressive turnaround plan — which included 10,000 job cuts, 1 billion euros (\$1.36 billion) of cost savings and 1 billion euros of asset sales — has sparked

recovery hopes for the company, with its shares tripling since early May. "Rejoining the CAC would give back visibility to the group and would give credence to the company's turnaround strategy," said Frédéric Rozier, management advisor at Meeschaert Gestion Privée, in Paris. The NYSE-Euronext indexes committee that manages the CAC 40 gathers every quarter and, although the exact dates are not publicly disclosed, is expected to meet next week.

Reuters

History of New Zealand-China links hidden in Chinese antiquities collection

WELLINGTON, 1 Dec — New Zealand researchers are hoping a vast collection of Chinese art — with items dating back 5,000 years — will shed new light on the diplomatic links between the two countries since the founding of New Zealand in 1949. New Zealander Rewi Alley, who helped to pioneer China's Gung Ho movement during the war against the Japanese and to found the Shandan Bailie School, was instrumental in creating the collection through his links to China's early Communist leadership, said researchers on Friday.

The researchers have been given funding to investigate the scope of the collection, why and how it developed and the extent to which the artifacts shaped perceptions of the New Zealand in New Zealand.

University of Waikato historian Dr James Beattie said the collection at Canterbury Museum, in Christchurch, was unique, assembled with the official sanction of the Chinese government at a time when China was closed to much of the world and the export of antique Chinese art was banned.

The collection was amassed during the 1950s and 1960s through Alley, who lived in China, and Canterbury Museum's former director Roger Duff. "Duff was convinced that a gallery of Chinese art would do more for New Zealand-China relationships than any other means," Beattie said in a statement. "And they managed to acquire New Zealand's largest collection of Chinese artefacts — about 2,000 objects, many of them very old and very rare." —Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

UNICEF reports progress in preventing mother-to-child HIV transmission

UNITED NATIONS, 1 Dec — Great progress has been made to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, a lentivirus that causes the lethal disease AIDS with no cures at present, with more than 850,000 infants being saved from the virus infection between 2005 and 2012, said a UN report.

The new 2013 Stock-taking Report on Children and AIDS, released on Friday by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) ahead of Sunday's World AIDS Day, showed that some 260,000 children were newly infected with HIV last year, compared to 540,000 in 2005.

"This report reminds us that an AIDS-free generation is one in which all children are born free of

HIV and remain so — from birth and throughout their lives — and it means access to treatment for all children living with HIV," said Michel Sidibe, Executive Director of UNAIDS.

"It also reminds us that women's health and well-being should be at the center of the AIDS response.

I have no doubt that we will achieve these goals." Thanks to new, simplified life-long antiretroviral treatment (known as Option B+), there is a greater opportunity to effectively treat women living with HIV and to prevent the transmission of the virus to their babies during pregnancy, delivery, and through breastfeeding. This treatment involves a daily one-pill regimen.

"These days, even if a pregnant woman is living

with HIV, it doesn't mean her baby must have the same fate, and it doesn't mean she can't lead a healthy life," said UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake.

According to UN figures, some of the most remarkable successes were in high HIV burden countries in sub-Saharan Africa. New infections among infants declined between 2009 and 2012 by 76 percent in Ghana, 58 percent in Namibia, 55 percent in Zimbabwe, 52 percent in Malawi and Botswana, and 50 percent in Zambia and Ethiopia.

However, the report raises the alarm on adolescents, citing the need for increased global and national efforts to address HIV/AIDS among this vulnerable age group.

Xinhua



A doctor tests a woman on Hepatitis C virus, in the center of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, on 29 Nov, 2013. HIV Testing Week is held from 22 November to 29 November in Sarajevo. — XINHUA

Qatar confirms new coronavirus in three camels: WHO

GENEVA, 1 Dec — Qatar notified the World Health Organization (WHO) that laboratory investigations have confirmed the presence of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in three camels, the organization said on Friday. The camels were among a herd of 14 animals in a barn, with which two confirmed human infections reported in October had contact, according to the WHO.

It said these results showed that camels could be infected with MERS-CoV but there was insufficient information to indicate the role camels and other animals may be playing in the possible transmission of the virus, including to and from humans. As a precautionary measure, the 14 camels on the farm have been isolated. All contacts of the two confirmed human cases, as well as the other worker employed in this barn, have been screened and laboratory tests were all negative for MERS-CoV, said the WHO.

The Qatar health authorities are going to test additional samples from other animal species around the barn and will conduct further studies to evaluate the infection risk among individuals in close contact with animals.

Reuters

Xinhua

Retail, jobs data to rule stocks' next move



Traders work in front of a trading board showing Shutterstock Inc on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 11 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

NEW YORK, 1 Dec — A week packed with data awaits investors eager for fresh clues on when the Federal Reserve will start to trim its stimulus programme, as traditionally bullish December kicks off with the S&P 500 poised to mark its best year since 1998.

Traders will also sweep through sales data from retailers after the long Thanksgiving weekend, which kick-starts the holiday shopping season.

Vice President Joe Biden's trip to Asia will increase the focus on a stand-off pitting China against Japan, South Korea and the United States over air routes over the East China Sea.

Employment numbers will be the highlight as

traders second-guess what the data will mean for the Fed and its announced intention to gradually reduce its \$85 billion in monthly asset purchases, which have lit a fire under the stock market this year.

The Fed has repeatedly said its stimulus remains data-dependent, leading traders to treat soft data as a bullish market catalyst that guarantees Fed stimulus. "The whole market is trying to channel the Fed," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial in Newark, New Jersey.

She said volatility is to be expected as the reaction to data is more a "let's interpret how the Fed interprets it" rather than what it means for the economy.

Reuters

Music-based programme may boost seniors' brain function, mood

NEW YORK, 1 Dec — A music-based training programme that challenges both the body and the mind may improve brain function and mood among seniors, suggests a new study from Switzerland. "The take-home message is that 6-months of music-based multitask training (i.e., Jaques-Dalcroze eurhythmics) — a specific training regimen which was previously shown to be effective in improving gait and reducing falls — has beneficial effects on cognition and mood in older adults," Dr Mélanie Hars, of Geneva

University Hospitals, told *Reuters Health* in an email.

Jacques-Dalcroze eurhythmics was developed in the early part of the 20th century by the Swiss composer Emile Jaques-Dalcroze as a way to better understand music through movement.

It is practiced worldwide, particularly in the fields of music, theater, dance and therapy, according to Hars. A typical Jacques-Dalcroze session involves participants adapting their movements to the rhythmic changes of improvised piano music.

In Hars' study, the participants were challenged to perform specific multitasking skills, such as walking to the rhythm of a piano while handling a percussion instrument and responding to changes in the piano's rhythm.

The study participants were also asked to perform quick reaction exercises, such as starting or stopping to walk or changing their walking speed on command, as well as matching their steps to the long or short music notes that were played.

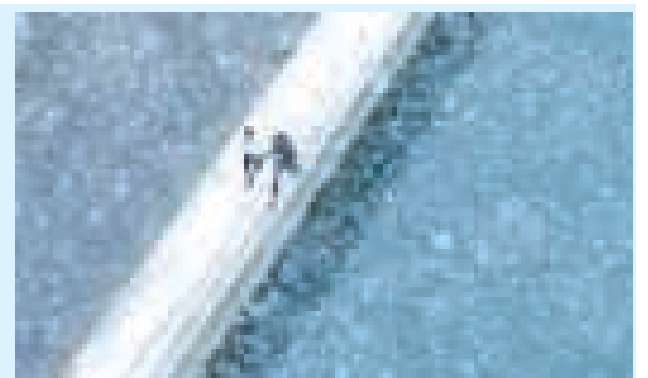
Reuters

Staying active all day linked to healthy aging

NEW YORK, 1 Dec — A generally active life, even without regular exercise sessions, was tied to better heart health and greater longevity in a study of older Swedes. Based on nearly 3,900 men and women over age 60 in Stockholm, the study adds to evidence suggesting that just sitting around may be actively harmful, researchers say. "We have known for 60 years that physical activity is important for the heart," said lead author Elin Ekblom-Bak, of the Åstrand Laboratory of Work Physiology

of the Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences in Stockholm. But until recently the research has mainly focused on exercise and has "forgotten" about the background activity that we do during daily life, she told *Reuters Health*.

Whether someone exercises vigorously or not, it still usually only takes up a small fraction of the day. That leaves the rest of the time for either sitting still or engaging in non-exercise activities, like home repairs, lawn care and gardening, car maintenance, hunting or fishing. For older people, who



Two joggers run along the embankment of Aare river during the first snowfall in Bern on 21 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS

tend to exercise vigorously less than younger people, spending more time doing low-intensity activities like these could help cut down on sitting time, Ekblom-Bak and her colleagues write in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*. Between 1997

and 1999, more than 5,000 60-year-olds were invited to participate in the study, which began with a questionnaire about health history, lifestyle and daily activities, as well as medical tests and measurements.

Reuters

Syrian PM, visiting ally Iran, says government winning civil war

BEIRUT, 1 Dec — Prime Minister Wael Halki said on Saturday Syrian government forces were winning the war with rebels and would not rest while a single enemy fighter remained at large. Maintaining Syria's unyielding response to Western calls for President Bashar al-Assad to step aside, Halki said the era of "threats and intimidation has gone, never to return, while the era of victory and pride is being created

now on Syrian soil".

He was speaking during a visit to Iran, which has provided military support and billions of dollars in economic aid to Assad during a 2-1/2-year-old civil war which has killed 100,000 people and shows little sign of being halted by diplomacy.

The United Nations said on Monday that a long-delayed "Geneva 2" peace conference would go ahead

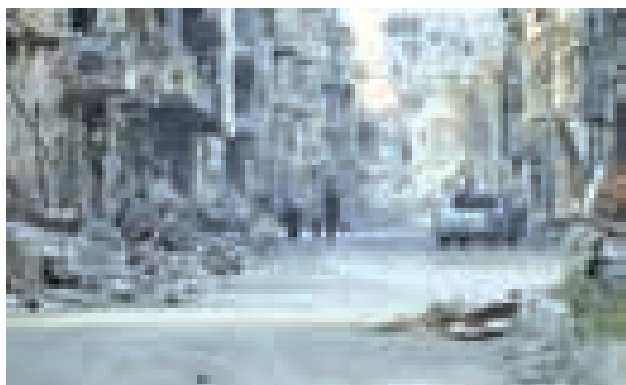
on 22 January. The government and the political opposition have both said they will attend, but rebel fighters on the ground have scorned the talks.

Assad, whose forces have consolidated their hold around Damascus and central Syria this year, faces little internal pressure to make concessions to his opponents as long as he maintains military momentum and Iranian support.

"The Syrian government will not allow a single terrorist on Syrian territory," Halki told Iran's First Vice-President Eshaq Jahangiri, according to Syria's state news agency SANA.

Jahangiri replied that Iran stood "in the same trench alongside Syria, supporting it at all levels against the aggressive axis of evil" aligned against Damascus, SANA said.

Reuters



A Free Syrian Army fighter walks with his family through damage and debris along a street Deir al-Zor, eastern Syria on 29 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

Aid workers in Afghanistan increasingly under threat

KABUL, 1 Dec — Aid workers in Afghanistan are increasingly under threat, the United Nations said on Saturday, calling it a worrying trend as most US-led troops prepare to leave the country at the end of next year. "I am extremely concerned with this trend at a time when the country is in the midst of a difficult transition that may lead to increased humanitarian needs," UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Afghanistan, Mark Bowden, said in a statement.

The departure of Western troops will leave Afghan forces to fight the Taliban-led insurgency on its own, a security concern for foreign workers and their Afghan colleagues working on development and reconstruction projects across the nation. Bowden's comments followed the execution of nine aid workers in two separate incidents in Afghanistan this month.

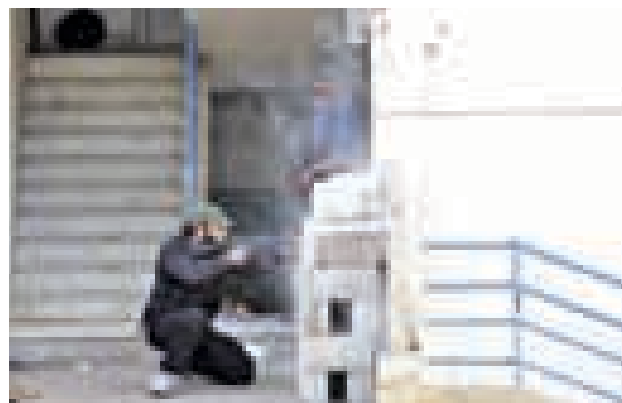
According to the Aid Worker Security Database, 73 humanitarian workers have been killed, kidnapped or injured in Afghanistan since the start of the year, more than recorded for the whole of 2012. The figure is also the highest since the

organization began collecting the data in 1997.

In an attack on 26 November, three aid workers were blown up by a remote controlled bomb in southern Afghanistan. In the second attack on 27 November, six aid workers with a French aid group in the west were shot by gunmen in an ambush.

A total of 36 aid workers have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year, the United Nations said. It gave no comparative figures but said the trend highlighted the growing risk surrounding the delivery of aid.—Reuters

Six killed in clashes in Lebanon's Tripoli



Sunni Muslim fighters fire a weapon in Tripoli, northern Lebanon, on 30 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

TRIPOLI, (Lebanon), 1 Dec — Six people were killed in Lebanon's northern city of Tripoli on Saturday in exchanges of fire between neighbourhoods which support rival sides in Syria's civil war, security and medical sources said.

The dead — including a



A visitor looks at works of art on display at Art Market Budapest, in Budapest, Hungary, on 30 Nov, 2013. Art Market Budapest, an international contemporary art fair established in 2011, presents a unique artistic composition in perhaps the most exciting exhibition halls in Europe, giving an emphasised presence to a younger generation of galleries and artists.—XINHUA

State-run hospitals cannot find constructors for rehabilitation work

TOKYO, 1 Dec — Twenty-five state-run hospitals in Japan called for bids for rehabilitating their old buildings in the April-September period, but 21 of them, or 84 percent, have not been able to find any winning bidders as constructors are reluctant to accept low-cost orders, given labor shortages and rising labor costs, the National Hospital Organization said on Saturday.

In the unsuccessful cases, bidders presented

higher offers than expected contract prices, according to the independent administrative agency.

An official of a general contractor which refrained from participating in bidding said, "We determined it would be money-losing work. We need to select which projects we bid for as we face labor shortages and growing labor costs."

As contractors are believed to be focusing on rehabilitation work in the

damaged Tohoku region of northeastern Japan and other disaster-prevention work, unsuccessful bidders have also been seen for construction of public schools and expressways.

Concerns are growing that construction of necessary facilities, such as hospitals and schools, may be hampered further as work related to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games will be accelerated from now.

Kyodo News

were wounded in the shooting between gunmen in Bab al-Tabbaneh and the adjacent Alawite neighbourhood of Jebel Mohsen, which supports the Alawite Syrian leader.

Saturday's fighting followed repeated attacks on Alawites in Tripoli, residents said. Several people were shot and wounded in separate incidents this week, and Alawite men were beaten in an attack on a bus earlier in November.

Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati, a Sunni Muslim from Tripoli, held talks with the interior minister and other security officials in the Mediterranean city to discuss how to end the violence, which erupted despite the deployment of soldiers

in both rival districts.

Intermittent sniper fire and rocket-propelled grenades could still be heard after dark on Saturday, nearly 10 hours after the fighting broke out, residents said. The divisions in Tripoli, 20 miles from the Syrian border, reflect the sectarian gulf across Lebanon over Syria's civil war. But the northern city, where tensions between the Sunni Muslim majority and small Alawite community have festered for decades, has seen some of the heaviest violence this year.

Two car bombs in August killed 42 people and wounded hundreds at Sunni mosques in Tripoli, just a week after a car bomb in a Shi'ite area of Beirut killed 27 people.—Reuters

Mozambique plane crash kills 34 including one Chinese

WINDHOEK, 1 Dec — All 34 people on board a Mozambican passenger plane died in a crash on Friday afternoon in northeastern Namibia, a government investigator told Namibia Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) here on Saturday evening.

The Mozambique Airlines on a separate occasion put the toll at 33 including six crew members and 27 passengers.

Erickson Nengola, Director of Aircraft Accident Investigation from Namibia's Ministry of Works and Transport, told the NBC in a live-broadcast interview that the ministry got report from local police that a plane had crashed in Bwabwata National Park in northeastern Namibia's Kavango East Region on Friday afternoon.

Two groups of investigators were sent separately

on Friday evening and Saturday morning, only to locate the wreckage at around 10 am local time on Saturday in a bushy forest area.

"Unfortunately there were no survivors," said Nengola.

The aircraft was ripped to pieces when it hit the ground. "The remains of those on board were scattered around some meters away from the accident, bodies were mutilated and some



Photo taken on 30 Nov, 2013 shows the crash site of a Mozambican plane at the Bwabwata National Park in northeast Namibia. — XINHUA

burnt beyond recognition as the plane burst into flames," an NBC journalist reported from the scene.—Xinhua



The New Light of Myanmar

XXVII SEA GAMES SPECIAL



8 Days To The Opening Ceremony

Monday, 2 December, 2013

Myanmar Kampo team hopes to achieve success in SEA Games



Myanmar Kampo athletes in fighting against each other in training session as preparations for the SEA Games.

Myanmar Kampo team is preparing to take part in upcoming SEA Games for the first time and hopes to achieve success. Myanmar Kampo team comprises 33

athletes including 19 men and 14 women.

Men athletes of Myanmar Kampo team are Zaw Htet Naing, Tin Win Tun, Soe Moe Lwin, Than Toe

Aung, Aung Naing Tun, Tun Lin Aung, Myat Zaw, Kyaw Thet Paing, Kyaw Zin Win, Aung Myo Paing, Sai Thiha, Sai Tha Htet Aung, Aung Hsan Chit,

Myo Htet Aung, Than Win, Thant Zin, Kyaw Lin Oo, Tazza Win, Soe Wunna and women athletes are Zin Myat Thida, Cherry Faw, Ei Phyu Maung, Htet Htet Wint, Si Si Hlayar, Yin Myint Oo, Aye Aye Aung, Hally Soe Lin Han, Tin Tin Oo, Nang Kham Tun, Nyo Mie Naing, May Thet Zaw, Po Myar and Htet Htet Oo.

Myanmar Kampo team has been making preparations for SEA Games since February and it swept two gold, three silver and four bronze medals at the invitational Kampo competition in Indonesia in June and bagged three gold, one silver and three bronze medals at Pre-SEA Games Kampo Test Match held in Yangon in September.—Byline; Photo: Soe Nyunt

Mobile broadcast van transmits SEA Games campaign songs on LED Screen

YANGON, 1 Dec— In honour of the XXVII SEA Games, EYE CORP out-of phone Media Specialists broadcast the campaign songs for the upcoming 27th SEA Games around Yangon.

Photo shows a mobile broadcast van of EYE CORP out-of phone Media Specialists broadcasts the campaign songs on its LED screen as it parks on Nat-nauk Road yesterday.

MMAL-Soe Win (SP)



Photo shows mobile broadcast van in operation to broadcast images of SEA Games.

Athletes undergoing intensive training for Vovinam

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec— Vovinam athletes of Myanmar are undergoing intensive training at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdhi Stadium.

At the upcoming 27th SEA Games, 14 athletes from Myanmar will compete in the Vovinam game with their counterparts from

Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

The Myanmar athletes are being trained by a Vietnamese trainer. At Wunna Theikdhi Stadium, CDs on 27th SEA Games songs are available at K 5000 per disc.

MMAL-Zin Oo,

Photo: Thura



Footballs donated for cheering teams

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec— Aung Kanbo Trading Co Ltd donated 10000 footballs worth K 3 million for Cheering Teams at the XXVII SEA Games on 30 November.

Director U Htay Aung of Sports and Physical Education Department accepted the donations.—MNA

Programmes of TV Channel



Three Digital TV Lines

- MRTV SEA GAMES - 1
- MRTV SEA GAMES - 2
- MRTV SEA GAMES - 3

Programme on games to be broadcast on MRTV SEAGAMES - 1 DIGITAL CHANNEL

- Songs and campaign activities will be broadcast from 1 Dec. 2013 to 3 Dec. 2013 on a trial basis
- Opening and Closing ceremonies
- Chinlone (From 4 to 9 Dec. 2013)

- Futsal (Men) (From 9 to 20 Dec. 2013)
- Track and Field (From 15 to 19 Dec. 2013)
- Weightlifting (From 12 to 16 Dec. 2013)
- Body-Building (From 13 to 16 Dec. 2013)
- Billiard/Snooker (From 13 to 20 Dec. 2013)

Programme on games to be broadcast on MRTV SEA GAMES - 1 DIGITAL CHANNEL

- This channel will broadcast games from 7 am to 9 pm daily.
- At 8 am daily, this channel will broadcast yesterday's sports news and highlight programmes.
- Out of six games, the games in which Myanmar teams will compete and they are likely to win medals will be focused on this channel.
- When the events of Myanmar take place at the same time, the games which are supposed to be popular among Myanmar people would be given priority for broadcast.

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Programme on games to be broadcast on MRTV SEA GAMES-2DIGITAL CHANNEL

- Songs and campaign activities will be broadcast from 1 Dec. 2013 to 3 Dec. 2013 on a trial basis
- Opening and Closing ceremonies
- Indoor Games will be focused on this channel.
- Wushu, Taekwondo, Karate-do, boxing, Muay, Petanque, Badminton, Table Tennis, Vovinam, Judo, PencakSilat, wrestling and Chess will be focused on this channel.
- Out of the above games, the games in which Myanmar teams will compete and they are likely to win medals and the games which are supposed to be popular among Myanmar people would be given

priority for broadcast.

Programme on games to be broadcast on MRTV SEA GAMES -3DIGITAL CHANNEL

- Songs and campaign activities will be broadcast from 1 Dec. 2013 to 3 Dec. 2013 on a trial basis.
- Opening and Closing ceremonies.
- Outdoor Games will be focused on this channel.
- Cycling, yachting, canoeing & kayak, rowing, water polo, swimming, diving, golf, hockey and shooting will be focused on this channel.
- Out of the above games, the games in which Myanmar teams will compete and they are likely to win medals and the games which are supposed to be popular among Myanmar people would be given priority for broadcast.



A GLANCE AT MYANMAR NATIONAL LITERATURE

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 2 December, 2013

Sports fans, strength of athletes

Myanmar will be hosting the 27th SEA Games in the very near future. The SEA Games is the greatest sports meet in the region and will be participated by Timor-Leste in addition to ten ASEAN member nations. Some 6,000 sportspersons from 11 countries used to participate in the SEA Games. The main objective of the participant countries of the regional sports meet is to secure medals most.

Achieving success in sports is a source of national pride. Therefore, each and every participant country is trying its best to win more medals in the sports meet. Well aware of the fact that achievement in sports is a source of national pride, the participants are in fierce competition in the upcoming SEA Games, making the sports meet totally different from the previous SEA Games. As the capacity of each athlete from different countries has become high over time, it is sure that records of the 27th SEA Games will be higher than that of the SEA Games held in Indonesia. The reason is that all the participants are trying harder than ever before.

Anyhow, the host country is obliged to try hard to bag more medals. Only if it secures more medals than others will it be worthwhile to host the sports meet, thereby bringing glory to the country and its people. However, not only sportspersons but also sports enthusiasts of the host country are obliged for gaining achievements in the sports meet. It is said that cheers of the fans contributes 50 per cent to winning a game. Such encouragement can be a decisive factor for home team and is to be made by the host country. Myanmar sports enthusiasts are to offer their full support to each sports event apart from football. That is why, not only relentless efforts of the sportspersons but cheers of encouragement from Myanmar sports fans to all 33 sports events are much needed. As the cheers of sports fans are strength of the athletes, all Myanmar sports fans are a must to come and cheer on their sports contingents of the regional sports meet.

World AIDS Day 2013 observed in Myawady

MYAWADY, 1 Dec—A ceremony to mark the World AIDS Day 2013 was held at Thaungyin hall of Myawady Township today with a speech by Myawady District Deputy Commissioner U Tint Wai Thone.

Leader of STD/AIDS Control Team Dr Zin Hla Maung explained control of AIDS.

At the ceremony, Head of District Health Department U Aung Myint and officials presented prizes to primary level, middle school level and high school level winners in essay, painting and cartoon contests in commemoration of the World AIDS Day.

Tun Tun Oo (Myawady)

An official presents prize to a winner in contests to mark the World AIDS Day 2013.



“The loss of literature means the loss of the race.

Only when the standard of literature is high, will the people be prestigious.”

So goes the saying and we all esteem it. No one can deny that all through the aeons, literature has brought about the prosperity of culture and hence secured a place of pride for the nation in the international community.

As nations of the world have their long histories, literature and culture are solely dependent on their political movements. Similarly, our Literary and cultural development is akin to our national movements. Actually, talking about the literature and culture will not be complete without the historical background of the nation.

Myanmar history dates back to the early 11th Century when King Anawrahta unified the country and founded the First Myanmar Empire in Bagan more than 20 years before the Norman conquest of England in 1066 A.D by William, Duke of Normandy. King Anawrahta built the Bagan Dynasty in 1044 A.D.

A review of Myanmar reveals that Myanmar literature is rich in profound outlook and knowledge, high morals and aesthetic values. Mya Zedi stone Inscription of Bagan Dynasty which was written in four languages—Mon, Myanmar, Pali and Pyu—stands as a record of a son who felt conscious of his father King Kyansittha’s gratitude and performed deeds of merit to repay it. Some historians say that Mya Zedi Stone Inscription is the cradle of Myanmar Language and Literature. Being an ordi-

nary layman, I cannot definitely say the ones prior to the Mya Zedi Inscription.

Myanmar literature from the Bagan Period to the end of the late Konbaung Period was a long history which covered ten centuries. During that period, Myanmar people witnessed ups and downs

Maung Hlaing

of Myanmar political life, interaction of Myanmar history and literature and strong influence of Theravada Buddhism on Myanmar Literature.

Even from the early days, Myanmar literature, translation from other languages has been evidenced. The daughter of King Theingathu translated from Pali to Myanmar some religious writings describing the sufferings of life. Her work may still be seen on the stone slabs in temples at Bagan. (From the pamphlet, “Sarpaybeikman,” published in 1958). However, one important thing to note was that Myanmar literature was not the monopoly of any race, class or sex. It was free to all walks of life. And the literary development was attributable to the Buddhist monasteries which provided free education with free lodging and messing. That is why, the buds and sprouts of Myanmar literature has been blossoming since millennia. The vast spectrum of Myanmar literature reflects the cultural and social standards of Myanmar people and also serves to highlight the political, economic and social affairs of Myanmar society.

Myanmar became a British colony but only after three Anglo-Myanmar wars

in 1825, 1852 and 1885. As a result, the diminishing of national literature was the dire consequences. Alien literature and culture eclipsed our own. However, movements on national literature were not static. In the colonial period, men of letters kept the flame of literature always burning and rekindled patriotism and nurtured the buds to sprouts at a time when national morale was at its low ebb.

Thus, in 1928, (the them) Burma Educational Extension Association was formed, followed in 1933 by the Burma Book Society. In 1937, the Nagani Book Club was organized, but its books were mostly political in nature. In 1939, a translation bureau was established but the war soon forced its disbandment.

During the war, a group of devoted literary men continued the task of creating Myanmar manuscripts while working in the Bureau of Libraries and Literature of the Directorate of Education. People like U Thein Han, Librarian of the University of Rangoon and leading author and literary critic, carried on this work in makeshift offices on the Shwedagon Pagoda Hill.

Very few of the manuscripts developed during the war were published before the end of the war.

Finally, Myanmar’s literary development of the colonial period was achieved as a clarion call for the nation both sword and pen united to struggle for freedom. Due to the might of both pen and sword, Myanmar has become a sovereign independent State since 4 January, 1948. It is remarkable to note that Myanmar is the country that regained her independence first though she was the last country occupied by the imperialists. The historians say so.

It was simply because the mass of writers and journalists took an active part in the struggle for freedom and democracy. Patriotic men of letters tried their best to revive Myanmar literature to rekindle patriotism with the might of pen. In reality, the role played by writers and journalists in the independence struggles was by no means small and they are now taking part in building a mod-

ern, developed and democratic nation.

A study on various stages of Myanmar literary development shows that Myanmar literature reflects people’s morals and morality of revering gratitude, patriotism and nationalism, conviction for promotion of language and religion parallel with community welfare. In addition, it is also found that noble characteristics of the people such as gentleness, sympathy and extending help and unity are mature with the influence of literary works.

A remarkable quality of Myanmar literature is its sustainable ability. The impact of foreign contact does not destroy or disfigure Myanmar literature.

Today, Myanmar is doing her best for emergence of genuine process of democratization. In accordance with the circumstances changed, books on various subjects are coming out. Various book societies and public libraries are sprouting as well.

Formerly, we hardly had 20 kinds of periodicals and journals, but now, over 200 kinds of magazines, periodicals weekly or monthly and even private newspapers are being published daily, weekly and monthly. Literary freedom embodies the fact that as long as the literary works are not harmful to our objectives and national unity and perpetuation of independence and sovereignty, all writers can enjoy the freedom of literature. This is my own assumption.

Encouraging what is beneficial to the people and hindering what is harmful to readers are the essence of what we call the freedom of literature. It depends on the literary men today.

In order to have good books published and to honour the outstanding writers, the national literary awards, the highest awards in literary field, are conferred every year. I would like to write how outstanding writers are honoured on the Literati Day in next installment.

However, please don’t take this article as a research paper on history of Myanmar literature. This is my approach to Myanmar literature from the point of view of an ordinary layman.

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Unity a must for implementation...

(from page 1)
Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and the head of Ayeyawady Region Agriculture Department at the briefing hall, the President said the purpose of his visit is to inform the local people of the government's aim, vision and ongoing tasks and to

observe the development of agriculture sector and flood preparedness measures in Ayeyawady Region.

He continued that Ayeyawady Region plays a productive role towards boosting agriculture production for promotion of exports in addition to national food security. He

acknowledged dredging of drains for flood prevention contributed towards significant mitigation of loss and damage in agriculture outputs this year.

He added that the ongoing tasks for agriculture sector development are meant to generate incomes of rural people and to create more job opportunities. Ayeyawady Region has economic potential not only in agriculture sector but also

in industrial and tourism sectors. Human resources development is key to economic success in the region, thereby generating incomes and improving education and health standards of local people. He called on local people to use their full capacity in agriculture sector for ensuring food surplus in addition to food sufficiency.

He pointed out that uni-

ty is a must for implementation of national, regional development undertakings. It is required to change mindset and to drop bad behaviors that can affect sense of cooperation and common good, he added.

Next, the President presented Paethwal hybrid paddy strains and crop strains to farmers.

Then, Kyaunggon Township Pyithu Hluttaw

representative U Thein Tun spoke words of thanks on behalf of the local people.

Afterwards, the President cordially greeted local farmers and inspected a map showing places chosen for dredging of drains and 100-acre Aung Mingala modern farmland.

The President and party arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw via Yangon.

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Dredging of drains for proper flow of water in Ayeyawady Region

No. District/Township	Work Unit				Remarks
	Dredged	Dredging	Underway	Total	
Ayeyawady Region	84	9	78	171	
1. Pathein	-	-	-	-	
2. Kangyidaunt	35	-	25	60	
3. Thabaung	2	2	4	8	
4. Ngaputaw	-	-	-	-	
5. Kyonpyaw	-	1	-	1	
6. Yekyi	11	-	-	11	
7. Kyaunggon	11	1	2	14	
Total of Pathein District	59	4	31	94	
8. Myaungmya	-	-	-	-	
9. Einme	-	-	-	-	
10. Wakema	-	-	-	-	
Total of Myaungmya District	-	-	-	-	
11. Labutta	-	-	-	-	
12. Mawlamyinegyun	-	-	-	-	
Total of Labutta District	-	-	-	-	
13. Kyangin	-	-	3	3	
14. Myanaung	-	-	4	4	
15. Ingapu	-	-	4	4	
16. Hinthada	-	-	15	15	
17. Laymyethna	7	2	-	9	
18. Zalun	-	-	1	1	
Total of Hinthada District	7	2	27	36	
19. Maubin	1	-	4	5	
20. Nyaungdon	2	1	3	6	
21. Pantanaw	12	1	5	18	
22. Danubyu	1	-	-	1	
Total of Maubin District	16	2	12	30	
23. Pyapon	2	1	8	11	
24. Kyaiklat	-	-	-	-	
25. Bogale	-	-	-	-	
26. Dedaye	-	-	-	-	
Total of Pyapon District	2	1	8	11	

Over 170 doyen literati honoured at ceremony to mark Sarsodaw Day



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets Speaker of House of Councillors of Japan



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Speaker of House of Councillors of Japan Mr. Yamazaki at the meeting hall of the office of House of Councillors.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec— Together with Chairmen of Hluttaw Affairs Committee U Htay Oo, U Maung Maung Thein, Thura U Aung Ko, U Hla Myint Oo, U Htay Myint, U Aung Tun and Dr Khin Shwe and the Hluttaw representatives and Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Khin Maung Tin, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann held talks with Speaker of House of Councillors of Japan Mr. Yamazaki at the meeting hall of the office

of House of Councillors on 29 November afternoon. At the talks, they had a cordial discussion on parliamentary affairs, amity between the two countries and mutual cooperation. After the talks, the speaker of House of Councillors of Japan conducted them round the meeting hall.

On 30 November morning, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker and party left Tokyo by train for Fukushima where they were explained round damages due to earthquake, tsu-

nami and leak of reactor in Fukushima and undertaking of rehabilitations and losses of regional products due to rumours them by the officials at the meeting hall of Fukushima Prefectural Government Office.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker then met with Chairman of Fukushima Prefectural Government Mr. Hiraide. He expressed sympathy for the losses due to quake that hit in March 2011 in Fukushima Prefecture, tsunami and nuclear accident, saying that over 100000 lives have been lost in Myanmar due to cyclonic storm "Nargis" in 2008.

After that, they went to Odagaisama Center and greeted the victims who are taking shelter at the temporary housing of the relief camp and enjoyed the entertainment programmes for the victims. The officials of the center explained undertaking of relief and rehabilitation tasks.

They also visited Fukushima Agricultural Technology Center and observed research works.

Next, they left Fukushima by train and arrived in Tokyo in the evening.

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YANGON, 1 Dec — Myanmar doyen literati aged 80 and above were honoured today to mark the Myanmar Sarsodaw Day.

At the ceremony to honour doyen literati held at the Yangon City Hall, 171 doyen literati were paid respects and provided with cash and kind.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw

U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Union Minister U Aung Kyi, departmental officials, the chairman of Myanmar Writers Association and CEC members and writers from regions and states.

On behalf of doyen literati, U Than Oo (Pyay Soe Min) spoke words of thanks and requested to raise medical funds for the aged writers as some need to receive health care.

Over 110 donors contributed cash and kind to the funds of the ceremony to honor the doyen literati and each doyen writer received K 210,000 and Sky Net receiver.—MNA

Union Minister U Aung Kyi presents cash and kind to a doyen literati.

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Mountaineering bus line to organize charity fair at Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda on 4 December



Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda, one of the wonderful and magnificent ones across the world, seen with pilgrims and devotees on their visits to pay homage and offer gold foils to the pagoda.

KYAIKTO, 1 Dec—Charity fair of Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda, organized by Kyaikhtiyoe Bus Line in commemoration of its third anniversary, will be held on 4 December.

The organizing committee invited all the people and media to join the festival. In addition, gifts and fried rice packets will be presented to the pilgrims from the checkpoint.

The bus line formed with 143 buses runs the whole year to transport pilgrims onto the hill to be able to pay homage to Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda safely.

Bus owners and workers will serve the

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pilgrims with various kinds of meals and soft drinks.

The charity fair is aimed at performing meritorious deeds in serving meals and gifts to pilgrims, people and devotees including tourists.

Indeed, the income of the bus line earned from the visitors and pilgrims to the pagoda. The bus line has planned to respond to their gratitude as a tradition of Myanmar nationals.

That is why the charity fair is participation of all the people. The bus line had made similar fairs two times. In the previous year, the bus line held the ceremony on 5 December.

The bus line has no plan to raise bus fair onto the hill, and it sets K 3000 per passenger at the front part and K 2500 at rear.

Myint Maung

Health Care Activities

Special health care in Meiktila hails peace process

MEIKTILA, 1 Dec—Myitta Yekyi free clinic will hold the special health care services to the people regardless of race and religion at Pahtamagyaw Monastery in Wunzin Ward of Meiktila from 30 November to 5 December.

With the aegis of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sajjana of Pahtamagyaw Monastery in Wunzin Ward of Meiktila, the free clinic was opened on 13 January 2012.

A total of 38 doctors and nine specialists are assigned duties at the free clinic to provide health care to the people as of 9 am daily.

Every Friday, the doctors make field trips to the villages of Meiktila Township. They perform minor surgical operations at the clinic.

As of 20 March 2013, the clinic gives free health care to the people regardless of race

and religion but number of Islam patients were fewer.

At present, the number of Islam patients are on the increase to receive medical treatment at the clinic.

About 200 people daily from Meiktila, Wundwin, Thedaw, Mahlaing, Thazi and Pyawbwe townships arrive at the clinic to receive medical treatment.

So far, the clinic has provided health care to over 43000 people.

During the medical treatment to hail the peace process, over 80 of about 200 patients were Islam people.

The special health care services was also attended by Meiktila Township Administrator U Myo Hlaing, members of social organizations, town's elders and departmental officials.

Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)



Pilgrims at bus terminal of Yathedaung Camp in Kyaikto Township heading for Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda.

National Race Affairs

Tailai (Red Shan) in northern Myanmar

MOHNYIN, 1 Dec—When national census is taken in 2014, the various Shan nationalities such as Tailai, Tailyan, Tainai, Shangale, Shan Bamar, Red Shan and Myaylat Shan will be put under the name of Red Shan, approved by the Tailai (Red Shan national races) meeting at the monastery in Ywathitgon Village of Mohnyin Township on 27 November, said Amyotha Hluttaw representative U San Pyae.

Shan National Races Affairs Minister of Kachin State Daw Khin Pyone Yi, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives U San Pyae and U Pe Thaug, Tailai (Red Shan) Nationality Progressive Party Chairman U Htay Aung and over 250 representatives from

12 townships attended the meeting and selected the flag of the national race.

Apart from the remote areas, Shan national races in the region do not understand Shan language and literature but speak Bamar language. They accept themselves Shan-Bamar national race. However, Shan-Bamar national race is not included in the national races of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Likewise, Red Shan is included in the national races of the nation.

In the time of the Revolutionary Council government, leader of Tailai (Red Shan) national race U Tun Yin who was members of Kachin State Leading Body had attempted to establish the Myaylat Shan State. Likewise, Pyithu Hluttaw

Representative U Kyaw Soe Lay of Mohnyin Township Constituency submitted his discussions on matters related to Tailai (Red Shan) Self-Administered Zone in the National Convention.

“Pa-O, Palaung, Danu and so on who are members of Shan nationalities get self-administered zones. Tailai (Red Shan) who are members of Shan nationalities may get the opportunities for the self-administered zone is they reside in the two congenial townships with over 50 per cents of populations in line with the Constitution,” said Chairman of Mohnyin Township Tailai (Red Shan) Nationality Progressive Party U Kyaw Htwe at the meeting.

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Border Trade

Myanmar-India border trade reaches over US\$ 29 million in Tamu

TAMU, 1 Dec—The largest border trade area between Myanmar and India is Tamu-Moreh border trade camp, and it raises trade from April to mid-November 2013, earning USD 17 million.

It rose US\$4.410 million than that of previous year, said Tamu border trade camp.

In eight months of 2013-14 fiscal year, the border trade camp has over US\$ 11 million of export and US\$ 6

million of import.

Over 102 entrepreneurs have registered as ITC at the camp.

The ITC trade is allowed for trade with 20 items of export and 108 items of import.

Most of the export products are areca nut, ginger, cigarette, onion, dried ginger, Chin pea, soya bean, green gram and small drized fish.

Import goods are lotion,

motorcycle sarong, chick pea, slipper, wheat seeds, drid grape and personal goods.

Staff of Tamu Border Trade Camp give one stop service on border trade works to the entrepreneurs, said an official.

According to the present accounts, over US\$ 29 million of border trade at the camp is exceeding than that of the previous year.

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A truck with the load of bags of areca nuts seen at Tamu border trade camp on 29 November.

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Princess Aiko turns 12, studies history with father

TOKYO, 1 Dec—Princess Aiko, the only child of Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako, turned 12 years old Sunday.

The princess, a sixth-grader at Gakushuin Primary School in Tokyo, has started learning history at the school and enjoys studying it with her father, who has a detailed knowledge of Japanese medieval history, according to the Imperial Household Agency.

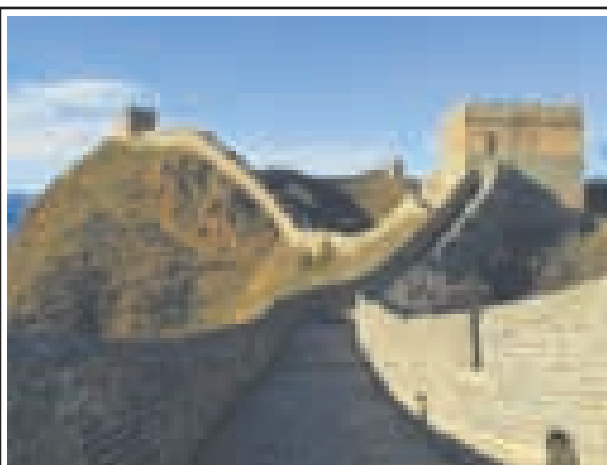
A video released by the agency showed Princess Aiko creating presentation materials with her father for

a history class assignment.

The princess acted as a group leader in free time during a school trip to historic sites in Nara Prefecture in June. She also completed a 500-meter swim in Numazu, Shizuoka Prefecture, in July.

While the princess sometimes had a hard time going to school when she was in the second to fourth grades, she has not missed school in the past year, except when absent for health reasons such as influenza, the agency said.

Kyodo News



Straddling the demarcation between Hebei province and Beijing, the Jinshanling Great Wall is rich in architectural history and natural scenery. In summer, the temperature here is at least five degrees cooler than in the capital, making it an ideal destination for weekend excursions. This particular section of Great Wall is said to be particularly photogenic. —XINHUA

Japan, S Korea lawmakers call for joint history textbooks

TOKYO, 1 Dec — Japanese and South Korean lawmakers working to promote bilateral exchanges issued a joint statement in Tokyo on Saturday urging their respective governments and China to produce joint Northeast Asian history textbooks.

The Japan-Korea Parliamentarians' Union, together with South Korean counterpart the Korea-Japan Parliamentarians' Union, pushed for the books to cover the history of Japan, South Korea and China at a combined general meeting at the Japanese Diet.

South Korean President Park Geun Hye called earlier in November for the publication of joint textbooks to advance cooperation and dialogue, citing similar textbooks published in Europe between neighboring countries on opposing sides in World War II.

responding to South Korea's request for a bill to be drawn up.

The statement left out the possibility of the resumption of bilateral leaders' talks. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has called for talks with Park, but none have been held since either leader has been in power.

The lawmakers also agreed to cooperate in dealing with the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement, currently under negotiation between Japan and 11 other states, and in cleaning up the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan. South Korea's finance minister expressed interest in joining the TPP on Friday.

The groups expressed shared concerns about North Korea's nuclear programme, calling it "the gravest issue



Japanese and South Korean lawmakers working to promote bilateral exchanges are pictured after holding a joint general meeting in Tokyo on 30 Nov, 2013. The lawmakers issued a joint statement urging their governments and China to produce jointly Northeast Asian history textbooks. —KYODO NEWS

The lawmakers' statement also included Japanese politicians' promise to "work even harder" on efforts to extend suffrage in Japanese regional elections to permanent residents,

affecting peace and security in Northeast Asia," while touching upon their cooperation in tackling the issue of Pyongyang's abduction of Japanese nationals.

Kyodo News

Philippines adopts immediate rehab plan for typhoon-affected areas

MANILA, 1 Dec — The Philippine government has adopted a 40.9 billion peso (about \$951 million) immediate rehabilitation plan for areas affected by powerful Typhoon Haiyan, with two-thirds of the funds to be allocated to shelter and public infrastructure reconstruction, a spokesman said on Saturday.

In a radio interview, Herminio Coloma of the Presidential Communications Operations Office said President Benigno Aquino and members of his Cabinet fleshed out and fine-tuned the implementation aspects of the post-Haiyan rehabilitation and reconstruction program during a meeting on Friday.

"President Aquino and the Cabinet have approved this action plan in principle. Actual release of funds will

follow usual budget-authorization and fund-release processes," Coloma said in a separate text message to *Kyodo News*.

In his radio interview, Coloma said 67 percent of the budget estimate will be spent on shelters and public infrastructure, including roads, bridges, airports, ports and other facilities.

The balance will be devoted to supporting livelihoods and employment as well as restoring social services. Coloma said the priority areas for rehabilitation have been identified as the 4,971 villages across 14 provinces in the central regions of the country with an estimated population of 6.6 million that bore the brunt of Haiyan on 8 November.

"These are the first-priority areas that, as determined by the (government

weather station's) storm-tracking process, were within the 50-kilometer zone from the eye of Typhoon Yolanda as it struck Eastern Visayas and nearby regions," Coloma said, using the Philippine name for the world's strongest typhoon to hit this year.

"The president emphasized the need to ensure that basic needs of food and shelter are addressed adequately and in a timely manner," he added. Coloma said the budget estimate will be subjected to further fine-tuning through on-ground validation of initial rapid assessment findings. The latest government assessment of damage caused by Haiyan showed that some 30.6 billion pesos worth of infrastructure and agriculture products and facilities were destroyed.—*Kyodo News*

Nine killed, two injured in north China landslide

TAIYUAN, 1 Dec — Nine people were killed and two others injured in a landslide at an open-pit coal mine in north China's Shanxi Province on Wednesday, local authorities confirmed on Sunday.

The last buried person was found alive around midnight of Saturday and is being treated in a local hospital, said the landslide rescue headquarters.

The accident happened at around 8:30 am on Wednesday at the mine which belongs to Shengkai Coal Mining Co, Ltd in Jiaokou County of Luliang City when the company's four excavators and construction vehicles carrying 11 people were buried, according to the county government.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is under way.

Xinhua

6.7-magnitude quake hits E Indonesia

JAKARTA, 1 Dec — A 6.7-magnitude earthquake rocked off the waters in Eastern Indonesia's Maluku islands on Sunday Morning, Climatological and Geophysical Agency reported, but no casualties or damage have been reported so far.

The quake struck at 8:24 Jakarta Time (0124

GMT) Sunday. The epicenter was 250 km northeast of Kepulauan Baratdaya Regency, Maluku Province, 367 km from Maluku's capital Ambon with a depth of 40 km under the sea.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) revised down the magnitude to 6.3 from 6.4 previously with

a depth of 10 km.

The Indonesian Meteorological and Geophysics Agency said there was no potential to generate a tsunami. Indonesia sits on the so-called Pacific "Ring of Fire" where several tectonic plates meet, making it vulnerable to frequent earthquakes.—*Xinhua*



A trainee (L) takes a Chinese oral exam in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 28 Nov, 2013. The first police trainees were graduated from a China-sponsored Chinese training course on Thursday. XINHUA

Suspect hackers charged with attacking Singapore presidential palace website

SINGAPORE, 1 Dec — Two suspect hackers were charged on Friday with alleged hacking of the website of the Istana, the presidential palace of Singapore. Businessman Delson Moo, 42, and student Melvin Teo, 17, were accused of modifying the contents of the server hosting the Istana website. Both cases will be back in court on 24 January next year. The alleged offenses were committed a

minute apart. Teo is accused of modifying the contents of the server at 12:33 am, while Moo allegedly did the same at 12:34 am. Each of them is said to have done so twice on 8 November.

Court documents showed the duo apparently used the search function on the server hosting the website to process scripts. This was said to have caused the search function to generate instructions to display texts and images stated in their

scripts.

The website supposedly displayed the image of a woman making a rude gesture, another image of a man pointing his index finger and three phrases, local broadcaster Channel NewsAsia said.

Under the Computer Misuse and Cybersecurity Act, the highest penalty is a five-year jail term and a fine of 20,000 Singapore dollars (16,000 US dollars).—*Xinhua*



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Gingerbread houses and their characters are on display at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver, Canada, on 30 Nov, 2013.

Once home to the world's tallest gingerbread man, Gingerbread Lane is Hyatt Regency Vancouver's indoor village of over 40 intricately designed gingerbread homes. This artistry has received global attention and is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.

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**'World's Ugliest Dog'
Elwood dies in New Jersey**

NEW JERSEY, 1 Dec — Elwood, the Chihuahua and Chinese Crested mix whose unusual appearance won him the 2007 title of World's Ugliest Dog, has died unexpectedly at the age of 8, his owner said on Saturday. "It was very sudden," said a tearful Karen Quigley, 52, of Sewell, New Jersey, who adopted Elwood in 2006. The homely but lovable 5-pound (2.3-kg) canine died on Thursday, on Thanksgiving morning.

"He was in my arms," Quigley said. She said the veterinarian believed he might have had some kind of cancer.

Elwood was dark and practically hairless — except for a tuft of white hair on his forehead — and had a long, protruding tongue.

A breeder had deemed Elwood too ugly to sell and

was planning to euthanize him, but he was taken in by one of the breeder's friends. Quigley adopted him in when he was 9 months old.

After winning the annual "World's Ugliest Dog" contest held in California, he developed a legion of fans who sent him letters and postcards. This led Quigley to write "Everyone Loves Elwood," a children's book about self-acceptance. Elwood had "a magical power to make people smile and laugh" that made him very attractive, especially to children, said Quigley. Elwood would pose for photos with people at charitable events.

"He was the most beautiful dog I've ever seen ... " said Quigley, who has rescued other dogs as well. "He taught children it's OK to be different."

Xinhua

Denmark's Princess Marie speaks during the opening ceremony of the photo exhibition "Access to Life" to mark the World AIDS Day in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 28 Nov, 2013. The photo exhibition, held by The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, will last until 12 Jan, 2014. — XINHUA



Bulgaria mulls measures to attract Chinese tourists

SOFIA, 1 Dec — Bulgaria mulled measures to attract Chinese tourists, such as relaxing the visa policy and offering combined packages to neighboring Balkan countries, an official said here on Saturday.

"The country is ready to negotiate and sign agreements with neighboring Balkan countries to optimize the visa regime within the pan-European

regulation and help create joint tourism packages and products to attract Chinese tourists to Bulgaria," Branimir Botev, Deputy Minister of Economy told a special seminar attended by state experts and over 40 local companies.

Romania, Serbia and Macedonia could become Bulgaria's partners in this endeavor, as well as any other neighbouring country, which shared its vision and

interest on China, Botev said according to a press release published by the Ministry of Economy.

Botev stressed that Chinese tourists were not particularly interested in sea and mountain tourism, but instead were impressed by places offering mineral water, cultural and historical heritage, shopping, entertainment and spa tourism.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Kareena Kapoor reinvented in 'Bombay Samurai' 'Fast and Furious' actor Paul Walker dies in car crash

MUMBAI, 1 Dec — Actress Kareena Kapoor's career seems to be heading to an exciting new level with Dev Benegal's film *Bombay Samurai*. Post-marriage, she seemed to flounder in her choices with her half-hearted crusader's role in Prakash Jha's *Satyagraha* and the totally inane social activist's role in *Gori Tere*

Pyaar Mein. With *Bombay Samurai*, Kareena finally seems to have got her post-marriage formula right.

According to sources, the film is "a crazy zany rollicking roller coaster ride with amazing twists and turns. There are seven to eight pivotal characters. But Kareena and Farhan (Akhtar) preside over the show".

"They play a couple like no other seen before in our films. They are wacky and unpredictable. The two actors will have a ball playing their outgoing zestful characters," the source added. Both Kareena and Farhan were keen to work with one another.

Says Farhan: "I've seen Kareena's work. She is consistently excellent. I was keen to work with her. Dev's film gives us a chance to try something different." Kareena expressed the highest admiration for Farhan: "I admire Farhan for being multi-talented. Which other director has done so well as an actor? Farhan took my breath away in *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag*. I am really looking forward to working with him." The Farhan-Kareena film starts after Kareena's annual holiday in Switzerland in December. —PTI



Kareena will be seen opposite Farhan Akhtar in the film. —PTI

LOS ANGELES, 1 Dec — Actor Paul Walker, best known for his roles in the "Fast and the Furious" action movies, died on Saturday in a car crash in Southern California, his publicist said.

Walker, 40, who was in five of the six films about illegal street racing and heists, died as a passenger in a friend's car while attending a charity event, according to a message linked to his Twitter account.

"Sadly, I must confirm that Paul did pass away this afternoon in a car accident," Ame Van Iden, Walker's publicist, said in an email.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said in a statement that there had been a car accident involving two fatalities in Valencia, a community in the city of Santa Clarita, at about 3:30 pm (6:30 pm ET).

When deputies arrived,

US actor Paul Walker presents a creation from Colcci's 2013/2014 summer collection during Sao Paulo Fashion Week on 21 March, 2013 file photo. REUTERS



they found the vehicle engulfed in flames. Both victims were pronounced dead at the scene, the statement said. The office did not provide the identities of the dead, and said the cause was under investigation.

In the "Fast and Furious" pictures, the blond-haired, blue-eyed actor played Brian O'Conner, a law enforcement official. The first movie was released in 2001, and a seventh was in development at

the time of his death, Universal, the studio behind the franchise, said in a statement.

According to the IMDb.com movie website, Paul William Walker IV was born in Glendale, California, in 1973 and began acting at a very young age, appearing in many commercials.

He played Professor Bennet in the 1987 movie "Monster in the Closet" and starred in the television series "Throb," IMDb said.

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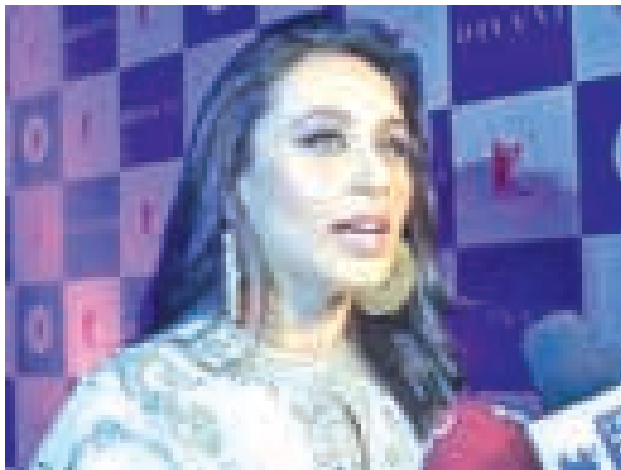
Rani Mukherji wears white for Yash Chopra

NEW DELHI, 1 Dec — The white-clad Yash Chopra heroine, as made famous by actress Sridevi in *Chandni*, got an outing at the opening of the first *Diva'ni* (the fashion line inspired by the late director) store in New Delhi.

Actress Rani Mukherji, lovely in a white and silver outfit, said, "I am here because of Yash uncle tonight. I have dressed up for him because everything here is happening because of him. The entire collection is inspired by the way he presented his heroines with grace dignity and beauty. They were brave yet vulnerable. I have es-

pecially dressed up for him in white today since if he is around, he would definitely feel happy." Rani, who shared a warm hug with Yash Chopra's widow Pamela at the launch, also said, "I got the thumbs up from Pam aunty too, so I'm sure if Yash uncle is there he will be loving it too."

The actress, who was directed by Mr Chopra in *Veer-Zaara*, has long been rumoured to be in a relationship with Yash and Pamela Chopra's elder son, director Aditya. And while her increasingly frequent public appearances with the Chopras could be construed as an acknowledgement of



Rani worked with Yash Chopra in *Veer-Zaara*. —PTI

sorts, Rani isn't ready to go on record with an open admission. In response to the now familiar and slightly

repetitive marriage query, Rani said, "We can't talk about all that now."

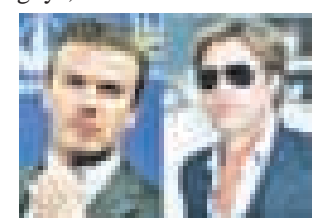
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David Beckham: Want Brad Pitt to play me in a movie

LONDON, 1 Dec — Retired soccer ace David Beckham says he has no plans to get into acting. Cantona, who played alongside Beckham at British soccer team Manchester United, carved out a successful movie career in his native France after giving up the game, but David insists his performing skills do not match up to his talents on the pitch.

"I am not very good at it (acting). On occasion I tried things, like the adverts I did with Adidas. Eric is great at it, I couldn't be as natural at it as he is," contactmusic.com quoted

him as saying. However, he would be happy for a real Hollywood star to play him on the big screen. "I think Brad (Pitt) would be the obvious choice. I'd like Brad to be playing me — him or Leonardo DiCaprio, one of the two. Or Bradley Cooper. They're not bad looking guys," he said. —PTI



David Beckham says he is not very good at acting. PTI

Exhibition charts life of Vivien Leigh, one of most glamorous women of 20th century

LONDON, 1 Dec — An exhibition detailing the life of one of the most famous of 1940s Hollywood film stars Vivien Leigh opened at the National Portrait Gallery (NPG) on Saturday.

The exhibition looks at the life of Leigh, who was born in Darjeeling, India, 100 years ago and who went on to fame as a double-Oscar winner.

For 20 years in the middle of the last century along with her husband Laurence Olivier, Leigh was part of the most celebrated, talented and

glamorous film star couples and one of the most famous people on the planet.

Her most famous performance, as Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone With the Wind*, brought her the first of two Academy Awards. The second Oscar was for the 1951 film of Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire*, starring opposite Marlon Brando.

Terence Pepper, the Head of Photographs Collection at the NPG, told *Xinhua*, "We have been acquiring pictures over the years of Leigh and we have quite a good collection of

her."

The exhibition marks the centenary of Leigh's birth, and follows a successful show about American film star Marilyn Monroe.

Pepper said, "She was an extraordinary actress; she was so beautiful and she has an interesting story, as well as marital difficulties and mental illness."

Leigh's career and life were compelling, even for a modern audience who now come across her by chance.

He said, "She won two Oscars for two extraordinary roles — Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone With the*

Wind' and Blanche Dubois in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, two of the most successful films of all time."

The exhibition includes rare vintage photographs, magazine covers, vintage film stills and press books.

Many of the photographs in the display are brought together for the first time, and include works by leading photographers such as James Abbe Jr, Bassano, Cecil Beaton, Clarence Sinclair Bull, Howard Coster, Angus McBean, Norman Parkinson, Sasha, Laszlo Willinger and Madame Yevonde. —Xinhua



Vivien Leigh

SPORTS



Former Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci (R) attends the opening ceremony of the Mexican Gymnastics Open, in Acapulco, Guerrero, southern Mexico, on 28 Nov, 2013.

XINHUA

Gut leads new generation of winners

BEAVER CREEK, (Colorado), 1 Dec — Lara Gut and Mikaela Shiffrin have rejuvenated the Alpine skiing World Cup this winter and are set to make life difficult for more established rivals ahead of the Sochi Olympics.

Switzerland's Gut, 22, has won all three of her races to date this season in Soelden and Beaver Creek while US skier Shiffrin, 19, won the only slalom so far in the Finnish resort of Levi.

A teenage sensation when she took two silver medals at the world championships in Val d'Isere in 2009, Gut is unbeaten in three disciplines—the giant slalom in Soelden, and both downhill and super-G in Colorado on Friday and Saturday.

Her perfect start mirrors that of Tina Maze last season, with the Slovenian going on to win the overall World Cup title and break



Lara Gut of Switzerland celebrates in the finish area after winning the women's World Cup Super-G ski race in Beaver Creek, Colorado, on 30 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

the 2,000 points barrier for the first time.

The extrovert blonde from the Italian-speaking Swiss canton of Ticino, who speaks fluently to journalists in four languages, was reluctant to talk about herself in the same breath as past greats however.

“Yes it's cool. Three victories in three events. I don't know if there is a special meaning. I just trained

LONDON, 1 Dec — Arsenal midfielder Aaron Ramsey indulged his new scoring habit with two goals in a 3-0 win at his old club Cardiff City as the visitors opened up a seven-point lead at the top of the Premier League on Saturday.

Welshman Ramsey, who spent eight years with the Bluebirds until his move to north London in 2008, notched his 12th and 13th strikes of the season in all competitions and was applauded by the home fans in Arsenal's 10th league win of the campaign.

Everton's Spanish teenager Gerard Deulofeu, on loan from Barcelona, scored one goal and inspired his team mates to a 4-0 victory over Stoke City that took them into the top four.

Fulham manager Martin Jol was facing increased pressure after his relega-

tion-threatened side went down 3-0 at fellow strugglers West Ham United, while Sunderland, second from bottom, drew 0-0 at mid-table Aston Villa.

Tony Pulis's first game in charge of basement club Crystal Palace ended in a 1-0 defeat at Norwich City.

In the late kickoff, Moussa Sissoko produced a moment of magic to give Newcastle United all three points in a 2-1 home win over West Bromwich Albion.

The French midfielder struck a right-foot shot from 20 meters into the top corner after West Brom's Chris Brunt had cancelled out Yoan Gouffran's first-half opener.

Arsenal have 31 points from 13 games, ahead of Liverpool, Chelsea and Everton, all on 24. Newcastle are fifth on 23.

Liverpool, Chelsea

and Manchester City play on Sunday, when eighth-placed champions Manchester United visit faltering Tottenham Hotspur.

Arsenal's Ramsey got his first goal in the 29th minute in Wales after tim-

ing his arrival into the penalty area perfectly and glancing a fine header from Mesut Ozil's cross beyond keeper David Marshall to give Arsene Wenger's side the lead.

Reuters



Cardiff City's Kevin Theophile-Catherine (L) challenges Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey during their English Premier League soccer match at Cardiff City Stadium in Cardiff, Wales, on 30 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

McIlroy overhauls Scott on last to end title wait

SYDNEY, 1 Dec — Rory McIlroy claimed his first title of the year at the Australian Open by a single shot on Sunday after home favourite Adam Scott bogeyed the final hole to lose a tournament he had dominated since the opening day.

McIlroy, who swallowed up Scott's four-shot overnight lead in the first eight holes, nervelessly sank a 10-foot birdie putt at the 18th to finish on 18-under-par for the tournament with a final round seven-under 66.

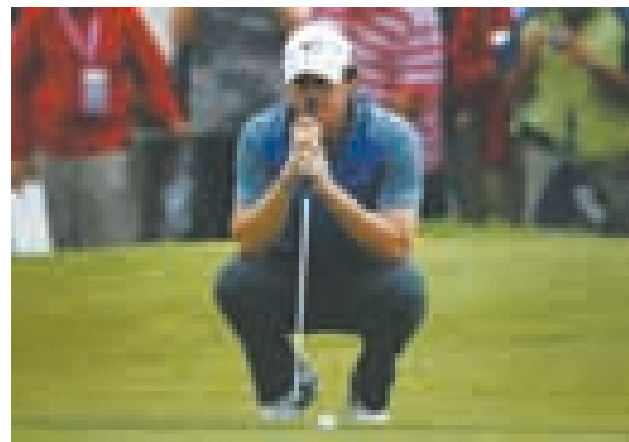
Scott, who was seeking a rare “triple crown” of Australian titles after winning the PGA and Masters, missed a string of chances over the back nine to extend his lead and held just a single-shot advantage heading to the 72nd hole.

After firing his approach over the back of the green, the world number two overcooked his chip and sent the ball racing back past the hole before coming up short with a 40-foot par putt to give McIlroy a chance he

grasped with both hands.

“It's hard not to feel some sort of guilt in the way that I won it,” said two-times major champion McIlroy, who had been facing a first winless season since 2008.

Reuters



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy leans on his putter on the eighth hole during the second round of the Australian Open golf tournament at Royal Sydney Golf Club on 29 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

Liverpool wait to know extent of Sturridge injury

LONDON, 1 Dec — Liverpool face an anxious wait to learn the extent of Daniel Sturridge's ankle injury after the in-form striker was hurt during training and appears certain to miss the Merseyside club's trip to Hull City on Sunday.

The 24-year-old England international has scored nine league goals this season and has been instrumental in helping the club make a bright start to the campaign in which they sit second in the standings after 12 matches.

England striker Daniel Sturridge walks off the field during a team training session at Arsenal's training facility in London Colney, north of London, on 18 Nov, 2013 file photo.

REUTERS

“Liverpool Football Club can confirm Daniel Sturridge will be assessed by the club's medical staff (Saturday) after the striker rolled his ankle in training,” the club said in a statement on their website.



“Sturridge returned to training at Melwood this week; however, he sustained an ankle sprain

which will require further assessment.”

In his last appearance for Liverpool, Sturridge came off the bench to score an 89th minute equaliser in the thrilling 3-3 draw against neighbors Everton last weekend.

Liverpool are scheduled to play seven matches this month in what could be a crucial period in their bid for a top-four finish that would secure a return to the Champions League for the first time since 2009.

Reuters



China's Ding Junhui competes during the first round against Antony Parsons of England in 2013 UK Snooker Championship at York Barbican Centre in York, Britain on 30 Nov, 2013. —XINHUA

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A newly-manufactured automobile called TIBA 2 is displayed during an International Auto Conference in Tehrean, Iran, on 30 Nov, 2013. A number of top auto brands from 20 countries have attended an international conference which opened here on Saturday. The conference comes after the Geneva agreement which was struck last weekend and raised optimism in Iran for a rebound in the industry.

XINHUA

New railway links China's regional economic powerhouses

NANCHANG, 1 Dec — Local railway authorities in Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi Province, announced on Saturday that a new railway link will run through some of the country's most prosperous cities.

The Xiamen-Shenzhen link, measuring 502.4 km in length and set with

18 stops during the whole course, will more rapidly connect east China's Fujian Province with the southern powerhouse of Guangdong Province. The link begins operation on Sunday, local authorities said.

The railway link is part of an ambitious long-and-medium-term plan for

railway network construction that will see eight high-speed passenger rail lines crisscrossing the country by 2015, covering cities with populations over 500,000.

Local authorities said that the link will greatly shorten the travel time and make travels more convenient among the Yangtze River Delta Region and the Pearl River Delta Region, the nation's most economically developed regions.

The Nanchang railway authority is responsible for railway transportation of Jiangxi and Fujian provinces.

Xinhua

Turkey says energy deals with Iraqi Kurds not finalized

ANKARA, 1 Dec — The Turkish Foreign Ministry said Saturday that Ankara's energy deals with Iraq's Kurdish Regional Government (KRG), "which are in line with the Iraqi constitution," have not been finalized yet.

"Our will and preference is to take this issue within trilateral framework and accomplish it in a way that will serve our peoples' common interest and prosperity," said a statement issued by the ministry.

In the statement, Turkey expressed its hope that the prospect cooperation would enhance common understanding between the KRG and the Iraqi central government, stressing its willingness to help solve their disputes "through mutual talks" and with respect for "Iraq's territory and solidarity."

The statement came after media reports said Iraq

closed its northern airspace to Turkish private planes.

Earlier, Iraqi authorities did not allow in a plane belonging to Turkey's General Energy Company, which has been conducting oil exploration in northern Iraq for many years, a Turkish official told Xinhua.

Media reports alleged that Iraqi officials insisted Turkish planes first land in Baghdad before flying again to Erbil. The KRG and Ankara signed six energy contracts during a visit by Iraq's Kurdish leader Nechirvan Barzani to Turkey, said *Hurriyet Daily News*.

However, Baghdad opposes the signing of any energy deal between Iraqi Kurds and Turkey without its approval.

Turkish Energy Minister Taner Yildiz plans to visit Erbil on Monday to attend a conference on oil and natural gas.—Xinhua

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14. New Melody	30. People Talks
12:00 pm	8:50 pm
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- * World News
- * Myanmar Delicate Artistic Handy Creations-Lacquareware Making
- * Local News
- * Me N My Travel (PyinOoLwin) (Episode-1)
- * World News
- * Made in Myanmar "Mixxo"
- * Local News
- * A Day Life of Kayan Padaung Tribe
- * World News
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- * Local News
- * Making of Nawarat Rings (Precious Stones & Gems)
- * World News
- * Myanmar Movie Review: Small or Big
- * Local News
- * A Trip to The City of Rakkhita, Rakhine
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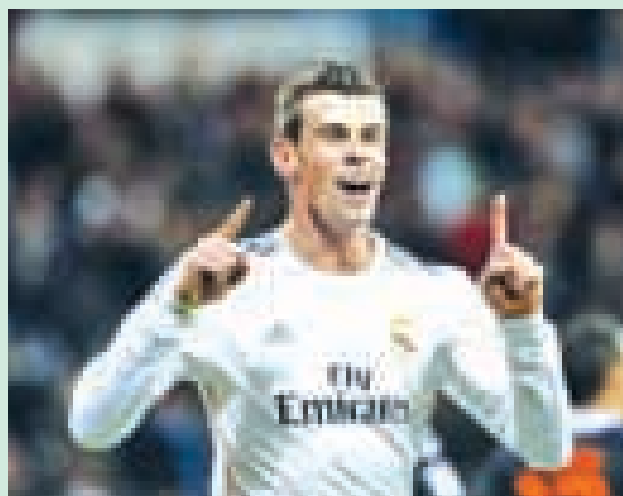
Bale scores his first hat-trick for Real Madrid

MADRID, 1 Dec — Gareth Bale struck his first Real Madrid hat-trick and set up another goal in a thumping 4-0 La Liga victory over Real Valladolid on Saturday. With the injured Cristiano Ronaldo still absent, the Welshman knocked home two rebounds and slid in the third for a perfect treble at the Bernabeu having also set up their second goal with a cross for Karim Benzema to head home.

It was only the second hat-trick ever in La Liga by a British player, with Gary Lineker scoring three for Barcelona in 1987.

"His period of adaptation is now over. He now is confident and doing well," Real coach Carlo Ancelotti told reporters.

"We are on a good run



Real Madrid's Gareth Bale celebrates his goal against Real Valladolid during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 30 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

and playing with personality and consistency. I don't know whether it was our best game because recently we have been playing very well."

Real are third and three points behind leaders Barcelona, who visit Athletic Bilbao on Sunday, and second placed Atletico Madrid. Atletico have 40 points

from 15 games after a 2-0 victory over Elche with Diego Costa returning from injury to continue his fine scoring run. Koke netted from close range after 63 minutes against a battling Elche and Costa struck 11 minutes later.

"We need to continue on the same lines and be realistic," coach Diego Simeone told a news conference. "It is a good moment for the fans but we still need to go match by match," he added, with Atletico having only dropped five points so far.

"It is an important win against a tough rival where we started well but later Elche caused two or three moments of danger. We spoke at halftime about using the wings more and it helped."—Reuters

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham opens Shwe Kyar Pin Jewellery Market



NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham unveiled the signboard of Shwe Kyar Pin finished gems and jewellery market, here, this morning.

It was attended by Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt and Dr Myint Aung, deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, departmental heads, Chairman of Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association U Teza, Vice-Chairman U Yone Mu and members, jewellery entrepreneurs and guests.

Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt and Dr Myint Aung, the Chairman of MGJEA, the Vice-Chairman and jewellery entrepreneur U Tar Wai cut the ribbon to open the market.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham pressed the button to open the booth of Green Light Co Ltd and then looked round finished gems and jewellery on display at the booths inside the market.

The Vice-President also viewed finished goods and jewellery at Gems & Jewellery booths of WAI, Rizza Dragon, Ever Winner and Htoo Group Company's Treasure Gems.

There is a plan to construct a one stop service center in Shwe Kyar Pin finished gems and jewellery market. Upon its completion, exporters will be able to export their finished goods and jewellery to foreign countries through the tax system.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views finished gems and jewellery at Shwe Kyar Pin gems and jewellery market.—MNA

Eight days to XXVII SEA Games

Volunteer groups ready for SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec— It is learnt that the volunteer groups made contributions to successful holding of SEA Games and their efforts are completed in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung.

The volunteer groups include the officers from the Ministry of Sports, officials of Sports and Physical Education Institutes (Yangon and Mandalay), technicians,

athletes and students.

The voluntary camps are being kept open at BEHS Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Nay Pyi Taw with 400 in strength at each camp. Those volunteers from Nay Pyi Taw are in voluntary works at three sports grounds and the remaining volunteer groups are in charitable services in Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung.

The responsible persons of the Ministry of Sports and various departments are taking responsibility to link the volunteers with all organizations in cooperation with athletes and officials who are assigned duty at the sports grounds. The voluntary groups are ready for SEA Games, said a staff officer from a voluntary camp.

Ko Myo (Shwe Paukkan)



Myanmar celebrates World AIDS Day-2013



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin looks round displays at the booth in commemoration of World AIDS Day-2013.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec— Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addressed the commemoration of World AIDS Day-2013 at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

The Union Minister said that in 1981, the first case of AIDS was reported among gays in the United States. Since its discovery, AIDS has been seen around the world during more than three decades. According to the World AIDS Day 2013 UNAIDS reports, approximately 34 million

people are living with HIV globally. The total number of new HIV infections remains high—2.5 million in 2011. A total of 1.7 million people died of AIDS-related illnesses worldwide in 2011.

He added that since 2005, Myanmar has given Antiretroviral Therapy to the patients with HIV/AIDS.

Afterwards, Acting Resident Representative of WHO Dr. Jigme Singay read out the message of the US Secretary-General, and

UNAIDS Executive Officer Mrs. Savina Ammassari, the message of the Executive Director of UNAIDS.

The Union Minister, Deputy Ministers Dr Thein Thein Htay and Dr Than Aung and the Acting Resident Representative of WHO awarded winners in contests in commemoration of World AIDS Day-2013.

After the ceremony, the Union minister and those present viewed round the World AIDS Day-2013 commemorative booth.

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