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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of Egypt

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Egyptian counterpart

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Bus lines in Thandwe Township for regional development

Article and Photos: Singu Soe Win

Recently, I made a trip to Thandwe. A total of 16 townships are situated on 360 miles long Rakhine coastal strip. With the assistance of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council, I had visited various townships of Rakhine State by boat, by land and by air.

As I planned to visit Gwa, I arranged my trip to Gwa via Thandwe.

At the highway bus terminal in Taungup at 5 am, Secretary of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Chit Mya and Ko Thant Zin of Township Transport Planning Department met me.

Thanks to their assistance, I had a seat in an (See page 7)

Combating iron deficiency: rice with six times more iron than polished rice kernels developed

SCIENCE DAILY, 22 July—According to the World Health Organization, approximately two billion people suffer from iron deficiency. They tire easily, experience problems in metabolizing harmful substances in their bodies and eventually suffer from anemia. Women and children are particularly affected in developing countries, where rice is the major staple food. Peeled rice, also called polished rice, does not have enough iron to satisfy the daily requirement, even if consumed in large quantities. For many people, a balanced diet or iron supplements are often unaffordable.

Rice actually has a lot of iron, but only in the seed coat. Because unpeeled rice quickly becomes rancid in tropical and subtropical climates, however, the seed coat—along with the precious iron—has to be removed for storage.

Photo shows a building of Myittawady Home for the Aged in Thandwe.
Open more libraries for emergence of qualified human resources

The government of Myanmar is fulfilling the requirements of the health, education, transport and economic sectors for rural development.

As seventy per cent of the nation’s population live in rural areas, five rural development tasks are being carried out for parallel development of rural and urban areas.

In doing so, self-reliance rural libraries are being opened in order to help rural people broaden the scope of their knowledge. Rural people will acquire a reading habit due to the opening of rural libraries in various states and divisions.

Human resources development is essential to establishment of a modern and developed nation and, therefore, constant efforts will have to be made for emergence of qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Nowadays, new basic education schools and affiliated schools are being built. As a result, the number of rural youths who have access to basic education has been on the increase.

If rural people enjoy higher living standard, their way of thinking will improve. Then, they will be able to differentiate between right and wrong and work together with the government in building a peaceful and developed democratic nation.

We believe that rural people will become well-read and well-informed and qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia will emerge if more and more libraries are opened across the nation.

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

Workshop on National Level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Myanmar opens

Director-General U San Lwin of Forest Department made an opening address and UNEP Deputy Resident Representative Mr. Min Htin Yin spoke on the occasion. It was also attended by therector, deputy directors-general, the pro rector, and directors of University of Forestry and enterprises and departments under the Ministry of Forestry and representatives of the relevant ministries including Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, UNEP and GEF and NGOs, experts and guests. Next Director U Tin Tun of Environment and Wildlife Conservation Branch of forest Department gave accounts of the workshop. A total of 51 experts attended the workshop and read out nine papers at the workshop that will be held up to 23 July.

Silver Star Youth Efficiency Course commences

The course focuses on declining danger of drug abuse. Scholars and specialists will lecturers on literature, music, painting, psychology and tranquility in mind.

At the opening ceremony, Chairman of the association U San Thein (retired ambassador) and Vice-Chairperson Sayamaggi Daw Tin Tin made speeches.

Bogale and Mawlamyingun Townships get new tarred roads

Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends opening of Bo Bahtoo tarred road in Bogale.

Foreign Minister felicitates Egyptian counterpart

Next, the minister met with local people at Maw Ayeya Hall in Mawlamyingun. Then the minister attended the coordination meeting for development of Maubin Township at the office of Maubin Township DAC.
18 dead in Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 22 July — Bombs killed at least 18 people and wounded dozens in Iraq on Tuesday in a sign that insurgents, though weakened, remain intent on destabilizing a country that is struggling to consolidate US-backed security gains.

Children, shoppers and men looking for a day’s work were among the dead in attacks in Baghdad, Ramadi and Baqouba, cities that saw some of the most intense fighting of Iraq’s long war but have since experienced sharp drops in violence. American combat troops completed a pullout from urban areas on 30 June, and Iraqi forces now take the lead in securing the cities.

The violence came as Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki traveled to Washington for a meeting Wednesday with President Obama, who plans to withdraw all American soldiers from Iraq by the end of 2011 and is shifting military resources to the war in Afghanistan.

Market catches fire devours to ashes in Afghan capital

KABUL, 22 July — A timber market caught fire in the Afghan capital Kabul early Wednesday causing huge damage to the shopkeepers.

The incident, according to the shop owners occurred at 03:00 am local time and devoured dozens of shops. “Goods over 2 million US dollars have turned to ashes,” a shopkeeper Haji Ghulam Ali told Xinhua, adding that inside the market there were several shops of liquid gas and oxygen.

No one knows the exact reason for the incident at the moment but some shopkeepers believed that shot circuit caused the disaster.

Eight killed in battle in Afghanistan’s east

KHOST, 22 July — At least eight people were killed when Taleban guerrillas, including waves of suicide bombers, attacked government buildings in a town in eastern Afghanistan Tuesday, residents and officials said.

The Taleban, leading a growing insurgency against the Western-backed government and seeking to drive foreign forces out of Afghanistan, claimed responsibility for the assault.

It said 15 suicide bombers were involved in the attacks on government buildings in Gardez, capital of eastern Paktia province.

Two provincial officials in Gardez said at least five members of the Afghan security forces and three Taleban fighters had been killed as gun battles raged in the town. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

At least two of the suicide bombers were dressed in traditional head-to-toe burqas worn by many Afghan women, said an Afghan source working for a foreign aid agency.

Captain Elizabeth Mathias, a US military spokeswoman, said suicide attacks had been reported against the governor’s compound in Gardez, the police headquarters and the National Directorate of Security offices. The complex attack resembled other recent assaults by the Taleban in eastern Nuristan, Paktia province and even the capital, Kabul, and elsewhere.

NATO Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

KABUL, 22 July — There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

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Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 22 July—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 8167 Afghan people were killed and 16,811 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 21 July.

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Millions in US can’t afford health insurance

Los Angeles, 22 July — Millions in the United States can’t afford health insurance as employer-based coverage is not an option, a new survey finds.

Most people in the United States who try to buy an individual health insurance policy on their own never end up getting coverage, often because the premiums are just too expensive, according to the study published by Health Day News on Tuesday. Roughly three of every four people who tried to buy a policy from the individual health insurance market in the past three years didn’t get one, said the study by the Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation that supports independent research on health policy reform.

The study cited premium cost as the main reason. About 57 percent of the people surveyed said it was very hard or even impossible to find coverage they could afford, while about 47 percent said it was difficult or impossible to find a plan with the coverage they needed, and 36 percent reported being charged more or denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition or having the condition excluded from their coverage. — Internet

Forest fire in Spain kills four firemen

Madrid, 22 July — A forest fire in northeastern Spain has killed at least four firemen and severely injured two others, local government said on Tuesday.

The fire, starting Monday in a natural park in Horta de Sant Joan, Tarragona, had been seemingly under control on early Tuesday, said the local government in a statement. However, it said, a change of wind direction later on Tuesday rapidly spread the flame and trapped the firemen. The two injured were being treated at Barcelona’s Hospital Del Valle.

So far, the fire has destroyed 800 hectares of land, half of which belongs to the natural park of Pors.

Both Defence Minister Carme Chacon and Environment Minister Elena Espinosa on Tuesday warned against trips to this region and delivered the government’s condolences towards the victims. — Internet

NY, NJ immigration raids violated rights

New York, 22 July — Immigration agents raiding homes for suspected illegal immigrants violated the US Constitution by entering without proper consent and may have used racial profiling, a report analyzing arrest records found.

Latinos made up a disproportionate number of the people arrested who were not the stated targets of the raids, and many of their arrest reports gave no basis for why they were initially seized, said the report, which was based on data from raids in New York and New Jersey.

The Immigration Justice Clinic at Yeshiva University’s Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law analyzed home raid arrest records from Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices in Long Island and throughout New Jersey. The clinic, founded last year, represents indigent immigrants facing deportation.

Its report, released on Wednesday, said that, since ICE agents use administrative warrants — instead of judicial warrants, which give law enforcement unfeathered access — they must have a resident’s consent to enter a home or else violate the constitutional right to protection against unreasonable searches. — Internet

Venezuela warns Colombia against US military bases

Caracas, 22 July — Venezuela will review its diplomatic ties with Colombia if the country authorizes the installation of US military bases close to Venezuelan border, President Hugo Chavez said on Tuesday.

Chavez said on local TV channel Venezolana de Television that the US military bases on Colombia’s border with Venezuela represent a threat to his country.

Chavez said he has given order to Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro to review the diplomatic ties with the Colombian government.

Colombia is opening its doors “to those who constantly attack us and to those who are getting ready new attacks against us,” he said. — Internet

Ozone-boosting reaction discovered

Irvine, 22 July — Chemicals pumped into the air by fossil fuels create smog-forming chlorine atoms that boost ozone levels, researchers in California said.

Under extreme circumstances, the chemicals could account for nearly half of California’s state-set limits on outdoor air pollution, scientists at the University of California, Irvine, said on Monday in a release.

“We should be monitoring it and incorporating it into atmospheric models,” chemistry professor Barbara Finlayson-Pitts said. “We still don’t really understand important elements of the atmosphere’s chemistry.” — Internet

Longest 21st century solar eclipse wows millions

Varanasi, 22 July — A total solar eclipse began its flight on Wednesday across a narrow swath of Asia, where hundreds of millions of people watched the skies darken despite thick summer clouds.

The longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century was visible along a roughly 250 km-wide (155 miles) corridor, according to the US space agency NASA, as it traveled half the globe and passed through the world’s two most populous nations, India and China.

Thousands of people snaked through the narrow lanes of the ancient Hindu holy city of Varanasi and gathered for a dip in the Ganges, an act considered as leading to salvation from the cycle of life and death.

Amid chanting of Hindu hymns, men, women and children waded into the river with folded hands and prayed to the sun as it emerged in an overcast sky. — Internet
Malaysia set to use nuclear energy by 2025

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 July—Malaysia was set to use alternative energy from nuclear power by 2025 as it was a cheaper source of power in the long run, according to a local newspaper on Wednesday.

The New Straits Times quoted Malaysian Deputy Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Fadillah Yusof as saying that initial costs of building nuclear plants may be one billion US dollars to 3 billion US dollars for a 1,000 megawatt capacity, twice the amount for building a coal-fired plant in the country.

Malaysia currently generates electricity mainly from coal, oil and gas and hydro Fadillah said that nuclear energy was a cheaper and environmentally-friendly source of power with no pollutant produced in the long run. He said that the nuclear power would produce hydrogen that can be used and it would only produce waste after 20 years of usage.

He said that advantages of using nuclear energy included in hospitals for Computerized Tomography or CT scans and in food technology, adding that some countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) such as Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam would also opt to develop nuclear power.

Petroecuador seeks fund to take over Perenco’s oil production

QUITO, 22 July—The Ecuadorian state-owned oil company Petroecuador said on Tuesday that it seeks financing support to keep the production in oil field previously operated by the French explorer Perenco.

The French oil company abandoned its facilities in the Andean country due to the embargo imposed by the Ecuadorian government after a dispute over taxes.

Petroecuador requested the Ecuadorian Finance Ministry for a budget of 10 million US dollars to keep the operations. Petroamazonas, a unit of Petroecuador, offered technical and economic aid to impede a reduction on the production of Perenco wells.

Despite Perenco’s disagreement, the Ecuadorian government accused the oil explorer of tax evasion for 327 million dollars as demanded by a local law on extraordinary profits.

Perenco sued Ecuador for applying such law, but the local government insisted on seizing 327 million-dollar-worth oil from the coproduction by Perenco and its partner Burlington Resources Oriente Ltd, as payment for back taxes.

Chinese and Russian armed forces on Wednesday began a five-day joint military drill, aimed at training their troops’ capability in fighting against terrorism.

Apple posts best non-holiday quarterly sales, profit

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 July—Apple Inc on Tuesday reported record non-holiday quarterly sales and profit which were driven by strong demand for its iPhone.

In Apple’s fiscal third quarter which ended on 27 June, the company’s profit jumped to 1.23 billion US dollars or 1.35 dollars per share, compared with 1.07 billion dollars or 1.19 dollars per share in the same period a year earlier.

Its revenue rose to 8.34 billion dollars, up nearly 12 percent from 7.46 billion dollars in the year-ago quarter. Numbers of profit and revenue both beat expectations. According to a Bloomberg survey, analysts on average predicted profit of 1.17 dollars per share on sales of 8.21 billion dollars.

“We’re making our most innovative products ever and our customers are responding,” Steve Jobs, Apple’s chief executive officer, said in a statement. Jobs returned to work at the end of June after nearly six-month medical leave, during which he received a liver transplant.
Chilean President says copper price rise signal of economy recovery

SANTIAGO, 22 July—Chilean President Michelle Bachelet said Tuesday that the price rise of the international copper is a clear signal that the world economy is recovering.

“The copper reached on Monday 2.5 US dollars per pound. We have better figures and this is a very clear signal that the better times start coming for the world economy, which is seen in the demand’s recovering,” Bachelet said during a visit to a factory of construction articles.

Copper reached on Monday its highest price, 2.45 dollars per pound, since October 2008, according to the Bourse of Metals in London.

Argentina said falling into deep recession

BUENOS AIRES, 22 July—Argentina may be slipping into a deep and prolonged recession, despite government efforts suggesting slow growth, a private-sector analysis finds.

The large South American country, which usually has Latin America’s second-highest human development index and gross domestic product, will contract into 2 percent to 3 percent negative economic growth this year, the analysis for the Financial Times found.

The negative-growth forecast contrasts sharply with official figures, which predicted 1.88 percent annual growth for May. “The government will continue to report positive year-on-year growth... but there’s broad consensus that Argentina is currently going through an acute downturn,” David Duarte, Latin American economist with the New York market analysis firm dC Ast, told the Times. — Internet

LG Electronics posts record Q2 earnings

SEOUL, 22 July—South Korea’s LG Electronics on Wednesday reported a record quarterly net profit, boosted by brisk sales of flat panel televisions and mobile phones.

Second-quarter net profit surged 62 percent from a year earlier to 1.15 trillion won (920 million dollars) from 707 billion. LG, the world’s third largest mobile phone maker, had reported a loss of 197.6 billion won in January-March.

Sales on a global basis, which includes overseas units, jumped 13.8 percent year-on-year to 14.5 trillion won. Operating profit rose 32 percent to 1.13 trillion won. On a parent basis the company recorded sales of 8.47 trillion won and an operating profit of 714 billion won. LG posted 285.7 billion won in foreign exchange gains in the second quarter thanks to the won’s appreciation against the dollar. Handset shipments rose 7.8 percent from a year earlier to 29.82 million.

“Profitability improved with a product mix centred on new model launches and solid growth from existing mid- to high-tier handsets,” it said in a statement.

Shipments of flat panel TVs rose 45 percent year-on-year to 4.28 million. — Internet

China to spend reserves to grow overseas

BEIJING, 22 July—Beijing will use its central bank’s international reserves, No 1 in the world, to accelerate Chinese business expansion overseas, the country’s premier said. “We should hasten the implementation of our ‘going out’ strategy and combine the utilization of foreign exchange reserves with the ‘going out’ of our enterprises,” Wen Jiabao told Chinese diplomats.

Wen said Beijing also wanted Chinese companies to increase China’s share of global exports, The Financial Times reported.

The “going out” strategy is a catchphrase for encouraging investment and acquisitions abroad, particularly by big state-owned industrial groups such as PetroChina Co, owned by China’s biggest oil producer; Aluminium Corporation of China Ltd, the country’s largest aluminium producer; China Telecom Corp, its largest fixed-line and mobile-phone provider; and Bank of China Ltd, one of China’s big four commercial banks. — Internet

Australia investigates mysterious penguin killings

The first battered bodies were found on a small Australian beach, the white sand around them stained crimson with their blood.

A few days later, the killer struck again — this time on the nearby cliffs overlooking Sydney Harbor.

The cluster of victims were covered in bite marks, their tiny tummies slashed open.

Through blood-spatter evidence and DNA testing, a profile of the killer began to emerge: Stealthy. Fast. Furry.

What is killing the little penguins in Sydney’s beachside suburb of Manly? A fox? A dog? Both?

The investigation so far has yielded some clues.

Officials can almost certainly rule out humans; the bite marks and blood around them stained crimson with their blood.

Some researchers suggested the deaths may be the result of a new disease, while others expressed concern over a potential shark attack.

Police: Conmen switched potatoes for iPods

German authorities said a British man has been arrested for allegedly conning people into buying potatoes disguised as iPods and other electronics.

Investigators said the man and a second suspect, a 20-year-old British man whom police are searching for, pretended to be down-on-their-luck tourists selling second-hand iPods, laptop computers and camera equipment but would switch the bags after purchases were made so the victims walked off with sacks of potatoes instead of the electronics, The Sun reported. “We cannot give out names or any other information to the case for privacy laws. The case is already with the state prosecution because the suspect is in custody and facing charges,” said Janine Kahan, a Hillesheim police spokeswoman. “We have identified 26 cases were we believe the British suspects were involved in. We are appealing for anyone else that may have been conned to come forward.”

NY man finds valuable Mexican artifacts in barrel

One man’s trash is definitely another man’s treasure. A Queens man hired to remove material from a deceased artist’s estate has found artifacts worth thousands of dollars in a discarded barrel.

Nick Dimola was hired in 2004 to take away unwanted material from the home and work spaces of artist Clinton Hill. Hill died in 2003. Among the material put out as trash was a cardboard barrel. DiMola removed it, and stored it in a warehouse for several years.

Piedmontese artist JodiLee Knops, executive chef at Mall of America in Bloomington, and organizers say they’ll submit the kunafa to the Guinness World Records. — Internet

The bridge over the Moore River was designed by Vito Accorci from New York in order to celebrate “Croz 2003: Culture Capital of Europe.” The bridge connects artificial islands composed of various merging shells.
Bus lines in Thandwe Township for regional development

*Article and Photos: Singu Soe Win*

Thandwe Township is formed with seven wards and six villages. The Township All Bus-line Control Committee manages the runs of bus lines to 252 villages. In the past, the local people relied on the air transportation. Now, they have easy access to various regions including the 325-mile Thandwe-Yangon route. Ye Aunglan, Aung Thitsa and Dwarawady express buses transport passengers K 10,000 per head.

Light buses centering at Thandwe Market are also plying the 10-mile Thandwe-Napali route charging K 400 per passenger, the 27-mile Thandwe-Taungup route for K 1800 per passenger and the 25-mile Thandwe-Phayamaw-Hydropower Thahtaychaung route for K 1500 per head. The bus fares for the 6-mile Thandwe-Kinnaw is K 300 per passenger, the 18-mile Thandwe-Myinsaingmaw K 500, the 80-mile Thandwe-Gwa K 3600, the 20-mile Thandwe-Kyaukki K 800, the 27-mile Thandwe-Pazunphyay K 1200, the 40-mile Thandwe-Kyeintal K 1800, the 47-mile Thandwe-Yadanamyaiyang K 2000 and the 60-mile Thandwe-Hsatthwa K 2400. A total of 52 three-wheel cycles are also run in the urban area.

Chairman of the Committee U Tun Thant Kyaw explained that the Township All Bus-line Control Committee has five office staff. The staff are being provided with salaries between K 30,000 and K 45,000. If the passengers make complaints on the drivers and bus conductors, action is taken against the offenders. The executives together with traffic police give educative knowledge on traffic rules to the passengers and bus workers thrice a month for bringing down the traffic accidents.

Under the supervision of the committee, the skillful mechanics inspect the buses and carry out maintenance tasks. The committee issued the identity cards to the bus drivers and conductors.

The committee spent K 2.7 million on holding the Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival. Without the cash assistance, the executive committee of the Township All Bus-line Control Committee is focusing on the township development tasks, the convenience of passengers, creating unity among the bus owners, drivers and conductors. Moreover, the better transport reflects the regional development in the time of the Tatmadaw Government.

The news crew took documentary photos on K 2 million donation of the Township All Bus-line Control Committee to the funds for construction of the township gymnasium.

Afterwards, we accompanied Chairman of Gymnasium Construction Committee U Tin Lay to Myittawady Home for the Aged of Thandwe.

We observed that the home accommodates 13 male and 25 female aged persons by providing health care services. A total of 15 buildings of the home are located on 4.25 acres of land. The home deposited K 11 million as the trust fund and K 4 million to be spent on the meals at the bank. The home supervisory committee and staff are serving meals — K 5000 for breakfast and K 15,000 each for lunch and dinner — to the aged daily.

We learned that those wishing to donate cash to the funds for meals may contact the home, Telephone 043-65069, 65420, 43200 and 65149. During the visit to Thandwe, we had an opportunity to observe the progress of public welfare tasks, generous cash donations and successful functioning of the Township All Bus-line Control Committee.

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It is common knowledge that the entire people are in favour of democracy, so that it is more democratic in line with the law, in place of the one-party system. Besides, they are in support of the market-oriented economic system, by which they can work widely to ensure greater development of the nation as well as better socio-economic life of each individual and family. Therefore, the government is working hard practicing the market economy to improve the socio-economic life of the people in compliance with public desire. As a result, the nation has enjoyed development to a certain degree, which is tangible to everyone.

Simultaneously, the government is trying its utmost to complete the seven-step Road Map, grappling with a large variety of hindrances, disruptions and challenges against democratic transition. So far, it has realized several democratization proceedings such as convening the National Convention, formulating and drafting the State constitution, and approving the draft constitution through the referendum.

The government held the referendum in accordance with the international level referendum law and bye-laws. Likewise, it formed commissions at all levels ranging from the central level to the grassroots level to supervise the proceedings for ensuring a free and fair one. Moreover, it published books on State constitution, election law and bye-laws in time for public knowledge.

On the days in which the referendum was in progress, foreign diplomats and representatives from UN agencies were sent to various regions for their first-hand knowledge of the proceedings in which local people were casting their votes of their own accord. The government made arrangements both for pro- and anti-constitution people to cast votes freely. So, apparently, the referendum to approve the constitution was held fairly.

In the referendum, 92.48 per cent of the voters favoured the State constitution, so the constitution has had the mandate to go on.

That means the people are in favour of the constitution and they place trust and reliance on the government. In the 1974 referendum, the constitution won only 90.17 percent of votes although the party cells of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party had been set up firmly and the people were organized at national level. The percentage at that time should have been higher than this time. Despite internal and external elements organizing and putting pressure on the people, the percentage of the votes in favour was 92.48, higher than that in 1974. So, it is crystal clear that the people are really in favour of and they accept the constitution.

1990 election results, to which anti-government groups stick, have been null and void. The people do not turn to the results of more than 19 years ago. Similarly, the anti-government groups’ persistent demand for a dialogue has gone down the drain.
Commander and Minister attend water purifier, exercise books and school uniforms presenting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—A ceremony to donate water purifier, exercise books and school uniforms was held at No.5 BEHS in Chanayetahan Township, Mandalay on 20 July.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presented water purifier worth K650,000 and Minster for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented exercise books for the school.

Next, the Commander, the Minister and the Mayor viewed field medical treatment of specialists organized by Mandalay Division PDC and Ministry of Health. The Commander and party viewed health educative booth, general medical ward, traditional medicine clinic, surgical room, OG ward, pediatric ward, dental clinic, optical ward and presented spectacles to patients with eye complaints for free.

They also viewed giving of medical treatment to patients at the clinic of Myanmar Doctors’ Association, malaria, leprosy, AIDS, and TB wards. They visited construction site of new classroom and patient registration unit.

A total number of 1,082 eye patients, 587 general patients, 178 dental patients, 196 patients undergone traditional medicine, 201 pediatric patients, 94 gynecological patients, 83 leprosy patients, 69 patients undergone surgery, totalling 2,490 were received medical treatment and 145 patients were transferred to hospital.

Minister inspects basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein went on an inspection tour of No 11 Basic Education High School here this morning. The minister met with the schoolhead and teachers, and gave instructions on high pass rate in the matriculation examination. The minister inspected No.10 Basic Education High School of Nay Pyi Taw and No.1 and 2 Basic Education High Schools of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and gave instructions on academic matters and viewed the students learning lessons.

Yangon Mayor inspects measures for prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever

YANGON, 22 July—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials concerned went to Bahan Township Development Affairs Committee this morning. Yangon Division health officer Dr Hla Myint and officials reported undertakings on control over outbreak of malaria and reduction in the virus to the mayor.

After that, the mayor urged the officials to accelerate the drives on preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in cooperation with local authorities, social organizations and public and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the mayor and officials inspected the educative talk and demonstration on prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever.

Afterwards, the mayor looked into renovation of city clinic, progress of underground drain construction across Thamine Railway Station Road, extension and condition of drains in Thamine creek on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road.

Premier Coffee to organize vocalist selection contest, Miss Ginsetin contest

YANGON, 22 July—Premier Coffee Co Ltd will organize the Premier Coffee vocalist selection contest and Miss Ginsetin contest at the city hall in Mandalay tomorrow.

Actor Wai Lu Kyaw and group, vocalist L. Lun Wah and Jenny will present songs and performance show.

The enthusiasts may take part in the contests. The first prize winners in the major cities will compete in the final contest at Capital Hypermarket of Yangon and to choose first, second and third prize winners.—MNA

Gusto to open Database Design & Development Course

YANGON, 22 July—Gusto Computer Training School will open Database Design and Development course which help business organizations able to create their own systematic database designs according to information needed and develop that database design with SQL Server 2008.

The three-month course will start from 2 August on weekends and is limited to only 20 trainees.

The course is focused on process of creation of a database design (Conceptual Design, Logical Design, Physical Design and etc) with practical projects and techniques for development of outcome database design in performance, data, integrity and security system.

The course is suitable for those wishing to study computer science subject abroad, those who want to take their careers as software developers, database developers, and system analysts and information officers in private social organizations and business organizations.

Those interested may contact Gusto Computer Training School, No.11, Shwetaungtan Street (Lower Block), Lanmadaw Township, Ph:222052.—MNA
Minister attends to needs of tornado victims

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived at Kyenchaungyi village of Bogale township on 19 July morning and inspected damaged houses and village’s hall that were hit by the tornado.

At the village primary school, the minister met with tornado-hit households and local elders and gave instructions on growing of a mass of shade trees and conservation of natural forests and presented blankets, dry noodles and salt to the victims.

Next, the minister looked into progress in building houses in the village and accommodation of the victims. The following day the minister met with service personnel and local elders at Bogale township Peace and Development Council Office and dealt with measures for regional development.

In the afternoon, the minister oversaw progress in building Bogale town hall.—MNA

Kyethpamwezaung Village in Pyapon Township gets new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Member of the Central Committee for National Disaster Preparedness Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing formally opened the building for monastic education in Kyethpamwezaung Village, Pyapon Township, on 20 July.

At the ceremony to handover the new building, Mr Jerzy Wilk of Uniteam Marine (Yangon) Co Ltd explained the purpose of the donation of the school and U Than Oo of the company handed over the documents related to the building to Head of Pyapon Township Education Department Daw Than New Sein.

After the ceremony, the minister inspected the clinic, library and the basic education primary school in the village and construction of the village-to-village linking bridge in Alanhpalut Village in Pyapon Township. MNA

Dawei-Myeik Railroad to improve transport in Taninthayi Division

(from page 16)

Taninthayi Division in the southernmost part of Myanmar is easily accessible by air, by water and by car from any other state or division. In addition, there has been a smooth transport among the cities in Taninthayi Division such as Kawthoung, Myeik and Dawei.

The Myanmar Airways International, Air Bagan, and Yangon Airways have their flight schedules between Yangon and Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung in Taninthayi Division. So, airway is the best transport means between one town and another in Taninthayi Division. However, flight schedules are delayed whenever the weather is bad. Therefore, the majority of the people rely on sea freights and bus runs for transport.

Dawei is over 150 miles away from Myeik, and the road goes uphill and downhill at many places. So, in order to reach Dawei before sunset, a traveler has to set out from Myeik in early morning.

Travelling by train is the most economic means to travel from one place to another. People have to take buses in the Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pi Taw-Chauk, Nay Pi Taw-Pay, Nay Pi Taw-Bagan, Nay Pi Taw-Myingyan, and Nay Pi Taw-Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei.

The State Peace and Development Council is working hard to improve the infrastructures in all sectors for building a modern, developed nation. With smooth and secure transport between states and divisions, the development gap between one region and another across the nation is being narrowed.

The Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation has built Ye-Dawei Railroad linking Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Now, Dawei-Myeik Railroad Project in Taninthayi Division has been launched since 21 December 2008. On completion, the railroad will be 132.50-mile long with 19 stations, 660 bridges including 23 over-100-foot-long bridges and four under-100-foot-long bridges. As the first phase of the project, groundwork is in progress in the 20-mile Dawei-Thayetchaung and 9.75-mile Thamok-Bokchan sections on Dawei side. The whole project needs 5,591,500 cubic feet of gneiss rock, 36,530 75-lb rails, and 288,320 sleepers. When the project is completed, Nay Pi Taw will be accessible from Myeik through Nay Pi Taw-Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei Railroad. Soon, local people of Taninthayi Division will be able to travel from one region to another in the division with lower fares.

Earthwork in progress at Peindaw in Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section of Dawei-Myeik Railroad Project.

Seikkan station under construction and four-unit staff quarter at Dawei-Thayetchaung railroad section.
**Australia starts 1st swine flu vaccine trials**

ADELAIDE, Australia, 22 July—The world’s first human trials of a swine flu vaccine have begun in Australia, drug company officials said Wednesday, with the aim of controlling the virus that has so far killed more than 700 worldwide.

Two biotechnology companies have started injecting adult volunteers in the southern city of Adelaide with their vaccines. Adelaide-based Vaxine began trials Monday with 300 subjects, and Melbourne’s CSL has 240 people in its seven-month trial, which started Wednesday. The companies say their trials are the first tests of a swine flu vaccine on humans.

At least 41 people have died in swine flu-related illness in Australia, which is well into its winter flu season. —Internet

**New e-book reader to use AT&T network**

New York, 22 July—Following in the footsteps of Amazon.com Inc.’s Kindle, another e-book reader is set to get a wireless connection from a cellular carrier, letting it access books anywhere there’s a signal.

AT&T Inc. planned to announce Wednesday that it will support an electronic book reading device due early next year from Plastic Logic Ltd., a Mountain View, Calif.-based startup based on British display technology.

It marks the second significant announcement of the week for Plastic Logic, which said Monday that Barnes & Noble Inc. will supply digital versions of books for its device.

With the AT&T and Barnes & Noble deals in place, Plastic Logic will be able to match functions of the Kindle, which uses Amazon’s e-book store and a wireless connection provided by Sprint Nextel Corp.

But Plastic Logic’s goals are quite different, according to Chief Executive Richard Archuleta. The device’s screen will be nearly 8.5 inches by 11 inches, and its target market will be professionals who would want to display business documents in nearly full size. Reading novels would be a secondary application. —Internet

**Massive quake moves NZ Zealand closer to Australia**

Wellington, 22 July—A massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake last week has moved the south of New Zealand closer to Australia, scientists said Wednesday.

With the countries separated by the 2,250-kilometre-wide (1,400-mile-wide) Tasman Sea, the 30 centimetre (12 inch) closing of the gap in New Zealand’s southwest won’t make much difference. But earthquake scientist Ken Hedley of GNS Science said the shift illustrated the huge force of the tremor, the biggest in the world so far this year.

“Basically, New Zealand just got a little bit bigger is another way to think about it,” he told AFP. While the southwest of the South Island moved about 30 centimetres closer to Australia, the east coast of the island moved only one centimetre westwards, he said.

The biggest quake in New Zealand in 78 years caused only slight damage to buildings and property when it struck the remote southwest Fiordland region of the South Island last Thursday. A small tsunami was generated by the earthquake, with a tide gauge on the West Coast of New Zealand recording a wave of one metre. —Internet

**People visit the “Dodruk Chorten” stupa that was built in memory of the third king Jigme Dorji Wangchuk in 1974, in Bhutan on 22 July, 2009. Five decades ago, Bhutan was a feudal, medieval place. Today education and healthcare are free and life expectancy has risen to 66 years from less than 40. —Internet**

**BlackBerry cries foul over UAE’s ‘spyware’**

Dubai, 22 July—The makers of BlackBerry have charged that an update issued by UAE telecommunications company Etisalat was actually spyware, the local press reported on Wednesday.

BlackBerry’s parent company Research in Motion said the software offered by Etisalat could “enable unauthorised access to private or confidential information stored on the user’s smartphone,” according to a statement carried in several newspapers.

RIM confirms that this software is not a patch and it is not a RIM-authorised upgrade. RIM did not involve in any way in the testing, promotion or distribution of this software application,” it said.

There was no immediate comment from Etisalat, which offered the “performance enhancing” patch to distribution of this software application, it said. Etisalat involved in any way in the testing, promotion or develop this software application and RIM was not it is not a RIM-authorised upgrade. RIM did not according to a statement carried in several newspapers.

**six dead, 8 missing due to heavy rain, mudslides in Japan**

Tokyo, 22 July—Six people died Tuesday and eight others remain missing in Yamaguchi and Tottori prefectures in western Japan after heavy train triggered mudslides and swelled rivers, Kyodo News reported.

In Hofu, Yamaguchi Prefecture, three people died, one person was injured and four others are still missing at a nursing home for the elderly after a mudslide hit shortly after noon. Rescue workers from the police, firefighters and the Self-Defence Forces are searching for the missing people.

The Yamaguchi prefectural government had asked the SDF to dispatch a rescue unit to the nursing home housing around 90 elderly people. The first floor of the facility was buried under mud, and rescue workers were trying to reach people at the home from its roof by helicopter. In addition, a woman died after her home near a national road was also hit by a mudslide, and a man was found dead after being carried away by a swollen river.

Another man was also confirmed dead after being swept away by a swollen river in Kofu, Tottori Prefecture.

Aside from the four people missing at the nursing home, four others are missing in Hofu and Mine in Yamaguchi Prefecture. Another five to 10 others were stranded in each of at least three communities in the cities of Hofu and Yamaguchi due to the heavy rain, Kyodo said. —MNA/Xinhua
Japan’s spectators cherish chance of observing 1st solar eclipse in 46 years

Tokyo, 22 July—Japan's spectators jumped at the chance of observing the first solar eclipse in 46 years thought clouds covered most of Japan's territory Wednesday and prevented them from witnessing the spectacular astronomical event.

On southwestern islands, scientists and other spectators were mostly disappointed Wednesday as dense clouds blocked the total eclipse of the sun, according to reports from local media.

On Iwojima Island, however, people were lucky enough to observe the first total solar eclipse visible on Japanese soil in 46 years from the island about 1,200 km south of Tokyo.

On Akuseki Island in the southern Japanese island chain of Tokara, the sun was hidden by clouds at 9:35 am when it was to start darkening for a total eclipse of 6 minutes and 25 seconds—a span which would have been the longest visible from a residential area in Japan.

On Amami Island, spectators visiting the island squealed with delight when the sun was seen waning occasionally through the rifts in the clouds. According to the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, the total solar eclipse was observed from Iwojima Island shortly past 11:25 am.

The observatory had said the longest total solar eclipse of the century lasting 6 minutes, 44 seconds, would be able to be seen from a location near the island. The total solar eclipse that was last observed from Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido occurred on 21 July, 1963.—Internet

Israeli company develops bee vaccine

Jerusalem, 22 July—An Israeli company says it has developed a vaccine that protects honey bees from a virus associated with the widespread collapse of bee colonies worldwide.

Beeologics says its Remembee drug has proven effective in helping bees overcome Israel acute paralysis virus, Haaretz reported Tuesday. The virus is named for the country where it was first identified.

The drug has completed successful clinical trials on millions of bees in North America, the company said. The drug also helps the bees live longer and produce more honey, the company said. “It's really a tug of war between the virus and the host,” said Nitzan Paldi of Beeologics. “We are helping the bee tug the rope more strongly and beat the virus. We take advantage of an immune system that the bees elicit for viral disease. But we are really using naturally occurring phenomenon. It's not a pesticide and it's not toxic.”—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA WIN VOYNO (122)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOYNO (122) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damage cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

MYANMA MOTION PICTURE ENTERPRISE

INVITATION TO TENDER

1. Sealed tenders are invited to the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise for supply of the following unexposed film (raw stock).

Sr. No Description Quantity
(a) Colour Negative Film (400 Ft) 250 boxes
(b) Colour Positive Film (200 Ft) 160 boxes

2. Tender closing date will be on 7-8-2009 at 16.30 hrs.

3. Tender documents are available at procurement committee No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township.

4. Please contact Phone No. 534574, 536029

Ministry of Information

Procurement Committee

Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise

No.28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township

Machinery stands idle in a huge production hall at Hungarian steel mill DAM in the northeastern city of Miskolc on 25 June, 2009. Internet

Over 200 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

Stockholm, 22 July—A European health agency said on Tuesday that 212 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 86 were confirmed in Germany, 38 in Denmark, 21 in Switzerland, 12 in Portugal, 11 in Ireland, 8 in each in Norway, Romania and Slovenia, seven in Austria, four each in Iceland and Bulgaria, two in Malta, and one each in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Latvia, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association)countries rose to 17,181, with 1,309 cases in Spain and 10,649 in Britain, 628 in France and 1,555 in Germany, the ECDC said.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about A/H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.
Global A/H1N1 flu death toll exceeds 700, says WHO

GENEVA, 22 July—The A/H1N1 flu death toll has exceeded 700 worldwide since the outbreak of the disease in April, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

The WHO, which declared the flu as a pandemic on 11 June, said it was up to national health authorities to decide what kind of measures they should take to mitigate the effect of the pandemic.

“Different countries would be facing the pandemic at different levels at different times. So it is really up to countries to consider what mitigation measures suit them in regard to the situation in individual countries,” WHO spokeswoman Alphaluck Bhatiaisevi told a news briefing.

The WHO said last week that the A/H1N1 flu has been spreading at unprecedented speed, and further spread within countries being affected and to new countries is considered inevitable.

So far, more than 130 countries and regions have been affected by the pandemic, with many of them experiencing sustainable community transmission.

The WHO has recommended countries with large-scale outbreaks to stop confirming all cases through laboratory tests, as “this strategy is absorbing most national laboratory and response capacity, leaving little capacity for the monitoring and investigation of severe cases and other exceptional events.”

Scientists study manure on tiled fields

WEST LAFAYETTE, 22 July—Amounts of carbon discharged from manure spread on tiled fields is about the same as other sources of fertilizer, Purdue University scientists in Indiana said.

Tiles set beneath farm fields direct excess water from the soil into streams. It was traditionally believed that tiles flush manure into water systems more quickly, increasing the growth of bacteria, such as E. coli, which consume the dissolved carbon found in effluent, Purdue agronomists Ron Turco and Sylvie Brouder said.

Six years of drainage studies, however, showed amounts of carbon discharged into streams was the same in tiled fields fertilized with manure as in tiled fields using other sources of fertilizer, Brouder and Turco wrote in the Journal of Environmental Quality.

Edible coating may make fish healthier

CORVALLIS, 22 July—An edible coating that extends the freshness of fish may also increase health benefits, US researchers said.

The study, published in the journal Food Chemistry, found fish oil added to an invisible “food wrap” made from citosan — a substance found in crustacean shells that keeps out bacteria and fungi — not only kept lingcod fillets fresh in the refrigerator for three months but also tripled the amount of omega-3 fatty acids normally found in lingcod.

The coating, which does not affect the colour of the fish, also reduced rancidity both refrigerated and frozen samples when compared with the uncoated fillets and also kept the frozen fish moist. It delayed the growth of microorganisms in the fresh fillets, and it prevented their growth in the frozen ones.

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**SPORTS**

Roddick tweets he will make his ATP return at Washington

WASHINGTON, 22 July—Andy Roddick will play his first tennis tournament since a heart-breaking loss to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final at next month’s ATP event in Washington, the US star indicated on Tuesday.

Roddick posted an internet message on his Twitter site saying he will take part in the hardcourt event that runs from August 2-9.

“I keep getting asked when my next tourney will be... I will see all of u in Washington in two weeks,” Roddick wrote in a posting, known as a tweet. —Internet

Tentative Tursunov triumphs at Indy tennis

INDIANAPOLIS, 22 July— Fragile Russian top seed Dmitry Tursunov received an unexpected confidence boost as Michael Berrer made 16 double faults in a 6-3, 2-6, 6-0 loss at the ATP Indianapolis Championships.

Tursunov, who won the Eastbourne grass title but lost in the Wimbledon final a few days later, was hardly the picture of confidence, but he was not complaining at the end of the opening-round victory over his German opponent.

“I’m not serving that great now, as I haven’t played since Wimbledon,” said Tursunov. “I can hit two or three good shots and then a bad one. But today he served terrible and that helped me.

“I’m not playing that well myself right now - but I have to be patient.”—Internet

Malouda pens new Chelsea contract

LONDON, 22 July— Chelsea midfielder Florent Malouda on Tuesday signed his new three-year deal with the London club.

And the French international warned that his best is yet to come as he hopes to improve his game under new manager Carlo Ancelotti.

“This is just the beginning of the story,” said Malouda, who had one year remaining on his current contract.

“It was really happy when I heard it was Carlo Ancelotti because I have a lot of respect for him. At my former club Lyon I played many times against Milan. For me it is a really good choice and I believe in him,” said Malouda. Malouda played on the left side of a midfield diamond during Chelsea’s recent pre-season friendly against Seattle.—Internet

Inter and Eto’o close in on agreement

ROMA, 22 July— Inter Milan are close to agreeing personal terms with Samuel Eto’o over a possible move from Barcelona, the Cameroon striker’s agent said on Tuesday.

Inter representatives met with Josep Maria Mesalles for four hours in Milan before the agent left to return to Spain.

But before leaving he told reporters: “The discussions are going well but now we’re trying to iron out the little details.

“There will be no more meetings today, I’m going back to Spain but maybe I’ll come back again tomorrow.”—Internet

Arsenal’s Nasri sidelined with broken leg

VIENNA, 22 July— Arsenal and French international midfielder Samir Nasri has been ruled out of action for two to three months after breaking his leg in training on Tuesday, the English club announced.

Samir Nasri has sustained a fractured fibula during this morning’s training session at the club’s pre-season training camp in Austria,” Arsenal said in a statement published on its website.

“The midfielder will be out of action for two to three months,” it added.

Nasri, 22, was taken to hospital in Hartberg, near the club’s training camp in Bad Waltersdorf, in southeastern Austria, for tests.

The Frenchman, who has 15 international caps, is now set to miss France’s next World Cup qualifying match against the Faroe Islands on 12 August.—Internet

Real’s Benzema likened to Brazilian great Ronaldo

MAYNOOTH, 22 July— Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema has what it takes to become a new Ronaldo, the Spanish club’s former Brazilian World Cup winner who is the 21-year-old’s inspiration, Real’s Brazilian left-back Marcelo said on Tuesday.

Real won their opening pre-season friendly 1-0 against Irish champions Shamrock Rovers on Monday thanks to a goal from Benzema, who joined Real from French side Lyon for 35 million euros (50 million dollars) earlier this month.

“That did not surprise me because Benzema is a great player.”

Eriksson ‘in talks with Notts County’

NOTTINGHAM, 22 July— Former England and Manchester City coach Sven-Goran Eriksson is in talks with English Division Two club Notts County about becoming director of football, according to reports here Tuesday.

The Swede was sacked from his role as coach of the Mexico national side in March, following an unsuccessful 2010 World Cup qualifying campaign.

County only narrowly avoided relegation from League Two (fourth division) last season, but Middle East investors Munto Finance Ltd have made it clear they have ambitious plans for the Nottingham club which was founded in 1862.—Internet

Ireland goal gives City first win in South Africa

DURBAN, 22 July— Stand-in skipper Stephen Ireland scored at the end of the first half to give Manchester City a 1-0 victory over Kaizer Chiefs on Tuesday in the Vodacom Challenge.—Internet

Manchester City’s Stephen Ireland(C) beats Kaizer Chiefs’ goalkeeper Thela Ngobeni(L) as defender Punch Masenamela looks on during their friendly football match in Durban. Manchester won 1-0 with a goal by Ireland. Internet

Lille snap up Gervinho

PARIS, 22 July— Le Mans attacking midfielder Gervinho has moved to Lille, the north France club said on Tuesday.

The Ivory Coast international’s transfer is said to have cost Lille about 6 million euros (8.5 million dollars).

The 22-year-old spent two years at Le Mans, scoring nine goals in 59 appearances.

Lille said Gervinho, whose full name is Gervais Yao Kouassi, had accepted a three-year contract.

The move by Lille manager Rudi Garcia helps fill the gap left by the 18-million euro sale earlier this month of Brazilian playmaker Michel Bastos to Lyon. Internet
Mauna Kea volcano was picked by Thirty Meter Observatory Corporation on 21 July, 2009. Announced it has decided to build the world’s largest telescope in Hawaii. This artists rendering made available by the TMT Observatory Corporation shows the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope. A consortium of US and Canadian observatories revealed its selection after a review of 13 potential sites.

Mauna Kea, a volcanic peak on the Big Island of Hawaii, was selected over others because its summit sits well above sea level for 300 days a year—ideal for astronomical observations. The choice was announced by thirty-five universities and research institutions that form the Thirty Meter Telescope Partnership.

The Thirty Meter Telescope will be able to see images of the first stars and galaxies that formed in the early universe, and because one billion light years away and get a glimpse into the early years of the universe. This means astronomers looking into the sky above for 300 days a year will be able to see images of the first stars and galaxies forming—some 400 million years after the Big Bang.

“With a site that will allow us the history of the universe,” Thirty Meter Telescope Observatory Corp. spokesman Charles Blue said.

The telescope, expected to be completed by 2018, will be located atop a dormant volcano that is popular with astronomers because its summit sits well above the clouds at 13,796 feet, offering a clear view of the sky above for 300 days a year. —Internet

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (23-7-2009) (Thursday)

#### Times

- Local Transmission: 09:00am - 10:00am MST
- Europe Transmission: 15:30pm - 16:30pm MST
- North America Transmission: 23:30pm - 02:30am MST

#### Local Transmission
- Signature Tune
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
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- A day in a farmer’s life
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- Journey to Mogok (The Ruby Land)
- Unique Style of Kachin Dress
- The Elephant Camp...Where I’ve been to
- Let’s Talk about Lahu Nationals
- Better Homes, Better Decorations
- A Day in Yangon (People’s Square)
- Chin Cultural Museum (New)
- Festivals along The Ayeyawady
- (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-2)
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#### Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

### WEATHER

#### Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

#### Wednesday, 22nd July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:

- During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (6.42) inches, Thaton (3.36) inches, Sittway (3.19) inches, Paletwa (3.15) inches and Aunglan (0.28) inch.
- Maximum temperature on 21-7-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 22-7-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30hrs MST on 22-7-2009 was 100%.
- Total sun shine hours on 21-7-2009 was (0.1) hour approx.
- Rainfall on 22-7-2009 was (0.87) inch at Mingaladon, (0.83) inch at Kabu-Aye and (0.24) inch at Central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (58.15) inches at Mingaladon, (62.99) inches at Kabu-Aye and (64.37) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (12:00) hours MST on 21-7-2009.

#### Bay inference:

- Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
- Forecast valid until evening of 23rd July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and Taninthayi. Degree of certainty is (80%).

#### State of the sea:

- Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.
- Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuing of decrease of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.
- Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
- Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
- Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).
★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

People’s Desire

■ We favour peace and stability
■ We favour development
■ We oppose unrest and violence
■ Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Educative talks on traffic rules held

YANGON, 22 July—Police Captain Win Myaing of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force met with teachers and students and gave educative talks on traffic rules at No 1 Basic Education High School in Lammadaw Township on 20 July.

Similarly, Police Captain Maung Maung Thet gave educative talks on traffic rules to teachers and students at No 2 BEHS of Lammadaw Township.

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Dawei-Myeik Railroad to improve transport in Taninthayi Division

Two excavators at work in Thamok-Bokchan railroad section of Dawei-Myeik Railroad Project. (Byline on page 10)

Wipe out anti-public desire elements (1)

The entire people are in support of the programmes ongoing in line with the constitution for democratization they aspire to. The ruling government has asserted that it will see to the seven-step Road Map in compliance with the mandate.

Noteworthy amount of rainfall

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