

## Japan to grant 63.2 billion ¥ for projects

TOKYO, 15 Dec— President U Thein Sein and party, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and officials attended the Myanmar-Japan talks at the Prime Minister's office, here, this morning.

At the talks, they discussed bilateral relations and cooperation, economic and investment sector, development of Thilawa special economic zone, prospects for Dawei deep sea port and special economic zone project, electrification for development of rural regions and poverty alleviation, availability of safe water, enhancement of tourism industry, education and health sectors, communication and postal service, process of ASEAN-Japan relationship, participation of Japan in peace and national reconciliation process of Myanmar, regional and international relations.

Union Minister Dr President U Thein

### New records set in weightlifting events

YANGON, 15 Dec— Gold medal went to weightlifter Pitaya Tibnoke of Thailand in men's 85 kilo after breaking three old records set in men's weightlift-

Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister Dr Daw Thein Htay and ministers from Japan inked the bilateral investment agreement (BIA) and agreement between Myanmar and Japan in sector-wide cooperation of health in the presence of the President and the Prime Minister of Japan.

A joint-press conference of the two countries followed at the same venue.

The Prime Minister clarified the matters of upgrading Yangon-Mandalay railroad, development of water supplying project in Yangon region, development of infrastructures in Thilawa port, providing 63.2 billion yen for development plans of irrigation facilities to western Bago regions and Japan's assistance to Myanmar's peace-making process.

Japan supported Myanmar's reform processes in political and economic sectors.



President U Thein Sein holding talks with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and party at the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo.

MNA

Sein then explained points of information and the development of trade and investment between the two countries thanks to the BIA.

Besides, the Presi-

NGWEHSAUNG, 15 Dec—The yachting event of the XXVII SEA Games kicked off at Ngwehsaung Beach this morning.

In today's events, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines participated in 12 categories of the event. Myanmar stood

expressed thank for Japan's Sports wear design and donation of Suzuki motorbikes for the athletes of Myanmar in the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games by Japan.—MNA

### Yachting event kicks off at Ngwehsaung Beach

fifth in individual Laser Standard event; fourth in Laser Radial event; third in RS One (Boy) event; third in RS One (Girl) event; second in Optimist (Boy) event; third in Optimist (Girl) event and sixth

in RS One (Open) event while Myanmar took third in Int'l 420 (Boys) event, third in Int'l 420 (Girls) event, fifth in Int'l 470 event, fifth in Int'l 470 (Men) and second in Int'l 470 (Women).

Eleven categories

took place without Half Rater (Open) event because of the conditions of climate today.

Team event aged 15 years and under 15 will be held on 17 December.

MNA



Photo shows Aung Ngeain walking back to her teammates after scoring winning points in women's compound individual semifinals.

Photo: YM (NLM)

### Myanmar's hope for compound archery gold rests on Aung Ngeain

Aung Ngeain, Myanmar's biggest hope for gold in women's compound individual event, boosts Myanmar's search for gold in archery competition at 2013 SEA Games. Myanmar archer Aung Ngeain sailed to final while all of her colleagues failed to advance to next stage in men's and women's recurve and compound event.

She started showing her impressive performance by brilliantly turning the 112:113 deficit into a 142:139 lead against her

counterpart in quarterfinals. The quarterfinal victory put her into a must-win in semifinals in which she led six points than Malaysian opponent and advanced to final. So, Aung Ngeain kept Myanmar archery's goal for gold through individual event alive.

Myanmar archers—Zaw Win Htaik, Nay Myo Aung and Thin Thin Khine—finished in quarterfinals after losing their quarterfinal matches in women's and men's recurve individual events. Thin Thin Khine

By Ye Myint (NLM)

fell to a 2-6 loss against Singaporean archer while Zaw Win Htaik and Nay Myo Aung were also unable to defeat their rivals. Although hope still high and archers have set an ambitious targets for gold in remaining mix-team and team events, Myanmar archery's hope for first gold lies in compound individual finalist Aung Ngeain.

(See page 8)

## LOCAL NEWS

## Sacred Buddha tooth relic conveyed to Hsipaw and other towns

Sayadaw hands over tooth relic to conveyance team in Hsipaw.



Hsipaw, 15 Dec—The 10<sup>th</sup> conveyance of sacred Buddha tooth relic started from Aungmingala Bodaw Monastery in Hsipaw of Shan State (North) on 12 December.

The tooth relic was conveyed by Konbaung Sawbwa Sao Kya Khaing from Sri Lanka 121 years ago.

Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Aungmingala Bodaw Monastery Bhaddanta Milinda, Deputy Township Administrator U Myint Maung Maung, and Secretary of the Conveyance Committee U Mya Than handed over the tooth relic to Chairman of the Conveyance

Committee U Sai San Tint and party on board the decorated float.

The sacred tooth relic was conveyed along Mandalay-Lashio Highway from the monastery to the monasteries in Myohaung, Sutlan, Namoum and Kontha villages for public obeisance.

After that, the conveyance team proceeded to Lashio.

*MMAL-Sai (Hsipaw)*

## Agriculture

### Chick pea sown with tractor in ChaungU



CHAUNGU, 15 Dec—The demonstration on sowing chick pea was held in Tawkyanglay Village of ChaungU Township in Monywa District of Sagaing Region with the use of New Holland sowing tractor of Agricultural Mechanization Department on 11 December morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Township Management Committee Township Administrator U Hla Thein, Staff Officer U Tun Tun Win of Township Settlement and Land Records Department, staff, Staff Officer U Yan Paing Soe of Township Agricultural Mechanization Department, staff and local people.

The demonstration was held in the farmland of U Kyaw Win.

He said he thanked the departmental personnel for sowing the seeds with the use of machinery in a short time without waste.

*MMAL-Township IPRD*

### Health knowledge disseminated

KANPETLET, 15 Dec—Kanpetlet Township Traditional Medicine Department of Chin State held a talk on health knowledge to the local people at the hall of Border Region National Races Development Training School in the town on 10 December morning.

Head of Township Traditional Medicine Department Daw Wutyi Win explained facts about the traditional medicine, seasonal diseases and best potent Myanmar traditional

medicines.

Next, she gave health care to 108 students.

*MMAL-Township IPRD*

### Public health worker course concludes

MOHNYIN, 15 Dec—With the assistance of GAVI/HSS, the Mohnyin District Health Department of Kachin State conducted the public health workers course.

On 10 December, the training course concluded at the hall of the District Hospital.

## Development

### Hospital upgraded, reading habit risen

MONYWA, 15 Dec—A ceremony to upgrade YeU Township Hospital (50-bed) to the 100-bed facility was held at the hospital recently.

Sagaing Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Region Hluttaw representative U Nyo Win and Head of Region Health Department Dr Tin Maung Aye formally opened the upgraded hospital.

Chief Minister of Region U Tha Aye unveiled the signboard of the hospital and sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

Next, the cash donation followed. The Chief Minister made a speech.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Aye Aye Tun reported on matters related to the 100-bed hospital.

The Chief Minister accepted cash donations from wellwishers and returned certificates to them. A town's elder spoke words of thanks.

Next, the Chief Minister and party attended the ceremony to launch the raising of reading habit at No 1 Basic Education High School in YeU.

Region Minister for Transport U Aung Zaw Oo, Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Tint Aung, Head of Region Information and Public

Relations Department Daw Khin San formally opened the ceremony.

The Chief Minister unveiled the signboard of the ceremony. After that, the prize presentation for the reading habit contest, media equipment donation and literary talk followed.

The Chief Minister presented prizes to the winners in the contests.

The head of Region IPRD and staff officers of District IPRDs accepted the media equipment on the occasion.

Later, writers Chit Naing (Psychology) and Myinmu Maung Naing Moe gave literary talks.

*MMAL-Region IPRD*



### Livestock Breeding Work Group formed in Thongwa

YANGON, 15 Dec—Under the supervision of Thongwa Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Yangon South District, livestock breeders, feedstuff shop owners and those interested in livestock breeding held a meeting to form the Thongwa Township Livestock Breeding Work Committee in Ward 9 of the town on 12 December.

It was attended by

Deputy Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi Saw, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Aung Kyaw Moe,

executive of Yangon Region Livestock Breeding Federation U Than Tun, Head of Thongwa Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr

U Soe Paing and officials.

They formed the work committee with U San Aung as chairman together with 11 executives.

*MMAL-Ko Kyaw (Thongwa)*

### Uncut jade stones seized

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—A squad of Shan State General Administration Department searched a Mart II car driven by Aung Ko Win, 34 of Ward 1 in Mandalay together with

Myo Nay Hsan, 26 of Region 1 in Hsipaw near Asia World Toll Gate in Lashio on 10 December.

The squad seized 227 uncut jade stones on board weighing 685 kilos worth K

70 million.

Lashio Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Aung Ko Win and Myo Hsan Oo under the Gems Law.

*MMAL-Police Information*

### Medicines, medical equipment donated to breeders

MONYWA, 15 Dec—A ceremony to present animal health and livestocking

medicines was held at Bandoola Hall of Budalin in Monywa District on 9

December morning.

Chairman of Township Management Committee U Aung Kyaw Naing made a speech.

Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aye Aye Aung explained the purpose of donations.

Next, medicines and medical equipment for animals were presented to local breeders.

*MMAL-Aung Swe (Monywa)*

On the occasion, Deputy Township Administrator U Myo Win Soe made a speech.

Next, Medical Superintendent Dr Win Htay of District Hospital explained the purpose of conducting the training.

Next, the Deputy Township Administrator of General Administration

Department presented completion certificates to 30 trainees.

The medical superintendent of the District Hospital gave prize to outstanding trainee Ma Wai Zin Soe of Kardu Village.

On behalf of the winner spoke words of thanks.

*Kyemon-District IPRD*

## WORLD

## Philippines decorates JICA's Ogata for helping Mindanao peace talks

TOKYO, 15 Dec — Sadako Ogata, who formerly headed the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the UN refugee agency, received an award from the Philippines on Saturday for her contribution to peace talks between the government and rebel leaders in Mindanao.

Philippine President Benigno Aquino conferred the Order of Sikatuna on Ogata, 86, who now serves as a special adviser to the government-linked aid agency, at a Tokyo hotel.

The Order of Sikatuna is given to individuals who have provided exceptional service to the Philippines. It is the highest accolade for foreigners.

Ogata, who headed

JICA between 2003 and 2012, began in 2006 supporting peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and dispatched the agency's officials as truce monitors to Mindanao in the southern Philippines.

The government and rebel leaders reached a basic peace accord in October last year following more than 40 years of armed conflict. Aquino is in Tokyo to attend a Japan-ASEAN summit. In March, the president bestowed the Order of Sikatuna on Asian Development Bank chief Haruhiko Kuroda before he left his post. Kuroda is now the Bank of Japan governor.

Kyodo News



*Philippine President Benigno Aquino (L) and Sadako Ogata, former head of the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the UN refugee agency, pose for a photo at a hotel in Tokyo on 14 Dec, 2013, after Ogata received the Order of Sikatuna from Aquino for her contribution to peace talks between the Philippine government and rebel leaders in Mindanao. The order is given to individuals who have provided exceptional service to the Philippines.*

KYODO NEWS

## German SPD party approves coalition deal with Merkel's conservatives

BERLIN, 15 Dec — Germany's Social Democrats (SPD) approved the party's deal with Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives on forming a "grand coalition" government, results of a binding members' ballot showed on Saturday.

The approval clears the way for Germany's two biggest parties to rule Europe's biggest economy for the next four years.

About 76 percent of all the valid ballots cast were in favour of a grand coalition with Merkel's conservative bloc of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union (CSU), SPD treasurer Barbara Hendricks told a Press conference.

SPD chief Sigmar Gabriel said the party has "set a new standard" in terms of member participation and is "not only the oldest but also

the most modern party" in Germany, adding that "it's been a long time since I was so proud to be a Social Democrat."

Merkel congratulated Gabriel on the positive outcome of the vote and is looking forward to working with the SPD in a grand coalition, news magazine Spiegel reported on Saturday. CDU General Secretary Hermann Groehe also congratulated the SPD, saying the CDU is "pleased to see that the joint government work can now quickly

start." "The coalition agreement makes a good foundation to ensure that Germany remains successful and people will live a even better life in the next four years," Spiegel quoted Groehe as saying. The line-up of the 15-member cabinet will be announced by the leaders of the three parties on Sunday. Negotiators of coalition talks had said the CDU and the SPD will get six ministerial posts each, and the CSU will take three.

Xinhua



*Sigmar Gabriel (1st R), leader of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), speaks during a Press conference in Berlin, Germany, on 14 Dec, 2013. An internal vote of Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) approved a coalition deal with Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives, SPD leaders announced on Saturday afternoon. —XINHUA*

## Czech Social Democrats nod to coalition agreement

PRAGUE, 15 Dec — The central executive committee (UVV) of Czech Social Democrat (CSSD) approved the coalition agreement with ANO and the Christian Democrats (KDU-CSL) on Saturday and no internal CSSD referendum on it will be held, said CSSD chairman Bohuslav Sobotka.

Sobotka originally proposed that a referendum be held on the coalition agreement but gave up finally. He said it was not neces-

sary and it would delay the formation of a new cabinet. CSSD deputy chairman Lubomir Zaoralek supported this opinion, he said the UVV should vote on the coalition pact to speed up the process. "It shows that we have succeeded in including in it a major part of the priorities that the CSSD wanted to have in it," said Sobotka. He said that there was no serious criticism to the coalition agreement at the UVV meeting.

Xinhua

## Japanese diplomat wounded in attack in Yemen

CAIRO, 15 Dec — A Japanese diplomat was wounded in an attack by an armed group and taken to hospital in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa on Sunday, the Japanese Embassy in Yemen said.

Although the diplomat was stabbed by knife in his head, back and two other spots, the wounds are apparently not life threatening, according to the embassy. Armed men stabbed the Japanese diplomat after

he resisted a kidnapping attempt in front of his house, Reuters reported, citing a local security source.

Other reports say the attack took place while the diplomat was in his car going to work.

In Yemen where kidnapping of foreigners is common, two Japanese female travelers and a Japanese male engineer were abducted and later released in 2008 and 2009, respectively. —Kyodo News

## South Africa buries 'greatest son' Mandela



*South Africa's President Jacob Zuma (2nd L), the ex-wife of former South African President Nelson Mandela, Winnie Mandela (L), and the widow of Mandela, Graca Machel (3rd L), sit by the coffin of Mandela during his funeral ceremony in Qunu on 15 Dec, 2013. —REUTERS*

QUNU (South Africa), 15 Dec — South Africa held a state funeral for Nelson Mandela on Sunday, closing one chapter

in its tortured history and opening another in which the multi-racial democracy he founded will have to discover if it can thrive

without its central pillar.

The Nobel peace laureate, who was held in apartheid prisons for 27 years before emerging to preach forgiveness and reconciliation, was honored with ceremonies that mixed military pomp with the traditional rites of his Xhosa abaThembu clan. The funeral drew 4,500 guests, from relatives and South African leaders to Britain's Prince Charles, American civil rights activist Reverend Jesse Jackson and talk show host Oprah Winfrey. "The person who is lying here is South Africa's greatest son," Cyril Ramaphosa, deputy leader of South Africa's ruling ANC party who was acting as one of the masters of cer-

emonies, said as the service got under way.

Fellow anti-apartheid veteran Archbishop Desmond Tutu was also among those who arrived shortly after dawn at a vast, domed tent erected in a field near Mandela's home, having resolved a last-minute mix-up over his invitation.

As Mandela's flag-draped coffin was borne from the house on a gun-carriage, a battery of cannons positioned on the hillside fired a 21-gun salute, sending booms echoing across the sun-drenched valley. The coffin was followed into the huge tent, decked out inside in black, by Mandela's grandson and heir, Mandla, and South African President Jacob Zuma. —Reuters

## Bachelet set for big win in Chile's two-woman poll showdown

SANTIAGO, 15 Dec — Former President Michelle Bachelet is virtually guaranteed to win Chile's election runoff on Sunday and the centre-left leader is gunning for a landslide triumph to bolster her reform mandate.

In Chile's first presidential showdown between two women, voters are expected to give overwhelming backing to Bachelet, who led the country from

2006 to 2010, impressed by her easy charm and plans to tackle deep income inequality. Her right-wing rival, the sharp-tongued Evelyn Matthei, has been weakened by her family's ties to the 1973-1990 military dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet and by her post in the unpopular government of outgoing President Sebastian Pinera.

In the first round of voting on 17 November,



*Chilean presidential candidate Michelle Bachelet (R) waves to supporters during a campaign event in Santiago on 12 Dec, 2013. —REUTERS*

Bachelet, a 62-year-old pediatrician by training, won nearly twice as many votes as Matthei, a 60-year-old economist and former

labour minister. But Bachelet fell just short of the 50 percent needed to win outright, pushing the vote into a runoff. —Reuters

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## It's a RAD world at the annual Bynet Expo (Israel)

For the 10th year in a row, a Jerusalem-based conglomerate of 16 companies shows off its cutting-edge products in communications technology.

By Rivka Borochoy

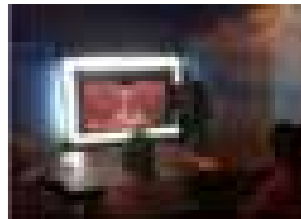
Israel's Bynet Data Communications, the country's largest hardware, software and technology integrator, held its 10th annual expo this year in Tel Aviv along with its "brother" company, RAD Data Communications.

The annual expo showcases the "offspring" of Israel's technology entrepreneur brothers Yehuda and Zohar Zisapel.

The Zisapels founded the RAD Bynet Group, a string of homegrown technology companies. Their annual expo lets the public, security and IT security folks – present and

future clients – witness the powers of both Bynet and RAD.

RAD Data Communications encompasses nine companies, some of them traded on the NASDAQ including Radware and Ceragon Networks. Bynet Data Communications includes seven companies.



TelePresence by Cisco.

This year, more than 60 companies participated in the expo, including those using products co-developed by RAD or Bynet to enable a dizzying number of tech and communications solutions. Some of

them are major players, such as Cisco, EMC and Dell.

Zohar Zisapel has said that he never liked big companies; nevertheless, scaling down could be a reason for the company's more than \$1 billion market cap last year. The Zisapels have sold 11 of their companies inside the RAD division.

#### Geeks and big business

When the cost of upgrading technologies in lightning speed is high, sometimes worth 75 percent of a budget, big companies turn to the RAD Bynet Group for fast, customized and effective solutions, says Amir Forkosh, the VP of the technology division at Bynet.

"CIOs in companies need to find the latest technologies," says Bynet's CEO Alon Ben Tsur. "We

provide quick solutions for these CIOs," he announced at a Press event at the expo.

For Cisco, Bynet Communications created HD-quality TelePresence video-teleconferencing capabilities that will make you swear that the remote guest is in the same room.

The convenient, powerful and private data centre in a box called FlexPod, built by Cisco's Cloudia, was also a new technology the RAD Bynet Group showcased as part of its development success. Bynet Communications boasts best-in-the-world communications technologies to make unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) better able to communicate streaming video wirelessly. *Aleppo*, an unmanned aircraft about the size of a toy, can help farmers keep a watch on

and protect their expensive farm machinery from thieves.



Bynet tech drives the Aleppo farm communications drone.

The RAD Bynet Group helped develop a back-mounted camera so police officers can see behind their backs. Also on display at the expo was a driver-less vehicle called G-NIUS, providing video and surveillance systems for border surveillance.

The RAD Bynet Expo was clearly a scene where technology geeks and big business came to mingle to

see the latest offerings in cloud computing, wireless communication, networking, videoconferencing, communications, private security and homeland security.



Bynet Tech VP Amir Forkosh.

Among some of the RAD Bynet Group's new achievements is a future server farm being built into Jerusalem rock, with 500 units each about the size of a garden shed, and all to be stacked together. It will be the largest data center in Israel for storage and hosting services.

## Chinese unmanned spacecraft lands on moon

SHANGHAI, 15 Dec — China landed an unmanned spacecraft on the moon on Saturday, state media reported, in the first such "soft-landing" since 1976, joining the United States and the former Soviet Union in managing to accomplish such a feat.

The *Chang'e 3*, a probe named after a lunar goddess in traditional Chinese

mythology, is carrying the solar-powered Yutu, or Jade Rabbit buggy, which will dig and conduct geological surveys.

China has been increasingly ambitious in developing its space programmes, for military, commercial and scientific purposes.

It has moved in lock step with its emergence as a major global economic



Photo taken on 14 Dec, 2013 shows the lunar probe Chang'e-3 on the screen of the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre in Beijing, capital of China. China's lunar probe Chang'e-3 has started soft-landing on the moon as it began decelerating from 15 km above the lunar surface.—XINHUA

and political power. "The dream for lunar exploration once again lights up the China Dream," *Xinhua* news agency said in a commentary. In its most recent manned space mission in June, three astronauts spent 15 days in orbit and docked with an experimental space laboratory, part of Beijing's quest to build a working space station by 2020.

The official *Xinhua* news service reported that the spacecraft had touched down in the Sinus Iridum, or the Bay of Rainbows, after hovering over the surface for several

minutes seeking an appropriate place to land.

A soft landing does not damage the craft and the equipment it carries. In 2007, China put another lunar probe in orbit around the moon, which then executed a controlled crash on to its surface. China Central Television (CCTV) broadcast images of the probe's location on Saturday and a computer generated image of the probe on the surface of the moon on its website. The probe and the rover are expected to photograph each other tomorrow.

Reuters

## Cisco plans to add 1,700 jobs in Canadian expansion

TORONTO, 15 Dec — Cisco Systems Inc will expand its research and development operations in Ontario, looking to add 1,700 jobs in the Canadian province over the next six years, the US network equipment maker said on Friday.

Cisco and the Ontario provincial government said they have signed a 10-year agreement that will see the province provide up to C\$220 million (\$207 million) to support the company's expansion.

They did not specify what form the support would take, but said the agreement could expand Cisco's Ontario payroll to as many as 5,000 jobs. Cisco said it now has about 1,300 staff in the province.

The company and the government said the potential total investment could be as much as C\$4

billion, including C\$2.2 billion in salaries over the next decade. Ontario, the country's most populous province, has long been Canada's manufacturing hub and home to many of its top technology companies. Ontario manufacturers were hit hard by the financial crisis and Ontario's highest-profile technology company, Waterloo-based BlackBerry Ltd, has shed vast numbers of employees in recent years as its smartphones have lost market share.

Cisco is not the only global technology company to announce an expansion of its Ontario operations recently.

Google Inc's Motorola Mobility unit said in September it planned to set up a new hub in Waterloo, partly to take advantage of local engineering talent.

Reuters



The Long March-3B rocket carrying the Chang'e-3 lunar probe blasts off from the launch pad at Xichang Satellite Launch Center, Sichuan Province on 2 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

## ARM shares rise on report Google may use its chip designs

LONDON, 15 Dec—British chip designer ARM Holdings Plc's shares rose as much as 5.7 percent after Bloomberg reported on Thursday that Google Inc may use ARM's technology to design its own server processors.

A deal would speed up ARM's push into the server

market, where it has been a late entrant. ARM's chief executive, Simon Segars, said in March after taking the helm that he saw big opportunities in servers, an area where the company was just getting started. ARM licenses its designs to chipmakers such as Qualcomm and Texas Instruments, whose chips are

used in Apple Inc's iPhone and Samsung Electronic Co's Galaxy devices.

ARM, which receives royalty on the sale of every chip that uses its technology, declined to comment on the report. Jefferies analyst Lee Simpson said he expected companies such as Amazon and Facebook, which main-

tain large server farms, to adopt ARM's designs over the next couple of years. ARM's strength in designing low-power processors has enabled it to dominate the mobile devices sector, while Intel Corp is by far the leader in chips used in servers and personal computers.

Reuters



A Cisco office is pictured in San Diego, California on 12 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

CULTURE

# Beit She'an – the modern and the ancient (Israel oldest city)

One of Israel's oldest cities, Beit She'an is a place where you can visit vast Roman ruins in the morning and then go to McDonald's for lunch.

**By Avigayil Kadesh**

Beit She'an ("House of Tranquility"), a city on Israel's central-northeast border with Jordan, in its Roman heyday was a regional hub with 30,000 to 40,000 inhabitants due to its strategic — and picturesque — location at the junction of the Jordan River Valley and the Jezreel Valley. Today it is home to 17,000 residents.



*Beit She'an National Park viewed through the Roman theater ruins.*

PHOTO COURTESY OF ISRAEL TOURISM MINISTRY  
Licensed tour guide Moshe Friedman explains:

"Modern Beit She'an is a provincial town, but for much of history it was a major capital because the ground is very fertile and it's at a crossroads geographically."

Today it is a favourite tourist stop because you can explore the vast archeological park with restored ruins of a Roman-built city — complete with a 7,000-seat Roman theater, an amphitheater where gladiators fought, a Byzantine bathhouse and two colonnaded streets — and five minutes later go out to eat at a (kosher) McDonalds in the shopping mall nearby.

Archeologists have determined that Beit She'an was first settled in the Chalcolithic period, about 5,000 to 6,000 years ago. About 3,500 years ago the Egyptians took control, followed a few hundred years later by the Philistines and still later the Greeks, Romans, Crusaders and Mamluks.

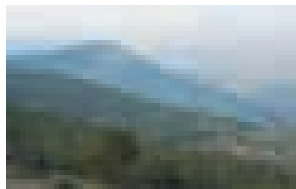
"Beit She'an sits on Kings Way, a natural roadway from Egypt to Damascus, so it was important during the Crusader period as a connection point between the culture centre of Egypt and the mercantile centre in Damascus," says Friedman. "Crusader kings sent messengers along this

roadway."

It reached its peak with the arrival of the Romans, as evidenced in the archeological park. Tour guide Shalom Pollack says the park is "a big wow for anyone above seven or eight years old," and at night there is a sound-and-light show.

## The 11 peaks of Mount Gilboa

Also impressive are the vistas from nearby Mount Gilboa, which boasts 11 peaks and lots of picnic grounds.



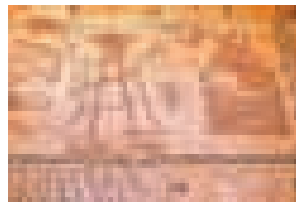
*Mount Gilboa.*

PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

"I like to take people to the top of Mount Gilboa," says Pollack. "The view there is amazing — you can see the whole Beit She'an Valley and Jezreel Valley, and take a short hike on the mountain paths, where King Saul and his son Jonathan died in the biblical battle with the Philistines."

In Kibbutz Heftziba, at the foot of the northern slopes of Gilboa, Beit Alfa Synagogue National Park

houses Israel's best-preserved synagogue mosaic floor from the sixth century.



*The mosaic synagogue floor at Beit Alfa.*

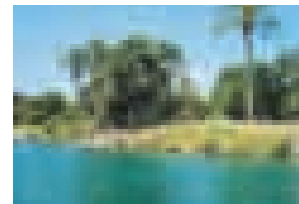
PHOTO COURTESY OF ISRAEL TOURISM MINISTRY

A Roman-era bridge, a Crusader fortress, a mosque from the Mamluk period, a Turkish government house, an Ottoman fort and several basalt stone houses from the period of Arab conquest of Beit She'an are all open to tourists.

The Belvoir (or Kochav HaYarden — Star of the Jordan) Park is dominated by a Crusader castle, built around 1140, perched high above the Jordan valley about nine miles uphill from the Beit She'an Valley. Belvoir affords a 270-degree view south over the Jordan Valley, north to the Sea of Galilee and the Golan and west over the Galilee and Beit She'an/Jezreel valleys. There is a sculpture park on the grounds, and just north is a feeding station set up to strengthen Israel's Griffon culture population.

## Modern attractions

In the Beit She'an area on the grounds of Kibbutz Nir David are two popular nature and wildlife sites: Sachne-Gan Hashlosa and Gan Garoo.



*Sachne-Gan Hashlosa National Park at Kibbutz Nir David*

PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Sachne is a series of natural pools fed by hot springs and a stream with mini-waterfalls. "It's very refreshing, when it's warm outside, to take a dip in the stream, and the picnic area is great for families, especially in summertime," says Pollack.

Gan Garoo, a unique Australian park, lets visitors feed and pet the free-roaming kangaroos and cockatoos, and watch the koalas, cassowary and flying fox.

Also on the kibbutz is a museum devoted to the tower-and-stockade settlements built by Zionist immigrants during the British Mandate in the late 1930s

to early 1940s. "This gives you a feeling of what it was like to be a pioneer in the valley," says Pollack. Nir David was one of 52 tower-and-stockade settlements in Israel.



*Feeding the residents at Gan Garoo*

Pollack recommends a tour of nearby Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu's Bio-Bee Biological Systems, which sells specially bred fruit flies, bees, and other insects, as well as nesting owls, used on farms in 30 countries as natural pest control. Kids can feed wild donkeys here. For a different water experience in the Beit She'an area, splash around in the natural springs at Emek Hakibbutzim.

Pollack suggests buying lunch at Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu or Kibbutz Tirat Zvi for an inexpensive and authentic kibbutz dining experience. Reasonably priced lodgings are available at many area kibbutzim, and also through the Israel Youth Hostel Association system.

## BUSINESS & HEALTH

### Barrick laying off 1,500 Pascua-Lama workers in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Dec — Barrick Gold Corp is laying off roughly 1,500 of its approximately 5,000 workers on the Argentine side of its suspended Pascua-Lama gold mine project, a local government spokesman said on Saturday.

The Toronto-based miner said in October it was moth-balling the huge

project, which straddles the border between Argentina and Chile.

However, Barrick (ABX.TO) maintained workers in Argentina's Western San Juan province to perform maintenance tasks and build some infrastructure.

"As of 2014 there will be 3,500 workers," Alejandro Flores, the spokesman

for the San Juan Mining Ministry, told *Reuters*.

"All the works on the Argentine side have been rescheduled as the company is prioritizing works on the Chilean side. Therefore most people working on site won't be necessary for two years," he added.

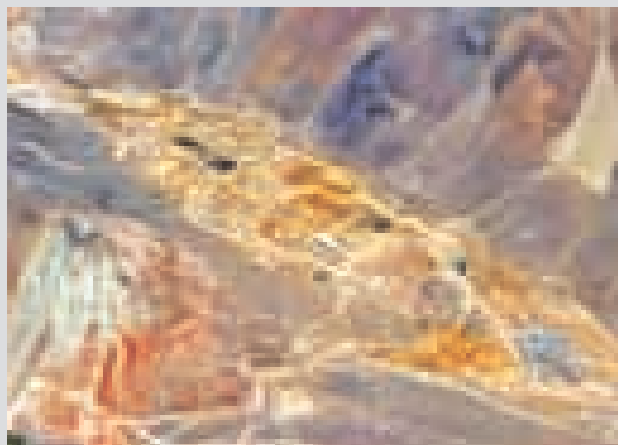
Chile's environmental regulator suspended the project earlier this year due to "significant" environmental harm, and ordered mitigation measures to avoid water pollution.

Pascua-Lama has also been plagued by cost overruns, what experts have called poor management, and lower bullion prices.

Before the project's suspension, the Toronto-based miner employed roughly 10,000 people on the Argentine side of the complex.

Barrick did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

*Reuters*



*The gold processing plant under construction in Argentina, at Barrick Gold's Pascua-Lama mine site is pictured in this 2 February, 2012 handout photo obtained by Reuters on 27 July, 2012.—REUTERS*

### Shanghai researchers make key findings about obesity gene



BEIJING, 15 Dec — Researchers from Ruijin Hospital have made important discoveries about a gene related to obesity, hospital officials said on Friday.

The discoveries can help provide a new route for obesity prevention and treatment, they said.

The researchers found that the LGR4 gene can have a big influence in the occurrence of obesity.

People with mutated LGR4 genes can have over

two times the risk of being obese.

They also found that rats that had the LGR4 gene deactivated had better physical data and lower weights even when fed a fattier diet.

In 2004, doctors from Ruijin started to recruit obese patients below 30 years of age for genetic studies. The team has collected over 1,000 obese people's DNA information and clinical records.

European scientists

also have made related findings showing that European offspring whose LGR4 genes are less active weigh less than ordinary people.

Obesity is a disease that carries the risk of complications such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and even sudden death.

Experts said obesity has close ties to heredity, which means obese usually have close relatives with the same problem.

*Xinhua*



# The New Light of Myanmar

## XXVII SEA GAMES SPECIAL



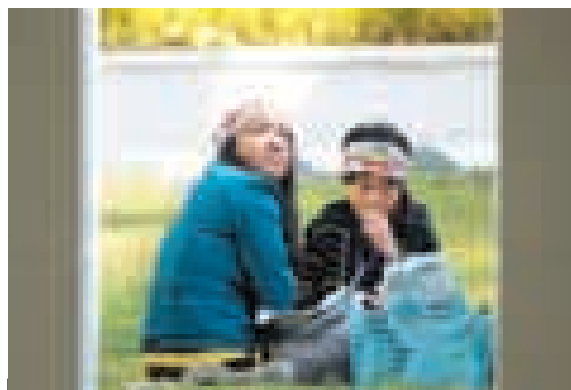
27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games

### XXVII SEA GAMES PHOTO GALLERY

Children celebrate winning of Aung Ngeain on 15 Dec. 2013. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Aung Ngeain takes aim in the compound event of 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games. She will compete with Indonesian archer in the gold medal match on Monday, 16. Dec. 2013. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Fans look on at crowd as they take shelter from the sunshine at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

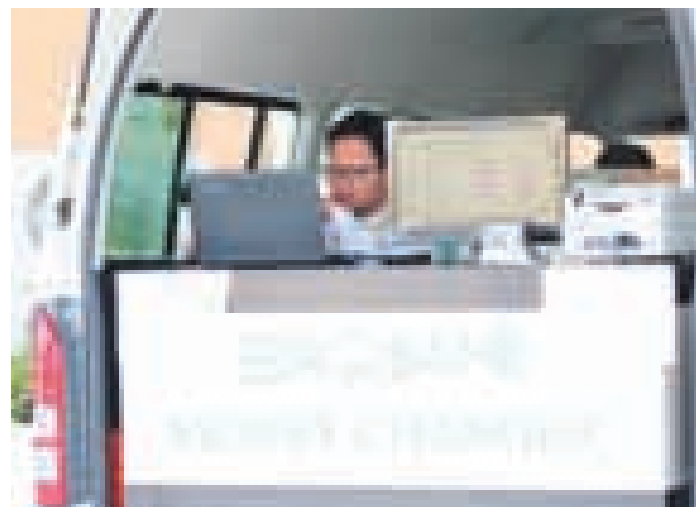


A fan receives check by police woman at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



A woman cyclist from Thailand competes in the time trial event of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Zaw Win considers a shot during his match against Thailand's Nitiwat at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



An operator of a mobile money changer checks account list as he waits customers. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE





## Myanmar men's volleyball team beat Malaysia 3-0

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Men's and women's volleyball event of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games continued today at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (B).

Vietnamese women's volleyball team beat Indo-

nesian with 25-13, 25-19 and 25-23 points in playoff match.

In men's preliminary competitions, Thailand won over Cambodia with 25-20, 25-23 and 25-14 while Myanmar defeated Malaysia

with 25-15, 25-21 and 25-15 points. Thai women's volleyball team will play against Vietnamese and Myanmar will compete with Indonesia as playoff matches tomorrow.

*Kyaw Htike Soe (NLM)*



Photo shows women's volleyball match between Vietnam and Indonesia at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (B).—Photo: KHS(NLM)

## Singaporean men's hockey team defeat Myanmar



YANGON, 15 Dec—Malaysia routed Vietnam 13-0 in the second day matches of men's round robin hockey event at Theinbyu turf pitch today.

Singapore beat Myanmar men's hockey team 1-0.

Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam are playing the event through round-robin

matches.

In the women's event, Indonesia will meet with Cambodia, Myanmar with Thailand and Singapore with Malaysia.

In men's event, Thailand will play against Malaysia and Myanmar will meet with Vietnam in the round-robin match tomorrow.

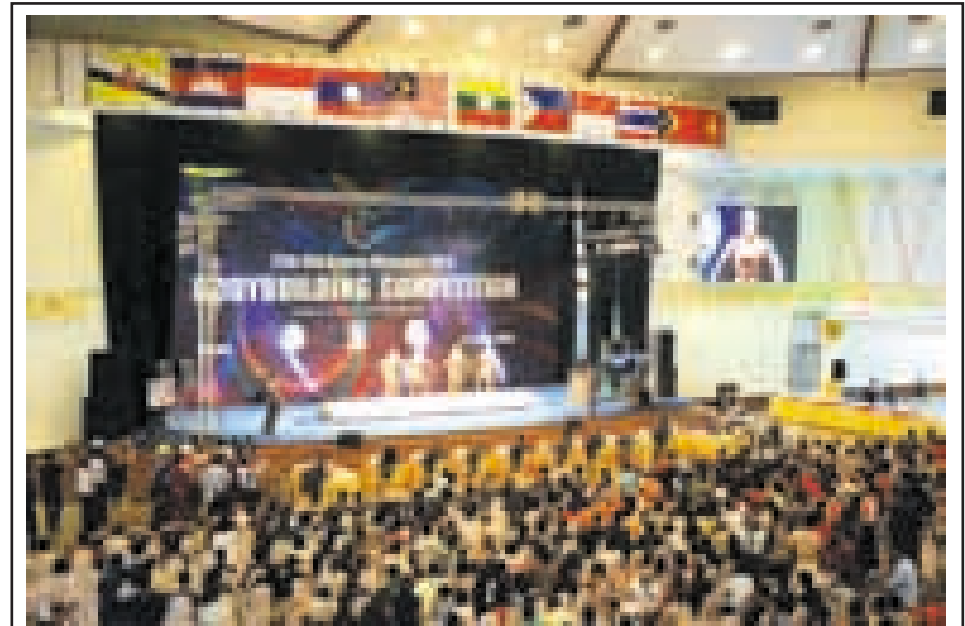
*MNA*

## New records...

(from page 1)

Similarly, athlete from Vietnam could set new record in men's weightlifting event (56 kilo) and from Indonesia in men's weightlifting event (62 kilo). In the second day event, weightlifter from Indonesia also set new record in men's snatch event (69 kilo).

Weightlifter from Thai-



Bodybuilding event of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games in progress at MCC.—MNA

## Men's and women's basketball events continue

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Men's and women's basketball competitions of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games went on today at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (A).

Indonesia women's basketball team lost to the

Philippines with 45-55 points while Thailand beat Malaysia with 72-69 points. Cambodia men's basketball team was defeated by Indonesia with 48-84 points while the Philippines won over Malaysia with 84-56

points.

Both Myanmar basketball teams will play against the Philippines women's team and Thailand men's team tomorrow.

*Kyaw Htike Soe (NLM)*



Men's basketball match between the Philippines and Malaysia in progress at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (A). PHOTO: KHS (NLM)

land secured the gold medal in women's 58 kilo event after breaking the old record.

The second prize went to Philippines and third to Vietnam.

Thai athlete could set new record in women's 63 kilo event. And Indonesia got silver medal and Vietnam, bronze medal.

The men's 94 kilo event and women's 69 kilo event will go tomorrow.—MNA



## NATIONAL

## President U Thein Sein visits Suzuki plant in Japan



President U Thein Sein extends greetings at the dinner hosted by the entrepreneurs from Nagoya.—MNA

TOKYO, 15 Dec—President U Thein Sein this afternoon visited Suzuki plant in Hamamatsu of Japan where he was conducted round by Mr Osamu Suzuki, Chairman of Suzuki Co., and the responsible persons.

The corporation opens 76 branches across the nation and 65 companies, all over the world. The cooperation made cent per cent investment in Myanmar, starting from May, 2013.

In the evening, the President and party arrived at Marriot Nagoya Associa Hotel in Nagoya. The President attended a dinner hosted by the entrepreneurs from Nagoya.

MNA

## Union Sports Minister enjoys sports matches of 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Chairman of the organizing committee for the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoyed women's and men's walking race (20 kg) at Wunna Theikdi Sports Ground, here, this morning.

The Union minister gave an encouragement to the Myanmar golfers at the Royal Myanmar Golf Club.

Next, he viewed women cyclists who are going to compete in the women's cycling (single) event at the start point near Hninsi Roundabout on Yarzahtarni Road.

The Union Minister, Deputy Minister U Zaw event, followed by Cambodia the silver and Malaysia and Vietnam the joint third.

Byline; Khin Yadana



Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan celebrating victory together with Saw Marlar Nwe who secured gold in women's race walking (20) kg event.—MNA

Win and the general secretary of Asia Track and Field Federation awarded Saw Marlar Nwe, Vietnamese winner and Kay Khaing Myo Tun, who stood first, second and third in the

women's walk race.

The Vice-President of Asia Track and Field Federation and the Myanmar Track and Field Federation Vice-President presented Indonesia, Vietnam and

Myanmar who stood first, second and third in the men's walk race. Afterwards, the Union Minister enjoyed Karatedo matches at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium (A).—MNA

## EQ and IQ

The two acronyms – EQ and IQ – are very important for our efficiency improvement in every field. Because EQ or IQ level has direct relations with work efficiency.

People with higher EQ and IQ level have better ability than others. They can do their job more effectively and carry out management issues with greater success.

So everyone needs to improve his or her EQ and IQ. EQ or EI refers to the ability to perceive, control, and evaluate emotions. Some researchers suggest that emotional intelligence can be learned and strengthened, while others claim it is an inborn characteristic. EQ mainly concerns with knowledge and experience. So we can improve our EQ through learning. The abbreviation “IQ” comes from the German term Intelligent-Quotient. IQ scores have been shown to be associated with such factors, parental social status, and, to a substantial degree, biological parental IQ. Intelligence is a better predictor of educational and work success than any other single score. EQ developmental is about developing our Emotional Quotient. It is often believed that our IQ is what we are born with and not something we can necessarily increase. Whether there is truth in this or not, it is true to say that our EQ-emotional quotient can be developed throughout our lives and will enhance and enrich our lives.

IQ, which stands for Intelligence Quotient, is a scientific assessment of our intelligence derived from standardized tests that measure problem solving abilities, spatial imagery, memory, general knowledge, and other factors. Anyhow, we all must try hard to improve our EQ and IQ for better efficiency in every field.

## Myanmar seize gold in men's individual Petanque event

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Myanmar snatched gold medal in men's individual Petanque event of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games today.

Thailand took the silver and Malaysia and Cambodia secured the joint bronze in this individual event.

Thailand stood first in women's couples Petanque



Myanmar team competing in yachting event of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games at Ngwehsaung Beach. (News on page 1)—MNA

## Myanmar's hope for compound archery gold rests ...

(from page 1)

“We are not expecting too much to clinch gold in individual recurve event. Our archers lack international experiences compared with Malaysian team. We only had taken one-month training in South Korea ahead of ongoing SEA Games. Nonetheless, Myanmar archers will give their best in remaining events. I am in confidence they will be capable of winning more gold than they bagged in 2011 SEA Games,” said Myanmar archery coach Daw Myat Thuzar Myint.

Myanmar brought

home three gold, one silver and three bronze at the 26<sup>th</sup> SEA Games.

Aung Ngeain will face off Dellie Threeyaddinda of Indonesia in gold match on Monday while two Malaysian archers in bronze match. Titik Kusumawardani of Indonesia and Chan Jing Ru of Singapore are scheduled to face off in Monday's women's recurve individual gold match while Indonesian archer Ika Yuliana Rochmawati and Vietnamese counterpart Loc Thi Dao in bronze match.

Two Malaysian archers, Khairul Anuar Mohamad and Atiq Bazil Bakri are sched-

uled to compete each other in Monday's final match of men's recurve individual in the knowledge that Malaysian archery team is sure to snatch gold and silver from this event.

“I am very pleased to be in the gold match with my friend because it can be said that gold medal is within our arm's reach,” 2011 SEA Games gold medalist Khairul Anuar Mohamad who also clocked up team silver in World Archery Championships told NLM.

“It is my very first experience in SEA Games, but I am very enthusiastic about going to take home gold or silver,” said men's recurve individual finalist Atiq Bazil Bakri.



NATIONAL

# President U Thein Sein meets NHK's Senior Commentator

TOKYO, 15 Dec— President U Thein Sein who is in Japan to attend the summits, met Senior Commentator Ms Aiko Doden from NHK of Japan and party at the Salon Hall of Imperial Hotel this morning.

Myanmar delegation members Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin also held talks with Mr Ken Matsuzawa, President of Japan's International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC) and party, Professor U Maung Aung Myo from International

University of Japan (IUJ) and party at the same venue.

Similarly, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw held a discussion with Honorable Chairman of JGC Corporation Mr Yoshi Hiroshi Gahisa and party, Chairman of Nikki Corporation Mr Yoshihiro Shigehisa and party, Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe and party.

Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Set Aung met Vice-President Mr Minoura of Sumitomo Corporation and party, Mr Kengo Sakurada from Sampo Japan Insurance Inc and party.

At the calls, they exchanged views on further cementing amity and friendship and socio-economic development.

MNA

*President U Thein Sein meets Senior Commentator Ms Aiko Doden from NHK of Japan.—MNA*



## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker visits sports events of SEA Games in Yangon Zone



*Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann poses for photo with Myanmar victorious bodybuilders.—MNA*

YANGON, 15 Dec — Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann enjoyed shooting events, bodybuilding events and hokey events of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games here.

Myanmar bodybuilder Min Zaw Oo won the gold medal for the 80 kg men's bodybuilding category of

the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon.

Thailand's Khuntal Phuangphet took silver and Indonesia's Komara Dhita Jana settling for the bronze in the category.

In the 90kg, Malaysian's Wong Hong won the gold medal, with My-

anmar's Aung Swe Naing settling for silver and Thailand's Panupong Prateep taking the bronze.

In the women's 58kg category held at Theinbyu Gymnasium here, Thailand won the gold while the Philippines won the silver and Vietnam the bronze.

In the women's 85kg

category, body builders from Thailand won the gold and the bronze and the bodybuilder from Vietnam settled for the silver.

In the women's 63kg category, Thailand won the gold while Indonesia settled for the silver and Vietnam took the bronze.

In the 10m Air Pistol Men Team category at the International Shooting Range in Dagon Myothit (North), Vietnam won the gold, with Singapore settling for the silver and Malaysia taking the bronze.

In the 10m Air Pistol Men Qualification category, Vietnam won the gold, with Malaysia settling for the silver and Singapore taking the bronze.

In the Men's category-3 of the Hokey event, Malaysia defeated Vietnam with 13-0, and in the Men's Category-4, Singapore beat Myanmar 1-0.

MNA

## Women's Football Result on 15-12-2013

Vietnam 1-0 Myanmar

## Traditional chess takes home 35<sup>th</sup> gold



*Nay Oo Kyaw Dun of Myanmar and Timor-Leste player concentrate moves of ASEAN Chess event.*

MMAL

## Myanmar to establish Technology and Innovation Support Centers

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Meeting on Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs), jointly organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), took place at the Ministry of Science and Technology on 10 December.

In his address, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ba Shwe said intellectual property rights play a crucial role raining from private and

government sectors to economic development of the country. The country needs to establish TISCs to help promote intellectual property sector. The centers can help innovators and researchers in developing countries to promote IT-related works, create, protect and manage intellectual property rights, he added.

Technical experts from TISCs, responsible persons from the ministries and delegates from NGOs discussed the facts about TISCs.—MNA



*Meeting on the establishment of technology and innovation support centers (TISCs) in Myanmar in progress.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec — Myanmar added one more gold and bronze to the medal tally from men's traditional individual blitz event and men's ASEAN individual standard event of the Chess Competition at the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games today. Myanmar traditional chess player Win Zaw Tun clinched gold by defeating Thai rival in the final math and Nay Oo Kyaw Dun won bronze in the final match of men's ASEAN individual standard contest in which both Thai players stood first and second.

Prize presentation ceremony was held in the afternoon. Traditional chess team event will take place tomorrow. — Khin Yadana

## Mass walk activity of December continues for second week

PAKOKKU, 15 Dec—Organized by Pakokku District and Township Sports and Physical Education Department and General Administration Department, the second week of mass walk activity of December was held in Pakokku on 14 December morning.

The district and township administrators, ward administrators, local people, departmental personnel, NGO members, teachers and students totalling 850 participated in the mass walk activity.

Later, they took physical exercise at the sports ground.—*Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)*



## 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

## Pamphlets given to workers of Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Shed



*Staff of Immigration and National Registration Department distribute pamphlets to workers of Carriage and Wagon Shed.*

MYITNGE, 15 Dec—Educative talks on taking census process in 2014 and household matters was held in the compound of Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Shed in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region on 13 December.

Deputy Head of Mandalay Region Immigration and National Registration Department U

Aung Min made a speech and explained matters related to the census.

Head of District INRD U Kyaw Sein Tun gave lectures on 41 points for taking census and replied to queries raised by workers.

It was also attended by General Manager U Tin Maung Than of the shed, officers and staff, members of the census committee for

wards, members of Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Head of Amarapura Township INRD U San Lwin and staff totalling over 1400.

Later, the pamphlets on taking census process were distributed to those attendees.

*Kyemon-Maung Maung Soe (Myitnge)*

## Goats distributed to local breeders through loan system



MYAING, 15 Dec—Under the instruction of the Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, Magway Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Pyi Shwebo All-round Development Public Company sold goats to the local breeders through installment at the hall of Linkataw Village in Myaing Township of Magway Region on 12 December.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Ye Lin Aung, Head of District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Maung Maung Soe Oo, Head of Township LBVD Dr Thauung Sein, in-charge

of the company U Soe Min Maung, local breeders and local people.

At the ceremony, a total of 140 goats were sold to 26 breeders from five groups. The cost of the goats will be suspended one year. After one year, the cost of goats will be collected and then

goats will be distributed to enthusiasts.

In addition, Township LBVD will provide assistance for health of animals. It was aimed at developing life of the local people, said an official.

*Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)*

## New water course dredged in Nerinzara River in Kalay Township



KALAY, 15 Dec—West Khontha Village is located on Kalay-Tamu Road, 27 miles of Kalay.

This year, the village suffered from landslide along the banks of the village.

To prevent erosion of the village, the new water course was dredged under the instruction of Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye.

The work was supervised by Chairman of District Management Committee U Maung Htoo.

The dredging work is being carried out with the use of heavy machinery of Kalay Township Irrigation Department.

The District Management Committee Chairman and Staff Officer U Min Thu Aung of Township Settlement and Land Records Department inspected the progress of works.

The water course will be 30 feet wide, four feet deep and 2200 feet long.

Thanks to dredging work, the local people can be prevented from the danger of landslide.

*Kyemon-Joe Net*

## Slipper factory fire leaves one dead in Pakokku



PAKOKKU, 15 Dec—A fire broke out at the slipper factory of U Myint Kyaw, 38, son of U Mya Than on Mya

Ayeya Road in Meohdan Ward of No 13 Region, Pakokku, on 11 December night.

Fire fighters led by Staff Officer U Khin Maung Than of Pakokku Township Fire Services Department rushed to the scene and put out the fire with the use of fire trucks.

Daw Htay, 60, daughter of U Tun Myaing, died in the fire.

The outbreak of fire left 14 men and 11 women homeless, said a local.

Action was taken against U Myint Kyaw over outbreak of fire under the law.—*Kyemon-Nay Oo Maung (Pakokku)*

## REGIONAL

## China pledges steady, human-centred urbanization



Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, speaks at a central urbanization work conference in Beijing, capital of China.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 15 Dec — China on Saturday pledged proactive yet steady moves in pushing forward human-centered urbanization as it looks to balance urban-rural development and unleash domestic demand.

Urbanization is the road China must take in its modernization drive, and it

offers an important way to address rural problems, according to a statement released after a central urbanization work conference.

The two-day meeting, which ended on Friday, was attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang and senior leaders Zhang Dejiang, Yu

Zhengsheng, Liu Yunshan, Wang Qishan and Zhang Gaoli.

This was the most high-level meeting the Chinese leadership has ever convened on urbanization.

While promising to focus on the quality of urbanization and improve the living standards of urban residents, the statement said the primary task is to enable migrant workers to win urbanite status in an orderly manner.

The statement came as China's rigid "hukou" (household registration) system has prevented migrants from gaining equal access to services in cities, posing a major barrier holding back the country's urbanization process.

By the end of 2012, China has 710 million urban residents. For the first time in China's history, its urban population exceeded rural population, with city-dwellers accounting for 51.27 percent of the total population.

Caught between the urban and rural residents are an army of 260 million migrant workers who live in cities but do not have access to the same public

services as other urbanites who hold a city "hukou".

Saturday's statement promised that endeavors would be exerted to gradually allow migrant workers to become more integrated in cities, fully remove hukou restrictions in towns and small cities, gradually ease restrictions in mid-sized cities, and set reasonable conditions for settling in big cities while strictly controlling the population in megacities.

Cities should develop their industries based on their unique resource advantages and enhance co-operation in professional services, especially the service sector, to consolidate industrial development foundation and encourage innovations.

Measures and policies to enable migrant workers to win urbanite status should be carried out in line with farmers' willingness, and should proceed in the light of local conditions, the statement said.

Priority should be given to urbanizing current rural population working in cities while guiding those new migrant workers, it said.—Xinhua



Photo shows a Christmas tree to encourage children in Kesennuma, Miyagi Prefecture, hit hard by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, on 1 Dec, 2013, prior to the 1,000th day on 4 December since the disaster. KYODO NEWS

## More than 100 inmates set fire to prison in central Indonesia

JAKARTA, 15 Dec — About 120 inmates of a prison in central Indonesia ran amok Saturday, setting fire to the prison and assaulting prison officers, the local media said.

According to the online Tribun News, the inmates torched two prison buildings, claiming that prison authorities have ignored

their complaints about inadequate facilities in the prison, located in Palopo in South Sulawesi Province.

The inmates reportedly beat the warden and other prison officers, and threw stones at police officers who were called to the scene to restore order.

No other details were reported.—Kyodo News

## Japan provides 10.46 bil yen aid to Laos for infrastructure projects

TOKYO, 15 Dec — Japan announced on Sunday it will provide Laos with an aid package worth 10.46 billion yen to help the Southeast Asian country build infrastructure.

"I hope that our aid will contribute greatly to Laos' economic development," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said at a joint press conference with Laotian Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong after their talks at Abe's office.

While Southeast Asia is recognized as a center of growth, financial disparities in the region remain between the more developed states such as Singapore and less developed ones including Laos.

The signing of an estimated 9.5 billion yen loan agreement, along with more than 900 million yen in grants, was done in the presence of the two prime ministers.

The yen loans will be disbursed to a project to expand the international airport terminal in the capital Vientiane and another project to support poverty reduction, Japan's Foreign

Ministry said.

The grants will partly help in a bridge construction initiative in the southern part of Laos, the ministry said.

To further boost their economic ties, Abe and Thongsing said they agreed to launch official consultations to conclude an aviation pact that will pave the way for direct flights.

The leaders also agreed to continue their talks to launch a security dialogue framework involving their nations' foreign and defense officials, a move that Abe said "aims to strengthen our countries' communication in political and security issues."

They also agreed to boost people-to-people exchanges as their countries mark in 2015 the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

"We will further enhance our partnership and cooperation and work toward regional peace and prosperity," Thongsing said at the news conference after their meeting.

Abe visited Laos last month as part of his 10-na-

tion tour to all ASEAN nations after just 11 months in office to demonstrate Japan's engagement with the fast-growing, resource-rich region.

Apart from Laos, the nine other ASEAN members are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Kyodo News

## India's ruling Congress appeals to all parties to help pass Lokpal Bill

NEW DELHI, 15 Dec — India's ruling Congress party Saturday made an appeal to all other political outfits to evolve a consensus to help the Lokpal (Ombudsman) Bill passed in the Parliament.

"What we have now is a bill where we have broad consensus. The Congress party fully supports this bill and we would like the opposition and other party

members to work with us and help us pass it in Parliament," Rahul Gandhi, Nehru-Gandhi scion and Congress vice president, said.

"We are 99 percent there and if we get the support of all the parties we can pass this bill which I think is very important. We need other parties to work with us. The Congress party will fully support it, I request

other parties to support it as this is a matter of national importance," he added.

However, the Congress second-in-command also refuted claims that the Lokpal Bill was being pushed by the ruling party in the wake of the recently formed Aam Aadmi Party's excellent performance on its debut in the assembly polls in the Indian capital.

Xinhua

## 6 firemen injured in fire at Mumbai high rise building

MUMBAI, 15 Dec — At least six firemen were injured when trying to put under control a big fire that broke out at a 28-storey residential building in south Mumbai on Friday evening, while 17 people were rescued by firemen, said police.

The 13th floor of the posh building caught fire at 19:30 local time. More than two dozen fire tenders were deployed to fight the fire.

The fire caused blasts in domestic gas cylinders and spread to higher floors,

trapping many people. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be known.

The injured firemen were sent to hospital for treatment.

The building, called Mont Blanc, is one of the high-class residential buildings in south Mumbai, where some of the wealthiest people of the city dwell in.

A Xinhua reporter at the spot was barred from going inside the compound by security guards who cited safety reasons.

Xinhua



Du Baohuai, a fisherman at Jijiabao Village, selects crab carapaces suitable for painting in Huanghua City, north China's Hebei Province, on 14 Dec, 2013. Du has become a famous "fisherman artist" for his crab carapace handicrafts.

XINHUA

ADVERTISEMENT & GENERAL

**Exhibition on former premier's Africa visit opens**

BEIJING, 15 Dec — A photograph exhibition marking the 50th anniversary of the first African visit paid by late Premier Zhou Enlai and a Chinese government delegation opened here on Friday.

The exhibition, "Milestone in the Development of China-Africa relations", was held in the residence of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. Some 80 representatives including former Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, former Chinese ambassadors to African countries and African diplomats in Beijing attended the opening ceremony.

From December 1963 to February 1964, Zhou visited 10 African nations. They were the United Arab Republic (today's Egypt), Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Ghana, Mali, Guinea, Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia.

During his visit, Zhou brought forth five principles in developing relations between China and African states, and between China and Arab nations.

Xinhua

**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE  
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)  
(16/2013)**

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB-134(2013-2014)	Spares for AB 100 Well Servicing Truck	(2) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-135(2013-2014)	Spares for Blow Out Preventer Ex ZJ 70 L Drilling Rigs	(5) Items	US\$
(3)	IFB-136(2013-2014)	Universal Fuel Pump Test Stand	(1) No	US\$
(4)	IFB-137(2013-2014)	5 Ton Elevator (0.16 m3 )	(2) Units	US\$
(5)	IFB-138(2013-2014)	25 Ton Elevator ( 1.2 m3 )	(2) Units	US\$
(6)	IFB-139(2013-2014)	Rig Air Compressor	(6) Nos	US\$
(7)	IFB-140(2013-2014)	30 Ton Crawler Crane	(1) Unit	US\$
(8)	IFB-141(2013-2014)	8" & 6 1/2" Spiral Drill Collar	(2) Items	US\$
(9)	IFB-142(2013-2014)	Welding Electrode E 6011 (30 Ton)	(1) Lot	US\$
(10)	IFB-143(2013-2014)	Spares for CAT D379 & CAT D399 Engines	(5) Items	US\$
(11)	IFB-144(2013-2014)	Drawworks Main Drum Brake Shoe Lining	(9) Items	US\$
(12)	IFB-145(2013-2014)	Portable Welding Machine with Complete Accessories (300 AMP, Diesel Engine Driven)	(4) Units	US\$
(13)	IFB-146(2013-2014)	Heat Shrinkable Sleeve (1200 Rolls) Closure Patches (25000 Nos)	(4) Items	US\$
(14)	DMP/L-044(2013-2014)	Spares for F 1000 Rig Pump Ex D3T2 SR I & II	(12) Items	Ks
(15)	DMP/L-045(2013-2014)	Rotor Seal for ZJ 70 L SR I & II	(10) Items	Ks
(16)	DMP/L-046(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for Caterpillar Gas Engine Lighting Set	(4) Items	Ks

- Tender Closing Date & Time -

13-1-2014, 16:30 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise  
Ph . +95 67 - 411097 / 411206

**TRADEMARK CAUTION**  
Teaco Stores Limited, a company incorporated in United Kingdom and having its registered office Teaco House, Deodar Road, Clapham, London, SW4 7DB, United Kingdom is the owner and proprietor of the following Trademark

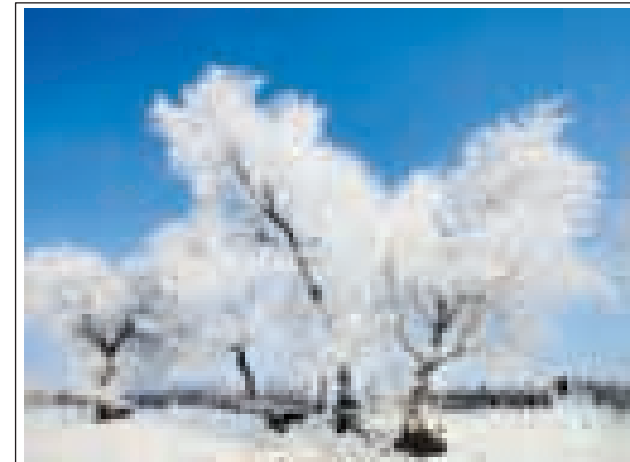
**ASSIGN**

Reg No. 44222010  
(13 May 2013)

In respect of "Clothing, Footwear, headgear, articles of clothing, articles of underclothing, articles of outerwear, articles of accessories, clothing, bathing costumes, beachwear, trousers, body wear, coats, caps, uniforms, casual clothing, casual footwear, clothing for sportswear, clothing for children, clothing for babies, and infants, coats, costumes, skins, jackets, dresses, evening wear, formal wear, hooded swimming, leisure, shorts, pants, underwear, ladies wear, leather clothing, men's clothing, nightwear, swim, partywear, printed fabric, polo shirts, pyjamas, rompers, clothing, swim, shirts, shorts, sleep wear, slippers, socks, stockings, suits, sweaters, sweat shirts, sweat bottoms, swimwear, tights, t-shirts, tops, track suits, trousers, underwear, undershirts, vests, and tops, windbreaks, winterwear, clothing, women's clothing, coats, pants and things for all the dressed goods" in Class 25.

Trademark is unauthorised use or actual or probable imitation of the mark shall be dealt with according to law.

U Than Maung, Advocate  
For Teaco Stores Limited  
C/o Kavin One Bangkok Ltd,  
4008-1008, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sakra Tower Bangkok,  
The Republic of the Union  
of Myanmar  
myanmar.com  
Dated 14 December 2013



*Beautiful frosty scenery appeared on both banks of the Songhua River after a sudden temperature drop and attracted swarms of tourists. Beautiful rime in Jilin is regarded as one of China's four natural wonders along with the landscape of mountains and waters in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Stone Forest in Yunnan Province, and the Three Gorges along the Yangtze River.*

XINHUA

**Malta's president demands "strong" successor**

VALLETTA, 15 Dec — President of Malta George Abela said on Friday morning that the time has come to choose a "strong" successor for him, a person who will "unite all the political forces" and be accepted as a unifying figure. Abela, whose term ends in next April, highlighted the need for substantial reform to strengthen

the autonomous role of the president in his Republic Day speech. He said the focus should be on revising the procedure undertaken to select a president, and time had come for a stronger role for the president, who should not be removed by a simple majority of MPs, and that new powers should be accorded where

he or she can act without the prime minister's advice as in the case of approving laws. "The possibility should be explored whether the president should refer to parliament, only once, any parliamentary act on which he may have some reservations for the parliament's renewed consideration." Xinhua

**Two al-Qaeda militants killed in Algeria**

ALGIERS, 15 Dec — The Algerian army forces on Friday killed two al-Qaeda linked militants in the province of Tizi Ouzou, 100 km east of Algiers, APS news agency reported citing a statement of the defence ministry.

The source specified that a unit of the army set up an ambush at the locality of Chaara in Tizi Ouzou, as two militants were killed and their weapons were recouped. The corpses of the militants were transferred to the hospital of down-

town Tizi Ouzou pending identification. A wide scale combing operation in the neighbouring woods discovered a hideout containing military uniforms and materials used in explosives fabrication.—Xinhua

**China's peacekeepers working in Mali**

BEIJING, 15 Dec — The first batch of 135 peacekeepers in Mali have conducted the mission's first defence drilling operation to improve emergency handling capabilities, according to the Chinese Ministry of National Defence on Friday. China sent the peacekeepers to

Mali on 4 December, marking the first time the country has dispatched security forces for such a mission. The team consists of engineers, medical staff and security guards from the Shenyang Military Area Command and the 211 Hospital of the People's Liberation Army. They are the ad-

vance troops of a 395-strong force that China will send to Mali at the request of the United Nations. After they arrived, they prepared tents and constructed military bunkers, according to a statement from the ministry's peacekeeping office. More than 1,700 tonnes of equipment and materials

have been transported by sea to the area. The team will be tasked with repairing roads and bridges, airport runways and facilities at camps, safeguarding the security of mission headquarters, as well as providing medical treatment and epidemic prevention. Xinhua



*Tourists have fun at the seaside in Sanya City, south China's Hainan Province, on 10 Dec, 2013. Sanya City entered the peak period for winter tourism recently.*  
XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

## Hrithik Roshan: Sussanne is and will always be the love of my life

MUMBAI, 15 Dec — Bollywood heartthrob Hrithik Roshan, who has announced his wife Sussanne's decision to split from him after 13 years of marriage, says she will forever remain the "love of my life".

"This is my greatest tribute to love. Sussanne is and always will be the love of my life for the rest

of my life," Hrithik posted on his Facebook page.

"If her smiles are brighter without me, my love for her must accomplish that. Unconditional," added the 39-year-old.

Rumours of a rift between the couple, who dated four years before getting married on December 20, 2000, had been doing the rounds for a few months. Hrithik put the speculation to an end on Friday via an official statement.

"Sussanne has decided to sepa-

rate from me and end our 17-year relationship. This is a very trying time for the entire family and I request the media and the people to grant us our privacy at this time," he said.

Sussanne, an interior designer and daughter of veteran actor Sanjay Khan, has called the split a matter of "individual choices".

They have two sons together — Hrehaan, seven, and Hridhaan, five.—PTI



Hrithik and Sussanne were married for 13 years.

## Kate Winslet surprised by Golden Globe nomination

LOS ANGELES, 15 Dec — Actress Kate Winslet, who recently welcomed a baby boy, is "extremely surprised" to be nominated for a Golden Globe Award.

"I'm extremely surprised and absolutely thrilled to be included this year! Thank you to the Hollywood Foreign Press Association," usmagazine.com quoted the 38-year-old as saying.

The actress, who gave birth to a boy on 7 December in Sussex, England, is nominated in best actress in a motion picture (drama) category for her performance in Labour Day.

"This is so exciting. I'm thrilled that the film received so many nominations and that I get to share this with the rest of the cast," Winslet said.—PTI



Kate Winslet

## Miley Cyrus: I doubt MTV Video Music Awards are ever gonna ask me back



Miley Cyrus

LOS ANGELES, 15 Dec — She might have made 2013's MTV VMAs one

of the most talked-about events of all-time, but Miley Cyrus doesn't think she will get an invite to the awards again.

"Everyone else's, I think, biggest moment of me was the VMAs. That was probably my biggest moment, too. I was pretty stoked to perform there. I doubt they're ever gonna ask me. But just kidding. I don't know," Cyrus said in the sit-down interview with Sonic.

The "twerking" showdown with Robin Thicke

went down nearly a month before Cyrus released her Bangerz album in October.

"That was before my record even came out, so I mean, it was the beginning of what I was showing people what I was gonna do," she said.

"It kind of just opened so many doors for me to be like, alright, I already pissed you off as much as I possibly can. So, now I can kind of just be freer and kind of do whatever it is that we want to do," Cyrus added.—PTI

## Sunny Leone: It was my dream to meet Shah Rukh Khan

MUMBAI, 15 Dec — Sunny Leone said it was a dream come true for her to meet Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan at the special screening of Kaizad Gustad's Jackpot in Mumbai. Sunny, who was here to promote her Hindi film Jackpot, told reporters, "It (meeting Shah Rukh) was a dream come true. I am a fan of Bollywood and those you have been watching on screen for years, happen to meet you, you feel extremely nice. They are so down to earth and humble."

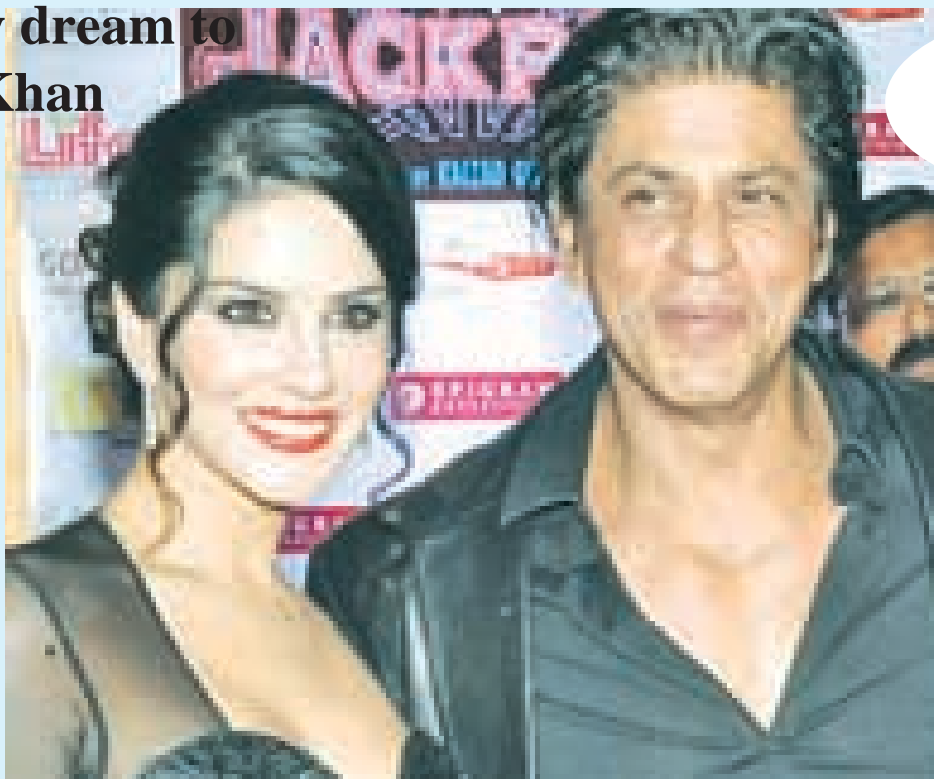
On Naseeruddin Shah, who is cast opposite her in the film, she said it was a dream to act opposite the veteran actor,

who commands immense respect in Bollywood.

"Working with Mr Naseer is a dream for me. You learn a lot on and off camera; how he conducts himself; how he acts on camera. You learn as a new actor and new actress," she said.

"Hopefully people would say, yes Sunny you did a better job acting in this movie than your first one. For obvious reasons that you know your first movie you are nervous facing the camera but this film was extremely comfortable."

The 32-year-old Indo-Canadian adult film star, who made her return to India with reality show Bigg Boss, is hoping that



Shah Rukh Khan attended the premiere of Sunny Leone's film Jackpot.

people would like her performance in Jackpot.

She said she is learn-

ing things about India and Bollywood, which is completely different from Hol-

lywood.

"I have learnt so much over the last three

years. It is almost like going to school again. I am learning Hindi, learning to dance and learning all these little things about this industry, how it works. It's completely different than Hollywood. I have been told how Katrina Kaif also learnt them all, slowly but surely," she added.

Indian-origin Sunny was born in Canada. She later moved to the US with her family. She was 19 when she ventured into the world of adult films. She made her Bollywood film debut with Jism 2.

PTI

## SPORTS

## Barclay Premier League Standings

POS	LP	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	(1)	Arsenal	16	11	2	3	33	17	16	35
2	(3)	Chelsea	16	10	3	3	32	18	14	33
3	(4)	Manchester City	16	10	2	4	47	18	29	32
4	(5)	Everton	16	8	7	1	27	15	12	31
5	(2)	Liverpool	15	9	3	3	34	18	16	30
6	(7)	Newcastle United	16	8	3	5	21	22	-1	27
7	(6)	Tottenham Hotspur	15	8	3	4	15	16	-1	27
8	(8)	Southampton	16	6	6	4	20	15	5	24
9	(9)	Manchester United	15	6	4	5	22	19	3	22
10	(10)	Swansea City	15	5	4	6	21	20	1	19
11	(11)	Aston Villa	15	5	4	6	16	18	-2	19
12	(12)	Hull City	16	5	4	7	13	19	-6	19
13	(13)	Stoke City	16	4	6	6	15	20	-5	18
14	(16)	Cardiff City	16	4	5	7	12	22	-10	17
15	(14)	Norwich City	15	5	2	8	14	28	-14	17
16	(15)	West Bromwich Albion	16	3	6	7	17	22	-5	15
17	(17)	West Ham United	16	3	5	8	13	19	-6	14
18	(19)	Crystal Palace	16	4	1	11	11	24	-13	13
19	(18)	Fulham	16	4	1	11	15	30	-15	13
20	(20)	Sunderland	16	2	3	11	12	30	-18	9

## Neymar brace as Barca sink Villarreal, Real held

BARCELONA, 15 Dec — Free-scoring Neymar hit a double as Barcelona beat Villarreal 2-1 to move three points clear at the top of La Liga while 10-man Real Madrid lost ground as they were held to a 2-2 draw at Osasuna after Sergio Ramos was sent off.

Brazil forward Neymar, who got a treble in a 6-1 Champions League win over Celtic in midweek, scored with a first-half penalty and then put Barca back in front

late on after Mateo Musacchio headed the visitors level early in the second period.

The Catalan side are now on 43 points, three more than Atletico Madrid who host Valencia on Sunday, and five in front of rivals Real Madrid who fought back from two goals down to claim a draw after being reduced to 10 men in the 44th minute.

Two first-half headers from Oriol Riera gave Osasuna the advantage but Isco

pulled a goal back before the break and a Pepe header salvaged a draw a minute after the home side had Francisco Silva sent off in the 79th minute.

Barca coach Gerardo Martino rotated his squad and Alex Song, who came in for Xavi, was inches away from breaking the deadlock against Villarreal with only a few minutes gone but his volley cannoned against the bar and back into play from a tight angle.

Villarreal have excelled this season by attacking but, missing key players Bruno Soriano and Cani, they resorted to a defensive formation with Giovanni dos Santos alone in attack.

The home side had trouble breaking them down but were helped with a penalty for handball by Mario Perez. Neymar, who has started scoring in the absence of the injured Lionel Messi, kept his cool to send keeper Sergio Asenjo the wrong way.

Villarreal were forced

to open up in search of the equaliser and Musacchio caught the Barca defence dozing as he headed the ball home from a corner after the restart.

Cesc Fabregas missed a good chance before Alexis Sanchez broke the offside trap and found Neymar who scored from close range. Neymar was inches away from getting his second successive hat-trick in injury time with a shot which grazed the crossbar.

"This performance has made me the happiest yet as it follows on from the good performances against Cartagena (4-1 win in the King's Cup) and Celtic, and we were against a strong Villarreal side," Barca coach Gerardo Martino told a news conference.

"We are on a good run but I always think we are able to improve. It wasn't always easy for us and that's not a bad thing either as it is something that you can learn from.—Reuters



Barcelona's soccer player Neymar (L) and Marc Bartra celebrate a goal against Villarreal during their Spanish First division League soccer match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 14 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

## Golf-Kuchar and English take control with 60 at Shootout

LOS ANGELES, 15 Dec — Americans Matt Kuchar and Harris English scorched the back nine in a sizzling nine-under-par 27 to seize a four-shot lead after Saturday's better-ball format at the Franklin Templeton Shootout in Naples, Florida.

Joint leaders overnight with the teams of Kenny Perry-Sean O'Hair and Charles Howell III-Justin Leonard, Kuchar and English dovetailed superbly to card a 12-under 60 at Tiburon Golf Club for a 20-under total of 124.

South African Retief Goosen and Swede Fre-

drik Jacobson were alone in second after shooting a 61 in the charity event, three strokes in front of Englishmen Ian Poulter and Lee Westwood (61) and Howell and Leonard (67).

Defending champions Perry and O'Hair, who had opened with a 64 in Friday's modified alternate-shot format, failed to maintain that momentum as they slipped back into a tie for sixth at 11 under after a 69.

Kuchar and English were just one under for the day after seven holes but caught fire, posting six



Americans Matt Kuchar and Harris English

successive birdies before adding an eagle and three more birdies over the closing stretch.

Their 12-under score was one shy of the all-

time record in the event's better-ball format, Americans John Daly and Frank Lickliter having carded a 59 at Tiburon Golf Club in 2001.

The PGA Tour-sanctioned event features 12 two-man teams with a different playing format for each of the three rounds, and will finish with a scramble on Sunday.

Because of poor weather forecast for Sunday afternoon, officials have moved up the start of the final round to 7:45 am ET (1245 GMT) with the final group scheduled to tee off at 9 am.—Reuters

## Mourinho relieved as Chelsea see off spirited Palace



Fernando Torres of Chelsea celebrates scoring against Crystal Palace during their Premier League match at Stamford Bridge, London, on 14 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 15 Dec — Jose Mourinho breathed a sigh of relief after his Chelsea side beat plucky Crystal Palace 2-1 at Stamford Bridge on Saturday to move within two points of Premier League leaders Arsenal.

Chelsea took the lead through Fernando Torres in the 16th minute but allowed resurgent Moroccan Marouane Chamakh to equalise before the half-hour as the ex-Arsenal striker scored in three straight Premier League matches for the first time. Chelsea hit back six minutes later with what proved to be the winning goal when Brazil midfielder Ramires powered a shot past a motionless Julian Speroni from the edge of the area. "I was expecting big problems," Mourinho told reporters.

"They are very well or-

## Bad day at office, says Wenger, after City rout Arsenal

LONDON, 15 Dec — There would have been mutterings of "I told you so" among those who doubted Arsenal's ability to stay the course in the title race as Manchester City hit top gear on Saturday. Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger sought to pass a crushing 6-3 defeat off as a bad day at the office, without any knock-on effects for what is to come in the title race.

Yet Arsenal fans who have become used to seeing the wheels come off at various points of previous seasons will be crossing fingers that it is not a sign they are about to suffer another damaging slump.

"It is not beyond a bad day, it is a bad day," Wenger said on BT Sport.

ganised by Tony (Pulis) and they wait for the right moment to put the ball in the box and fight for the second ball. When I was reading the game and analysing the situation I was feeling the game could go in both directions."

Chelsea last played Palace in 2005, the year Mourinho won the first of two league titles with the west London club, and he was asked at the post-match news conference what the different was between that side and his current crop of players.

"Ten years ago I had a phone that weighed two kilos and today I have a BlackBerry - it is the evolution of the times," said the Portuguese coach, who is now unbeaten at Stamford Bridge in 68 Premier League games.

Reuters



Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger

"We conceded six goals, we lost our discipline at the end and were too open when I took (Mathieu) Flamini off.

"Out of the six goals we gave them five and when we came back to 2-1, we had a chance but could not take it.

"They scored the goals and you cannot say they did not deserve them. We have to come back to reality and it's about us defending together and we have not done that today."—Reuters

GENERAL



A villager stands beside a wooden fence dwelling in Dazhuang Village of Salar Autonomous County of Xunhua, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 13 Dec, 2013. Dated from the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties, wooden fence dwellings have played an important role in Salar people's daily life. Salar people's wooden fence dwellings, named after the vine-knitted walls, are of great value in the study of Salar people's economy, culture and history.—XINHUA

## Initial probe shows no mechanic malfunction linked to Mozambican air crash

MAPUTO, 15 Dec — Preliminary investigation shows no suspicion of mechanic problems in the 29 November accident of the Mozambican air liner, which left 33 people including one Chinese civilian dead, according to the country's authorities.

The Institute of Civil Aviation of Mozambique (IACM), flight regulator of the country, presented the finding on Saturday in a press conference held in Maputo.

Joao Abreu, director of the Board of Directors of

IACM, affirmed that there's no evidence in direction to mechanical malfunction after investigating the electronic cockpit voice recorder (ECVR) and the electronic flight data recorder (ESRD) at the crash site.

"The investigation is still in progress and will be completed within the 30 days period recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization," said Abreu, adding that the crash of the Embraer product has entered the category of "major accidents".

Meanwhile, Mozam-

bican Minister of Transport and Communications Gabriel Muthisse will depart for Namibia on Sunday to follow the details of the investigation efforts since the day of crash.

The NMC also warned of moderate to heavy snow in northwestern and northeastern parts of Yunnan and western parts of Guizhou from Sunday to Monday.

China has a four-tier warning system for extreme weather, with red being the most serious, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

Xinhua

## MYANMAR TV

(16-12-2013, Monday)

<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw	11. Sport News
<b>6:20 am</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>
2. Physical Exercises	12. Athletics (Final) (Men)
<b>6:25 am</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
3. Documentary	13. Talks Show
<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
4. SEA Games Songs	14. 27th SEA Games Football (Live) (Thailand & Laos) (Women)
<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
5. News/Weather Report	15. News/Weather Report
<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
6. Talks Show	16. Talks Show
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>6:45 pm</b>
7. News/ International News	17. 27th SEA Games Football (Live) (Indonesia & Myanmar) (Men)
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>8:40 pm</b>
8. Teleplay (SEA Games)	18. News/ International News/ Weather Report
<b>11:30 pm</b>	19. People Talks
9. SEA Games Songs	20. Teleplay (SEA Games)
<b>12:00 am</b>	<b>10:00 pm</b>
10. News/ International News/ Weather Report/ Volleyball (Indonesia & Myanmar) (Women)	21. Talks Show

## China issues blue alert for heavy rain

BEIJING, 15 Dec — The National Meteorological Center (NMC) on Sunday issued a blue alert as heavy rainfall affecting southwest and south China were pushed further eastwards.

From Sunday to Tuesday, heavy rain will batter the southern parts of Yunnan Province, regions south of the Yangtze River and south China, the NMC said in an online statement.

The observatory fore-

cast downpours as heavy as 100 to 120 millimeters in some areas of Jiangxi, Fujian and Hainan Provinces, in addition to Guangdong, Yunnan and Guangxi that have been affected by strong rainfall since Friday.

Under a strong cold snap, Yunnan and Guizhou provinces will see temperature down by 4 to 8 degrees Celsius in the next three days, the NMC added.

Xinhua

## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

16-12-13 07:00 am ~ 17-12-13 07:00 am) MST

- \* Local News
- \* Pride of Myanmar: Bagan Arts and Handicrafts
- \* World News
- \* "Moe Huyin Than Buddha", The Unique Pagoda In Monywa
- \* Local News
- \* Secret Places For Yummy Food-(Episode-3) (Min Lane Mont Tee)
- \* World News
- \* Journey To Unimaginable Spots (Episode-5)
- \* Me N My Travel (Naung Cho Trip) (Episode-3)
- \* World News
- \* In the Studio: Sunee
- \* Local News
- \* Visiting A Serence Village In The Northwest of Myanmar
- \* Lucrative Myanmar Rattan Industry
- \* **27th SEA GAMES COMPETITION**
- \* Local News
- \* The World's Largest Book
- \* Myanmar Puppet
- \* Local News
- \* The Four Sacred Replica Tooth Relics In Pyay
- \* World News
- \* Distinguished Myanmar Lady: Kalayar Moe
- \* Local News
- \* Rakhine The Land of Sublime Pagodas
- \* World News
- \* Scented Buddha Images
- \* The Stories of The Great Souls (Daw Saw Mone Nyin-A Living Literary Legend of Myanar)
- \* Planetary Posts! What do they serve?

## Bayern end 2013 in top spot, eye Club World Cup

BERLIN, 15 Dec — Bayern Munich stretched their unbeaten Bundesliga run to a staggering 41 games with a 3-1 home win over Hamburg SV on Saturday to ensure they go into the winter break as league leaders.

Bayern, who are not in domestic action next week as they fly to Morocco for the Club World Cup, have gone the whole year without a league defeat, their last loss in the Bundesliga dating back to October 2012.

They clinched their 19th unofficial "autumn championship" at the season's halfway mark to move seven points clear at

the top with 44 points from 16 matches, having won 14 and drawn two with 42 goals scored and eight conceded.

"Congratulations to Bayern for a sensational 2013," coach Pep Guardiola, who took over the treble winners this season, told reporters.

"The players already had Marrakech on their minds and I will try to convince them that there is still work to be done. But it is not easy after Champions League games in midweek.

"Now we fly to Morocco to win the last title of the year," said the Spaniard.

Second-placed Bayer Leverkusen, in action on

Sunday, can cut Bayern's lead back to four points with one game left in the Bundesliga before a break until January.

With Franck Ribery and David Alaba on the bench and Arjen Robben injured, Bayern were initially made to work hard against battling Hamburg, eager to redeem themselves for last season's 9-2 demolition by the Munich club.

Mario Mandzukic struck at the right time when he nodded in after 42 minutes. Mario Goetze's superb control and volley seven minutes after the restart gave them a two-goal cushion before Xherdan Shaqiri killed the game



Bayern Munich's Mario Mandzukic (2nd R) scores a goal against Hamburger SV's goalkeeper Jaroslav Drobný during their German Bundesliga first division soccer match in Munich on 14 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

in stoppage time.

Hamburg had briefly cut the deficit in the 87th minute through Pierre-Michel Lasogga.

Borussia Dortmund only one of their last five games to stay in third place and are now 12 points off the pace.

Reuters

## Myanmar Pencak Silat Team clinch two gold, two silver, one bronze

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—The final day of Pencak Silat event of the 27th SEA Games was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (C), here, this morning.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, officials and fans enjoyed the competitions.

Kyaw Naing Thun of Myanmar captured gold medal for Myanmar Pencak Silat Team in men's 65-70 kg event. Ahmad Shahril of Malaysia was satisfied with the silver and Thailand and Indonesia seized joint bronze. Zeyar from Myanmar clinched one more gold for Myanmar in men's 45-50 kg contest, Awaluddin of Indonesia the silver and Vietnam and Thailand joint bronze.

Ye Kyaw Thu of Myanmar lost to Mohamad Adhan from Indonesia in the final match of men's 55-60 kg competition, Malaysia and Thailand took the joint bronze. Ye Thiha of Myanmar was beaten by Nguyen Duy Tuyen of Vietnam in the final match of men's 75-80 kg event where Thailand and Brunei earned the joint third. Mohd Al Jufferi from Malaysia stood first in men's 70-75 kg competition, followed by Vietnam the second and Kyaw Swar Win of Myanmar the third.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented prize to Zeyar and Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan to Kyaw Naing Thun. Gold medalists Kyaw Naing Thun and Zeyar were presented K 10 million each by Shwe Taung Development Co Ltd.

*Kyaw Htike Soe(NLM)*



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at awarding ceremony of Pencak Silat events.—MNA



A Karatedo athlete from Thailand (L) competes with an athlete from Indonesia in the Female Team Kumite event at Wunna Theikdi Stadium on 15 Dec 2013. Indonesian team defeated Thai team in the event.

PHOTO AYE MIN SOE

## Myanmar athlete sets new record for women's 20 km Walk Race

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Ma Saw Malar Nwe of Myanmar won gold medal in women's 20 km Walk Race first day event after breaking the old record of the SEA Games.



Ma Saw Marlar Nwe finishing the line, raising both arms aloft.—MNA

The second prize went to The Thanh Phuc Nguyen of Vietnam and third to Ma Kay Khaing Tun of Myanmar. In men's 20 km Walk Race, Indonesia got first prize; Vietnam, second and Myanmar, third.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win awarded winners in 20-km Walk Race

*Kyemon-Than Naing (Zabuthiri)*

## Vietnam fetch two more gold in shooting event

YANGON, 15 Dec—The shooting event of the XXVII SEA Games took place at International shooting Range in North Dagon Township, here, this morning.

At today's matches, Vietnam secured gold with 1705.5 points, Singapore, silver with 1703.46 points and Malaysia, bronze with 1702.47 points in men's team 10-meter air pistol event while Vietnam's Hoang Xuan Vinh took gold with 199.7 points, Malaysia's Chew Eddy, silver with 198 points and Singapore's Swee Hon, bronze with 176.5 points in men's singles 10-meter air pistol event.



Women's 25-meter air pistol event will be held tomorrow.

*MNA*

*Vietnamese shooters in shooting event of XXVII SEA Games in progress.*

*MNA*

## Medal Tally

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Thailand	45	41	40	126
Myanmar	38	31	35	104
Vietnam	36	32	41	109
Indonesia	32	47	44	123
Malaysia	24	16	40	80
Singapore	16	14	24	54
Philippines	10	13	21	44
Cambodia	4	7	12	23
Brunei	2	6	18	26
Laos	1	1	4	6
Timor-Leste	0	0	1	1