

## President U Thein Sein receives Chair of EITI Board



NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Ms Clare Short, Chair of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Board, and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

It was also attended by Union Ministers U Soe Thane, U Win Shein and Dr Myint Aung, and officials concerned.

During the meeting, they discussed Myanmar's preparations to join EITI, cooperation between Myanmar and EITI, drawing a suitable work plan among natural gas, oil, mining, forestry and fishery sectors, and providing training courses for sharing experience and expertise to Myanmar.

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*President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Ms Clare Short, Chair of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Board.—MNA*

### Statement 4/2013 of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on International Human Rights Day, 10 December 2013

1. On the International Human Rights Day, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) joins the international community in celebrating this auspicious day.
2. The International Human Rights Day is especially significant for the Commission. The Commission was able to distribute for the first time the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Myanmar language to certain important sectors of the Government, the Parliament and the Public in 2013. The Commission will continue to distribute this important document on a wider scale so that the Myanmar community will become fully aware of what their inalienable rights are.
3. During 2013, the Commission was able to intensify its activities to promote and protect human rights by conducting certain outreach activities for the first time such as visits to Taikkyi and Okkan townships in Yangon Region, Okpo, Gyobingauk, Zigon and Nattalin townships in Bago Region, Mandalay, Wundwin, Pyawbwe and Meiktila townships in Mandalay Region, Lashio township in Shan State, Sittway, Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, MraukU and Thandwe townships in Rakhine State and visits to the prisons in Kawthoung and Mawlamyine townships in September. Based on the findings during these visits, the Commission submitted many important recommendations to the Government so that necessary and preventive measures could be taken to prevent acts of violence from happening again in those townships and to improve the situation in the prisons under reference.

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NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—A ceremony of welcoming participants to the equestrian event at the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games took place at the Wunna Theikdi equestrian centre, here, this evening.

First, Myanmar Equestrian Federation President U Pyone Maung Maung gave a welcome speech. Next, Dressage technical delegate Mrs. Susan Hoevens of FEI spoke on the occasion.

Then, Vice-President of Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Resettlement Committee Dr Khin Shwe and party greeted participants to the event.

Before the end of the ceremony, Myanmar traditional riding skills were presented to those present.

More than 60 participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand and host Myanmar

### Myanmar welcomes participants to 2013 SEA Games equestrian event



*The Granddaughter of Thai King wave hands during opening ceremony 27<sup>th</sup> SEA equestrian game to fans at Equestrian Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE*

### Wrestling of 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games keep on

YANGON, 10 Dec—Wrestling of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games continued at the National Thuwunna National Indoor Stadium (1) on Waizayantar Road in Thingangyun Township, here, today.

Wrestlers from Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indo-

nesia and the Philippines competed in the second-day events.

After the final events, Indonesia secured gold, Thailand, silver, and Vietnam, bronze, in men's greco-74 Kg event while Cambodia won gold, the Philippines, silver, and Thailand, bronze, in

men's greco-84 Kg.

In women's free style-55 kg event, Vietnam clinched gold medal, Thailand, silver, and Myanmar, bronze, while in women's free style-59 kg event, Vietnam won gold, Thailand, silver, and Indonesia, bronze.

While Myanmar se-

cured gold, Laos, silver, and Cambodia, bronze, in men's greco (96 kg) event, Cambodia won gold, Laos, silver, and Myanmar, bronze, in women's free style (63 kg) event.

Myanmar Wrestling Federation President U Kyaw Kyaw Linn and officials concerned awarded the winners.

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LOCAL NEWS

Chartered flight Cessna Grand Caravan 208 B launched

MANDALAY, 10 Dec—A ceremony to launch the US-made Cessna Grand Caravan 208 B of Myanma Airways of Ministry of Transport was held at Chanmyathazi Airport in Mandalay on 8 December.

It was attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Nyo Saw, Managing Director U Than Tun of Myanma Airways and departmental officials.



The region minister and the managing director cut the ribbon to launch the airline.

From Chanmyathazi Airport in Mandalay as a centre, the flights will be run to Nagmon, Tanai, Lonkhin,

Momeik, Kutkai, Tangyan, Gangaw, Mongping, MraukU, Manaung, Pyay, Papun, Hpa-an, Ye and Pearl Island.—MMAL-Tin Maung: Photo Aung Thura (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

US Ambassador, EU Ambassador visit Shan State

TACHILEK, 10 Dec—Police Col Myint Aung of Central Committee for Drug Abuse mtrol (International), US Ambassador Mr Derek J Mitchell, EU Ambassador Mr Roland Kobia, UNODC Country Manager Mr Jason Eligh and Mr Jochen Wiese and party on 5 December visited Mongpan, Mongton, Monghsat townships of

Shan State (East).

They met local authorities and discussed peace and stability, development of the region, health, education, transport and market economy development.

The local people reported on their requirements.

The Ambassadors and

party together with local authorities visited rubber farm in Nantkyan Village of Monghsat Township.

In Loidawkham Village of Tachilek Township, they discussed implementation of narcotic drug plans.

After visiting Talot Market, they left Tachilek by flight.

MMAL-Myintmo (Tachilek)



Myanma Airways launches new daily flight services

Myanma Airways (MA) under the Ministry of Transport will launch the following daily flight schedule by Caravan 208 B aircraft based on the Mandalay Chanmyathazi Airport as of 12 December. In addition, it will operate the flight schedules to Magway, Kyaukhtu and Namhsan.

Sr	Day	Schedule
1.	Sunday	(i) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-NyaungU-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (ii) Sightseeing (Mandalay/NyaungU environs) (iii) Enjoy flight (Mandalay and its environs)
2.	Monday	(i) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (ii) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Bhamo-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (iii) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Kalay-Mandalay Chanmyathazi
3.	Tuesday	(i) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Lashio-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (ii) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Loikaw-Mandalay Chanmyathazi
4.	Wednesday	(i) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Kalay-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (ii) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Loikaw-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (iii) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Heho-Mandalay Chanmyathazi
5.	Thursday	(i) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Loikaw-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (ii) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Heho-Mandalay Chanmyathazi
6.	Friday	(i) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (ii) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-NyaungU-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (iii) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Heho-Mandalay Chanmyathazi
7.	Saturday	(i) Mandalay Chanmyathazi-Bhamo-Mandalay Chanmyathazi (ii) Sightseeing (Mandalay/NyaungU and its environs) (iii) Enjoy flight (Mandalay and its environs)

National Sports

Artistes join football match to raise fund of Kawthoung Home for the Aged

KAWTHOUNG, 10 Dec— Artists football team and local football team held a friendly matches at the 6<sup>th</sup>-Mile Station football ground in Kawthoung on 7 December.

It was aimed at raising the fund of the Home for the Aged.

The matches were sponsored by Bacchus soft drink produced by Korea.

In the first match, artistes team was formed with Yazar

Nay Win, Moe Yan Zun, Moe Aung Yin, Zarni, Thu Htoo San, Aung Ye Yint, Aung Thu, Zaw Lin Tun, Po Chit and others.

The Actor FC played a friendly match with Kawthoung FC.

In the second match, Actor FC played against Kawthoung Station FC.

The matches were cheered by crowded with local people.—MMAL-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)



Farming right certificates issued

NGAPHE, 10 Dec—A ceremony to present farming rights certificates to local farmers was held at the hall of Township General

Administration Department in Ngaphe Township on 5 December. Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department

U Myint Thu presented cartificates to farmers through officials of 31 village-tracts.—MMAL-Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)

PERI Asia participates in MyanBuild'13

YANGON, 10 Dec— German family-owned PERI Asia Pte Ltd from Singapore, part of PERI GmbH is a service provider for formwork and scaffolding solutions and the largest manufacturer worldwide. In Singapore, PERI Asia contributed

to landmark projects like Marina Bay Sands, Universal Studios Sentosa and Asia Square Tower 1 and 2.

PERI is a service provider for formwork and scaffolding solutions and the largest manufacturer worldwide.

PERI Asia is already represented in Yangon to provide a close contact to developers, contractors and authorities.

“I see the high demand for construction in Myanmar and we as PERI would like to contribute to the economic growth of the country by providing comprehensive solutions to our customers. We develop tailor-made technical solutions, incl. design and on top. We accompany our customer by providing training on site as well as in our facilities in Germany.

I would like to emphasize that our customer's success is our success and that is what we are striving for,” Mr. Marco Romahn, Managing Director of PERI Asia Pte, Ltd, explained during the MyanBuild'13. For further information, any person may visit [www.periasia.com](http://www.periasia.com).



## WORLD

## Palestinians say Kerry appeasing Israel over Iran at their expense



US Secretary of State John Kerry (L) meets Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank city of Ramallah on 5 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 10 Dec — A senior Palestinian official said the United States was asking Palestinians to make security concessions in peace talks with Israel in order to silence the Jewish state's criticism of world power diplomacy over Iran's nuclear programme.

The accusations by Yasser Abed Rabbo, who joined Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in a

meeting with US Secretary of State John Kerry last week, further clouded hopes of achieving a negotiated accord by an April target date.

Kerry, who will return to Israel and the Palestinian territories this week, presented both sides with suggestions on Thursday about how Israel might fend off future threats from a Palestinian state envis-

aged in West Bank land it now occupies. Israel has long demanded that under any eventual accord it retain swaths of Jewish settlements in the West Bank, as well as military control of the territory's eastern Jordan Valley — effectively, the prospective Palestine's border with Jordan.

But Abed Rabbo told Voice of Palestine radio that Kerry had plunged

the process into crisis by seeking to “appease Israel through agreeing to its expansion demands in the (Jordan) Valley under the pretext of security.”

US acquiescence to Israel's security demands was aimed at “silencing the Israelis over the deal with Iran and achieving a fake progress in the Palestinian-Israeli track at our expense”, he said.—Reuters

## Former officer notes Japan's contribution to chemical arms watchdog

OSLO, 10 Dec — Ichiro Akiyama, a former Ground Self-Defence Force officer who served in the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, spoke on Monday about Japan's contribution to the watchdog ahead of the awarding of this year's Nobel Peace Prize to the group.

The first director of the Inspectorate Division at the OPCW, said, “Japanese personnel have worked together to produce results (in their work with the OPCW).

I am very happy to be able to attend (the ceremony) as their representative.”

Akiyama, 64, said that a variety of Japanese have worked in the OPCW since its 1997 founding. They include personnel dispatched from the GSDF and the Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry and also inspectors sent from the private sector. “Japan can make international contributions in various fields. It should actively make proposals for contributions in the future

by combining human, material and financial resources,” he told *Kyodo News* and other media outlets ahead of the award ceremony in Oslo.

“Given many of its duties such as military base inspections are bound by confidentiality, it is an organization that should not come under the spotlight normally,” he said. “But its achievements have finally been recognized, which I believe was helped by the Syrian issue.”

*Kyodo News*

## Iran's Zarif says nuclear deal dead if US passes new sanctions

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said the Iranian nuclear deal would be dead if the US Congress imposes new sanctions, even if they do not take effect for six months, *Time Magazine* said on Monday.

In a transcript of the interview, which was conducted on Saturday and posted online on Monday, *Time* said it asked Zarif what would happen if Congress imposed new sanctions, even if they did not go into effect for six months.

“The entire deal is dead,” replied Zarif. He was referring to a 24 November interim agreement with six world powers under which Teheran would curb its nuclear programme in exchange for limited relief from economic sanctions over the next six months.

The Iranian foreign minister's comments had little apparent effect on US senators who are preparing legislation to impose new sanctions on Iran in six months if the deal reached in Geneva goes nowhere.



Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks to the media during a news conference following the E3/EU+3-Iran talks in Geneva on 24 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS

Robert Menendez, the Democrat who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Republican Senator Mark Kirk are near agreement on legislation that would target Iran's remaining oil exports, foreign exchange reserves and strategic industries, congressional aides said on Monday.

The legislation faces an uphill battle amid opposition from the White House. It would seek to

limit US President Barack Obama's ability to waive sanctions on Iran and also reimpose sanctions if Teheran reneges on the Geneva agreement. Zarif said Iran would not be pressured.

“We do not like to negotiate under duress,” he told *Time Magazine*. “If Congress adopts sanctions, it shows lack of seriousness and lack of a desire to achieve a resolution on the part of the United States.”

*Reuters*



Anti-government protesters attend a demonstration near the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 9 Dec, 2013.—XINHUA

## Thai caretaker PM vows to continue to perform duties

BANGKOK, 10 Dec — Thai caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Tuesday morning pledged to continue to perform caretaking duties in accordance with the constitution until a new prime minister is elected.

In a statement made after a special cabinet meeting, Yingluck pleaded with the public to protect democracy, and urged protesters to stop the rally, and all to start preparing for the next general election slated for 2 Feb, 2014.

Yingluck said she had made every compromise possible, and wished to be treated fairly.

On Monday night, anti-government protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban asked Yingluck and cabinet ministers to resign as caretakers within 24 hours.

Suthep also urged protests to last for another three days.

Protesters have demanded the incumbent government be replaced by an unelected “people's council” and an interim

administration formed by non-politicians.

As they have envisioned, the council and administration will be dissolved after implementing a political reform for about 1-1.5 years and then a general election will be called.

Hundreds of thousands of protesters marched in various processions to besiege the Government House on Monday. No conflicts were reported between the police and protesters.

*Xinhua*

## India's ruling Congress party wins assembly polls in NE state of Mizoram

NEW DELHI, 10 Dec — India's ruling Congress party has secured a majority in the assembly elections in the northeastern state of Mizoram.

The Congress is all set to form the next state government as it retained majority in Mizoram assembly, winning at least 28 seats in the 40-member

legislative house, for the second five-year term in a row. The party's Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla contested from two seats and won both of them.

This is for the fifth time that Congress won Mizoram assembly elections since independence.

The party has, however, been wiped out in assembly

polls in four crucial states — the Indian capital, the northern state of Rajasthan and the central states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

The November-December assembly polls are seen as an indicator of how the electorate will vote in the general elections slated for May 2014.—Xinhua

## As Keystone ruling nears, Canada short on time for climate plan



The Keystone Oil Pipeline is pictured under construction in North Dakota in this undated photograph released on 18 Jan, 2012. —REUTERS

WASHINGTON/CALGARY, 10 Dec — Canada is running out of time to offer US President Barack Obama a climate change concession that might clinch the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline, as the country's energy industry continues to resist costly curbs on greenhouse gas emissions.

Two years of negotiations between the Canadian government and the energy sector to curtail carbon

pollution have not produced an agreement. Oil producers have balked at anything more than the 10-cents-a-barrel carbon tax imposed by the province of Alberta.

Late last month, Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq pointed to "good progress" in the talks but was unable to say when a resolution might come. Concessions from Canada would make the pipeline more palatable in

Washington, experts say, since Obama has made fighting climate change a second-term priority and has said that Canada could do more to reduce carbon emissions.

By linking Alberta's fields to refiners in the Gulf Coast, the 1,200-mile (1,900-kilometer) Keystone XL pipeline would be a boon to an energy patch where oil sands are abundant but lead to more carbon pollution than many other forms of crude.

Keystone's foes say that burning fossil fuels to wrench oil sands crude from the ground will worsen climate change, and that the \$5.4 billion pipeline, which could carry up to 830,000 barrels a day, would only spur more production.

Increasing oil sands production will put Canada on track to miss its target of curbing greenhouse gas emissions by 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020, according to a government report.—Reuters

## Qualcomm plans smartphone chips with 64-bit technology

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Dec — Qualcomm Inc said on Monday it will make smartphone chips with 64-bit features typically found in personal computers, following Apple Inc and opening the way to more efficient mobile gadgets. Qualcomm said its new Snapdragon 410 component will also include 4G cellphone connectivity technology and be aimed at the fast-growing Chinese market, where it should start appearing in low-cost smartphones in the second half of 2014.

Along with 4G, 64-bit

technology will become standard across Qualcomm's products, said Michelle Leyden Li, a Qualcomm senior director in charge of marketing its Snapdragon line. Led by Apple's iPhones, the smartphone industry's evolution toward 64-bit chips reduces the gap between low-power mobile processors and punchier chips used in laptops, desktop PCs and servers. Samsung Electronics Co Ltd has also said it plans to use 64-bit processors in its smartphones.

Processors with 64-bit features can take advantage

of more memory than 32-bit processors now found in most mobile devices, potentially letting them work faster and more efficiently. Current smartphones don't have enough memory to give 64-bit processors an advantage of 32-bit chips, but future phones probably will include enough memory to give the 64-bit processors a performance boost. Taking advantage of 64-bit processors also requires changes to software originally designed for 32-bit processors." It's a little bit chicken and the egg," Leyden Li said. "We see this transition happening and we want to be there to help enable the ecosystem."

In September, Apple unveiled its first iPhone made with a 64-bit processor, leading to speculation the company plans to merge its iOS mobile platform with the operating system used for its Mac laptop and desktop personal computers.

Reuters



## India puts off decision on Vodafone plan to fully own local unit

NEW DELHI, 10 Dec — India's foreign investment regulator deferred a decision on Vodafone Group Plc's proposal to take full ownership of its Indian unit in a \$1.6 billion deal, two government officials said on Monday.

Vodafone, which entered India in 2007 by buying Hutchison Whampoa's local cellular assets in an \$11 billion deal, directly and indirectly owns a combined 84.5 percent of Vodafone India, the country's No 2 telecoms company by

users. Vodafone directly owns 64.38 percent of the India unit.

The regulator deferred the decision as it had not received security approvals

from the interior ministry, one of the officials said. Both the officials refused to be named as they were not authorized to speak to media.

In August, India relaxed rules on foreign holdings in the sector to allow companies such as Vodafone to own 100 percent of their Indian businesses. Before the rule change, foreign companies were limited to direct stakes of no more than 74 percent in Indian carriers.

Reuters



A woman walks past a large logo of Vodafone displayed on a shop in Mumbai on 20 May, 2010. — REUTERS

## China's supercomputer technology used to monitor smog

BEIJING, 10 Dec — A computer model capable of more accurately forecasting and analyzing the cause of smoggy days is expected to be put into operation in the following three to five years.

The simulation model will be developed using the technology of Tianhe-1A, which ranked as the world's fastest supercomputer from November 2010 to June 2011, and the model's data will be revised in light of actual observation data

from other monitors, said Meng Xiangfei, a researcher with the National Supercomputer Centre (NSC) in Tianjin.

The model is also expected to forecast weather conditions further in advance compared with current air quality monitors in operation, according to Meng.

Chinese environmental authorities have set up 668 monitoring spots in 114 cities and have released the data daily online and

through traditional media. The formation of smog is related in different regions, and atmospheric, physical, chemical and biological factors are involved in the process," Meng added.

Emarkable achievement has been made in the fields of aerospace, weather forecasts, climate prediction and ocean environment simulation since the Tianhe-1A was put into operation three years ago.

The project, which is a collaboration between the

Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences, the National Meteorological Center, Tsinghua University and the NSC in Tianjin, will also provide a reference for decisions about regional planning.

According to the Actions to Address Climate Change 2013 annual report released last month by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the frequency of smog has increased over the past 50 years in China.

Xinhua

## NASA Mars rover finds evidence of life-friendly ancient lake

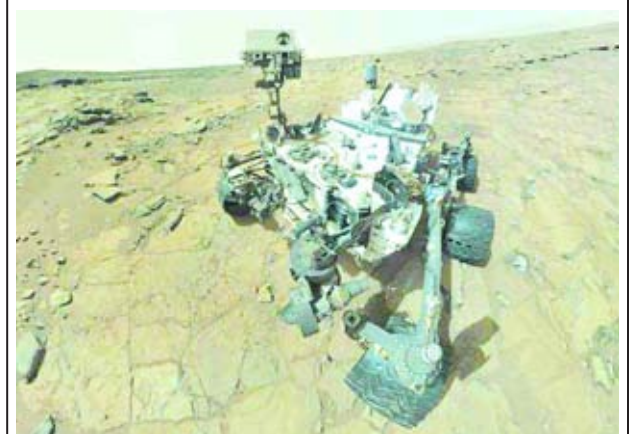
SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Dec — Scientists have found evidence of an ancient freshwater lake on Mars well suited to support microbial life, the researchers said on Monday.

The lake, located inside Gale Crater where the rover landed in August 2012, likely covered an area 31 miles long and 3 miles wide, though its size varied over time.

Analysis of sedimentary deposits gathered by NASA's Mars rover Curiosity shows the lake existed for at least tens of thousands of years, and possibly longer, geologist John Grotzinger, with the California Institute

of Technology in Pasadena, told reporters at the American Geophysical Union conference in San Francisco.

"We've come to appreciate that is a habitable system of environments that includes the lake, the associated streams and, at times when the lake was dry, the groundwater," he said. Analysis of clays drilled out from two rock samples in the area known as Yellowknife Bay show the freshwater lake existed at a time when other parts of Mars were dried up or dotted with shallow, acidic, salty pools ill-suited for life.—Reuters



A self-portrait of the Mars rover Curiosity is seen in this 3 Feb, 2013 handout image courtesy of NASA.

REUTERS

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## McDonald's November sales miss as US weakness persists

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec — McDonald's Corp (MCD.N) on Monday reported another sluggish month of sales at established restaurants, results that suggest the famed hamburger chain is losing US market share to rivals. The fast-food chain, the world's largest by revenue, has struggled for more than a year to significantly increase those monthly sales, hindered by slack demand and intense competition for the business of budget-conscious diners. November's biggest disappointment came from the United States, where monthly sales at restaurants

open at least 13 months fell 0.8 percent, versus the 0.3 percent gain expected, on average, by 14 analysts polled by Consensus Metrix.

"McDonald's US trends imply a rare period of share losses," RBC Capital Markets analyst David Palmer said in a client note. Wall Street initially expected the chain's fortunes to turn this past spring because its results would be compared with weak monthly numbers starting in the spring of 2012. But McDonald's executives recently signaled that weakness would continue in the



fourth quarter amid stiff competition and halting global economic growth. Chief Executive Don Thompson, at the helm of McDonald's for more than a year, has switched top management and shaken up menus to boost sales and profits. Still, analysts say the chain appears to be losing out to rivals at all meal times except breakfast — where it has long been a

leader.

Some analysts worry that the company's woes are the result of poor execution rather than external factors. In particular, they say, new menu items such as lattes, smoothies, salads and wraps have slowed McDonald's service in a business where hyper-competitive drive-thru times are measured in the seconds.

Reuters

## Smoking cessation products pose no serious heart risks

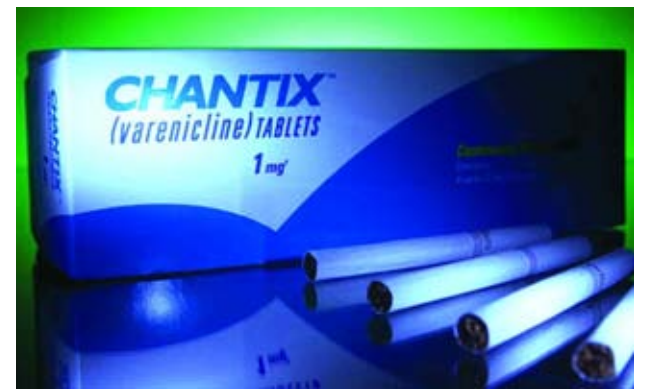
WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — Nicotine replacement gums and patches or popular drugs prescribed to help people quit smoking such as Chantix may not harm the heart in users, according to a study published on Monday in the *American Heart Association journal circulation*.

In recent years, there has been concerns that some smoking cessation products may have serious cardiovascular risks.

But in the largest

increased life expectancy, improved quality of life and reduced healthcare costs for smoking-associated conditions.

"Undoubtedly, the benefits of quitting smoking outweigh any potential risks from smoking cessation therapies," said Edward Mills, study co-author and associate professor of medicine at Stanford University and Canada Research Chair at the University of Ottawa.



## US tech companies call for more controls on surveillance



An illustration picture shows the logos of Google and Yahoo connected with LAN cables in a Berlin office on 31 Oct, 2013. — REUTERS

LONDON, 10 Dec — Eight major US web companies, including Apple, Google and Facebook, made a joint call on Monday for tighter controls on how governments collect personal data, intensifying the furor over online sur-

veillance. In an open letter to US President Barack Obama and Congress, the companies said recent revelations showed the balance had tipped too far in favor of the state in many countries and away from the individual. In June, former

National Security Agency (NSA) contractor Edward Snowden exposed top secret government surveillance programmes that tap into communications on cables linking technology companies' various data centers overseas.

After Snowden's disclosure, many of the big Internet companies warned that American businesses may lose revenue abroad as distrustful customers switched to local alternatives.

"We understand that governments have a duty to protect their citizens," said the letter from the eight firms which also included Microsoft Corp, Twitter, LinkedIn Corp, Yahoo Inc and AOL Inc." But this summer's revelations high-

lighted the urgent need to reform government surveillance practices worldwide.

"The balance in many countries has tipped too far in favour of the state and away from the rights of the individual — rights that are enshrined in our Constitution. This undermines the freedoms we all cherish. It's time for a change."

Several of the eight companies, which have a combined market capitalization of nearly \$1.4 trillion, have responded by publicizing their decision to boost encryption and security on their sites.

Reuters

## Twitter shares soar, near all-time high

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Dec — Twitter shares soared more than 9 percent on Monday to their highest level since the company's initial public offering after a spate of product announcements that could boost its revenue prospects. Shares rose to \$49 in mid-day trading, up 9.2 percent.



The Twitter symbol is displayed at the post where the stock is traded on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 15 Nov, 2013. — REUTERS

analysis of side effects of three major smoking cessation products, serious heart events didn't increase with nicotine replacement gums and patches, the nicotine addiction treatment Chantix, and the antidepressant Wellbutrin, the researchers said.

The new study looked at 63 clinical trials, which comprised 30,508 people, and found that overall, smoking cessation is associated with improved cardiovascular health,

Although nicotine replacement therapy via patch or gum was linked to a risk of a rapid or irregular heartbeat, the researchers said the heart symptoms were minor and temporary.

"These more minor risks are well known to clinicians and usually pass with time," Mills said. "They occur most often when people are taking nicotine replacement therapy and smoking at the same time, which is a bad idea." — Xinhua

## One in four children in poverty in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 10 Dec — A new report suggests a quarter of New Zealand's children are living in poverty and 10 percent are in severe poverty. The first Child Poverty Monitor, released on Monday, aims to measure the progress of poverty indicators annually to reduce hardship and raise awareness.

According to the report, the percentage of children in poverty has nearly doubled in the past three decades, from 14 percent in 1982 to 25 percent today. It found 265,000 children are now in poverty, meaning their

families live off less than 60 percent of the median household income.

Of those, 180,000 are missing out on basic necessities like a good bed, doctors visits, heating, meat and fresh fruit and vegetables.

The report said 10 percent of children are in severe poverty, which means they are going without the things they need and their low family income means they don't have any opportunity of changing this.

The Child Poverty Monitor is a joint project

by the JR McKenzie Trust, Otago University and the New Zealand Children's Commissioner.

Children's Commissioner Russell Wills told Radio New Zealand the most effective way to reduce child poverty in this country is to have a plan enshrined in legislation. "It needs to hold future ministers and chief executives accountable and we need to set targets. Then, what we'll see, like the road toll and drink driving, is that child poverty will decrease slowly over time," said Wills. — Xinhua

the user has previously visited. The cookie-based targeted ads, as they are known, are expected to fetch higher ad prices.

The company also said it would launch a text-only version of the service that would be available to people with entry-level mobile phones that cannot access the Internet. Apple Inc announced last week it would acquire Topsy, an analytics company that mines Twitter data, for \$200 million, according to media reports. Although the iPhone maker withheld any information about how it planned to integrate Topsy, analysts said the deal was served as the latest affirmation that the flood of data produced daily on Twitter holds value for businesses. — Reuters



# The New Light of Myanmar

## XXVII SEA GAMES SPECIAL



The Opening Ceremony on 11 December, 2013

Myanmar's canoeing and Kayak rowers pose for photos together with U Chit Khaing, Chairman of Myanmar Rowers Federation and coaches of rowing teams.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



The Granddaughter of Thai King looks at fans during opening ceremony 27<sup>th</sup> SEA equestrian game at Equestrian Centre in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Myanmar's canoeing rower Win Htike celebrates after accepting gold medal for men's canoeing 1000 meter race (C1). PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



A performing troupe of Intha tripe from Inlay Lake performs as they support Myanmar rowers during canoeing and Kayak events. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Fans dance and sing songs as they celebrate after Myanmar rowers win gold in canoeing and Kayak events. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Rowers of Men's Canoeing team of Myanmar celebrate after crossing finishing line in the double canoeing 1000-meter event (C2). PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE





# The New Light of Myanmar

## XXVII SEA GAMES SPECIAL



The Opening Ceremony of 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games today

### Vice-President U Nyan Tun awards winners in Hoop Takraw event



Vice-President U Nyan Tun awarding winners in women's hoop Takraw event.—MNA

### Patrons of MWSF donate cash to Myanmar women athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and wellwishers donated cash to the fund for Myanmar women athletes who are taking part in the XXVII SEA Games, at Wunna Theikdi Stadium, here, this morning.

Patrons of MWSF Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, donated K 1 million, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, K 500,000,

Daw Khin Aye Myint, wife of Vice-President U Nyan Tun, K 500,000, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Daw Mar Mar Wai, wife of General Hla Htay Win K 3 million donated by families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air), wives of Union ministers of six Union Ministries at President Office K 1 million each, Union ministries K 33 million, Myanmar Women's and

Children Development Federation and Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation K 500,000 each and women's sports federations K 1 million.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Games Union Minister U Tint Hsan accepted the cash donations and spoke words of thanks.

The patrons of the federation visited the Social Zone and Sports Museum at Wunna Theikdi Sports Zone.—MNA

### Myanmar bag gold in Hoop Takraw

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—In the today's football tournaments, Myanmar beat the Philippines 2-0 in men's event while Singapore won over Vietnam 1-0 and Ma-

laysia routed Brunei 2-0. In Futsal event, Thailand trounced Indonesia 4-0 and Vietnam thrashed Myanmar 6-0 in the women's event. In Hoop Takraw event,

Myanmar women bagged one gold medal with 760 points.

In Wushu event, Myanmar secured three silver medals.—NLM

### Singapore secure gold in water polo

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—The final competitions between Indonesia and Thailand and between Singapore and Myanmar in water polo event of 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games took place at Zeyathiri Swimming Pool this morning.

In the first match, Indonesia won over Malaysia

with 12:7 points and in the second, Singapore, over Myanmar with 21:13 points results each.

After the matches, defending champion Singapore secured first prize, Indonesia second and Thailand third.

Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe awarded gold

medal to Singapore team, Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Khin Maung Aye, silver medal to Indonesia team and member of Union Civil Services Board U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan, bronze medal to Thailand team.

Khaing Thanda Lwin (NLM)

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President U Nyan Tun together with Chairman of the Organizing Committee Union Minister U Tint Hsan awarded first prize to Myanmar, second to Laos and third to Cambodia teams in women's hoop Takraw event after enjoying the competitions at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium B,

here, this afternoon.

In the women's event, Myanmar women team stood first with 760 points and Laos, second with 301 points.

In the men's event, Thailand secured the first prize with 830 points and Myanmar, second with 650. The Deputy General Secretary of Thai Olympic Council and President of Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation U Chit

Khaing presented prizes to men's teams. Daw Wai Wai, wife of the Union Minister for Transport, and Daw Khin Thant Zin, wife of the Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation presented cash awards to Myanmar women's team.

The Vice-President and party then enjoyed competitions of equestrian event at Wunna Theikdi horse race course.

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### Myanmar rowers optimistic to win more gold

After winning three gold in four events of rowing on the first day, Myanmar rowers have gained confidence to put more strokes on the rosy picture of their history.

"We hoped to win at least two gold in six events of canoeing," says U Thura Han, the assistant coach of the canoeing team of Myanmar, "but, now we feel confidence to secure at five gold in six events."

According to U Thura Han, Myanmar players could take a good advantage of wind that is blowing across the dam which his canoe

rowers are accustomed to.

Myanmar rowers are friendly to the climate especially to the water and wind because they undergone two-month intensive training in the dam.

"Once this wind blows across the dam, I know it's sure that we will win gold," said U Thura Han, as he shows the flags flying in the wind. Besides, Myanmar rowers could show their skills as the same they did during their intensive training, he added.

To everyone's surprise, Thailand's karak boat which

By: Aye Min Soe

was behind Myanmar and Indonesia finally passed the finishing line after defeating the two teams during the Men's Kayak 100-meter event (MK-4) while Myanmar the silver in the contest.

Myanmar rowers have considered that rowers from Indonesia will be their rivals in the upcoming events.

"Today we have witnessed the abilities our rowers and rowers from participating countries. We hope to win five gold in six events in canoeing," said U Thura Han.

### Smash shots, accuracy put Myanmar badminton through to quarterfinals

Host Myanmar badminton players make a perfect start, winning against their counterparts in the men's singles badminton competition at the 27th SEA Games, and advanced to quarterfinal. Main draw of the badminton kicked off today

at Building (C) of Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw. Myanmar national badminton got SEA Games campaign off to a winning start. In today's matches of Round 1, Myo Min Tun won his first assignment against Laotian

counterpart with a solid win in two sets after Aung Kyi Min finished Chanmara of Cambodia in two ends. Today was a good day for Myanmar badminton as its hopes to claim gold through badminton at the biggest regional sporting event started with two sold wins in the Round 1. Both players' two-set wins over opponents in respective games put them through to the next stage, quarterfinal.

Myo Min Tun is scheduled to play against the qualifier of the Round 1 match between the players of Singapore and Thailand while Aung Kyi Min will face Indonesian counterpart on Thursday's quarterfinal.



Aung Kyi Min giving a smash shot at men's singles badminton competition of 2013 SEA Games.—YM



## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 11 December, 2013

**Health awareness**

**Health is wealth, there goes a Myanmar saying. Health awareness is of utmost importance for everyone to live a long life. But in the modern age, people tend to exchange health for wealth, pursuing their dream of fame and fortune at the expense of their health.**

Anyone, regardless of race, religion, sex and age can easily fall prey to diseases although there are a series of medical breakthroughs. Good health has something to do with previous Karma (deeds), citta, weather and nutrition. As blood used to clot in the winter, everyone should go walking as physical activities for better blood circulation that can lead to good health. Myanmar people tend to give little attention to health and many of them usually do not do exercise on a regular basis. Stress is also a driving factor that could degenerate the condition of health.

The unhealthy lifestyle of modern life is also attributed to increased risks of developing diseases, particularly hypertension and diabetes. Obesity can often lead to high blood pressure, heart diseases and diabetes. Having much of foods enriched with cholesterol and physical inactivity also lead to obesity. Moreover taking the excessively salty and sweet foods can develop the above-mentioned diseases. For children, soft drinks and ready-made food that are largely adulterated with chemicals are dangerous.

Health education programmes are to be launched across the country through possible means that can draw public attention. It is every important to make the public realize that prevention is better than cure. And we should bear in mind that losing health is greater than losing wealth and economic growth and sustainable development can be created only by healthy people.

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4. On the promotion of human rights, the Commission held several workshops in Myanmar on some important human rights themes in cooperation with the office of the High Commissioner Human Rights (OHCHR), Regional Office in Bangkok and the Raoual Wallenberg institute of Sweden. The themes covered in these workshops included such important subjects as Business and Human Rights and the Media. These workshops also included two workshops on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) for the specific objective of preparing the relevant Ministries' Officials for their future role in implementing these two Covenants when Myanmar becomes State party to them. Worth special mentioning is the Workshop on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) jointly organized in Nay Pyi Taw by the MNHRC and OHCHR, Bangkok. The active participation of Parliamentarians, Government Officials, Civil Society representatives and the Commission Members will certainly contribute to the UPR process and the preparation of the UPR Report of Myanmar to the Human Rights Council due in 2015.
5. In its promotion work, the commission actively participated in the workshops organized for civil society in Yangon and Mandalay by OHCHR. Civil Society representatives were also invited to the commission to brief them on its experiences during the field investigation trips by the commissioners and to seek their views on the enabling law of the Commission, which is expected to be adopted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The engagement with the

**Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives SRV Minister**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received Mr. Hoang Tuan Anh, Minister for Culture, Sports and Tourism from Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and party at his office, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw were Committee Chairmen U Zaw Myint Pe, U Aung Tun, Dr Myint Kyi, Dr Aye

Maung, Dr Khin Shwe and U Aung Nyein, and Secretaries of Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe, U Nu and U Khin Maung Htay and officials.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further cementing relations between Myanmar and Vietnam.

Later, the Speaker hosted a luncheon to the Vietnamese Minister and party.—MNA

**Vice-Senior General Soe Win and party leave for India**

**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sees off Vice-Senior General Soe Win at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.**—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, together with Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Khin Aung Myint, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, saw off Deputy

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Soe Win who will attend the graduation parade of Officers Training Academy to be held in Gaya, Republic of India and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning.

Members of the delegation are Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the Vice-Senior General, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and the Indian military attaché to Myanmar.—MNA

civil society will continue to feature as priority area in the future activities of the Commission.

6. Regarding the protection of human rights, the Commission has received a total of 1599 complaints from 1 January to 31 October 2013, out of which 1206 complaints have been examined by the Commission and the relevant complaints have been forwarded to the Government for necessary actions and remedies. While the flow of complaints remains persistent and the Commission appreciates the cooperation of the relevant Departments of the Government, the responses still indicate that there remains much to be done to improve the complaint handling mechanism as a whole. The commission is planning to take effective measures such as more active conciliation between the concerned parties and more verification and investigation trips to the scenes of violations.

7. The MNHRC cooperation at the regional level remains as

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And Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than presented cash awards for the winners in the farm-sector honouring song competition through Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut.

In his speech, the Vice-President said farm sector plays a prioritized role in implementing eight rural development and poverty alleviation tasks. Myanmar's major source of income comes from agri-

cultural sector as 70 % of country's total population are living in rural areas. Generating more incomes from the farm sector is the first step towards economic development of the country.

He highlighted the Ministry is giving encouragement for production of quality seeds and high-yield crops in conformity with President's guidance on five agricultural reforms.

Since the late 1990s, world's average organic production has increased to between 20-25 % annually, covering 35 million hectares of land. Myanmar's organic production is one-seventh ratio compared with Thailand and one-third with Vietnam. He called for more investments in organic production and quality seeds production, he added.

Later, the Vice-President and party looked round thriving organic plantations at the 900-acre model agricultural mechanized farming plantation irrigated by Setset Yo Dam, agricultural equipment of Alliance Stars Group Company and vegetables and fruits processing plant and cold storage.

MNA

**Public announcement for remonstrance of changing political party's name**

The Chin National Party headquartered at No. 120, Room (52) of Thukha Hline Housing on Insein Road, Hline Township, Yangon Region, registered by the Union Election Commission as a political party under the Article 9 of Political Parties Registration Law, submitted applications to change its name as Chin National Progressive Party to the Union Election Commission on 30-11-2013.

It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name "Chin National Progressive Party", they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

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strong as last year by active participation of the Commission Members in all regional meetings on human rights and by engaging with regional level human rights organizations such as Southeast Asian National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF) and the Asia Pacific Forum (APF). Through its cooperation with the APF, the Commission has already formulated a Strategic Plan for 2014 to 2016 for the promotion and protection of human rights under which many activities are planned at domestic, regional and international levels.

8. On this Human Rights Day, the commission fervently hopes that it will receive the full cooperation from all the relevant stakeholders in the country in fulfillment of its mandate of promotion and protection of human rights in Myanmar, without which the vision of a Myanmar Society where human rights are respected, promoted, protected and fulfilled will not be realized.

**Myanmar National Human Rights Commission**



NATIONAL

# China to grant 10 million yuan for Myanmar's ASEAN Chair



Deputy Minister Dr Daw Khin San Yi and the Chinese Ambassador sign a 50 million yuan grant aid agreement in front of Vice-President U Nyan Tun and Chinese Vice Premier Mme Liu Yandong at Myat Tawwin Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Vice-President U Nyan Tun met a goodwill delegation led by Vice Pre-

mier Mme Liu Yandong of member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China at Myat Tawwin

Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this evening.

At the call, they discussed further cementing

mutual ties and amity between the two countries and continued cooperation in social, political, economic and cultural sectors. Afterwards, three

agreements were signed in the presence of the Vice-President and the Vice Premier.

Deputy Minister Dr Daw Khin San Yi and the Chinese Ambassador signed a 50 million yuan grant aid agreement under the economic and technical cooperation agreement between the governments of two countries and donation of computers and related accessories and 10 million yuan aid agreement for ASEAN Chair. And Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin and the Chinese ambassador inked an agreement that

continues allowing the use of sports gears in Para Sports festival in January, 2014 in Myanmar.

After that, the Vice-President hosted a dinner to the Chinese delegation. Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Ministers U Tint Hsan, U Htay Aung, U Aye Myint Kyu and Dr Pe Thet Khin, deputy ministers U Thant Kyaw and Dr San Lwin. The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Yang Houlan and high-ranking officers.

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## Myanmar men's scores in Pencak Silat

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Pencak Silat Tanding (fighting) competitions continued ten men's and seven women's events for the second day at Zeyathiri Sports Complex, here, this morning.

Myanmar fighter Kyaw Swa Win competed in 65-70 kilos men's event and Thin Myat Aye, in 70-75 kilos women's event. Both Myanmar athletes met with Indonesian players. Myanmar

male fighter won over Indonesian. Kyaw Swa Win got injured at his face in the match but it was not in critical conditions and he is ready to compete in semi-final, according to a source.

Now, Myanmar won three of five matches. Myanmar winners Zeyar, Ye Kyaw Thu, Kyaw Naing Htun and Kyaw Swa Win will compete in semi-final on 12 December. Singles, doubles and

team events of Seni (performance) event will be held on 13 December in conjunction with prize presenting ceremony.

Khaing Thanda Lwin (NLM)

## Kachin Democratic Party applies for registration as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as a political party. Kachin Democratic Party applied for registration as a political party to the UEC today.

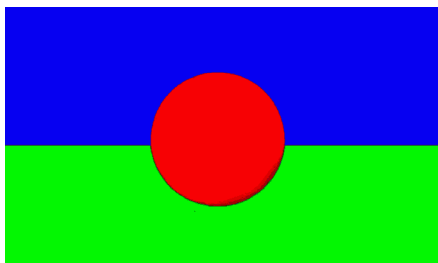
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## Public announcement for remonstrations

1. The Kachin Democratic Party headquartered at No. 12 (5<sup>th</sup> Floor A) on Myawady road in Myaynigone (North) Ward, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Region, on 10-12-2013 submitted applications to register as a political party under the Article 5 of Political Parties registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

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Flag of the Kachin Democratic Party



Seal of the Kachin Democratic Party



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Union Election Commission  
Nay Pyi Taw  
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(10<sup>th</sup> December, 2013)

## Kachin State Democracy Party gets green light

It is here announced that Kachin State Democracy Party headquartered at No.386, Yuzana Ward, Myitkyina Township of Kachin State has been allowed to register as a political party in accord with Article 9 of Political Parties Registration Law as of 10 December. The registration number of the party is 67.

By order,  
Myint Naing  
Member  
Union Election Commission



President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Mrs Keosaychay Sayasone visit Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Mrs Keosaychay Sayasone left here for Mandalay by special flight this morning and arrived in Mandalay at 9.45 am. They were welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and wife Daw Myat Ngwe, the region ministers and officials.

Palace, they looked round in it and Rector of Mandalay National Culture and Fine Arts University Daw Khin Kyi Pyar explained background history of the palace to them.

In the evening, they visited golden monastery (Shwekyang) in Aungmyethazan Township and temples and pagodas on Mandalay hills. They enjoyed sunset view of Mandalay on the hill.

In the late evening, the Region Chief Minister and wife hosted a dinner to the Laotian President and wife and party.

The Laotian President and party paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image. On arrival at Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden

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## Regional development tasks inspected in “Kokang”, “Wa”

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec— Union Ministers U Hla Tun, Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, deputy ministers and officials concerned arrived in Laukkai via Lashio of Shan State on yesterday.

Union Minister U Hla Tun called for close relations with local people and cooperation between region/state governments and self-administrated zone for development of the country.

Later, Chairman U Pal Sauk Chaing of Kokang Self-Administrated Zone Leading Body and chairmen of Township Management Committee, Development Supporting Committee and Township Development Affairs Committee reported regional development requirements.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Hla Tun presented gifts to local people and donated cash assistance for Kokang Literature and Culture Association of

Laukkai Region.

After the ceremony, Union Minister U Hla Tun and party looked into Yanlonkyaing Border Inspection Camp and the site chosen for construction of industrial ward near the Border Post No.125.

In the afternoon, they met local people at “Saw Maha” Basic Education High School in Kyaunggone in Hopang in “Wa” Self-Administrated Division.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Hla Tun urged

those present to join hands in people-centered development tasks and make collaboration in regional development tasks.

Later, Secretary of “Wa” Self-Administrated Division and chairmen from Township Management, Development Supporting Committee and Development Affairs Committee presented reports on regional development. Union Minister U Hla Tun presented gifts to local people and donated cash assistance for “Wa” Literature and Culture Association.—MNA

## Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation thriving in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 10 Dec— Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantations are thriving in Kantaung Village of Meiktila Township, Meiktila District in Mandalay Region.

Cultivation of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton through good

agricultural patterns will boost production more than that of ordinary cultivation. Weeding work can benefit increasing per-acre yield. If not, the plantation can produce 650 viss per acre of 1000 viss. If the plantation is not weeded from start of cultivation to harvest,

production will down to 110 viss from 1000. So, GAP system can benefit per-acre yield. Thanks to contributions of staff from Cotton and Industrial Crops Department of the region, the local farmers can enjoy boosting production of cotton this year.

Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton is placed on the land with under 40 inches of rainfall in Mahlaing, Meiktila, Wundwin, Singaing and some townships of Mandalay Region on a grand scale.

Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)

## People join mass walk activity of December

MAWLAMYINE, 10 Dec—The mass walk activity of December was held for the first week in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 7 December morning.

It was participated by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint and state ministers, state, district and township level departmental personnel, students and local people totalling about 3000.

They started in front of the Mon State government office on Baho Road in Sitkekon Ward of Mawlamyine and walked along Dawei Road, Strand Road and finished at Yamanya Sports Ground.

While at the ground, they took physical exercises.

Likewise, the mass walk activities were held in townships of Mon State. Kyemon-Pyit Taing Htaung

## Foreign tourists visit Taungthaman Lake, U Bein Bridge during SEA Games period

AMARAPURA, 10 Dec— During the SEA Games period, a larger number of globetrotters visit Taungthaman Lake and U Bein Bridge daily.

The site attracts from 500 to 600 tourists daily. At about 5 pm, they arrive there with the use of tour buses and chartered taxis.

“They enjoy scenic beauty of sun set from

the Taungthaman Lake and U Bein Bridge. The tourists are both from Asia and Europe. Some of them took photos from the bridge and some, on board the boat. Boatmen rely on tourists for earning income for their business,” said a shopkeeper near the bridge.

“One officer and five other ranks of Tourist Police Force are assigned near the lake and bridge for providing assistance to the tourists. As the tourists visit there up to evening, the police discharge security duty. So, there was no problem,” said a policeman from the bridge.

Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin supplicated on academic matters.

The Sayadaws and officials also participated in the discussions.

The Sayadaws of the schools discussed CCA and uplift of capacity building for teachers in the teachership courses.

A total of 125 monastic education primary schools, 54 post-primary schools and 13 middle schools totalling 192 are opened in 35 townships of Sagaing Region.

The meeting was attended by headmaster Sayadaws and teachers from the schools.

Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin

## Electrification Old lamp-posts substituted with concrete ones



DALA, 10 Dec—Under the leadership of Dala Township Manager U Aung Kyaw Tun of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board, engineers and electricians substituted the old power lines with new ones and wooden lamp-posts with concrete ones day and night for safety of local people.

On 8 December, the

electricians substituted the lamp-posts with the use of heavy machinery on Bogyoke 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Banyadala Ward of Dala.

They erected nine metres long concrete lamp-posts along the road. They have already erected new lamp-posts along Kanaung and U Aung Zeya roads.

Kyemon-Thant Htay (Dala)

## HRD

## Public educative works performed in field trips

THATON, 10 Dec— Staff of Thaton District Information and Public Relations Department made field trips to Inshe Village of Duyinseik Village-tract of Thaton Township on 7 December.

At the Dhammayon, they gave talks on facts about population and households, process of taking national census to be held from 30 March to 10 April 2014, prevention against trafficking in persons and

service of mobile library to the local people.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Thuza Aung explained the purpose of holding the talks and urged the local people to participate in the national census taking process.

During their trip, the staff gave services of the mobile library as public service media and conducted the wall magazine and photo show.

Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)



## Monastic education schools meet in Sagaing Region

SAGAING, 10 Dec— Member Sayadaws of Monastic Education Development Committee of Sagaing Region met with headmaster Sayadaws and teachers at Shwe Thamar Monastic Education School in Shwethamar Ward of Sagaing on 8 December.

Vice-Chairman of Region Sangha Nayaka

Committee Bhaddanta Pannasiri and Region Monastic Education School Supervisory Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kosallabhivamsa made speeches.

Director U Tun Zaw Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Chairman of Sagaing District

Management Committee U Myint Wai and the Township Education Officer supplicated on religious affairs.

Next, Dr Kari Dorning (Burnet Institute) explained educational plans. Chairman Sayadaw of MEDC Mandalay Phaungdaw U Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nayaka



## REGIONAL

## Winter bonus for public servants remains lowest in decade

TOKYO, 10 Dec — Japan's national public servants received their winter bonuses on Tuesday, with the average amount remaining close to the lowest level since fiscal 2003.

The bonuses for non-managerial positions were equivalent to 1.8 months of salary, unchanged from last year. The amount averaged 571,800 yen, up 6,500 yen from the previous year.

National public servants in all positions have had special pay cuts since fiscal 2012 to finance the reconstruction of areas hit by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The bonus payment is expected to increase next year upon the expiry of the pay cut period.

The president of the House of Councillors and the speaker of the House of Representatives received 3.9 million yen, the highest among special public positions.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Supreme Court Chief Justice Hironobu Takesaki followed with 3.71 million yen, while Cabinet members and Diet members receiving 3.09 million yen and 2.33 million yen each respectively.

Kyodo News

## 24 persons to be charged after Singapore's Little India riot

SINGAPORE, 10 Dec — 24 persons, all Indian nationals, will be charged in court on Tuesday afternoon due to involvement in the riot in Singapore's Little India that happened on Sunday night, the police said early on Tuesday morning.

The police arrested 27 subjects initially, and arrested another one on Monday. The police said after investigation, four of them were not involved in the riot and they were released from police custody.

The riot involving some 400 South Asian workers broke out on Sunday evening after a fatal traffic accident in which

a worker from India was knocked down by a private bus at Little India, a district known for its distinctively Indian culture.

The police have classified the traffic incident as Causing Death by Negligent Act and had arrested the driver of the private bus, who may face a jail term of up to two years. The driver is out on bail now, pending further investigations.

The subsequent incident was classified as Rioting with Dangerous Weapons. The 24 persons are expected to be charged with rioting and vandalism.

Early investigation showed that the deceased 33-year-old construction

worker, named Sakhivel Kumaravelu, had boarded the private bus, which was ferrying foreign workers to their dormitory.

According to the police, the deceased worker was then drunk and causing trouble when he was on the private bus. Since the bus was full, the bus driver asked for assistance from a Singaporean woman who was responsible for checking the arrival and departure times of the buses.

The woman managed to get Sakhivel off. When the driver was making a left turn, he heard a loud bang on the left side of his bus. Sakhivel was then knocked down underneath the bus.



Sanitation workers clean up the Race Course Road in Singapore on 9 Dec, 2013. Ethnic neighbourhood, Little India, returned to peace on Monday. Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on early Monday that the riot in a local district involving hundreds of foreign workers on Sunday evening was "a very grave incident." — XINHUA

The police said during a conference on Monday afternoon that some officers arrived at the scene about 17 minutes after a call was made reporting the accident. The Singapore Civil

Defence officers tried to extricate the body of the victim from underneath the bus, but their efforts were hindered by the crowd that became hostile.

Xinhua

## Australia suspends uranium mine operation after incident

CANBERRA, 10 Dec — Australia has suspended processing operations at the Ranger Uranium Mine in the Northern Territory following an incident involving the failure of a leach tank last Saturday, Minister for Industry Ian Macfarlane said on Monday.

Macfarlane received a full briefing from Andrea Sutton, CEO of Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) shortly after notification of the incident, including on the strategy for clean-up.

A tank at the Ranger

Uranium Mine holding more than a million litres of radioactive slurry burst on 7 December. The accident prompted traditional land owners to describe the Ranger uranium mine as a "hillbilly operation" with too little regulation. The mine has a history of safety breaches and unions have raised concerns about maintenance standards at the 33-year-old operation.

Macfarlane highlighted the seriousness with which this matter would be dealt with.

"I have told ERA today that they cannot resume processing at Ranger until the company demonstrates the integrity of the processing plant to the satisfaction of the regulatory authorities." "ERA must also demonstrate that Kakadu National Park and human safety remain protected. I understand the concerns of traditional owners and local residents and can assure them that Governments will continue to ensure the mine operates to the highest standards." — Xinhua



Photo taken on 9 Dec, 2013 shows the baby crib inside the baby hatch in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. The first baby hatch of Shaanxi Province was put into use in Xi'an recently. The haven received an abandoned infant on 4 Dec. Setting up baby hatches is a hotly-debated topic in China as many believe the "baby haven" may reduce the sense of parental guilt and encourage such acts. — XINHUA

## Vietnamese PM to pay official visit to Japan

HANOI, 10 Dec — Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung will pay an official visit to Japan from Thursday to Saturday and attend the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit to mark the 40th anniversary of the ASEAN-Japan dialogue relations, Vietnam's Foreign Ministry announced on Monday.

The Vietnamese premier will also attend the fifth Mekong-Japan Summit in Tokyo.

"Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung's visit

to Japan this time coincides with the celebration of the 40th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two countries. The visit is expected to deepen the Vietnam-Japan strategic partnership, primarily in economy, trade, investment, and development aid, as well as their coordination at regional and international forum," the state-run radio Voice of Vietnam said.

Vietnam and Japan established diplomatic ties in 1973.

In 2002, both

countries agreed to build their relations towards reliable, stable and long-term partnership.

During a visit to Japan in 2009 by General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Nong Duc Manh, Vietnam and Japan agreed to lift their relations to the strategic partnership.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe selected Vietnam as his first stop for an overseas trip in January 2013 after he took office.

Xinhua

## Philippines to investigate alleged stealing of relief goods

MANILA, 10 Dec — The Philippine government urged on Monday those who have specific knowledge on alleged pilferage of relief goods from foreign donors to come forward so that the police could take proper action.

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr made the call following a report from British newspaper, *The Daily Mail*, alleging that emergency supplies delivered by military

helicopters from the United Kingdom have turned up on the shelves of shops in Makati City in Metro Manila instead of its intended recipients in typhoon Haiyan-hit areas in central Philippines.

Coloma said that relief goods from the UK have been channeled through both the British government and other entities such as the United Nations, the Red Cross and non-governmental organizations.

The Philippine

government could directly monitor only aid that is sourced through its agencies such as the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), he explained.

"There is a need to verify further where exactly the alleged diversion occurred so that specific responsibility may be pinpointed," Coloma said.

Xinhua

## Indonesia train crashes into fuel truck, killing 10 in ball of fire

JAKARTA, 10 Dec — A crowded commuter train crashed into a fuel tanker on the outskirts of the Indonesian capital on Monday, killing at least 10 people in a huge explosion and injuring scores.

Investigations were

under way after the accident shortly before lunch at a crossing in the suburb of Bintaro, southwest of Jakarta, police said. The truck was destroyed in the blaze.

"One of the railway crossing gates malfunctioned. A railway officer had

tried to stop the truck," said Dedi Arnadi, head of police for the area, told reporters. It was one of Indonesia's worst train accidents since 1987 when 156 people were killed when two trains collided, close to the scene of Monday's accident. — Reuters



People take pictures of a burning commuter train after it collided at Bintaro district in Jakarta, on 9 Dec, 2013. Seven passengers died and at least 20 injured after a commuter train collided with a truck loaded with gasoline in south Jakarta, according to a police spokesman.

REUTERS

## ADVERTISEMENT &amp; GENERAL

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

## MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (563)

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

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Taliban fighters attend a surrender ceremony in Kandahar Province of southern Afghanistan on 7 Dec, 2013. A total of 30 Taliban militants gave up fighting and handed over their weapons to the local authorities in the southern Kandahar Province on Monday.

XINHUA

## THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR

## MINISTRY OF ENERGY

## MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE

## (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)

(15/2013)

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB-120(2413-2014)	4 1/4" & 3 1/2" Square Kelly with Bushing	(3) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-121(2013-2014)	(5) Ton Air Winch for EMSCO, Oil Well, D3T2SR-1 & 2	(4) Nos	US\$
(3)	IFB-122(2013-2014)	Submersible Pump (440 IGPM, 450 Ft Head, 75 KW (100 HP), 400 V	(1) Lot	US\$
(4)	IFB -123(2013-2014)	Derrick Shaker Unit Flow Line Mud Cleaner FLC - 504	(2) Sets	US\$
(5)	IFB-124(2013-2014)	Safety Harness & Flexible Steel Tail Ropes for Drilling Rigs	(3) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB-125(2013-2014)	Insert Pump	(48) Items	US\$
(7)	IFB-126(2013-2014)	Working Barrels, Working Valves, Standing Valves	(9) Items	US\$
(8)	IFB-127(2013-2014)	Tubing and Casing Swab Cups	(4) Items	US\$
(9)	IFB-128(2013-2014)	Magna Dewax & Wild Cat 441(AMC)	(2) Items	US\$
(10)	IFB-129(2013-2014)	Stuffing Box	(4) Items	US\$
(11)	IFB-130(2013-2014)	Sucker Rod, Pony Rod	(17) Items	US\$
(12)	IFB-131(2013-2414)	Plastic Valve Cups and Plastic Seating Cups	(8) Items	US\$
(13)	IFB-132(2013-2014)	2", 3" Flow Line Pipes	(2) Items	US\$
(14)	IFB-133(2013-2014)	Sucker Rod Elevator	(5) Items	US\$

- Tender Closing Date & Time 6-1-2014, 16:30 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S NYK LINE, JAPAN

Phone No: 256924/256914

## Four terrorists killed in US drone strike in southeast Yemen

ADEN, 10 Dec—At least four al-Qaeda members were killed when two missiles fired from a US drone bombed their car in Yemen's southeastern province of Hadramout on Monday, a military source told *Xinhua*.

"Up to four terrorists were in the charred vehicle, which burst into flames shortly after a huge explosion of their small pick-up truck in the Qatan valley in Hadramout," the local military source said on condition of anonymity. The drone fired two missiles against the al-Qaeda-linked car which was traveling on a main road in the Qatan valley, the source said. Residents near the scene confirmed to *Xinhua* that there were casualties from the drone strike on the vehicle, which was carrying al-Qaeda militants including senior members of the terrorist group when it was hit. The identities of the dead militants were unclear, according to the local security and military officials.

The Yemen-based al-Qaeda offshoot claimed responsibility for Thursday's attacks on Yemen's defence ministry, which left 52 people dead and more than 167 injured.—*Xinhua*



Jin Liqun (2nd R), chairman of the board of China International Capital Corporation Limited, addresses a conference themed "the Global Economy in 2014, Genuine Recovery or Artificial Respiration" during the opening ceremony of the 2013 Israel Business Conference at the David InterContinental Hotel in Tel Aviv, Israel, on 8 Dec, 2013. The annual Globes Business Conference, held on 8-9 December, deals with the economic challenges in 2013, and aims to identify measures and solutions to achieve a better future. The two-day conference will be attended by more than 3,000 participants from Israel and all over the world.—XINHUA

## Kenya aims to become hub for green technologies

NAIROBI, 10 Dec—Kenya's dream of becoming a regional hub for green technologies and innovations has gone over drive as the east African nation seeks home grown solution to climate risks.

Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Professor Judi Wakhungu on Monday reaffirmed the government's commitment to support innovations that promote low carbon transition.

"Kenya supports initiatives that encourage

sharing of technical know-how to build resilience to costly natural disasters. We have adopted an integrated approach to advance economic, social and environmental objectives simultaneously," Wakhungu said during a Green Technologies Symposium in Nairobi.

The exhibition was hosted by Strathmore University's Kenya Climate Change Innovation Centre to showcase 30 pioneering green technologies that have made an impact across the country.

*Xinhua*

## ENTERTAINMENT

## Lily Allen reclaims top spot in British music chart

LONDON, 10 Dec — English singer Lily Allen rose back to the top of Britain's singles chart on Sunday as competition for the coveted Christmas number one spot heated up. Allen's version of "Somewhere only we know", which features in a popular Christmas advertising campaign, first topped the charts two weeks ago but was beaten last week by Scottish singer Calvin Harris and Swedish DJ Alesso.

This week "Somewhere only we know", a song originally released in 2004 by British band Keane, won back the top spot by outselling second-

placed "Story of my life" by boyband One Direction. Harris and DJ Alesso slipped to fourth place, behind London-based rock band Bastille.



British singer Lily Allen poses as she arrives for the British premiere of *Tamara Drew* in Leicester Square, central London on 6 Sept, 2010.—REUTERS

Alternative Christmas anthem "Fairytale of New York", released in 1987 by The Pogues, enjoyed a surge of sales, rising 37 places to number 16. Despite missing out on the singles chart top spot, One Direction enjoyed a second week at the top of the album charts.

"Midnight Memories", which last week became the fastest selling album of the year, sold another 124,000 copies to see off records by British singers Robbie Williams, Gary Barlow and Olly Murs — all of whom remained in the top five.

Reuters



Carlos Santana (L) and fellow 2013 Kennedy Centre Honours recipient Shirley MacLaine react to remarks by US President Barack Obama (not pictured) during a reception at the White House in Washington on 8 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

## Billy Joel, Shirley MacLaine feted at Kennedy Centre Honours

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — With notes of rock, jazz and opera, Washington feted piano man Billy Joel, actress Shirley MacLaine and guitarist Carlos Santana on Sunday at the Kennedy Center Honours, the capital's annual celebration of the arts. Jazz pianist Herbie Hancock and opera singer Martina Arroyo rounded out the list of honorees at the country's prestigious awards ceremony for stars of the stage, screen and concert hall. The diverse group of extraordinary individuals we honour today haven't just proven themselves to be the best of the best," President Barack Obama said at a White House ceremony before the show. "Despite all their success, all their fame, they've remained

true to themselves — and inspired the rest of us to do the same."

The evening started with a tribute to Santana, a 10-time Grammy winner originally from Mexico. Singer Harry Belafonte, himself a Kennedy Centre honoree, joked that he was a victim of the Latino musician's greatness, saying he thought Santana got his spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. "We should've built a bigger fence," he deadpanned, referring to the debate in Washington about immigration reform and border security with Mexico. "The Latino thing has arrived. It has become the new black. And now Carlos is a citizen of the world."

Reuters

## 'Gravity,' 'American Hustle' among AFI's top films of 2013

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec — Existential outer-space thriller "Gravity," corruption tale "American Hustle" and independent drama "Fruitvale Station" are among the 10 best films of the year announced by the American Film Institute (AFI) on Monday, kicking off a key week in Hollywood's awards season.

The annual AFI list also picked Somali piracy thriller "Captain Phillips," slavery drama "12 Years a Slave," comedy-drama "Nebraska," futuristic romance "Her,"

Disney-history drama "Saving Mr Banks," folk music comedy-drama "Inside Llewyn David" and Martin Scorsese's "The Wolf of Wall Street" as the year's top films. "American Hustle," "Her," and "Gravity" have been chosen as best picture by three top critics' groups in the last week, while "12 Years a Slave" won the top award at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. "Fruitvale Station," the debut feature film from 27-year-old Ryan Coogler that touches on race



Actors George Clooney and Sandra Bullock arrive for the film premiere of "Gravity" in New York on 1 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

and the real-life shooting death of a young black man in Oakland, Calif., has won universal critical acclaim

as well as awards at the Sundance and Cannes film festivals.

Reuters

## Deepika Padukone open to doing small but meaty roles in Hollywood

MUMBAI, 10 Dec — Actress Deepika Padukone does not regret being unable to make her Hollywood debut with *Fast and Furious 7* and says she is open to doing films in the West even if the role is small. Deepika was offered to be a part of *Fast and Furious 7* movie,

but she could not do it because of her commitments to the makers of *Ram-Leela*. "I don't regret it. I had to work out things for *Ram-Leela* here, I couldn't have left the process mid way, I had given my commitment here first. Looking at the way the film (*Ram-Leela*)

has got response, I feel good as my hard work has paid off," Deepika told PTI in an interview here.

Though the actress could not make her entry into Hollywood, she is still open to doing films whenever the right offer comes up. "I would love to do a Hollywood film. The reason for me to do a Hollywood film is same as what I do here in Bollywood," she said. When asked if she would be ok doing a small role in a Hollywood film, Deepika said, "There is nothing like a small role. The role has to be of impact, this is what matters, the length of it (role) doesn't. A good actor can make a presence felt even in a short time."

PTI



Deepika was last seen in the film *Ram-Leela*.—PTI

## Adam Sandler tops Forbes' list of most-overpaid actors

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec — American comedian Adam Sandler topped *Forbes'* list of Hollywood's most-overpaid actors, commanding a high up-front fee while delivering middling returns, the magazine said on Monday. Sandler, 47, the star of recent comedies "Jack & Jill" and "That's My Boy," dethroned Eddie Murphy for the dubious distinction. *Forbes* estimated that Sandler's last three films returned an average of \$3.40 for every dollar he was paid.

Murphy topped last year's list, returning an average of \$2.30 at the box office for each dollar earned. Katherine Heigl, who starred in the poorly performing films "Killers" and "One for the Money," placed slightly behind



Adam Sandler performs during the "12-12-12" benefit concert for victims of Superstorm Sandy at Madison Square Garden in New York on 12 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Sandler, returning an average of \$3.50 per every dollar she earned. The list, compiled annually by *Forbes*, counts the last three films an actor has starred in over the past three years.

This year's list was cut off at 1 June, and so it

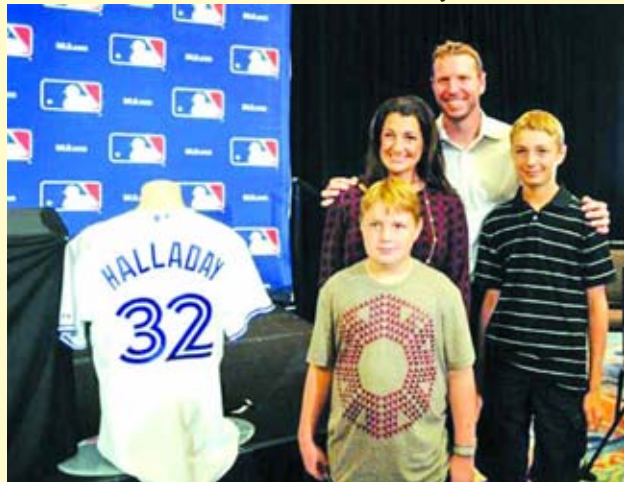
excluded Sandler's buddy comedy "Grown Ups 2," which was released in July and performed well at the box office. *Forbes* did not say how much Sandler earned on his last three films.

Reuters

## SPORTS

## Halladay retires after signing one-day deal with Toronto

NEW YORK, 10 Dec — Two-time Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay announced his retirement from Major League Baseball (MLB) on Monday after signing a ceremonial one-day contract with the Toronto Blue Jays, his first big league team. The former Blue Jays ace, one of only five MLB pitchers to win the Cy Young Award as the season's top pitcher in both the American League and National League, began his 16-year career with Toronto and compiled a 203-105 record. The eight-time All-Star won the Cy Young with Toronto in 2003 and then with the Philadelphia Phillies in 2010 to join Gaylord Perry, Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson and Roger Clemens as a winner in both leagues.



Roy Halladay is joined with his wife Brandy, sons Braden, right, and Ryan, center, before he announces his retirement at the MLB Winter Meetings at Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort.—REUTERS

"I was very lucky to have a lot of people in (the Toronto) organization really develop and help me become the player I was able to become," Halladay, who was traded to the Phillies ahead of the 2010 MLB

season, told a news conference at MLB's Winter Meetings in Orlando. "(I wouldn't have succeeded) without the organization's support and the people in the organization, it really turned my career around

and it made a big difference in my career. At the same time, I want to reach out to the Phillies and say how much I appreciate them and everything they've done."

The 36-year-old Halladay was plagued by shoulder injuries the past two seasons with Philadelphia, making only 13 starts in 2013 with a 6.82 earned run average leading to his decision to retire. After 12 seasons with Toronto, Halladay was keen to move on and join the Phillies, who won the 2008 World Series, to improve his chances of capturing a championship ring. He did his part, going 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA in his first season in Philadelphia, including the 20th perfect game ever thrown, and showed his mettle in the postseason. In his postseason debut, Halladay



Roy Halladay announces his retirement the MLB Winter Meetings at Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort.—REUTERS

pitched a no-hitter in the opening game of the 2010 NL Division Series against Cincinnati, registering only the second no-hitter in MLB postseason history.

The next season, Halladay went 19-6 with a 2.35 ERA to finish second in Cy Young voting before fading due to injury. Halladay ranks second on the Blue Jays' all-time list in wins (148), strikeouts (1,495) and shutouts (15), and rates third in ERA (3.43), starts

(287), complete games (49) and innings pitched (2,046.2). The Colorado native was Toronto's first-round selection in the 1995 MLB Draft (17th overall). "Roy is one of the most professional and dominant pitchers of his generation and the Toronto Blue Jays are very proud and honored that he will retire as a member of our organization," Blue Jays president Paul Beeston said in a statement.—Reuters

## F1 to award double points for final race

LONDON, 10 Dec — Formula One is to award double points for the last race of the season in a controversial attempt to keep championships undecided to the very end after four years of Red Bull domination.

The novelty, immediately dismissed by some angry fans as a needless

ender is the day-to-night race in Abu Dhabi on 23 November. With the points haul on offer, that often processional event becomes worth twice as much as Monza or Monaco — the glamour highlight of the season — and the same in scoring terms as classics like Spa and Suzuka combined. Fans were quick to

but he would not have been champion in 2012 had double points been awarded in the last race. Neither would Britain's Lewis Hamilton have been champion with McLaren in 2008 nor Michael Schumacher for Ferrari in 2003, when Brazilian Felipe Massa and Finland's Kimi Raikkonen would have taken the title instead.

The FIA also announced that the principle of a global cost cap had been unanimously approved, with the aim of introducing it from January 2015. The Paris-based body said a working group, made up of the FIA, commercial rights holder and team representatives, would be established so that regulations could be approved by the end of June next year.

Reuters



Race cars compete during the start of the final race of the 2013 World Endurance Championship (WEC) Six Hours of Bahrain at the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir, south of Manama, on 30 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS

gimmick, was the most eye-catching of several rule changes announced by the governing International Automobile Federation (FIA) on Monday.

The FIA said double points would "maximize focus on the championship until the end of the campaign" and had been unanimously approved at a meeting in Paris of teams in the F1 Strategy Group and Formula One Commission.

Next year's season-

express dismay and anger on social media, with a snap poll of 100 members on the f1fanatic.com website showing 92 percent opposed to the idea.

Others pointed out that bad luck in the final race would have a far greater impact on the title outcome than at any other point in the season. Vettel, 26, won the last nine races and wrapped up his fourth title in a row with three rounds to spare this year

NEW YORK, 10 Dec — Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio will be involved in the new Formula E electric racing series as a co-founder of the Monaco-based Venturi team that has secured the 10th and final entry. The 10 city championship is due to start up next year, with the first race in Beijing in September.

The future of our planet depends on our ability to embrace fuel-efficient, clean-energy vehicles," the



Ronaldo



Messi



Ribery

## Messi, Ribery and Ronaldo shortlisted for Ballon d'Or

ZURICH, 10 Dec — The world soccer governing body FIFA and France Football magazine announced on Monday the three-man shortlist for this year's Ballon d'Or with Lionel Messi, Franck Ribery and Cristiano Ronaldo to vie for the award.

Messi of Argentina has won the award for four consecutive times while Ronaldo of Portugal won the award in 2008. And Ronaldo has been seen as the favourite to win this year's award following his solid performance in the national team as well as in his club

Real Madrid.

Ribery of France was already named Europe's best player for helping Bayern Munich win the Champions League, Bundesliga and German Cup last season. The Ballon d'Or will be presented in Zurich on 13 January.—Xinhua

## DiCaprio involved with Formula E team

39-year-old 'Great Gatsby' and 'Titanic' actor, known for his environmental activ-

ism, said in a statement on Monday.

"Venturi Grand Prix

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio poses at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) 2013 Art+Film Gala in Los Angeles, California on 2 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS



has shown tremendous foresight in their decision to create an environmentally friendly racing team, and I am happy to be a part of this effort." Formula E races, sanctioned by the International Automobile Federation, will be staged in city centers around the world and backers hope the series will increase the market for battery-powered vehicles and advance the technology behind them.

Reuters

GENERAL



Amsterdam hosted the Miss Netherlands 2014 competition, in which the Dutch representatives for Miss World and Miss Universe in 2014 were crowned. Tatjana Maul, 25 (left), is Miss World Netherlands 2014. Yasmin Verheijen, 19 (right), is Miss Universe Netherlands 2014. — XINHUA

### Fan commits suicide in Kenya after Man Utd lose to Newcastle

NAIROBI, 10 Dec — Kenya's fatal attraction with the English Premier League saw a young Manchester United fan jump to his death following the team's defeat to Newcastle on Saturday. According to Nairobi County Police commander, Benson Kibui, John Macharia, 28, plunged to his death from the seventh floor of an apartment block in Pipeline Estate in Nairobi minutes after his favourite team lost 1-0 to the Magpies at Old Trafford on Saturday night. Eyewitnesses said the United supporter could not take a second successive home defeat as David Moyes' side plunged 13

points behind leaders Arsenal. The Gunners misfortunes also led another ardent Kenyan fan, Suleiman Alphonso Omondi, 29, to commit suicide in 2009 when his favourites ironically crashed to the English league titleholders in the UEFA Champions League semifinal. Police who have launched investigations into the latest incident connected to the two most widely supported foreign clubs in the country said that Macharia died instantly after hitting the ground with his head. "I confirm that we received the news of a young man who could not stand to see his Manches-

ter United team lose, and instead decided he can die for the sake of a team that is miles far away in Europe." "We are treating this matter as a case and since this is not the first time we have received such cases, I wish to advice football fans in our country to rather support Harambee Stars than those teams in England who does not recognize them," Kibui said when confirming the Saturday incident a day later. In 2009, Omondi hung himself with an Arsenal jersey in his house after watching United complete a 4-1 aggregate rout over the Gunners in their Champions League semi in May that year.—Xinhua

### MYANMAR TV

(11-12-2013, Wednesday)

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1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw	12:30 pm
6:30 am	12. Approaching Science Discovery World
2. Physical Exercises	12:50 pm
6:35 am	13. Sing A Song
3. Documentary	1:40 pm
6:45 am	14. SEA Games Songs
4. SEA Games Songs	2:00 pm
7:00 am	15. Sport News
5. News/Weather Report	2:30 pm
7:20 am	16. Speaktakraw (Final) (Men) (Women)
6. Talks Show	4:00 pm
7. News/International News	17. News /Weather Report
8:00 am	4:30 pm
8. SEA Games Songs	18. Futsal (Final) (Women)
9:00 am	5:30 pm
9. Shottig (Men)	19. News
9:50 am	5:45 pm
10. Speaktakraw (Preliminary) (Men)/(Women)	20. 27th SEA Games Opening Ceremony (Live)
12:00 am	
11. News/ International	

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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- \* Local News
- \* Kyauk Gu Umin Cave Gu Pha Ya
- \* World News
- \* Beauties of Makyee Island of Tamarind Tree
- \* Local News
- \* Myanmar's Beauty and Nature "Beach"
- \* World News
- \* Maha Muni Pagoda
- \* Local News
- \* A Day in the Life of a Mahout
- \* World News
- \* Myanmar Harpist
- \* Local News
- \* Back To A Paradise (Episode-2)
- \* World News
- \* Myanmar Woman Shooting Champion
- \* 27th SEA GAMES COMPETITION
- \* Local News
- \* Pada Ceti, The Buddha's Foot-Prints
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- \* Short Trip With Steve (Taungyi Trip)
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- \* World News
- \* Brilliant Woman "Dr. Mya Thidar Sway Tin"
- \* Local News
- \* An Ardent Aficionado of Traditional Design
- \* World News
- \* Independent Filmmaker



People pose with cartoon sculptures at the Harbour City Shopping Mall in Hong Kong, south China, on 9 Dec, 2013. With the coming of Christmas, shopping centers in Hong Kong started to put on festive decorations to attract customers. XINHUA

### 100 Spanish companies to create more than 32,000 jobs in 2014

MADRID, 10 Dec — Some 100 Spanish companies plan to create more than 32,000 direct job opportunities next year thanks to the improvement of Spain's economic situation, local media reported on Monday. Thousands of indirect jobs will also be created, according to the economic newspaper Expansion. Spain is suffering from high unemployment — over 4.8 million people were unemployed in November according to the government, while around 50 percent of the youth are without a job. The report said the new job creation will focus on sectors such as consumer

goods, new technologies and the automotive industry, thanks to new models of cars assigned to Spanish plants for manufacturing. Renault will create about 1,300 jobs within three years in Spain, while Nissan will hire 1,000 workers for its plant in Barcelona. Companies like Inditex, whose most famous brand is Zara, will open a center in Guadalajara where it aims to create 500 jobs. A further 400 will be created in Arteixo in the northwest of Spain after Zara and Zara Home's enlargements. Growth in private consumption will help IKEA and supermarkets such as

Carrefour or Mercadona increase their workforces. Mercadona expects to create 1,000 jobs after the opening of 26 supermarkets within six years in the Basque region, while IKEA plans to create about 400 direct and 500 indirect jobs in Valencia, after establishing a new store. Carrefour will create about 1,500 jobs for young people, while Nestle will also bet on youth employment, creating 1,250 jobs for the youth in the next three years as part of a program that aims to create 20,000 jobs for young people throughout Europe. The Spanish economy grew by 0.1 percent in the third quarter of this year

and the government expects to consolidate this recovery in 2014. The Spanish Minister of Finance Cristobal Montoro said on Monday at the Spanish parliament that Spain could grow by more than 0.7 percent next year. Xinhua

### Shallow quake jolts Bengkulu, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 Dec — A shallow undersea-quake with magnitude of 5.5 struck off Bengkulu province of Sumatra island in western parts of Indonesia on Tuesday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here. The quake hit at 11:27 am Jakarta Time (0427

GMT) with epicentre at 162 southwest Seluma of Bengkulu province and with a depth at 10 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told Xinhua by phone. Indonesia is prone to quake as it lies on a vulnerable quake-hit zone known as "the Pacific Ring of Fire."— Xinhua



An artist makes Arab sand sculpture at the Darling Harbour in Sydney, Australia, on 8 Dec, 2013. The Arab feature performances were displayed on Sunday at the Darling Harbour in Sydney of Australia, displaying Arab sand sculpting, Arab music, dance, and etc. —XINHUA

## Generating more incomes from farm sector is first step towards economic development



Vice-President U Nyan Tun views organic fruit and vegetables at the exhibition near Koethabyaygone village in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Vice-President U Nyan Tun attended an opening ceremony of organic fruit and vegetables exhibition near Koethabyaygone village in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

The Vice-President, the Union Ministers, the deputy ministers and guest

visited thriving organic plantations on both sides of production road.

Afterwards, the Vice-President, Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Maung and U Myint Hlaing cut the ribbon to open the exhibition.

Union Minister U Thein Nyunt presented a report on land reclamation of 6382 acres of land in eight

townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing, on measures for step-by-step implementation of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area as a special agricultural zone and responsible persons from private and foreign companies, on investments in the export of value-added products.

Later, an MoU on seed

production between Myat Eindrang company from Myanmar and Safal Seed Company from India was signed in the presence of the Vice-President.

The Vice-President presented gifts to the staff from the Ministry of Agricultural and Irrigation who made strenuous efforts for agricultural development.

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## 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games flame lighting held

YANGON, 10 Dec—Flag-hosting and flame lighting for the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games took place at National Indoor Stadium No.1 (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township here this evening.

### Thailand men and women secure victory in basketball

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Basketball event of 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games continued for the third day in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (A) today with one women's event and three men's events.

At the today's matches, Thailand beat the Philippines with 75-36 points in women's event while the Philippines thrashed Cambodia with 107-55 points, Singapore won over Malaysia with 71-67 points and Thailand beat Indonesia 75-59 points in men's event.—*Khaing Thanda Lwin(NLM)*

Flame lighting was held in the front of Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association at Thuwunna junction.

Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint started lighting the flame and Myanmar former athletes U Aung Naing bore

the torch. And then Chairman of Organizing Committee (Yangon Zone) for the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received the torch and lit the cauldron of the flame.

Later, Chief Minister U Myint Swe extended a greeting to sports persons

at NIS (1) (Thuwunna) and presented gifts to the team managers from ASEAN countries.

It was also attended by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Chief Justice of Region

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Kayak rowers from ASEAN countries participate in Men's Kayak 1000-meter (K-4) race of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games at Ngalaik Dam in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 Dec. 2013. Thailand won gold in the Men's Kayak 1000-meter event.—*PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE*

## Four objectives of 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day

- All the national people to live together in the Union forever in weal or woe;
- All the national people to strive together for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- All the national people to participate in efforts for ceasing armed conflicts and gaining genuine peace ;
- All the national people to work hard in building a developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

## 27<sup>th</sup> SEA GAMES—AN EVENTFUL MILESTONE

- \* Myanmar has hosted the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA GAMES The regional sports gala with reputed fame Forty-four years is rather long time For the third time on Myanmar soil.
- \* With the aim of unity and happiness Raising men of physical courage with readiness To portray the national spirit and pride Participate in the GAMES with all might.
- \* To host 27<sup>th</sup>. SEA GAMES with objectives Of the theme "Clean, Green and Friendship" Our people feel greatly satisfied and honoured Sound and undaunted spirit to be fostered.
- \* For a great honour for our country Make every endeavour to repeat the history Sports fans will enjoy SEA GAMES events Encourage the historic GAMES of great moment.
- \* Myanmar holds the GAMES as a host For the golden age of Myanmar sports Clinching victories in sports events is crucial Eyes firmly fixed on collecting gold medals.
- \* Myanmar sports teams coming out with gold Will represent us a chance to restore Entire Myanmar people watch to chant BRAVO! Wishing you all success more and more !!

*Maung Swe Ngae*

## Medal Tally

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Myanmar	18	7	9	34
Vietnam	9	4	7	20
Thailand	5	9	4	18
Indonesia	5	8	8	21
Malaysia	3	5	12	20
Philippines	3	5	3	11
Cambodia	2	4	7	13
Singapore	2	2	4	8
Laos	1	5	8	14
Brunei	1	0	1	2
Timor-Leste	0	0	0	0