

Scouts return to Myanmar after five decades



NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called on those present at coordination meeting for forming the Myanmar Scout Central Committee shape any possible role of the government to best support the formation of scout associations in Myanmar.

Scout activities have stopped in Myanmar since 1964, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham acknowledged the return of the scout associations to Myanmar after five decades.

The Vice-President praised the efforts of the interim scouts committee in

infancy to form the permanent scout central committee in Myanmar.

Totally 2000 students from 20 schools around the country were given the scout trainings in 2013.

The Asia Pacific Scout was invited to Nay Pyi Taw last year to make the way for Myanmar scouts for accession to the world scout community.

Acting Union Education Minister Dr Myo Myint briefed on formation of scouts associations and interim committee chairman Deputy Minister Dr San Lwin elaborated on the progress of scout activities.

Union Minister U Soe Thane, Acting Union Education Minister Dr Myo Myint, deputy ministers and those present at the meeting discussed the matters related to formation of the scout central committee.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham views scout equipment.

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ALL GEARED UP FOR MYANMAR PARA GAMES

By Darryl Gibson

NAY PYI TAW (Myanmar), 12 Jan—It's all systems go as flags of all 11 competing nations were raised in a brief ceremony at the Athletes Village at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex here today.

Ahead of the Games official opening ceremony at

the Wunna Theikdi Stadium on Tuesday (14 January), contingents converged in true spirit of Asean solidarity at the Games Village to witness the official flag-raising ceremony.

APSF President Dato Zainal Abu Zarin and the Federation's Board members attended the brief ceremony which saw the hosting

of flags of Brunei, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Vietnam, Timor Leste and Myanmar. The Asean Para Games is held every two years after the SEA Games.

"Despite all the shortcomings and challenges, I'm quite sure that Naypyitaw will be a great host of

the Para Games. Various aspects such as in the area of sports, classification, facilities and accessibility has been looked into.. I foresee that it'd be a great Games," said APSF President Datuk Zainal Abu Zarin.

Myanmar is hosting the Asean Para Games for the first time. The previous editions were held in

Kuala Lumpur in 2001 and 2009, Hanoi (2003), Manila, (2005) and Nakhonratchasima, Thailand in 2007 and Solo in Indonesia in 2011.

Asean sports powerhouse Thailand are seeking their 6th consecutive overall crown in the Games while host Myanmar, will be looking to improve their standings to help boost the profile of para sports in the country.

In the 2011 Solo

Games, Thailand reigned supreme amassing 116 gold followed by Indonesia and Malaysia in the overall second and third spots respectively.

Some 1,800 athletes are competing in the Myanmar Games from 14 to 20 January, which will have 12 sports being contested. Sports listed in the six-day Games are archery, athletic, boccia, and chess, Football 5-a-side, Football 7-a-side, Goalball, Powerlifting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball-Sitting and Wheelchair Basketball.

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project clarified to locals in Salingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—A ceremony to clarify environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project took place at the town hall in Salingyi Township yesterday morning.

ESIA (draft) was officially submitted by UMEHL and MWMCL on 11 December 2013 to implement the project in accord with international norms and standards and the report is being scrutinized by Environmental Impact Assessment Report Scrutinizing Committee formed by the State. The meeting's purpose is to clarify data

from the report and seek suggestions from the locals. Work progress of the project, undertakings of unbiased assessment committee, holding meetings related to ESIA (draft) and surveys with regard to the project and environmental greening activities were clarified

to the locals.

Member of Environmental Conservation Committee Director-General of Environmental Conservation Department U Nay Aye said ESIA (draft) will be posted on the project website both in English and Myanmar languages to

make known the people. Arrangement will be made to observe the report at liaison office and Report Scrutinizing Committee is assessing the report systematically as the project is pivotal for the State and people.

Chairman of Environmental Impact Assessment

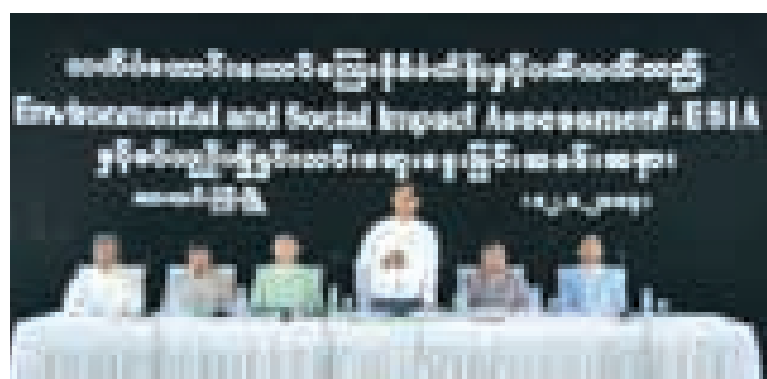
Report Scrutinizing Committee Deputy Director-General of Environmental Conservation Department U Hla Maung Thein explained reviews to chapter (12) of ESIA (draft), quality of soil, water and air, biodiversity, socioeconomics and environmental management programmes.

Consultant Mr. Brett Loney of Knight Pies sold Co who compiled the report discussed matters on baseline studies and key issues for environmental management plan.

Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung clarified questions raised by local people.—MNA

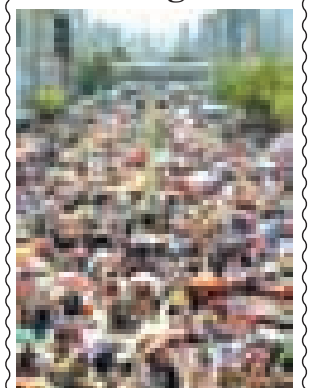
Ceremony to clarify environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project in progress.

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Magway Region organizes Workshop on Regional WASH Planning



MAGWAY, 13 Jan—The Workshop on Regional WASH Planning, jointly organized by Magway Region Rural Development Department, Region Health Department and UNICEF, was held at the city hall in Magway on 10 January.

Staff Officer U Khin Aung Thein of UNICEF led the workshop and the participants in five groups held discussions in detail.

The workshop was attended by one participant from Township Rural Development Department, one of Township Health Department and one of Township Development Supportive Committee from each township. Thus, a total of 75 participants from 25 townships joined the workshop.

The second session of the workshop was led by Head of Magway Region Health Department Dr Zaw Htay and Head of Rural Development Department U Nay Htet Shein who replied to discussions.—Kyemon-Thura Tun

Nation-building Endeavours

Officials make field trips to grassroots level



Kalay District officials meet local people in discussion on local requirements.

KALEWA, 13 Jan—One-storey brick school buildings are under construction for post-primary schools for 2013-14 fiscal year. The school building will be 60 feet long and 30 feet wide and located in Chinchau, Kyaunggyi and Waibon Village, east

of Mahmyaing Forest, 50 miles northeast of Kalewa in Sagaing Region.

Sagaing Region Hluttaw MP U Kyaw Soe Win and Chairman of Kalay District Management Committee U Maung Htoo together with township level authorities and officials inspected progress of construction tasks.

In meeting with local people, they discussed requirements of education, health, transport and rural development tasks and attended to the needs.

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Thukha Myitta donates stationery, teaching aid worth K 550,000

MANDALAY, 13 Jan—Thukha Myitta Social Group was formed with 30 students who are learning at Law and other majoring subjects at Yadanabon University of Mandalay in July 2013.

The aim of the group is to donate cash to needy children.

They went to the monastic primary school of Yadana Manaung Monastery in Monywa Village-tract in Monywa Township on 11 January and offered meals and robes to members of the Sangha and foods to teachers and students and stationery, books and journals worth K 550,000 to the school and library through Abbot Bhaddanta Nanobhasa.

The monastic education school teaches 170 children from the villages nearby the monastery.—Kyemon-Kyaw Zin (Monywa)



Workers of Yangon City Development Committee carrying out sanitation at drains long both sides of Komin Kochin Road under the Shwegondine overpass in Bahan Township of Yangon for proper flow of water. Vehicles are taking slow speed for safety of passengers, vehicles and other road users.

KYEMON-ZAW WIN MYINT



Cash donated to construction of traditional medicine hospital



Cash donation for 16-bed traditional medicine hospital in progress in Pyu of Bago Region.

PYU, 13 Jan—The cash donation for the 4-acre land plot of 16-bed traditional medicine hospital was held at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Pyu of Bago Region on 12 January.

Wellwisher Chairman of Pyu Township Association Agga Maha Thiri

Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Maung Maung explained the purpose of donation.

The wellwisher presented cash donation to Hospital Construction Committee Chairman Region Hluttaw Representative U Tint Aung and Secretary of Township Development Supportive Committee U Kyaw Soe. Officials gave certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

The ceremony was attended by the township administrator, departmental officials, wellwishers and those of social organizations.

Kyemon-Pyu Myint Oo

Students of Yadanabon University present stationery to school children from monastic education school in Monywa Township.



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Activists from a human rights group known as National Commission for Justice and Peace form a peace sign during an anti-terrorism protest in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 12 Jan, 2014. At least six security personnel were killed and two others injured when a bomb exploded near the convoy of a political leader in Pakistan's northwest Shingla District on Sunday afternoon, local media and officials said.—XINHUA

Anti-gov't protesters start "shutdown rally" in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 13 Jan — Anti-government protesters blocked main roads and intersections Monday in Bangkok as they staged a "shutdown rally" aimed at toppling the caretaker government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

The big crowds of protesters have blocked main roads in northern and central Bangkok including business and shopping places, putting pressure on the Yingluck government that has vowed to stay in power until elections are held.

Yingluck held a special meeting on Monday with ministers concerning the rally, while nearly 30,000 police and soldiers were deployed in the rally areas to ensure safety. Yingluck recently reiterated that the general election will be held as scheduled, even though the Election Commission called for it to be rescheduled in light of the political turmoil.

The army chief, Prayut Cha-ocha, also called a meeting of the military top brass to monitor the situation amid rumors of a

potential military coup if the violence gets out of control.

The army chief has said the government has to take responsibility if the violence escalates and causes casualties. However, he urged all sides to avoid violence and confrontation.

On Sunday, the government designated zones that the protesters planned to occupy as off-limits in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent them gaining access.

Under the shutdown, besides occupying several key intersections in the

Jakarta braces for bigger floods as over 5,000 displaced

JAKARTA, 13 Jan — Indonesia's capital Jakarta is taking precautions to ensure the safety of people from possible bigger floods as more than 5,000 people have been displaced by the waters so far, official said here on Monday.

Days of heavy downpours in Jakarta and upstream areas of Ciliwung River has bloated the river and burst its banks, pushing communities to stay on alert as the surface of the river keeps rising, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho,

spokesman of national disaster agency.

Waters have flooded in several parts of Jakarta and inundated 7,367 houses in the city, said Sutopo. "As many as 5,152 people fleeing to escape floods and taking shelters at higher grounds at 35 spots," he told Xinhua over phone.

The official warned the people to stay cautious as more rains are feared to come down.

"Based on satellite monitoring, there are still many clouds in the air of

Jakarta and Java Sea, heavy downpours are still potentially to come down. Be always cautious," he said. The capital Jakarta was paralyzed by floods on 17 January, 2013, as waters submerged the centre of business and office buildings.

Seasonal downpours often incurs floods each year in Indonesia, a chain of 17,500 islands where over millions of people live in vulnerable flood plains near to rivers.

Xinhua



Antigovernment protesters occupy a road in Bangkok on 13 Jan, 2014. They began blocking main roads in the Thai capital on 12 January ahead of the 13 January "shutdown rally" aimed at toppling the caretaker government led by Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra. KYODO NEWS

capital, the protesters led by former Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban plan to cut off electricity

and water supply to government agencies and also Yingluck's private residence.—Kyodo News

Iran, 6 powers agree to implement nuclear accord from 20 January

TEHERAN, 13 Jan — Iran and six major powers on Sunday agreed that their accord reached last year on curtailing Teheran's nuclear activities will be implemented from 20 January.

The agreement on the implementation date was disclosed by Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, according to Iran's official IRNA news agency.

US President Barack Obama said in a statement that he has "no illusions about how hard it will be" to achieve the objective of the earlier accord, but added that "for the sake of our national security and the peace and security of the world, now is the time to give diplomacy a chance to succeed."

European Union negotiator Catherine Ashton said in a statement that the "foundations for a coherent, robust and smooth implementation" have been laid.

The accord reached last November between Iran and the six countries — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — requires Iran to stop uranium enrichment above a fissile purity of 5 percent and halt construction of its Arak heavy-water reactor, which could yield plutonium.

In return, the six countries will remove the precious metals trade embargo on Iran, while refraining from imposing new sanctions for six months.

Kyodo News

Al-Qaeda Syria unit executes dozens of rivals in Raqqa

AMMAN, 13 Jan — The al-Qaeda-linked Islamist State of Iraq and the Levant executed dozens of rival Islamists over the last two days as the group recaptured most territory it had lost in the northeastern Syrian Province of Raqqa, activists said on Sunday.

One of the activists, who spoke from the province on condition of anonymity, said up to 100 fighters from the Nusra Front, another al-Qaeda affiliate, and the Ahrar al-Sham brigade, captured by ISIL in the town of Tel Abyad on the border with Turkey, the nearby area of Qantari and the provincial capital city of Raqqa, were shot dead.

There was no independent confirmation of the report.

"About 70 bodies, most shot in the head, were

collected and sent to the Raqqa National hospital," the activist said.

"Many of those executed had been wounded in the fighting. The fact that Nusra Front and Ahrar al-Sham are ideologically similar to the ISIL did not matter," he added.

ISIL's growth has alarmed Western nations, who are pushing the opposition to attend peace talks in Switzerland in 10 days' time, and has helped President Bashar al-Assad to portray himself as the only secular alternative to Islamist extremism.

Fighting between the ISIL and rival Islamists and more moderate rebels have killed hundreds of people over the last 10 days and shaken the hardline militant group led by foreign jihadists.—Reuters

Cambodian court frees former Russian tycoon

PHNOM PENH, 13 Jan — A Cambodian court freed Russian real estate tycoon Sergei Polonsky on Monday and he will not be extradited to Russia to face embezzlement charges there, his lawyer said.

Polonsky, who was once worth \$1.2 billion, is accused of fraud in a case in which authorities say

5.7 billion roubles (\$175 million) was stolen from investors in a Moscow real estate development project.

Cambodian police re-arrested Polonsky in November last year, planning to extradite him at Moscow's request. He has since been added to Interpol's wanted list.



Russian tycoon Sergei Polonsky (C) and his lawyer (wearing tie) speak to the media at the Appeal Court in central Phnom Penh on 13 Jan, 2014.

REUTERS

Polonsky's Cambodian lawyer Benson Samay said judges at closed-door decision at the Appeal Court on Monday cited the lack of an extradition treaty between Cambodia and Russia in informing their decision.

He also told reporters his client would stay in the country to fight other charges.

Polonsky was detained last year in Cambodia and released on bail in April with two other Russians after being charged with assault and illegal detention after an alleged altercation with the crew of a tourist boat.

"He won't be extradited to Russia and he will continue to help Cambodia by investing here," his lawyer told reporters. "I will help him find a wife, he is a good man."

Reuters

Friends of Syria group urges opposition to attend Geneva talks



Ahmad Jarba, leader of Syria's opposition National Coalition (L-R), French Foreign Affairs Minister Laurent Fabius, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Egypt's Foreign Minister Nabil Fahmy and US Secretary of State John Kerry attend a news conference at the French foreign ministry during a "Friends of Syria" meeting ahead of Geneva II peace talks, in Paris on 12 Jan 2014.—REUTERS

PARIS, 13 Jan — The "Friends of Syria", an alliance of mainly Western and Gulf Arab countries who oppose Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, urged opposition groups on Sunday to attend this month's peace talks, saying there was no other route to a political solution. With 10 days to go

until the first direct talks between the opposition and President Bashar al-Assad's government - set for 22 January in Switzerland and dubbed "Geneva 2" - Western backers have struggled to unify rebel groups.

The main political opposition body in exile, the Syrian National Coalition (SNC), has been plagued by internal bickering. It postponed a decision on whether to attend until next week after nearly a quarter of its 121 members threatened to resign following after the re-election of its Saudi-backed leader, Ahmad al-Jarba.

In a final statement, the 11 core Friends of Syria nations urged the SNC to attend the talks on the shores of Lake Geneva.

"We invite them to

form, as soon as possible, a delegation of opposition forces to participate in the political process," the joint statement said.

"There is no other political solution," French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said. "There will be no political solution for Syria unless 'Geneva 2' meets."

Even SNC participation at Geneva 2 is no guarantee that there will be an interlocutor in the talks who can truly represent the armed rebellion.

Led from abroad, the SNC has limited influence over the fighters on the ground who are acceptable to the West, and none over the more radically Islamist rebels who have supplanted them on many fronts of the rebellion.

Reuters

Syrian refugees in Lebanon exceed 868,000

BEIRUT, 13 Jan — The number of Syrian refugees seeking shelter in Lebanon has crossed the mark of 868,000, an increase of about 240,000 than last week's registration, the United Nations Higher Council for Refugees said on Sunday in its weekly report.

The report said that 819,239 refugees have been registered so far while there are 48,985 refugees who are still waiting to finalize their registration.

The refugees were distributed as follows: 243,106 in North Lebanon, 278,296 in the Bekaa, 192,956 in Beirut and Mount Lebanon and 104,881 in South Lebanon.

The report added that more than 7,000 Syrian refugees have received medical care during last week particularly in the field of post-delivery.

The number of Syrian refugees in the neighboring countries has exceeded two million and Lebanon host most of them, according to the report.

Xinhua

Ex-NBA star Rodman says 1-week N Korea trip "amazing"

BEIJING, 13 Jan — Former US basketball superstar Dennis Rodman said on Monday his one-week trip to North Korea, including a meeting with leader Kim Jong Un, was "amazing."

"I am not the president. I am not an ambassador. I am just Dennis Rodman and an individual," he told a crush of reporters at Beijing airport on arrival from Pyongyang, after celebrating Kim's birthday with the leader last week. "We can actually get along and be happy."

Rodman has been criticized for not using his close personal ties with Kim to raise concerns about repression in North Korea and seek the release of an imprisoned US missionary.

Kyodo News

South Sudan peace talks continue on truce

ADDIS ABABA, 13 Jan — The delegation of the South Sudanese government will continue to negotiate with the opposition side to resolve the crisis in Africa's newest state, Michael Makuei, South Sudanese Minister of Information and Broadcast, said on Sunday.

Under the mediation of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the two sides have continued the peace talks in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia. Makuei, who is also spokesperson of the government delegation to the peace talks, told the press that the South Sudanese government continues the peace negotiation without conditions.

He expressed optimism that the two sides would

sign the cessation of hostilities in few days.

Makuei said IGAD envoys on Saturday held discussion with Reik Machar, the former South Sudanese vice president.

"Yesterday, the special envoys went to visit Reik Machar in his place inside South Sudan. They went to discuss with him issues of concern and special issues that are the main obstacle to the signing of the cessation of hostilities," he stated.

He said those in the opposition side condition it on the release of detainees.

The minister said the release of detainees, who have allegedly been involved in the reportedly attempted coup, should not

be a condition for the negotiation. "We will continue to negotiate, the mediators or the envoys will continue, and we are optimistic that we will be signing this agreement within the coming few days," he noted.

The minister also said, "We have fully controlled the whole of Unity State. We have recovered the oil installations even though they were badly destroyed. This is very unfortunate. We have recovered them all. They have destroyed whatever facilities that are there including the hospital, which was recently built. They have done a massive destruction. Nevertheless, we have pushed them out."

Xinhua

Japan pledges 70 billion yen in ODA to Mozambique



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Mozambican President Armando Guebuza shake hands after holding a joint Press conference in Maputo on 12 Jan, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

MAPUTO, 13 Jan — Japan will provide a total of 70 billion yen in official development assistance to Mozambique over five years for a transport corridor project, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Sunday.

Abe made the pledge in a meeting with President Armando Guebuza in the Mozambique capital of Maputo as they agreed to strengthen cooperation on energy sources such as liquefied natural gas and coal.

The Nacala Corridor, located in the north of Mozambique, extends from the port of Nacala to inland districts of the African nation and further to neighboring countries such as Malawi and Zambia. "We agreed to deepen bilateral relations," Abe said at a joint Press

conference, while Guebuza expressed his gratitude for Japan's development assistance.

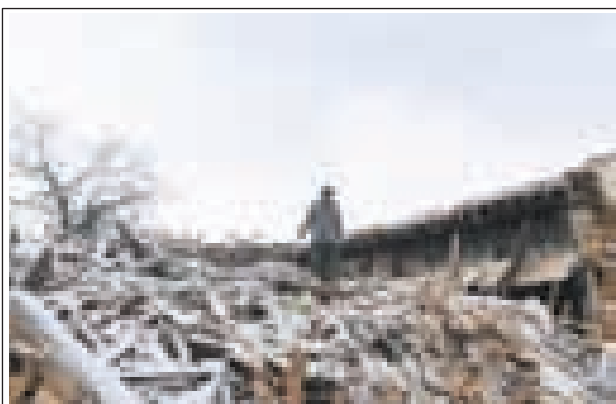
The two leaders also confirmed that the successful development of natural resources in Mozambique is important for its economic growth and energy supply to Japan. As for an already signed investment accord, the two leaders expressed hope it will take effect at an early date.

Abe, on a weeklong trip to the Middle East and Africa, also said Japan will contribute to world peace and stability with his policy of "proactive pacifism." Japanese Self-Defence Force troops participated in UN peacekeeping operations in Mozambique between 1993 and 1995.—Kyodo News

M6.5 earthquake jolts Puerto Rico

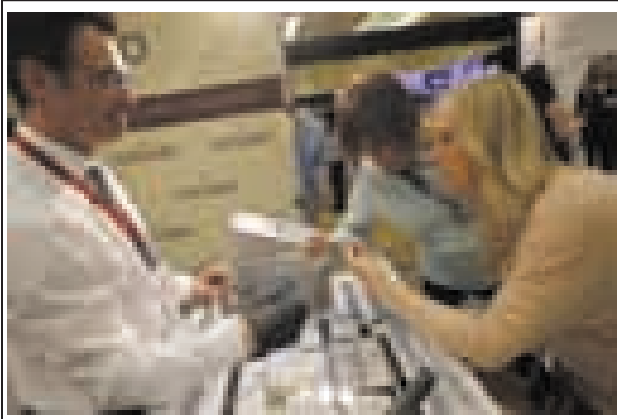
WASHINGTON, 13 Jan — A magnitude-6.5 earthquake jolted Puerto Rico at 0401 GMT on Monday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 28.51 km, was initially determined to be at 18.9974 degrees north latitude and 66.8287 degrees west longitude.—Xinhua



A man stands on a damaged house burnt during a fire at the Dukezong Ancient Town of Shangri-la, a resort county in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 12 Jan, 2014. More than 240 houses were damaged by the fire that started in the early hours of Saturday. The fire has been extinguished and no casualties have been reported as of 12 Jan. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Dukezong, meaning "town of the moon", was built 1,300 years ago and is one of the most renowned resorts in Shangri-la, known for its well-preserved ancient Tibetan dwellings.—XINHUA

WORLD



People view rings at the 37th Wedding Fair in Vancouver, Canada, on 11 Jan, 2014. The fair attracted over 150 exhibitors showing the latest wedding products.

XINHUA

38 arrested after Spain's construction plan stirs protests

MADRID, 13 Jan — Twenty-two people were arrested on Saturday night in the Spanish city of Burgos, bringing the total of arrested people to 38 since a protest against a street construction plan started on Friday night, officials said.

Twelve people were also injured during the Saturday night incidents that followed on from the disturbances on Friday in which people protested against a government decision to turn a four-lane road into a two-lane boulevard.

On Friday, a group of protestors threw bottles and stones at police, burned rubbish containers and broke shop windows. The violence ended up with riot police arresting 16 pro-

testors.

The clashes on Saturday followed a march organized in support of those arrested and saw a further 22 arrests, eight of whom were under 18 years old.

Saturday's march involved over 1,000 people and had been peaceful, but then degenerated into incidents similar to those on Friday with street furniture damaged, street barricades erected and various baton charges by riot police.

Spanish media reports said there was more damage caused on Saturday than in the previous night. Local authorities held a meeting Sunday to evaluate the damage and consider what action should now be taken. —Xinhua

Death toll from S Philippine landslides, flooding climbs to 13

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 13 Jan — At least 13 people are confirmed dead due to landslides and massive flooding in a number of areas in southern Philippines on Sunday, local government officials said on Monday.

Loreto Rirao, civil defense chief for Davao region, said 11 of the fatalities were caused by landslides that hit mining communities in Compostela

Valley and Davao Oriental Provinces.

Rirao said two people were drowned after floodwater swamped communities in Bayugan City in Agusan del Sur Province.

The landslides and floods injured 10 others while 14 people were reported missing. The flooding and landslides spawned by days of continuous rains due to a lingering low pressure area also displaced

Singapore Management University plans to expand

SINGAPORE, 13 Jan — The Singapore Management University, established in 2000 as a specialized business university, is planning to expand to be a more comprehensive with programs in the humanities and even applied mathematics, a local newspaper reported on Monday.

The university's 7,000 undergraduates in business, law, information systems management, accountancy, economics and social science will be able to study subjects in history, literature and philosophy when a

school of humanities is set up in the next few years, *the Straits Times* reported.

It will also offer a full degree course in applied mathematics.

Also on the cards is a short-stay residential college, or SMU Village, for students to incubate their project ideas.

"We no longer see ourselves as a specialized business school modeled after the Wharton School of Business, but one that stands out for its courses and research in the management of all fields including

health care, public policy and art," said Ho Kwon Ping, chairman of the governing board.

The university, which has its campus in downtown Singapore, is in talks with the relevant government agencies to build the village, which will have rooms to house 600 students.

But Ho said the university will be striking out in a slightly different direction.

"Going forward, we also want to be rooted in the social, and natural sciences as well as the humanities, a

comprehensive university in the European sense," he said.

Ho said the university may offer a degree in the liberal arts in future, should the humanities courses prove to be popular.

The university's president Arnoud De Meyer said it was ready to "embrace" its location within the city.

"We don't want to be an academic island within the city. We want to be part and parcel of the city and be a change agent within it," he said.

Xinhua

Ukraine pro-Europe protesters hold first big rally of 2014

KIEV, 13 Jan — At least 50,000 opponents of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich rallied in a central Kiev square on Sunday, reviving an anti-government protest movement after a Christmas and New Year lull.

The mass rally in Independence Square was a continuation of street protests that erupted in November after Yanukovich decided to abandon a free trade agreement with the European Union in favour of closer cooperation with Russia. The demonstration came a day after baton-wielding riot police tried to

disperse protesters outside a Kiev courthouse, sparking clashes in which at least 10 people were injured.

"What are the next steps? We will fight, ... protest peacefully," Vitaly Klitschko, an opposition leader and former world heavyweight boxing champion, told a crowd waving the blue-and-yellow national flags of Ukraine.

He accused the authorities of using the police to silence protests, and repeated the opposition's call for early presidential elections, which are not due until 2015. Another opposition leader, Arseny Yatsenyuk, called on



Police block pro-European integration supporters as they stage a rally near the residence of Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich outside Kiev, on 12 Jan, 2014. —REUTERS

the West to impose sanctions against senior state officials, including Interior Minister Vitaly Zakharchenko, who, he said, had violated Ukraine's constitution by authorizing the use of force against the protesters.

On 7 January, the US

Senate passed a non-binding resolution urging the US president and Congress to consider applying sanctions including visa bans and asset freezes against any officials who ordered or carried out violence against protesters.—Reuters

6 policemen killed in attacks on aide to Pakistani Prime Minister

ISLAMABAD, 13 Jan — Six policemen were killed in two attacks on a special adviser to Pakistan's Prime Minister in the northern part of the country Sunday, senior police officials said.

The aide, Amir Muqam, told reporters that one of the attacks was carried out by a suicide bomber and the second by

a bomb in his hometown of Shangla district in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Province.

The attacks took place as he was returning from a meeting that brokered reconciliation between two feuding groups.

Muqam, who served as federal minister under former President Pervez Musharraf, is currently working for Prime Minister

Nawaz Sharif as a Cabinet-level special adviser.

"This was the sixth attempt on my life apparently carried out by terrorists," Muqam said.

Shangla is regarded as a semi-tribal area bordering Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Province and the autonomous region of Gilgit-Baltistan bordering China.

Kyodo News

Pentagon chief calls for "transparent" constitutional referendum in Egypt

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan — US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel on Sunday called for a "transparent" constitutional referendum in Egypt to ensure all voters cast their vote "freely" on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In his talks over the phone with his Egyptian

counterpart General Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi, the Pentagon chief discussed "the importance of the constitutional referendum for Egypt's overall political transition," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said in a readout of the conversation.

Hagel "stressed the

importance of a transparent referendum in which all Egyptians have the opportunity to cast their vote freely, " and urged al-Sisi to ensure the international and domestic observers have "full access," Kirby said.

Xinhua

An Israeli police helicopter hovers above Israeli Knesset (parliament) where the mourning ceremony of former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon takes place in Jerusalem, on 12 Jan, 2014.

XINHUA



Asian shares mostly firmer, gold gains as dollar skids

SYDNEY, 13 Jan — Asian shares and currencies were mostly firmer on Monday in the wake of surprisingly weak US jobs numbers that added to the case for the Federal Reserve to keep rates low for longer. Friday's disappointing data pulled down bond yields and the dollar, while lifting prices for gold and many commodities. It was also seen as beneficial for some emerging market countries which had been pressured by funds flocking to western assets.

While activity was curbed by a Japanese holiday, South Korea managed a rise of 0.7 percent.

KS11 and MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS added 0.6 percent. Emerging markets fared well with the Philippines up 1.7 percent .PSI and Indonesia more than 2 percent .JKSE. But Shanghai .SSEC went flat after China set its yuan at a record high for a second straight session, extending the gradual appreciation of the currency. Most other currencies in the region gained on the US dollar which skidded to 103.33 yen, having shed a full yen on Friday to end at 104.08 in New York.

The euro firmed to



An office worker walks past the board of the Australian Securities Exchange building displaying its logo in central Sydney on 5 April, 2013. — REUTERS

\$1.3682, compared to \$1.3590 before the job figures hit dealing screens on Friday. The Australian dollar also got a leg up to \$0.9038, its best level in over a month. Dealers said the market had been very long of dollars in anticipation of a strong US jobs number, in part due to a healthy reading from pri-

vate payroll operator ADT. Instead, payrolls rose just 74,000 in December, the smallest increase in nearly three years and far below the 196,000 forecast. The jobless rate fell sharply to 6.7 percent though largely because of a fall in the participation rate as people dropped out of the labour force.—Reuters

Volkswagen says it plans to invest \$7 billion in North America

DETROIT, 13 Jan — Volkswagen AG said on Sunday it plans to make a sport utility vehicle tailored for the North American market and will invest \$7 billion in the region as it seeks to increase sales. Europe's largest automaker reiterated its goal of selling 1 million Volkswagen and upscale Audi vehicles annually in the United States by 2018 as it launches more locally made cars.

The company said the move was a sign of renewed commitment to the

the eve of the North American Auto Show. The \$7 billion is to be spent over five years as part of investment plans previously announced at a global level by the Wolfsburg, Germany-based group. VW said the new seven-seater SUV would be launched in 2016.

Winterkorn declined to say whether the new vehicle would be assembled at VW's Chattanooga, Tennessee plant or in Mexico, where production of the Golf compact begins next week. Volkswagen's Phaeton se-



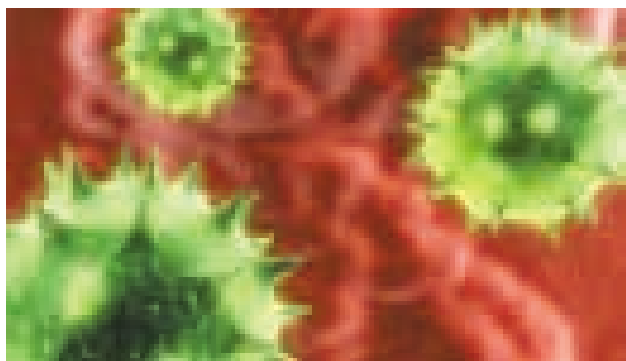
The logo of German carmaker Volkswagen is seen at a VW dealership in Hamburg, on 28 Oct, 2013. Volkswagen is due to present company results on Wednesday.

REUTERS

market after a sales decline by its core VW brand, which continues to achieve low US quality scores. "The Volkswagen brand is and remains at the heart of our product strategy here," CEO Martin Winterkorn told reporters in Detroit on

dan, the brand's luxury flagship, will also return to the US market in 2016, he said. In 2013, Volkswagen Group, which also owns the Porsche, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Skoda and Seat marques, sold 600,000 cars in North America.—Reuters

S Africa issues warning against Congo fever



JOHANNESBURG, 13 Jan — The South African health organization on Sunday warned people against contracting the Congo fever.

As the summer comes,

people who love spending time outdoors should try their best to protect themselves from catching the Congo fever which is caused by the tick bites, said National Institute for

Communicable Diseases (NICD) spokesperson Lucille Blumberg in a statement.

The warning came as a 39-year-old woman was receiving treatment in hospital after being bitten by the tick last week.

The spokesperson believed that many people are at risk of contracting the disease at this time of the year, saying "people who go hiking or walking in the veld can be bitten by common ticks infected with the bacteria."

The symptom of the Congo fever would include a little black scab, high fe-

ver and very severe headache.

In South Africa, residents like to trip or picnic outdoors over weekends. "Around 30 percent of those people who contracted the fever would be possible to die from its virus," Blumberg warned.

The spokesperson said though there is no vaccine for the fever, yet "treatment is really supportive." Last year five people contracted the Congo fever in South Africa, and all of them survived after being hospitalized.

Xinhua

"Buyma" shopping site attracts luxury brand fans

TOKYO, 13 Jan — A social shopping site called "Buyma" is connecting individuals looking for luxury brand products that are not available in Japan with people abroad interested in buying them on their behalf. The main overseas buyers for the site managed by Enigmo Inc are Japanese housewives and other ordinary individuals living outside Japan.

The site was launched by Enigmo Chief Executive Officer Shokei Suda in 2005 to help Japanese consumers purchase upscale foreign brand products more easily. Under the service, the Tokyo-based company undertakes all the transactions between sellers and purchasers and receives commission fees once the deal is settled. "We hoped to discover quality items on a real-time basis

with the help of individuals around the world who are good judges," Enigmo director Hideo Ando said.

The company initially struggled as it failed to increase customers who were interested in purchasing goods on its site. There were even times when monthly sales totaled only 30,000 yen, according to Enigmo. Once the company focused on fashion, however, the site started to gain popularity, with the number of its member consumers now totaling some 1.5 million. The number of buyers overseas also increased, reaching around 50,000 living in 75 countries. Enigmo said that the spread of smartphones has also contributed to the rapid growth of the service and that many consumers have visited the site to look for what they

were unable to find anywhere else.

Currently, about 2.4 million items such as clothing, accessories and tableware are put up for sale annually on Buyma, according to the company. On the part of sellers, one Japanese couple living in Italy expressed satisfaction at being buyers for the company. "This job (of buying products in Italy) has supported the family as we are both busy in raising children and studying," one of them said. Since an increasing number of consumers directly ask buyers who share the same taste to purchase specific items, the company has added a function with which buyers can send information about products and bargains to specific consumers.

Kyodo News

Jaguar Land Rover reports record sales for 2013

LONDON, 13 Jan — Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), the largest car manufacturer in Britain, reported on Sunday a record sales worldwide in 2013, thanks to strong demand in the United States and Germany as well as growing markets of India and China.

JLR, a British brand which is now owned by India's Tata Motors, said its sales of vehicles reached a new high in 2013 to 425,006

units, rising 19 percent year on year. Sales of Land Rover brand topped 350,000 units worldwide last year, accounting for more than 80 percent JLR's total sales.

Its vehicles are now sold in 38 international markets. JLR's sales surged 30 percent in the Asia-Pacific and China region; 21 percent in North America; 15 percent in Britain; six percent in the rest of Europe and 23 percent in other

markets outside Britain. Ralf Speth, chief executive of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), said: "2013 has proven to be a very positive year for Jaguar Land Rover thanks to continuing strong demand for vehicles across the range."

"Our unrelenting focus on design, technology, innovation and quality has seen Jaguar Land Rover reach global consumers in more markets than ever before thanks to its most desirable product line-up, enriched further in 2013 by the Jaguar F-TYPE and all-new Range Rover Sport". Tata Motors bought Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford Motor in 2008 for 2.3 billion US dollars as part of plans to expand its reach beyond Asia.

Xinhua



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Australia's Telstra to offload majority stake in struggling Sensis

SYDNEY, 13 Jan — Australia's biggest phone company Telstra Corporation Ltd has agreed to sell 70 percent of its directories unit Sensis, offloading a struggling business challenged by digital transition for less than the market had anticipated.

The sale of Sensis, following Telstra's sale of Hong Kong mobile phone business last month, would further boost the telco giant's cash war chest to invest in new growth businesses and expand its mo-

bile network.

Telstra said on Monday that it had agreed to sell the Sensis stake to Platinum Equity, a US-based private equity firm, for A\$454 million (\$407.17 million). Telstra will retain 30 percent of Sensis, a business valued at A\$649 million, it added. Analysts had said the entire business was worth as much as A\$3 billion.

"This is Telstra getting out as soon as they can because it believes the business in the longer term may not be as viable as some

people suggest," said IG market strategist Evan Lucas. He added that the deal was "disappointing" from a price perspective but was "probably a good thing" for Telstra as a whole.

Telstra shares dipped 0.1 percent to A\$5.26 at 0009 GMT. Sensis publishes print and online directories including the White Pages and the Yellow Pages. The unit generated earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of A\$571 million for the year

ending June 2013, down 22 percent from the previous year. Chief Financial Officer Andrew Penn told investors in an August briefing that the transitioning of the Sensis business to a digital model remained "challenging".

"We have spent the last two years enhancing our print directories business with a rich set of digital directory offerings," Telstra chief executive David Thodey said in a statement on Monday. "To drive further momentum, we believe it is



A man walks past a Telstra public phone in Sydney on 8 Aug, 2013. — REUTERS

the appropriate time to introduce Platinum Equity as a strategic partner."

But the sale price implies the business could be in deeper trouble than peo-

ple had thought, said another telecommunications analyst who declined to be named according to company policy.

Reuters

Samsung Galaxy S5 'premium' model to be made of stainless steel, plastic



NEW DELHI, 13 Jan — Ahead of the much-anticipated debut of Samsung's next flagship smartphone, widely expected to be dubbed Galaxy S5, there is endless speculation around the device. Now, a report emerging from Korea has claimed that Samsung is adopting a blend of stainless steel, to increase the endurance, and plastic, to check the weight of the alleged 'premium' variant of the Samsung Galaxy S5.

Further, the report claims that the rear panel covering the battery compartment will be made of

metal, and will be cast alongside a plastic material. The report also suggests that the South Korean manufacturer is also working on aluminium and magnesium chassis with a sealed battery compartment for the alleged 'premium' variant of the Galaxy S5.

An earlier report had indicated that Samsung is been planning to release two versions of the alleged Galaxy S5: a premium variant which will sport a metal chassis and a flexible OLED, and a variant which will come with the usual plastic body, as found on

other Galaxy smartphones.

Notably, the South Korean giant has also been rumoured to be working on the alleged Samsung Galaxy F, which would sport a metal body and could be launched in 2014 after the release of rumoured Galaxy S5. It can be expected that the current Korean report might be referring to the alleged Galaxy F. Earlier report revealed that Samsung's alleged Galaxy F's metallic prototype was manufactured in Europe and then was moved to South Korean giant's Vietnam production unit.

On Thursday, a report quoted a Samsung VP as saying the company was considering the inclusion of an iris-scanning feature on the Samsung Galaxy S5. The VP added that Samsung is hoping to launch the Galaxy S5 in April, alongside the company's successor to the Galaxy Gear.

PTI

Orbital Sciences cargo ship arrives at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 13 Jan — Orbital Sciences Corp, one of two companies hired by US space agency NASA to make supply runs to the International Space Station, delivered its first cargo ship on Sunday, a NASA TV broadcast showed.

Space station flight engineer Mike Hopkins used the outpost's 60-foot-long (18 metre) robotic arm to pluck a Cygnus freighter capsule from orbit at 6:08 am EST as the two ships sailed 264 miles over the

Indian Ocean, northeast of Madagascar.

"A big sigh of relief for Orbital," said astronaut and NASA TV commentator Catherine "Cady" Coleman from Mission Control in Houston. About two hours later, Hopkins latched the capsule, which is about the size of a small bus, to a docking port on the space station's Harmony module.

The capsule is loaded with 3,221 pounds (1,461 kg) of food, equipment, science experiments and supplies for the sta-

tion, including computers and replacement parts for NASA's spacesuits. Several commercial payloads also are aboard the Cygnus freighter, including a "CubeSat" launcher owned by Houston-based NanoRacks. CubeSats are 4-inch-sided, standardized, relatively inexpensive spacecraft.

They produce their own power, transmit signals and are used for a variety of scientific purposes. Individual CubeSats can be configured to fly together. The launcher will be operated from Japan's Kibo module, which includes a small airlock, robotic arm and external platform.

The Japan Aerospace and Exploration Agency already operates a similar CubeSat launcher. The Cygnus capsule is scheduled to remain docked to the outpost for about 45 days, and will be unpacked, then refilled with trash and items no longer needed aboard the station.—Reuters



An Orbital Sciences Corporation Antares rocket is seen as it launches from Pad-0A at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility at Wallops Island, Virginia on 9 Jan, 2014.

REUTERS

Iran to launch 3 new satellites

TEHERAN, 13 Jan — Iran is preparing to send into orbit three new home-made satellites, Vice President for Executive Affairs Mohammad Shariatmadari was quoted as saying by Iran daily on Sunday.

"Tadbir, Sharif Sat and Fajr satellites are all in the final stages and ready for launching," Shariatmadari said.

He declined to specify dates for the launch, saying that the blast-offs will take

place once technical tests are concluded.

In December, a senior Iran's Space Agency (ISA) official said that Teheran would send Tadbir and Sharif Sat into orbit by the end of the current Iranian year (20 March, 2014).

"Tests are being conducted on the two satellites before the launching process," Hamid Fazeli said.

The country will soon launch another domestically-built satellite carrier



Kavoshgar-7 (Explorer-7) into space.

On 14 December, Iran sent a second live monkey "Fargam," by the rocket

"Research" into space. In January, Iran had sent a capsule containing a monkey onboard Pishgam (Pioneer) I into space. — Xinhua

Two Chinese businessmen booked space trips for 2015

BEIJING, 13 Jan — Two Chinese businessmen have already booked tickets for space trip in 2015 since registration began on the Chinese mainland on 27 December, the China Daily reported on Monday.

More than 100 people have expressed their interest to explore space since such trips became accessible to Chinese travellers late last year, Zhang Yong, chief executive officer of

Dexo Travel, a Chinese travel agency focusing on high-end travellers, was quoted as saying.

If everything goes well, the first group of private Chinese astronauts will likely to travel into space before the end of 2014 by boarding Lynx Mark I spacecraft and paying a minimum of 95,000 US dollars for a one-hour journey, according to the newspaper.—Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 14 January, 2014

Another significant year

Ten or more days after bidding farewell to the old pal and welcoming the new buddy, we are now at the very start of a New Year, which according to Gregorian calendar is 2014.

This year will be a very busy year for Myanmar as she as the Chair of the ASEAN will have to organize over 280 meetings of the regional body. She is now preparing to host summits, retreats, ministerial meetings, officials meetings all leading to the integration of the regional body and the realization of its goal – one vision, one identity, and one community.

As the Chair, there will be prospects, advantages, privileges, benefits for her. But on the other hand she will have to overcome challenges, settle disputes, and sometimes act as an arbitrator. We believe Myanmar as a country embracing five principles of peaceful co-existence and non-interference will be able to do the job well, and from this assignment, we can learn valuable knowledge and experiences for our future progress and prosperity. Because of the democratization process which brings together with it transparency, accountability, liability and responsibility, we are going to win greater international trust that may be the cornerstone for development of various fields especially the national economy through increase in the flow of foreign direct investment and greater international partnership. And in the domestic sector, political parties will start drumming up public support for their organizations and delegates as the general elections will be held next year.

We hope no political party will try to win votes or power at the cost of national unity, and they will do their job as per the democratic principles. On the whole, 2014 will be another significant year for Myanmar during which she will experience a lot of activities, international and regional dealings, business overtures and prospects, and diplomatic economic and political gains that will help shape our future.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw,
Announcement No.3/2014
13th Waxing of Pyatho, 1375 ME
(13th January, 2014)

Kachin Democratic Party allowed to register as party

It is hereby announced that Kachin Democratic Party headquartered at No.12, 5th floor (A), Myawady Road, Myaynigon (North) Ward, Sangyoung Township of Yangon Region was allowed to register as a political party in accord with Article 9 of Political Parties Registration Law as of 13 January 2014. The registration number of the party is 72.

By order,

(Aung Myint)
Member

Union Election Commission



Japan to assist in human resources development, investment and banking industry of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a Japanese delegation led by Vice-President of ruling Liberal Democratic Party and former Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Masahiko Komura at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Pal-

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham shakes hands with Vice-President of Liberal Democratic Party and former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Masahiko Komura.

MNA

ace, here, this evening.

They had a cordial discussion on Japan's assistance for human resources development in Myanmar, agreements made in investment sectors, cooperation for development of banking industry and matters on further development in all sectors of Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and officials. The Japanese guest was accompanied by Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikio Numata and officials.—MNA

Attorney General says rule of law in Myanmar FDI Law

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—A Japanese delegation led by Vice-President of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and former Foreign Minister of Japan Mr. Masahiko Komura paid a call on Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin at his Office this morning.

The Japanese delega-

tion discussed that Myanmar and Japan have a long history of amity and relations since yore. Both countries had talks on legal affairs cooperation in June, 2013, contributing to better relations between the two countries. The Union Attorney-General's Office of Myanmar serves as focal

point for legal affairs. The Union Attorney-General for his part said that 21 seminars and workshops have been held by the Union Attorney-General's Office in cooperation with JICA, UNDP and USAID etc. There should be the rule of law not only in judiciary system but also in 36 government ministries. The

Myanmar Foreign Direct Investment Law includes the rule of law. Myanmar has opened up its door to the foreign investors for the massive inflow of foreign direct investments. He reaffirmed that Myanmar would promote bilateral cooperation with Japan in the future.

MNA

Preparation for hosting ASEAN Meetings in 2014 inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—To support, advice and coordinate the work of Myanmar's Chairmanship for 2014, ASEAN Secretariat Delegation led by Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr Le Luong Minh accompanied by U Nyan Lynn, Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Political and Security Community, Dr Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Sec-

retary-General for ASEAN Economic Community and Ms. Alicia Dela Rosa Bala, Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Social-Cultural Community and officials visited Nay Pyi Taw, from 13 to 15 January 2014.

During the visit, the Secretary-General of ASEAN, accompanied with U Nyan Lynn, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for

ASEAN Political and Security Community and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta toured on preparation for hosting the ASEAN Meetings in 2014 at Myanmar International Convention Center (1) in the morning of 13th January 2014.

The Secretary General of ASEAN and party paid courtesy call to U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minis-

ter for Foreign Affairs, and discussed matters related to Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship, tasks remained in the ASEAN Community Building, priorities of Myanmar Chairmanship, the ASEAN Community Post 2015 Vision and particularly, the contribution expertise of ASEAN Secretariat to Myanmar during the Chairmanship.—MNA

MMCWA donates stationery to students in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA) donated stationery worth K 1 million to students at basic education schools in eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area in 2013-14 academic year. On the occasion, Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Thet Thet Swe and Joint Secretary (I) Daw Tin Tin Win explained the purposes of donation and school heads from 30 schools accepted the donations. The Vice-President and officials from MMCWA, school heads, teachers, towns elders and students attended the donation ceremonies.

MNA



Ceremony to donate stationery worth K 1 million to schools in eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area in progress.—MNA

NATIONAL

Special civil appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—A special bench comprising Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and all judges of the Supreme Court passed verdicts on two special criminal appeal cases and four special civil appeal cases at the Office No. 1 of the Supreme Court of the Union today.

Moreover, they heard six special civil appeal cases. *MNA*

Parliament responsible...

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and Irrigation U Ohn Than said actions have been taking against those who sell low quality items after a Pesticides Registration Board in 25 February, 1992. Plans are under way to re-draft the Law. The Ministry is placing special emphasis on knowledge dissemination on the use of pesticides and the enforcement of pesticides laws. The Bill Committee read out its report on the National Races Rights Protection Bill.

The main canal of Kanni river water pumping station located in Minbu Township of Magway Region, an arid area of Myanmar, has been dredged

in November 2013. The dredging of a 1850 feet long silted drain is underway and it will be complete by January 2014, explained U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, in his response to question of MP U Kyaw Thu Oo of Magway Region Constituency No 5 at today's Amyotha Hluttaw session.

Repair of No 4 and No 5 tributary canals of the station will be completed by January 2014, and it will irrigate farmlands of monsoon crops in 2014, he added.

Today's session, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—A ceremony for donation of eye vision of Tipitaka Cakkhupala Team was held at People's Hospital in Yathedaung Township in Rakhine State on 11 January. The ceremony was at-

tended by Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Relief and Victims Care Committee Chairman Dr Khin Shwe, officials, eye specialists and patients. The Deputy Speaker and officials viewed the eye op-

erations and donated glasses, medicines and necessary equipment to the patients. Dr Khin Shwe donated K 45 million to the team through eye specialist Dr Aye Tun before the Secretary Sayadaw of Tipitaka Cakkhupala Team delivered a sermon. The specialists of the team performed 398 major operations and 11 minor operations and provided eye care services to 1800 out patients.—*MNA*

extended greetings, saying that the information and staff office opened at Amyotha Hluttaw Office will provide necessary assistance for MPs through Internet, books and documents and governmental organizations. The staff is under control of Research, Public Relations and International Relations Branch of the Hluttaw.

Before conclusion of today's session, the Speaker announced that the MPs wishing to discuss the Early Child Care and Development Bill, the Toxicities Bill and the Traditional Medicine Bill represent by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments are to submit nomination. *MNA*

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Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein presents medicine to patients.—*MNA*

Singaporeans engage in infrastructure development of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Jointly organized by Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore, Senior Management Programme for Infrastructure Development and Competitiveness Workshop in Myanmar opened at Nay Pyi Taw Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning.

The course is aimed at supporting for Myanmar's reform processes and rapidly development of infrastructure in Myanmar. It was supported by Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR) of GE International Inc.

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw pointed out the important role of senior officials in political, economic, social and administration

reform processes of the State. Plans are underway to conduct public administration and development post-graduate course for senior officers to be opened in Nay Pyi Taw, he added.

Chief Executive Officer Mr. Kovit Kantapasara of GE Thailand clarified the undertaking programmes for socio-economic development of Myanmar and

another supporting plan for Myanmar.

Joint Professor Eduardo Araral of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy explained about the subjects of the course.

A total of 40 senior officers are attending the 5-day course. Of them, 15 outstanding trainees will be selected to attend the course in the U.S.—*MNA*

Educative talks given to cotton growers in Pyawbwe Tsp

MEIKTILA, 13 Jan—To generate incomes of cotton growers, educative talk on boosting production of RAKA long staple cotton to the cotton growers conducted by Hot Biotechnology Co., took place in Yintaw Village, Pyawbwe Township in Meiktila, on 11 January.

The RAKA strain long

staple cotton can produce 1200 viss per acre and it can be sold at K 1300 per viss. It is estimated that cultivation of cotton costs K 300,000 per acre and the growers can get K 1.2 million net profits per acre. Over 100 cotton growers from Pyawbwe, Yamethin and Thazi townships attended the talks.

NLM-017



Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htwe looks into construction of station hospital (16-bed) in Kyobin Village in Kama Township on 10 January.—*MNA*

Tickets for opening, closing ceremonies of 7th ASEAN Para Games available

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—The opening ceremony of the 7th ASEAN Para Games will be held in Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex tomorrow and closing ceremony, on 20 January.

Tickets for opening

ceremony were sold as of 11 January at Accreditation Center near Gate No. 1 of Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, Paunglaung Sports Grounds in Pyinmana Township, Junction Center in Nay Pyi Taw Ho-

tel Zone and Training Center-2 in Lewe Township.

Tickets for closing ceremony will be sold starting from 15 January at those places.

The citizenship scrutiny card is required to pur-

ASEAN Senior Economic Officer Meeting (SEOM) opens

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—ASEAN Senior Economic Officer Meeting (SEOM) was opened at Royal Kumudara Hotel, here, today.

Prioritized tasks to be carried out in 2014 by Myanmar, emergence of AEC in 2015, coordination and cooperation for completion

of economic agreements to be signed in 2014, economic cooperation with China, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Hong

Kong, US, Canada, Russia and European Union, holding informal SEOM-METI consultations and time and venue for holding ASEAN Senior Economic Officer Meeting (SEOM) were discussed.—*MNA*

National Sports

Victorious Myanmar boxers honoured

YANGON, 13 Jan—A ceremony to honour victorious Myanmar selected boxers who secured medals in the XXVII SEA Games was held at Summit Parkview Hotel on Ahlon Road, here, on 11 January evening.

President of Myanmar Boxing Federation U Yan Win handed over gifts for the achievement to Principal of Sports and Physical Education Institute U Kyaw San Oo on behalf of the Ministry of Sports, and Yangon Region Minister for Planning and

Economic U Than Myint, on behalf of the Yangon Region government.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan gave K 30 million each to gold medallist boxers Wai Lin Aung and Nweni Oo, Deputy Minister U Zaw Win and Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Tin Ngwe K 10 million each to silver medallists Maung Nge and Kyu Kyu Hlaing and Yangon Region Minister U Than Myint K 5 million each to bronze medallists Thet Htar San

and Khaing Khin Oo.

President of the federation U Yan Win gave K 3 million each to eight selected boxers, K 5 million to manager, coaches and referee team and K 1 million to medical team.

Vice-President of the federation U Kyaw Kyaw Soe, Treasurer U Kyi Lin and General Secretary U Tin Hlaing presented gifts to the organizations and companies that contributed to success of the boxing team.

MMAL-Ko Gyi Tin

Coord meeting on taking census in Twantay Township



TWANTAY, 13 Jan—A coordination meeting among Census Committees from 11 village-tracts, Supporting Committee, town's elders and staff of Township Immigration and National Registration Department was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Twantay Township, Yangon Region, on 11 January.

The departmental officials discussed successful taking process

funds on auditable works in transparency manner.

Audit Officer Daw Myint Myint Thein of Katha Township Accounts Office explained matters related to accountancy matters.

Officials replied to queries raised by Development Supportive Committee members.

The development fund was allotted to seven wards and 104 villages.—MMAL-Aye Lwin (Katha)

of census in 2014 in Twantay Township.

MMAL-Myo Hlaing (Twantay)

Nation-Building Endeavours

Development fund allotted to wards, villages in Katha

KATHA, 13 Jan—A ceremony to hand over the development was held at District General Administration Department in Katha of Sagaing Region, the border town of Sagaing Region and Kachin State, on 12 January.

Region Hluttaw representative U Sein Tun explained the allotment of the development fund.

Katha Township



Administrator U Zaw Min Htaik instructed officials of wards and villages to spend the development

Ancient silverwares found in preparation of construction for new building

KYANGIN, 13 Jan—A significant occurrence happened in Kyangin Township of Ayeyawady Region on 9 January.

While digging out

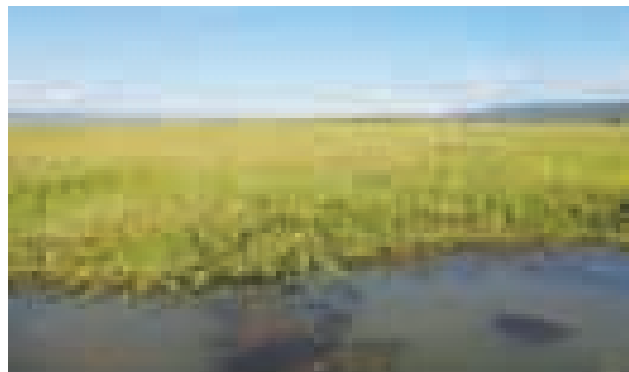
the roots of a mango tree as preparations for construction of the new building in the precinct of Inwa Monastery in Myoma Ward of Kyangin, ancient

silverwares were found. Abbot of the monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Açara informed township level officials of findings.

Two silver rings, one silver earring were found on 9 January and one silver bracelet, two silver earrings and one silver coin, totally weighing over 32 ticals.

MMAL-069

Lake brothers in Indaw Township needs repairs



INDAW, 13 Jan—Indaw-Bamauk Road crossing lake brothers is located in Indaw Township of Katha District in Sagaing Region.

The two lakes irrigate farmlands in Nantha, Aunggon and Paybin villages of Indaw Township in monsoon and summer.

About 1000 acres of farmlands take water from the two lakes.

At present, the lakes are covered with grasses and weeds.

Some local people have desires to maintain the lakes not to be silted.

MMAL-002

Culture

Katha Township turns out instructors for Buddhist culture



KATHA, 13 Jan—Dhamma Rays Buddhist Culture Instructor Course was opened at Aung San Hall of No 1 Basic Education High School in Katha District of Sagaing Region on 11 January morning.

Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Dr Htay Htay Win and District Education Officer Daw Hla Hla Myint explained matters related

to the training course. Chairman of the training course committee U Nay Myo explained the purpose of the course.

It was attended by members of WAP, staff of Education Department, responsible persons of NGOs and 130 trainees from Katha, Indaw, Htigyaing and Bamauk townships on 11 and 12 January.

MMAL-District IPRD

Accident

Overloaded vehicle breaks wooden bridge in Mongkai



MONGKAI, 13 Jan—Passengers buses and trucks daily pass through Mongkai Township of Loilem District in Shan State.

At 10.30 pm on 9 January, a truck with the load of maize seeds heading for northern State from Namsang of southern Shan State passed the Namkham Creek bridge of Mongkai.

Due to overload of truck, the 100 feet long bridge broke in the incident.

It was a wooden bridge that could stand 13 tons of loads. This year, about 30-40 trucks with loads of maize seeds had passed through it daily.

Due to damages of the bridge, the local people faced difficulties in transport.

Therefore, officials of Public Works constructed the temporary detour and is repairing the damaged bridge for ensuring its timely completion.—MMAL-Nang Hlaing Hlaing Oo (Mongkai)

REGIONAL

Nepal's newly elected assembly to convene on 22 January

KATHMANDU, 13 Jan — Nepal's second Constituent Assembly, which was mired in political and procedural hurdles immediately after being elected on 19 November, is finally convening on 22 January, the Prime Minister's office said on Sunday.

President Ram Baran Yadav on Saturday entrusted the head of the interim government, Khil Raj Regmi, to call the meeting, overcoming the final impediment more than two months after the election.

There had been confusion over whether the president or the chairman of the interim government should call the meeting.

Before this row, the assembly's formation was delayed by a party led by former Maoist insurgents who announced an assembly boycott over alleged poll rigging. They later agreed to join the assembly. The Maoists won the largest number of seats in the previous election, but came a distant third this time.

The 601-member

assembly, in which the Nepali Congress and the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist won the highest and second-highest number of seats, is tasked with drawing up a permanent constitution that the previous assembly elected in 2008 failed to finalize. The previous assembly was dissolved last year after a months-long deadlock.

The new constitution will cap a seven-year-old peace process with the Maoists, who fought state

forces for 10 years until 2006. The insurgency cost 17,000 lives.

Political parties have vowed to finalize a permanent constitution within a year.

The decade-long insurgency and continuing political turmoil have delayed development projects and dried up investment.

Nepal is currently facing a 12-hour daily power outage caused by delays in initiating construction of new hydropower plants.

Kyodo News



Women who are or will turn 20 years old as of 1 April wearing traditional attire take aim in an archery event at Sanjusangendo, a Buddhist temple in Kyoto, on 12 Jan, 2014. Around 1,600 people from across the country, including those celebrating their coming of age, took part in the event.—KYODO NEWS

Philippines on alert against human trafficking from typhoon-hit areas

MANILA, 13 Jan — The Philippines has taken measures to prevent possible human trafficking activities, particularly involving children from areas hit by typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), a senior government official said on Sunday.

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr said that the

Inter-Agency Commission Against Trafficking (IACAT) has been focused on the issue.

"The concerned government agencies are doing everything to prevent any violations of the law," he said in an interview over a state-run radio station.

Plan International, a UK-based children's charity, has urged the

Philippine government to probe the alleged recruitment of child workers for sex trafficking. The victims reportedly came from Samar, one of the provinces in central Philippines, struck by Haiyan on 8 November.

The super typhoon left over 6,100 people dead and more than 1,700 others missing.

Xinhua



College students attend the first 2014 graduates job fair in east China's Shanghai, on 11 Jan, 2014. About 8,700 vacancies were provided at the fair held in Shanghai International Expo Centre on Saturday. XINHUA

Abe questions nuclear policy focus in Tokyo election

MAPUTO, 13 Jan — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Sunday questioned the appropriateness of focusing on Japan's nuclear energy policy as an issue in the upcoming Tokyo gubernatorial election.

Such policy is a national issue, while the 9 February election should focus on how to cope with local needs in Tokyo, including expansion of nursery schools, successful organization of the 2020 Olympics and preparations for major earthquakes in the metropolitan area, Abe told reporters accompanying him on his weeklong trip to the Middle East and Africa.

He made the remarks as former Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa has shown readiness to run in the poll, clarifying his opposition to Japan's dependence on nuclear power generation, by joining hands with Junichiro Koizumi, a former prime minister who has drawn attention for his turnaround from pro-nuclear policy.

"Issues for the Tokyo governor should be discussed in a balanced manner" during the campaign, Abe said.

On Abe's plan to change the government's interpretation of the Constitution so it can lift a self-imposed ban on exercising the right of collective self-defence, or the defence of an ally under armed attack, the prime minister said he had yet to consider a specific schedule.

The New Komeito party, the junior coalition partner of Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, remains cautious about such a change. Abe said the issue should be discussed candidly in a responsible manner.

On the 19 January mayoral election in Nago, Okinawa, focusing on the relocation of a US air base within the island prefecture, Abe said the continued use of the base at its present site in a crowded residential area in Ginowan should be avoided.

Kyodo News

Severe to extreme heatwaves to hit southern Australia this week

CANBERRA, 13 Jan — Large part of southern Australia is expected to experience severe to extreme heatwave conditions throughout this week, the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) warned on Monday.

An extremely hot air mass over western and inland Australia is forecast to spread across the southeast on Monday, directing very hot northerly winds over South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales (NSW) and Tasmania.

Temperatures are forecast to reach the mid-40s degree Celsius in many inland areas. South Australian capital city Adelaide

is forecast to reach 40 degree on Monday, and Melbourne, the city hosting the Australian Open tennis grand slam, is forecast to reach 41 degree on Tuesday.

Sydney will be spared the worst of the conditions with temperatures in the high 20s in the city, and high 30s in the west. Perth will be milder during the week, but will see temperatures reach the high 30s again on the weekend.

Assistant Director for BoM Weather Services, Alasdair Hainsworth, said the bureau had launched a new pilot heatwave forecast service, which provides a

measure of the intensity of a heatwave and complements the official temperature forecast.

"What is unusual about this event, which the pilot heatwave forecast shows, is that when high maximum temperatures and above average minimum temperatures are sustained over a number of days, there is a

build-up of 'excess' heat. Extreme heatwave conditions can be seen in southern NSW, Victoria and Tasmania," he said.

The new service is able to map the level of intensity of each heatwave event, indicating areas of "severe" and "extreme" heatwave at the upper end of the scale.

Xinhua

Travel rush train ticket sales surge

BEIJING, 13 Jan — The China Railway Corporation said on Sunday that an average of 7.43 million train tickets have been sold a day since fares went on sale for the upcoming Spring Festival travel rush, with this figure up 20.3 percent year on year.

According to the corporation, 148.58 million tickets for travel in the 40-day travel rush around the Spring Festival had been sold by Saturday, since these tickets became available on 23 December.

Passengers can buy train tickets online or by telephone. China's official ticket-booking website

www.12306.cn had sold 3.59 million train tickets per day up to Saturday, with a growth of 57 percent from a year ago.

The Spring Festival, or China's lunar new year, is the country's most important traditional holiday for family reunions. Most people will go home for the festival, putting great pressure on the country's transportation system.

The coming Spring Festival falls on 31 January. This year's travel rush, literally translated as "spring transportation," is expected to last from 16 January to 24 February.

Xinhua



A heavy snowfall causes the expressway congestion in Kunming, provincial capital of southwest China's Yunnan, on 12 Jan, 2014.—XINHUA

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Invitation for Prequalification

Myanmar Electric Power Project (IDA-53060-MM)
Thaton Combine Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT)
Power Plant
(ICB MEPE-G-01)

This invitation for prequalification follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business of October 22, 2013 on-line. The Republic Of The Union Of Myanmar has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Myanmar Electric Power Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for Thaton Combine Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Plant at the existing Thaton gas station (GT) in Mon State with a new combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power plant. The Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise (MEPE) intends to prequalify contractors for supply and installation of a gas power plant which will generate and supply as much electricity as possible to the grid, limited by the available fuel gas up to 25MM CFD. Power export shall be at 66kV and 230 kV. The power station shall primarily generate base load power to Myanmar National grids. The main specifications include: the overall capacity of the power plant to be constructed is in the range of 105-110 MW, the minimum capacity of gas turbine and steam turbine is 35-45MW/unit and 20-40 MW/unit respectively.

It is expected that invitations for bid will be made in April 2014.

Prequalification will be conducted through the procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD loans and IDA Credits, January 2011, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the prequalification document from 10:00 -15:30 hrs. at

Thermal Power Department
Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise,
Bldg No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw
Myanmar
Phone : + 9567410228
E-mail: gtceaffice@gmail.com

A complete set of the prequalification document in English language may be obtained free of charge by sending a request to the above email address. A copy of the prequalification document will be sent to the interested eligible Applicants as the attachment to the email. Applications for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by 24.2.2014 , 14:00 Hr and be clearly marked "Application to Prequalify for Thaton Combine Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Plant (ICB MEPE-G-01)"

Material Planning Department
Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise,
Ministry of Electric Power
Bldg No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw
Myanmar

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early to rise, makes a
man healthy, wealthy
and wise.

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY
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(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(1/2014)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.				
<u>Sr.No</u>	<u>Tender No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Remark</u>
(1)	IFB-164(2013-2014)	7" Liner Hanger and Accessories	(2) Sets	US\$
(2)	IFB-165(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGK-4 with Waukesha L-7042 GSI Spares	(14) Items	US\$
(3)	IFB-166(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGE-2 with Waukesha F-2895 GSI Spares	(23) Items	US\$
(4)	IFB-167(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGK-4 with Waukesha P-9390 GL Spares	(11) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB-168(2013-2014)	Cooper MH64 with Waukesha P-9390 GL Spares	(20) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB-169(2013-2014)	Cooper MH64 with Waukesha 12 VAT 27 GL Spares	(27) Items	US\$
(7)	IFB-170(2013-2014)	AJAX DPC 600 Engine Spares	(16) Items	US\$
(8)	IFB-171(2013-2014)	H 2475 G Waukesha Engine Spares	(22) Items	US\$
(9)	IFB-172(2013-2014)	NKK/Kobelco Compressor KJB-2& KB-2 Spares	(24) Items	US\$
(10)	IFB-173(2013-2014)	Spares for Hydraulic Mobile Grove Crane	(1) Item	US\$
(11)	IFB-174(2013-2014)	Geological Survey Instrument	(1) Item	US\$
(12)	IFB-175(2013-2014)	Industrial Chamber Oven and Core Plug Drilling Machine for Applied Research Center	(2) Items	US\$
(13)	DMP/L-051(2013-2014)	Mechanical Spares for ZJ70L SR I&II	(1) Lot	Ks
(14)	DMP/L-052(2013-2014)	3.25 MM, 4.0 MM & 5.0 MM Welding Electrode	(3) Items	Ks

- Tender Closing Date & Time - 10-2-2014, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 13 January, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Ph . +95 67 - 411097 / 411206

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S EVER GREEN SHIPPING
LINE**

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Meryl Streep and Katie Holmes feature in the movie *The Giver*.

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Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

Meryl Streep finds Katie Holmes perfect for son

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan — Veteran actress Meryl Streep has reportedly hit it off well with Katie Holmes, and she believes the latter will be the perfect girlfriend for her son Henry Wolfe Gummer.

The 64-year-old got on well with her *The Giver* co-star, who has seven-year-old daughter Suri with ex-husband Tom Cruise. When her new friend told her she was ready to find love again, Streep instantly thought of her son Henry Wolfe Gummer.

"Katie and Meryl got on like a house on fire. Katie was quite open about wanting to have a man in her life again and Meryl decided to show her a picture of Henry," *femalefirst.co.uk* quoted a source as saying.—PTI

Lindsay Lohan

*reportedly met Christian
Arno Williams at an
awards show.*



Madonna not dating new guy

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan — Queen of Pop Madonna is not dating a dancer after breaking up from Brahim Zaibat, her representative has confirmed.

The representative for the 55-year-old singer has responded to a report that she dated 26-year-

old dancer called Timor Steffens, telling it is not true, reported Radar online.

The *Like a Virgin* singer was said taking Steffens, who has worked with stars such as Michael Jackson, Beyonce Knowles and Whitney Houston, to a new year party which was held by designer Valentino Garavani in Switzerland. "The chemistry between Madonna and Timor was pretty intense," an onlooker, who was at the bash, said. Giancarlo Giammetti, honorary president of the Valentino Fashion House, shared a photo of Madonna and the Dutch dancer on his Instagram. "Happy new year. Madonna and Timour fun new years eve dance," he captioned the photo.—PTI



Madonna was seen with dancer Timor Steffens at a new year party.

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Real close on leaders,
Juventus still top

LONDON, 13 Jan—La Liga leaders Barcelona and Atletico Madrid played out a 0-0 draw in the Spanish capital and third-placed Real Madrid cut the gap with a laboured 1-0 victory at Espanyol.

Juventus won 4-1 at Cagliari to claim their 11th Serie A victory in a row and remain eight points clear at the top of the standings.

Real Madrid took advantage of Saturday's 0-0 draw between Atletico Madrid and Barcelona with an unconvincing 1-0 win at Espanyol on Sunday which closed the gap on the leaders to three points at the halfway stage of the season. Pepe's 55th-minute header was enough to secure victory at Espanyol's Cornellà-El Prat stadium and third-placed Real have 47 points from 19 matches, three behind Atletico and Barca, who

top the table on goal difference.

There were few

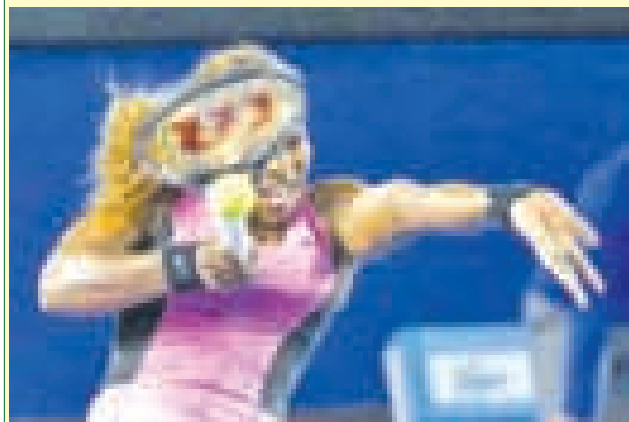


chances in an intense clash between Barcelona and Atletico at the Calderon and not even Barca's introduction of fit-again Lionel Messi at halftime or Ney-

mar in the second half was enough to break the deadlock. Fourth-placed Athletic Bilbao pulled four points clear of Basque rivals Real Sociedad in fifth following

a 6-1 drubbing of promoted Almeria at their new San Mames stadium. Sociedad host sixth-placed Villarreal on Monday.

Reuters

Serena crushes Barty to storm
into second round

Serena Williams

MELBOURNE, 13

Jan—A ruthless Serena Williams kicked off her bid for an 18th grand slam title with a 6-2 6-1 demolition of local wildcard Ashleigh Barty to advance to the Australian Open second round on Monday.

After breaking the 155th-ranked Barty early, Williams reeled off seven consecutive games to march to a 4-0 lead in the second set under

the lights of Rod Laver Arena. A former Wimbledon girls' champion, Barty pumped her fists in the air after finally holding serve, raising a rare roar from the crowd.

But she was powerless to prevent the American, who did not lose a point off her first serve, from cruising to her 23rd consecutive win and setting up a second round match with Serbia's Vesna Dolonc.

Reuters

Ferrer, Li lead race to beat the Melbourne heat

MELBOURNE, 13 Jan — Top 10 seeds David Ferrer, Tomas Berdych, Stan Wawrinka and Richard Gasquet raced into the second round of the Australian Open on Monday, apparently eager to make the most of relatively mild conditions at Melbourne Park.

With temperatures forecast to soar well above 40 degrees Celsius in Melbourne from Tuesday onwards, there was good

reason for the players to keep their time on court to a minimum and rest up for challenges to come.

China's Li Na also played like a woman on a mission and dispatched teenager Ana Konjuh 6-2, 6-0 in just over an hour but American Venus Williams bid an early farewell to the tournament when she lost 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 to Ekaterina Makarova.

Novak Djokovic kicks

Li Na of China serves to Ana Konjuh of Croatia during their women's singles match at the Australian Open 2014 tennis tournament in Melbourne on 13 Jan, 2014.

REUTERS



off his campaign for a fourth straight Australian Open title against Lukas Lacko in the first evening match on Rod Laver Arena before Serena Williams opens her bid for a sixth title against local Ash Barty.

With only Djokovic of the "Big Four" of men's tennis in their half of the draw, players like Ferrer, Berdych, Wawrinka and Gasquet will rarely have a better chance to go deep in the year's first grand slam.

Ferrer started his first round match by hustling his way to a 5-0 lead in the first set before being drawn into a scrap with Colombian Alejandro Gonzalez and grinding out a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory.

"It's important for me to win matches in three sets

because my game is based on fitness and I need power for my next match," said Ferrer, who suffered service breaks in all three sets.

"The most important thing is to win. Today maybe I didn't play my best tennis, but I won."

Swiss Wawrinka, Djokovic's potential quarter-final opponent, had the easiest passage in the first match on Hisense Arena when Kazakh Andrey Golubev succumbed to an ankle injury and retired while trailing 6-4, 4-1.

Berdych and Gasquet both went through in three sets in less than two hours, though, the seventh seeded Czech beating Aleksandr Nedovyesov 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 and ninth seed Gasquet downing fellow Frenchman

West Ham defender
Demel out of hospital after
concussion

LONDON, 13 Jan — West Ham United's Ivory Coast international Guy Demel was released from hospital on Sunday after suffering a head injury during his side's 2-0 Premier League win at Cardiff City, the club said on Twitter.

The 32-year-old defender was carried away on a stretcher after receiving oxygen on the pitch, having fallen heavily following a collision with Hammers team mate Roger Johnson on Saturday.

He suffered concussion and a damaged shoulder



Guy Demel

der and was unconscious for several minutes before spending the night in hospital in Cardiff.

British media reported he had suffered neck and shoulder injuries, adding to West Ham's already considerable injury list. The victory took West Ham out of the relegation zone into 17th position, one place above Cardiff.—Reuters

Tennis-Australian Open
order of play on Tuesday

MELBOURNE, 13 Jan — Order of play on the main showcourts at the Australian Open on Tuesday (play starts at 0000 GMT on all courts, prefix denotes seeding):

Rod Laver Arena

Johanna Larsson (Sweden) v 2-Victoria Azarenka (Belarus)

James Duckworth (Australia) v 6-Roger Federer (Switzerland)

24-Andreas Seppi (Italy) v Lleyton Hewitt (Australia)

From 0800 1-Rafa Nadal (Spain) v Bernard Tomic (Australia)

Bethanie Mattek-Sands (US) v 3-Maria Sharapova (Russia)

Hisense Arena

Lourdes Dominguez Lino (Spain) v 10-Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark)

10-Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (France) v Filippo Volandri (Italy)

5-Agnieszka Radwanska (Poland) v Yulia Putintseva (Kazakhstan)

Not before 0600 4-Andy Murray (Britain) v Go Soeda (Japan)

Margaret Court Arena

Katarzyna Piter (Poland) v 11-Simona Halep (Romania)

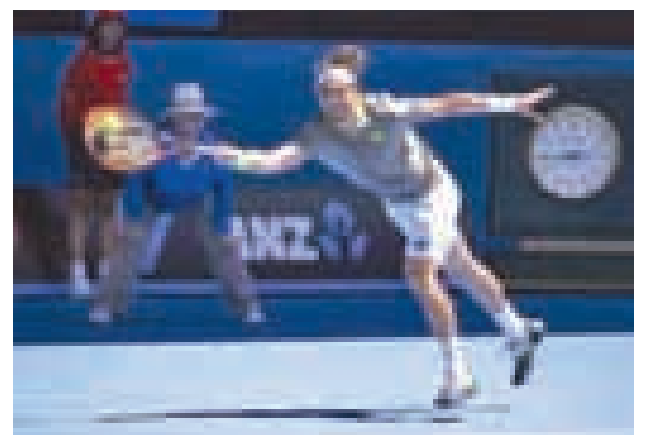
Francesca Schiavone (Italy) v 20-Dominika Cibulkova (Slovakia)

8-Jelena Jankovic (Serbia) v Misaki Doi (Japan)

Rhine Williams (US) v 5-Juan Martin Del Potro (Argentina)

From 0800 Ryan Harrison (US) v 25-Gael Monfils (France)

Reuters



David Ferrer of Spain hits a return to Alejandro Gonzalez of Colombia during their men's singles match at the Australian Open 2014 tennis tournament in Melbourne on 13 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

David Guez 7-5, 6-4, 6-1.

"Winning in straight sets is helpful definitely," said Berdych, who played in distinctive blue-and-white striped shirt and red shorts.

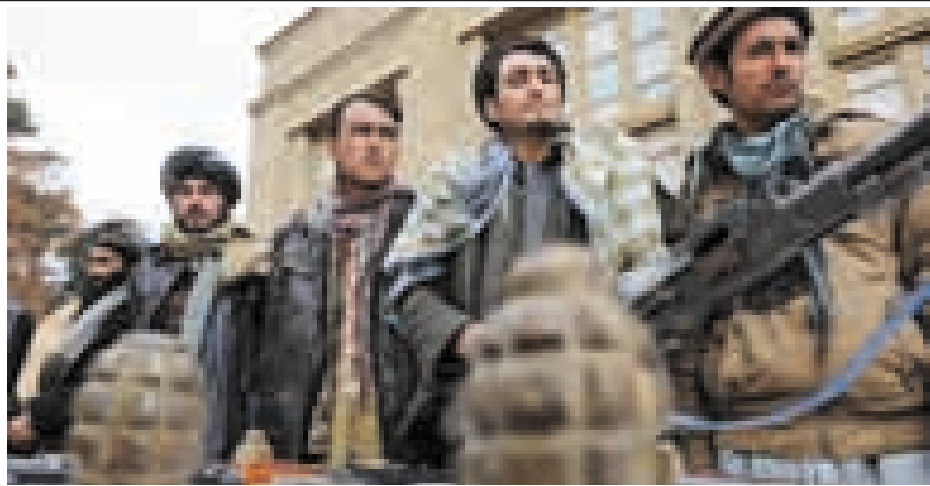
"Definitely you can feel it on the court. It's quite

warm, quite hot out there."

Li, twice a losing finalist at Melbourne Park, followed Wawrinka on the second show court and bludgeoned her opponent into submission with her fierce groundstrokes.

Reuters

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Taliban militants attend a surrender ceremony in Herat Province, western Afghanistan, on 12 Jan, 2014. Nineteen Taliban militants handed over their weapons and surrendered to the authorities in Herat, the provincial governor said on Sunday.—XINHUA

Electronic passage at Kaesong complex to begin this month

SEOUL, 13 Jan— Electronic passage of South Korean workers to and from the inter-Korean factory park in Kaesong, the border town in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), will be made possible later this month, the South Korean unification ministry said on Monday.

Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Eui-do told a routine Press briefing that construction of the radio frequency identification (RFID) system at the Kaesong industrial complex, which had been launched on 11 Dec, 2013, was expected to be completed within this week.

The spokesman said that the daily passage of South Korean entrepreneurs to and from the Kaesong factory park was expected

to be made possible in late January after test-running the electronic passage system for 1-2 weeks.

Currently, South Korea should fax a list of workers to the DPRK a day before their trip to the joint industrial zone. The DPRK has allowed only those on the list to visit the factory park during a designated time.

The electronic passage system would allow South Korean workers to visit the factory park and return home at any time on days when they are permitted to visit the site.

The Kaesong industrial complex, the last remaining symbol of inter-Korean economic cooperation, is home to 120 South Korean small companies that produce mostly labor-intensive products such as shoes and

garments.

Introducing the RFID system was expected to help resume the stalled talks on holding an investor relations (IR) session for foreign investors. The two Koreas originally agreed to hold such investment briefing on 31 Oct, but rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula delayed the process.

South Korea offered last month again to the DPRK to hold the IR session within this month, but Pyongyang had to make a specific response yet.

The spokesman said that Seoul would consult with Pyongyang on the IR session for foreign investors in case that progress is made in the related issues such as the RFID system and customs process.

Xinhua

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6:35 am	12:00 am
3. Documentary	19. News/ International News/ Weather Report
7:00 am	12:30 pm
4. News/Weather Report	20. Myanmar Video
7:25 am	2:00 pm
5. People Talks	21. Documentary
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6. Documentary (Para Games)	22. Traditional Boxing
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7. Teleplay	23. Business News
8:00 am	3:00 pm
8. News/ International News	24. News
8:30 am	3:15 pm
9. India Drama Series	25. India Drama Series
9:00 am	4:00 pm
10. News/ International News	26. News
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11. Documentary (Health)	27. India Drama Series
9:40 am	4:30 pm
12. Documentary (Para Games)	28. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Myanmar)
9:45 am	5:00 pm
13. Business News	29. News
10:00 am	5:15 pm
14. News	30. 7 th ASEAN Para Games (Live)
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15. Documentary	31. News
10:50 am	32. Sing A Song
16. Documentary (Para Games)	33. India Drama Series

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- * Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring
- * World News
- * Art Students: Sculpture
- * Local News
- * The Strokes of Myanmar
- * World News
- * Scented Buddha Images
- * Local News
- * Herbal Medicine By Thurein (Aloe Vera)
- * World News
- * Modifying Natural Thanakha Bark into Ready-Made Skin Care Product
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Delicate Artistic Handy Creations (Epi-4) (The Making Procedure of Goldsmith)
- * World News
- * Talented Musicians
- * Local News
- * Taste of Myanmar (Lashio Noodle)
- * World News
- * Myanmar Movie Review "Kyae-sin-maw-kun"
- * Local News
- * The meaning of flowers
- * World News
- * In The Studio : May Phyu Phyu
- * Local News
- * Dawei — Tavoy, Travel To The Southern Part of Myanmar
- * World News
- * TECH School

Man City and Liverpool battle to away wins

LONDON, 13 Jan — Manchester City went top of the Premier League after securing a controversial 2-0 win at Newcastle United on Sunday with an

early Edin Dzeko goal and a stoppage-time effort from Alvaro Negredo.

Liverpool also won away with an astonishing 5-3 victory at Stoke City

after the home side battled back from a two-goal deficit to level the match at 2-2 by halftime.

The results lifted City to the top of the Premier League on 47 points, one ahead of Chelsea and two clear of Arsenal, who will return to the summit if they win at Aston Villa on Monday.

Liverpool climbed above Everton and Tottenham Hotspur into fourth place on 42 points.

The outcome could have been very different at St James' Park if a stunning 34th-minute volley from Newcastle's Cheick Tiote had not been disallowed after a contentious decision by referee Mike Jones.

He ruled that Newcastle's Yoan Gouffran was offside and had unsighted City keeper Joe Hart, a claim hotly disputed by Newcastle boss Alan Pardew.

One blot for City was a potentially serious knee injury suffered by France international Samir Nasri who was carried off on a stretcher late in the game.

An eight-goal thriller at Stoke ended with Liverpool winning with two goals from Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez, the top scorer in the Premier League this season who took his tally to 22 goals.

An own goal from Ryan Shawcross, a penalty from Steven Gerrard on his 650th Liverpool appearance



Newcastle United's Papiss Cisse (R) attempts an overhead kick on goal during their English Premier League soccer match against Manchester City at St James' Park in Newcastle, northern England, on 12 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS



Liverpool's Luis Suarez (R) celebrates his second goal against Stoke City with teammate Daniel Sturridge during their English Premier League soccer match at the Britannia stadium in Stoke-on-Trent, central England on 12 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

and a fine individual goal from substitute Daniel Sturridge on his return from injury completed Liverpool's scoring.

Stoke's goals came from former Liverpool duo Peter Crouch and Charlie Adam, and Jon Walters.—Reuters

Parliament responsible to fulfill hopes of people: Thura U Shwe Mann Pyidaungsu, Pyithu, Amyotha Hluttaws resume

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Myanmar parliaments continue today.

The Myanmar parliament is responsible for granting equal rights and self-determination to the ethnic people in the multi-ethnic nation, said Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker in his opening speech on first day of ninth regular session of parliament today.

He stressed the need for appropriate management of the budget and convincing the people to voluntarily pay taxes, as the speaker pressed for fair

taxation practices.

The National Plan for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year and the National Budget for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year would be submitted by the government during the session, the speaker noted.

The government will also put forward a taxation bill to the parliament.

Regarding constitutional reform, the Speaker said the law would be amended to suit the social and economic needs of the country under law.

The president's previous trip to the Philippines and the Myanmar Engineer

Council Bill, which would be deemed to be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw were put on record.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw submitted the National Plan for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein submitted the Bill Amending Myanmar Stamp Law, Bill Amending Myanmar Tariff Law, Bill Amending Income Tax Law and Bill Amending the Office Tax Law. The amendments were seemed to follow by

the major Taxation Bill.

The president notified the Hluttaw of the proposed appointment of retired law professor from Yangon East University Daw Thida Oo.

The first day session of Pyithu Hluttaw kicked off today with a greeting by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann. The Speaker praised MPs for implementation of development tasks with the use of development funds in cooperation with respective organizations. He called for systematic use of allotted development funds in accord with the directives. Foreign trips of

the Speaker, deputy speaker and the MPs were put on record.

The messages sent to the president on the appointment of a member the Constitution Tribunal of the Union and the question on glue-sniffing were also submitted to the Hluttaw. With regard to the question of U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency on peaceful assembly and peaceful procession, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that the applicants would not get the green light due to belated applications and security concerns. But they

can lodge an appeal to the respective Region Police Force Commanders within seven days.

The Region Police Force Commander can deny or allow it within 14 days from the day he received it after taking the approval from the commissioner of the General Administration Department. Under the Constitution, the applicants will have chance to lodge an appeal. Regarding the question on actions taken against those who sell the pesticides that can damage the crops by MP U Aung Thant and the distribution of quality pesticides, Deputy Minister for Agriculture
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Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein attaches importance to Demand Driven Approach



Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein addresses coordination meeting.—MNA

YANGON, 13 Jan—A coordination meeting to conduct vocational training courses by the government and private sector for human resource demand in business firms took place at the hall of UMFCI Head Office on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street, this afternoon.

Union Minister U Tin

Naing Thein attached importance to demand driven approach from supply driven approach and stressed the need for cooperation to turn out skilled workers to meet labour market. Arrangement is being made to conduct three vocational training courses with the assistance of Germany and opening of

a technical institute is being discussed with Japan.

Those attendees discussed requirements for co-operation between the government and private sector to open vocational training courses to meet human resource demand in business firms.

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UEC allows formation of political parties

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Union Election Commission (UEC) allows formation of political parties and merging of parties.

A total of 29 persons including U Ba Shein applied for merging of Rakhine Nationalities Development Party and Rakhine

League for Democracy as Arakan National Party to the UEC today. The UEC found that the Arakan National Party has applied for registration as political party is in accord with political parties registration rules and regulations and thus it passed the registration of the party today.

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Eighth Tun Foundation Literary Awarding ceremony on 18 Jan

YANGON, 13 Jan—The eighth Tun Foundation Literary Awarding ceremony will be held at Myanmar Banks Association Building on 2nd Sinpinthit Street, Yankin Township, in this city, at 1 pm on 18 January.

The literary award committee invited the winners and guests to attend the ceremony.

For further information, dial 09 296 325 and 09 73 104 487.

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Information Team of Ministry of Information holds press conference.

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The New Light of Myanmar to be operated under JV with Global Direct Link

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—The New Light of Myanmar daily under the Ministry of Information in English version will be operated under a joint venture with Global Direct Link Co owned by a Myanmar citizen. Officials disclosed at the press conference held at the Ministry of Information that the New Light of Myanmar daily will be published after founding Global New Light of Myanmar Company changing its form and content.

Director (admin) U Win Zaw Htay of the News and Periodicals Enterprise said that the JV was approved, the press will be on Ngahtatgyi Pagoda Street in Bahan Township where Mitsubishi press will be installed. He replied question raised by a journalist that MoI would hold 51% and the private 49% in the JV.

Director U Aung Kyaw Oo of Information and Public Relations Department said

that five dailies which could not publish in time will be stopped.

A total of 11 journals out of 32 applicants came into operation in December and four of 21 handed over their publishing permits. Therefore, permits will be revoked from remaining 17 applicant journals. And, 11 magazines that have not published yet were informed to operate not later than 31 March.

Leader of the information team Director U Win Kyi of Myanmar Radio and Television explained second phase of transforming TV broadcast through Analogue system to digital.

"The first phase to transform broadcast system from analogue to digital was launched in five TV channels in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay starting from 15 October 2013. The second phase will be commenced in 22 towns as

Myitkyina, Loikaw, Hpa-an, Falam, Kennedy (Tiddim), Mawlamyine and Monywa, among others". The TV fans must install DVB-T2 Set Top Box for enjoying the programmes. MRTV will provide 304,944 set top boxes to families, social organizations, schools, hospitals and libraries free of charge.

At present, FM radio programme are on the air at eight border regions. Plans are underway to build 15 FM radio stations in Loikaw, Kennedy (Tiddim), Sagaing, Myeik, Bago, Minbu, Popa, Pyinmana, Mawlamyine, Sittway, Yangon, Lashio, Patheingyi, Peinnetawng (Rakhine) and Maungdaw soon, he added.

Concerning with Sarpaybeikman Award Ceremony, the leader informed the journalists that the manuscripts are to be presented not later than 31-1-2014 instead of 31-12-2013.

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