**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**State rendering assistance to investment of local companies in industrial services inviting companies from abroad to invest in country in accordance with rules and regulations**

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects progress in building Yatanarpon Myothit and upgrading of roads in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and officials concerned, left Nay Pyi Taw for Mandalay by air on 28 July.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials concerned.

At Yatanarpon Teleport in Yatanarpon Myothit of PyinOoLwin Township, Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presented reports to the Prime Minister on the location of Yatanarpon Myothit, progress in the construction of Yatanarpon Myothit and upgrading of roads in Mandalay.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects samples of communication equipment and Internet related equipment displayed at Yatanarpon Teleport in PyinOoLwin.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets entrepreneurs investing at Yatanarpon Myothit in PyinOoLwin Township.—MNA
FM receives Bangladeshi delegation

Minister U Nyan Win receives Joint-Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh Commodore (Retd) Khurshed Alam.—NLM

The Bangladesh delegation arrived in Myanmar yesterday.

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—A moderate earthquake of intensity 5.5 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (China-Tapi) about 1600 miles northwest of KabaAye seismological observatory was recorded at 11 hrs 23 min 04 sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—NLM

Applied Programming Course on 14 August

Yangon, 30 July—Gusto Computer Technology Training School will launch an Applied Programming Course “Software Solution with Java” on 14 August to enable those who are studying computer technology and who want to go abroad for further studies not only to access programming techniques but also to apply their own knowledge.

The course will last three months and trainees are to attend the course two days a week (Thursday and Friday). As the number of trainees for the course is limited to 20, those who want to take the course are to enroll at Gusto Computer Technology Training School, No. (11), Shwetauangdan Street (Lower), Lammadaw Township, Yangon (Ph: 222052) not later than 10 August.—NLM

UMFCCI meets NEFIT

Yangon, 30 July—President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Tun Aung, Secretary-General Dr Maung Maung Lay and executive members met with Mr Bijoy Phangcho, Working President of North East Federation on International Trade (NEFIT) of India, and members at the UMFCCI building on 28 July. At the meeting, they discussed boosting, trade and border trade and cooperation in economic sector between the two countries.

After the meeting, the presidents of the two sides signed MoU.—NLM
Most handguns in Canadian gun crimes trace back to US

OTTAWA, 30 July — The United States provides at least two-thirds of handguns recovered from crime scenes in Canada, according to an international study released on Wednesday.

Researchers from Canada, the United States and Switzerland contributed to the study, which was published in the Criminal and Criminal Justice Journal on Wednesday. Loose firearms laws in the United States feed an illegal weapons trade connected to shooting deaths in Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and other parts of the world, according to one of the authors, professor at Toronto’s Ryerson University and prominent gun control activist Wendy Cukier.

“It is not possible to determine with certainty the percentage of guns used in crime in Canada or Mexico that have been illegally exported from the United States, but there is some relevant evidence available that indicates the proportion is high,” the study reads.

“There are very few cases that show handguns used in crime coming from anywhere other than the USA.”

The study’s findings support what Canadian authorities have been saying for years. A gun tracing program in Ontario province found that 69 percent of 705 guns used in 2007 in crimes in that province could be traced to the United States. About 90 percent of those guns were either restricted or prohibited in Canada. — Internet

GUATEMALA SEES MORE KIDNAPPINGS IN 2009

MEXICO CITY, 30 July — Some 109 people were kidnapped in Guatemala during the first half of 2009, according to reports reaching here from Guatemala City on Wednesday.

According to the nation’s civil police, the capital city saw most kidnappings in the period with 35 cases, which was followed by Quetzaltenango and Escuintla with 11 cases each.

The police said there were nine active kidnapping gangs in the country and six more victims had been killed in recent kidnapping cases.

Meanwhile, a woman and two girls were freed after being kidnapped in the last few days, police said.

Last Thursday, a child was killed by kidnappers after his parents failed to pay 1 million quetzals (121,762 US dollars) of ransom. Relatives said his parents had paid only 800,000 quetzals (97,408 dollars), 200,000 quetzals short of the sum demanded. — Internet

Palestinian killed in tunnel collapse in Gaza

GAZA, 30 July—One Palestinian was killed on Wednesday night as a smuggling tunnel under the borderline between southern Gaza Strip and Egypt collapsed, witnesses and rescue workers said.

A local worker was pulled out dead after the tunnel collapsed, the witnesses in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah said. According to rescue workers at a Rafah town hospital, the worker was suffocated to death inside the collapsed tunnel. No other injuries were reported.

The incident is the fourth in a week. The latest fatalities raise the death toll from disasters of the underground business to 11 since Israel imposed a blockade on the Gaza Strip in 2 June. — Internet

VENEZUELA’S BORDER WITH COLOMBIA REMAINS OPEN

CARACAS, 30 July — The Venezuelan government said Wednesday that its border with Colombia remains open despite a diplomatic impasse between both nations.

The impasse was triggered by the alleged weapon supply from Caracas to Colombian rebel groups. Venezuelan Vice President Ramon Carrizalez said despite his government’s decision to freeze diplomatic ties with Colombia, Venezuela had not issued any measures to close the border or block trade. — Internet
Brazil leaving global financial crisis behind

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 July — Brazil’s Finance Minister Guido Mantega said on Wednesday that the country is already leaving the global financial crisis behind.

Mantega said at a Press conference in the capital city Brasilia that the country’s economy is already growing at a 4-per cent rate and will maintain the growth rate in the next 12 months.

He said Brazil will be one of the first countries to overcome the crisis and will emerge from it even stronger than before, thanks to the efficient measures taken by the government to minimize the impact of the crisis.

The Brazilian government will keep on adopting measures to boost the economy if necessary, he said, adding that no more tax cuts will be announced.

He attributed the sharp fall of the primary surplus in the first half of this year to tax decrease, adding that Brazil will register a higher tax revenue in the second half of this year and reach its fiscal targets for both this year and 2010. — Internet

Tokyo stocks open higher on weaker yen, industrial output

TOKYO, 30 July — Tokyo stocks opened slightly higher on Thursday on a weaker yen which benefits exporters and the rise of industrial output for the fourth straight month.

In the first 15 minutes of trading, the benchmark Nikkei-224 gained 18.22 points, or 0.18 percent, from Wednesday to 10,131.46.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was up 4.31 points, or 0.46 percent, to 934.67.

The Second Section also advanced. — Internet

Venezuela, Spain sign seven deals on energy, thermoelectricity co-op

CARACAS, 30 July — Venezuela and Spain signed Wednesday seven deals on energy and thermoelectricity cooperation.

Among the seven documents, four were on the cooperation between the Spain-Argentine oil company Repsol YPF and Venezuela’s state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA).

The two sides agreed to jointly produce oil from Block Junin 7 in the Orinoco Strip, which has reserves of some 31 billion barrels of oil.

They also signed a letter of intent on the creation of a joint venture, Petroquiriquiri, to explore the oil sources in the Baru Motatan field, some 700 km southwest to Caracas, whose daily output was expected to reach 100,000 barrels. — Internet

Mexican economy may shrink 7.5% this year

MEXICO CITY, 30 July — Mexico’s economy may shrink 7.5 percent this year, the country’s central bank, Bank of Mexico, said in its quarterly inflation report on Wednesday.

The new estimate comes a day after the National Statistics Agency (Inegi) reported that the economy may have slipped by over 11 percent in May, according to a preliminary indicator.

The report said Mexico’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which is measured quarterly, shrank 8 percent during the first quarter, adding that Mexico might only grow 2.5 percent next year.

“The world financial crisis has exposed Mexico’s economic weakness,” the report said. “The contraction of our economy has been very severe and larger than many other nations.” — Internet

Indonesia’s largest banks post huge growth in H1

JAKARTA, 30 July — Indonesia’s largest state-run and private banks, Bank Mandiri and Bank Central Asia (BCA), booked tremendous operation growths in the first half this year, the Jakarta Post reported here on Thursday.

Bank Central Asia (BCA), booked a net profit of 3.3 trillion rupiah (about 330.3 million US dollars) in the first half this year, a year-on-year rise of 35.9 percent, compared with 2.4 trillion rupiah the same period last year. Meanwhile, Bank Mandiri reaped a net profit of 2.9 trillion rupiah (some 290.2 million dollars, or 12.1 percent higher than that of the same period last year. — Internet

Lower oil price sends German inflation into minus in July

BERLIN, 30 July — Lower oil price sends German inflation rate into -0.6 percent in July 2009 compared with July 2008, the German Federal Statistics Office (Destatis) said on Wednesday in Wiesbaden.

In Germany, a negative inflation rate was last recorded in March 1987 at -0.3 percent, said Destatis. The reason for that development was a strong year-on-year decline in liquid fuel and motor fuel prices, which reached a peak in July 2008. It was lower than the 0.4 percent decline forecast by economists, according to the local media reports.

Some analysts believe oil prices will rise again as energy prices are climbing and the economy looks set to recover.

European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet said on 2 July that he expected the current extremely low or negative inflation rates to be “short-lived,” and the central bank have taken measures to protect the economy of the 16 euro nations from the “shorter-term threats of deflation.”

The harmonized inflation rate for Germany, which is calculated for European purposes, is expected to decrease by 0.6 percent in July 2009, said Destatis.

The final results for July 2009 will be released on 11 Aug. — Internet
Egyptian FM visits Brazil on Mideast, bilateral relations

BRASILIA, 30 July—Egyptian foreign minister Ahmed Ali Abud Gheit met on Wednesday with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on the situation in the Mideast and cooperation between their two countries. Brazil can play an important role in the peace negotiations on the Palestine-Israeli conflict, Gheit said at a press conference at the Itamaraty Palace, the seat of the foreign ministry.

On the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, Gheit said that Israel has to accept “the idea of two states.”

Amorim said that there must not be restrictions for a future Palestine State, adding that “to set restrictions against Palestinians will not lead the negotiations to a good end.” Last week, Israeli foreign minister Avigdor Lieberman visited Brasilia to discuss Brazil’s possible role in the Mideast conflict and to counteract “the growing Iranian activity in South America.”

Brazil and Egypt also signed on Wednesday agreements on bilateral cooperation.—Xinhua

China to have 1,027 rural banks by 2011

BEIJING, 30 July — China plans to increase the number of rural banks over tenfold to 1,027 by 2011 to bolster financial support to less developed areas, the country’s top banking regulator said on Wednesday.

The increase will concentrate on counties in central and western China that rely heavily on agriculture and also areas with low financial coverage, the China Banking Regulatory Commission said on its Website.

“We are going to introduce more rural financial players into the market to improve competitiveness and add financial coverage in the areas,” the banking regulator said.—Xinhua

Israel to allow cement into Gaza for first time since Cast Lead

JERUSALEM, 30 July—Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak Wednesday authorized the transfer of hundreds of tons of cement to the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip for the first time since the end of Operation Cast Lead in January. Barak’s ministry noted that the supplies would be transferred directly to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), not Hamas, and that they would be used for UN buildings, local daily The Jerusalem Post reported.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office said although he wasn’t directly involved in the decision, the premier supported the humanitarian measure.

Meanwhile, local daily Ha’aretz reported that the transfer of materials is part of the implementation of a UN plan devised by UN envoy to the Middle East, Robert Serry, who has submitted to Israel a list of 10 UN-sponsored construction projects in Gaza.

Among the construction projects are the reconstruction of Gaza’s largest flour mill and the refurbishing of a sewage treatment plant.—Xinhua

Chinese tobacco control expert calls for smoking ban in TV, film

BEIJING, 30 July — A Chinese tobacco-control expert has called for screens to be free of smoking scenes so as to better protect viewers, particularly the minors.

Currently, both home-made and imported TV series and films contain smoking scenes, which had a negative impact on viewers, especially minors as they tend to follow and mirror others, Xu Guihua, deputy director of the Chinese Association on Tobacco Control (CATC), was quoted by Thursday’s China Daily as saying.

Study shows that young people aged between 13 to 18, who often see smoking scenes in movies and TV shows, are 16 times more likely to become smokers than their counterparts. Among 144 box-office hit movies from 2004 to 2009, of which 66 were imported, about 60 percent contain tobacco-related scenes such as people smoking a cigarette or cigar, with ash tray or lighter in the background, a study jointly launched by CATC and the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has found.—Xinhua

Turkey, Georgia to build power line

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The project will help transmit excessive electricity generated in Georgia and Caspian countries to Turkey and then to Europe, Khетагури was quoted as saying.

Yildiz said at the signature ceremony that 130 kilometres of the line will be constructed in Turkey and 25 kilometres will be in Georgia, with each country to fund their respective sections, according to the report.

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Envoy proposes taking long-term, global view of China-Europe relations

BEIJING, 30 July — The relationship between China and the European Union (EU) should be viewed from a long-term and global perspective, China’s Ambassador Song Zhe said on Thursday.

“To ensure the sound and steady growth of China-European ties, we should transcend our differences, seek common ground and keep the overall relations from the effect of any single accident,” Song said in an interview with Xinhua.

Song, who served as head of China’s EU mission since 2008, suggested a long-term view of China-European relations, dismissing any temporary difficulties that might shake the confidence and direction guiding the relations.

“Taking a global perspective, we should expand and deepen China-European strategic cooperation with an aim to seeking world peace and development,” Song said.

Thanks to the 34-year growth, China and the EU have developed a multi-level cooperation, Song said, citing frequent political consultations, increasing trade volume and close personnel exchanges.

Stressing that the EU holds a crucial part in China’s diplomatic domain, Song characterized China-EU ties as “mutually supporting and beneficial.”—Xinhua

The ground-breaking ceremony of Subway Line 1 is held in Nanchang, capital of east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 29 July, 2009.—Xinhua

People visit at the fourth Chengdu Biennial Exhibition in Chengdu, capital of southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 29 July, 2009.—Xinhua

Dancers from the Gansu Provincial Song and Dance Company perform the Chinese classic six-scene dance drama “Flower Rains along Silk Road”, an episode on the Silk Road, in Beijing, capital of China, on 29 July, 2009.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency
How to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes

Extreme wet weather in some parts of the United States has caused an increase in mosquitoes and their bites, which can cause disease like West Nile. David Mieziewski of the National Wildlife Federation says since the pesky biters start life out as aquatic larvae in standing bodies of water — as little as one-inch of water — it’s best to get rid of hot beds for mosquito reproduction. These include clogged gutters, flower-pot drainage dishes, play equipment, tarps and debris. A birth bath will not become a nursery if the water is changed every few days.

There are a number of other ways Mieziewski recommends to avoid bites. Some of these include:

— Attracting mosquito predators, frogs, salamanders and dragonflies. Putting up houses for birds and bats. Letting fish feed on mosquito larvae, but don’t release goldfish or other exotic species into natural areas.

— Not using insecticides or putting oil on the surface of bodies of water. These kill beneficial insects, mosquito predators and cause air and water pollution. Bug zappers also kill beneficial insects but are not effective against mosquitoes.

— Mosquitoes are not strong flyers and the breeze created by a fan is often all that is needed to keep a patio mosquito-free.

— Avoid going outdoors at dusk, which is peak mosquito time.

Hearing-impaired girl learns peace from a dolphin

Ten-year-old McKenna McGough said it was a friendship with a dolphin that finally made her realize she shouldn’t be embarrassed to wear her hearing aids. On a trip two years ago to Clearwater, Fla, McKenna met Winter the dolphin, who had lost her tail in an accident involving a crab trap.

The girl’s mother, Stacy McGough, told Dallas-Fort Worth television station KXAS that after seeing Winter for the first time, McKenna started wearing her hearing aid.

McKenna says of Winter, “She’s not so shy to show her stump, so why should I be shy to show my hearing aid?”

A paranoid Chongqing woman’s idea of keeping burglars away has begun to infuriate her neighbours. — Xinhua

A tugboat secures the overbalanced front end of the ferry “Tor Freesia” of the DFDS Tor Line at the MWB shipyards in Bremerhaven, northern Germany, on 25 July, 2009. The bow capsized during a thunderstorm at about noon. According to the police, nobody was injured. Stormy weather has been sweeping over many parts of Germany, darkening along with the skies the moods of those who’d rather be on summer picnics in the park than stuck indoors.

Russia launches six satellites

MOSCOW, 30 July — Russia successfully sent six satellites into orbit on Wednesday, said the Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos).

The rocket carrier Dnepr blasted off from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan at 10:46 pm Moscow time (1846 GMT), carrying satellites of various purposes for the United Arab Emirates, Spain, the United States and Britain.

By 1:02 pm Moscow time (1902 GMT), all satellites have separated from the rocket and been sent into orbit.

The Dnepr rocket was transformed from the RS-20 intercontinental ballistic missile, said the Itar-Tass news agency.

The three-stage liquid propellant missile can carry payloads up to 3.7 tons to the orbit altitude of 300 to 900 km.

Astronauts inspect heat shield for shuttle Endeavour

WASHINGTON, 30 July — Space shuttle Endeavour’s astronauts inspected its heat shield one more time Wednesday with lasers and cameras as they begin to set their sights on a Friday landing, NASA said.

Endeavour’s thermal protection system was cleared for landing earlier in the flight. This late inspection will ensure that there has been no impact damage from micrometeors or space junk during its docked operations or fly-around of the station.

A preliminary look at the images beamed down found nothing amiss, and everything was on track for Friday’s planned landing, according to NASA.

The US space agency also said Wednesday that there are two landing opportunities at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida at 10:48 am (1448 GMT) and 00:23 pm EDT (1623 GMT) on Friday.

NASA will evaluate weather conditions at Kennedy before permitting Endeavour and its crew to land. If weather prevents a return to Kennedy on Friday, the backup landing site at Edwards Air Force Base in California will be activated Saturday for consideration as well. — Internet

A description of the new species, dubbed the Bare-faced Bulbul, is published in the latest issue of the Oriental Bird Club’s journal Forktail.

The bird is said to be found in an area of sparse forest on rugged limestone karsts—a little-visited habitat known for unusual wildlife discoveries.

“It’s apparent restriction to rather inhospitable habitats helps to explain why such an extraordinary bird with conspicuous habits and a distinctive call has remained unnoticed for so long,” said Iain Woxvold of the University of Melbourne, who made the discovery along with WSC researchers.

Although much of the bird’s presumed habitat falls within legally protected areas in Laos, quarantining of limestone looms as a potential threat to wildlife in this area, along with habitat conversion for agriculture, the researchers warned in a statement. — Internet

A visitors look at the flowers bed on the grounds of the “Bundesgartenschau” horticultural show, The historic castle in Schwerin, northern Germany, rises in the background. The leafy show runs through on 11 Oct.

Car thief found sleeping in the car

Police arrested a suspected car thief they found asleep in the 2001 Oldsmobile he’s accused of stealing. Officers said a 26-year-old man and a woman were found asleep in the car Thursday about six miles from where it was stolen.

Both were taken into custody and the man was arrested on suspicion of grand larceny. It’s not clear if the woman faces charges.

An arrest warrant affidavit said he told officers the car had been sitting outside a liquor store, unlocked with the keys in the ignition.
I would like to present two different American views about Myanmar that were expressed recently.

The first view was expressed by US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton in response to the questions of correspondents at the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) held in Phuket, Thailand, in the third week of July.

She said that the US wanted to see positive changes of the Myanmar military government; and that among them, the major one was to release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. She added that if Daw Suu Kyi was released, the US would generate better opportunities to strengthen the relations with Myanmar; and that one of which was to make investments in Myanmar.

She urged ASEAN countries to make a change in its policy towards Myanmar unless Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was released.

On 25 July, US President Obama endorsed the law to extend the provision to embargo all the goods from Myanmar. It is disappointing that President Obama said that he always welcomes those with the clenched fists to shake hands with them, but did sign the extension of the sanctions designed to deepen the abject misery being faced by Myanmar people.

Some time later, Mrs Clinton’s remarks were followed by a counter view from the US.

The view was expressed by Ms Ella Gudwin, staff member of Ameri Cares and Director of Science Monitor Newspaper.

Ms. Gudwin came along with international non-governmental organizations to Myanmar after the cyclone “Nargis” hit the country last year, and got involved in rehabilitation tasks. She carried out rehabilitation tasks in cooperation with ward and village elders, monks, local authorities and servicemen, so she knows objective conditions of Myanmar to a certain degree.

She has an opposite view from that of Mrs. Clinton. She pointed out that the exaggerated policy on release of Daw Suu Kyi had lasted for years, but had not worked at all.

She said that if President Obama offered to shake hands with those who clenched their fists, he should include Myanmar as well, adding that she did not rule out the demands for release of Daw Suu Kyi, but there should be a different approach from the policy of isolating Myanmar by putting pressure on and imposing sanctions against the country.

Pointing out the success achieved in collaborative work in the Nargis affairs by the Myanmar government, international organizations and local NGOs, she commented that it was an opportune time for the US to adopt a new policy, but US President Bush failed to grab the opportunity; and that fortune favoured him to approach Myanmar through humanitarian aid, but he extended the sanctions and imposed new sanctions against Myanmar in July after the Nargis.

She said that not as others thought, Myanmar authorities were not the people who did not know anything and who were not negotiable; and that most of the persons who had helped her in the rehabilitation tasks were local authorities and military officers.

She presented three ways the US should take in Myanmar: to encourage US humanitarian organizations to provide aid for rehabilitation and social development in Myanmar; to build trust with medium-ranking officials in favour of reforms through discussions; and to lay down appropriate programmes in cooperation with the countries interested in the Myanmar’s future such as the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of India and ASEAN members.

Here, I would say it is up to you readers to consider which view is pragmatic approach for the sake of the interest of Myanmar. These two views at opposite ends of the political spectrum awakened me to think an aphorism that a drop of honey could attract more flies than a gallon of a certain liquid stated in the book “How to win friends and influence people” by Dale Carnegie.

Translation: MS

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The books on management, market economy, religious affairs, health, education, science, computer, language, medical education, dictionary, cooking, astrology, guide, sports, novel, poem, stories for children, cartoon and others including magazines and journals in English and Myanmar are available at the book city.

To mark the opening of Capital Book City, the Capital Book Fair will be held from 7 to 16 August and the books will be sold at discount.

The commander addressed the fifth ceremony to distribute agricultural supplies to profit-sharing peasants of Kisanakyuntha Co Ltd at BEHS in Danubyu on 19 July.

The CEO of the company presented agricultural assistence on behalf of the farmers and K 5 million of stipends for the sixth-distinction winner student in the matriculation exam.

The commander inspected Sinthwelat farm of the company in Thabyu village-tract.

The managing director of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading of the Ministry of Commerce explained establishment of such companies and the director of Hinthada Rice Trading Co. The personnel from the company presented agricultural loans and agricultural supplies to profit-sharing farmers organized by Hinthada Rice Trading Co. The personnel from the company presented agricultural supplies to profit-sharing farmers organized by Hinthada Rice Trading Co.

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State rendering ...

Aftwards, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han presented reports to the Prime Minister on investment and construction tasks in the project, installation of communication facilities in Yatanarpon Myothit and communication related equipment to be manufactured, telephone lines to be extended in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions, modern rural region communication system to be set up and progress in building Yatanarpon Cyber Hall and staff quarters.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein views internationally recognized computer course and attending of trainees at International Software Development Center in MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon), PyinOoLwin Township.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects samples of communication equipment and Internet related equipment displayed at Yatanarpon Teleport in PyinOoLwin Township.—MNA

The following day the Prime Minister, accompanied by the commander, ministers and the Mandalay mayor, inspected progress in building the retaining wall of Shwetachaung Drain at the corner of 38th street and 86th street in street economic development township. While inspecting proper flow of drainage, Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and Acting Head of Road and Bridge Department Daw Khin May Htay presented reports to the Prime Minister on accomplishment of the road and bridge works.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions to officials concerned.

Next, the Prime Minister and party looked into progress in upgrading the 30th tarred street in Chanayethazan Township with the extension of 50 feet from 62nd street to the 53rd street and paving the gravel as the basic layer at the entrance road to Mandalay of Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

Aftwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Mandalay International Airport in a motorcade and they were seen off there by Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials concerned.

Leaving Mandalay by air, the Prime Minister and party arrived back here in the afternoon.—MNA

Arts and Science Universities, Universities of Computer Studies, Technological Universities and Colleges existing in 24 special development regions are nurturing intellectuals and intelligentsia necessary for an industrialized country.
Leading committee for beautifying ...  
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making efforts for proper flow of water in the drains and upgrading of roads.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on progress of work and future tasks of the leading committee.

Related meetings of ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting continue

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—The 6th ASEAN+3 Ministers on Energy Meeting and Third EAS Ministers on Energy meeting - 3rd EAS EMM, which are related meetings of the 27th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting, continued at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay yesterday.

Energy ministers from ASEAN countries and dialogue partners of East Asia countries, deputy ministers, senior officials, the Deputy Secretary-General and officials of ASEAN Secretariat, representatives of ASEAN Center for Energy (ACE) and Economic Research Institutes for ASEAN and East Asia attended the meeting.

Chairperson of the meeting Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi made an opening speech. Afterwards, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials from dialogue partners of East Asia countries made opening speeches and those present discussed energy matters.

After the meeting, press conference followed at the same venue, attended by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Secretary-General Mr Pushpanathan Sundram of ASEAN Secretariat, departmental heads, correspondents from Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and media men. At the conference, the Minister explained facts about the completion of holding the meeting.

After that, the Minister and officials replied to queries raised by the reporters.

Yangon Travel Journal No. 8, Volume II comes out

YANGON, 30 July — No. 8, Volume II of Yangon Travel Journal came out on 28 July.

The journal has covered short stories, articles, cartoons, jokes, poems and youth section.

The journal is available at book shops in Yangon and branches of All bus-line Control Committee. Those wishing to send manuscripts to the journal may contact No. 474, Thunby Road, Kandawgyi, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ph. 581858.

The journal is published with the aim of disseminating knowledge on traffic rules to drivers, bus conductors and travellers and declining the road accidents. — MNA
Fake eggs made...

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and yolk put in the oval-shaped-plastic container and dried for some time. Then, chemical egg that exactly looks like the real one is obtained.

Medical experts warned that those chemical eggs do not have any nutritional values and may harm health if consumed due to the chemical agents. Thus, public is to be conscious of consuming eggs.

Those chemical eggs are found added if shaken and they spin faster and longer than real ones if spun on the surface of mirror or plate.

Compared with the real ones, those fake eggs are found more dark in colour, more reflective as their shells are made of wax, the surface seemed rougher if rub, no membrane in shell, and the white and yolk of the chemical ones mix if boiled.

Moreover, laboratory tests on the chemical eggs of departments concerned are under way now and further findings will be announced to the public.

The real eggs are distinguishable from chemical ones with the above-mentioned methods and authorities concerned urged the sellers not to sell and restaurants not to serve customers with those eggs.

Town Development Committees in respective regions are taking steps to seize those chemical eggs and people are to inform to the authorities concerned should they come across them in market. MNA

Kengtung Township gaining development momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July

—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence inspected chicken breeding special zone in Shwebo, Shwebo District and Shwebo-Kyaunkmuayung Road on 26 July.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into Maha Nandar Lake, a chlorination plant and water filter tank in Shwebo, and oversaw Laungshae water pumping works in KhinU.

At chicken breeding special zone in Aung Thiri Ward, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on facts about the breeding zone presented by officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye viewed development of KhinU, and condition of KhinU-Dabayin-Budalin-Monywa road section.

Then Lt-Gen Tha Aye opened the tube well at Kyaunggon Village in Budalin Township on 27 July. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended the opening of new school building for Yaybudalin Village BEPS.

He also inspected the suspension bridge at Chaungwagi Village and presented publications for village library and medicines for village clinic.

He visited Inndaw River Water Pumping Project in Yinmabin Township.

He also oversaw Aung Zeya Housing Project, plantations and water tank. MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivering speech in meeting with district and township level departmental officials and members of social organizations in Bhamo Township, Kachin State.—MNA

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence inspects worksite of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad construction project in Kengtung.—MNA

Minister meets service personnel, social organization members in Bhamo, Sagaing and Mandalay

YANGON, 30 July — Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Oo met with district and township level departmental officials and members of social organizations at the hall of Bhamo Township in Kachin State on 26 July.

The minister also met with district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and staff of five departments at the hall in Sagaing, Sagaing Division on 28 July and at the office of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council on 29 July.

The minister gave accounts on present political and economics issues and urged them to discharge their duties in line with the staff rules and regulations. MNA
Shwegyin Township enjoying development at unprecedented level

**Article, photos: Reporter Peinzalok Thein Nyunt**

The 1,500 feet long Sittoung (Shwegyin-Madauk) Bridge linking Shwegyin and Madauk.

Shwegyin Township in Bago Division has seen a lot of positive changes in all fields. Housing estates and fine roads coping with an increasing volume of traffic clearly testify to the fact that the region has become an urbanized area as a result of the drive for making peace and stability return to normal.

The township founded by King Bodaw Phaya in 1160 Myanmar Era stands at an altitude of 96 feet with eastern Yoma mountain ranging in the east. It is, indeed, a region of scenic natural beauty. At the entrance of the township is a signboard saying “Welcome to Shwegyin Township” along with its moat, wall and archway embodied with the arts of Myanmar handicraft.

It is located on the spur of the eastern Yoma mountain range; and 17 miles east of it is Papun Township in Kayin State; two miles north of it, Nyaunglebin, Kyaukda and Waw townships, 23 miles south of it, Kyakto Township in Mon State; and 23 miles north of it, Kyaukkyi Township.

Of the famous regional festivals in Myanmar is Shwegyin lantern floating festival annually held Shwegyin Township, Bago Division. In an interview, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Thein Oo told the Kyemon that the township was composed with eight wards, 31 village-tracts and 82 villages with a population of 86,216; that in 2008-2009, it put 50,778 acres under monsoon paddy, 3146 acres under summer paddy, 15,874 acres under beans and pulses, 2249 acres under vegetables, 2324 acres under sunflower, 3012 acres under cold season sesame, 200 acres under ginger, 11,089 acres under cold season groundnut, and 2124 acres under monsoon groundnut; that previous year it grew 2466 acres of monsoon groundnut.

Previously, the township had only a 16-bed hospital; and that the government opened a 100-bed township people’s well-equipped hospital on 27 December 2004. The township now has 16-bed Donzayit Station Hospital, three private clinics, rural health branch, a sub-rural health centre, Myoma Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Leprosy, TB, Malaria centres, he said.

In the education sector, the township has two basic education high schools, five affiliated high schools, one middle school, two affiliated middle schools, one middle school (branch), 15 post-primary schools, 39 primary schools, two pre-primary schools, and three monastic education schools.

With respect to the communication sector, the township had a manual exchange in the past. The Myanma Posts and Telecommunications opened a digital auto exchange on 1 April 2005. Now, the exchange is installed with 559 telephones. Now, local people can make a phone contact with any other region in the country.

In order to improve the region’s transport, 1,500-foot-long Sittoung Bridge over the Sittoung River linking Shwegyin and Madauk was opened on 11 February 2003. The region has got Nyaunglebin feeder road leading to Yangon-Mandalay Highway, Public Works and the Township Development Affairs Committee are building new tarred, gravel, laterite and earth roads and repairing old ones.

MWJA holds meeting

YANGON, 30 July—The Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held meeting No. 7/2009 at Sarpy Beikman building, here, yesterday.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsang) made a speech.

Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) reported on accomplishment on resolutions of the previous meeting and leaders of the respective work committees on their respective sectors.

The meeting ended with the remarks by the chairman.

**YOUTH Computer to launch Network Engineer and MCSA courses**

YANGON, 30 July—YOUTH Computer Centre has been conducting the monthly practical A+, MCSA and computer aided music courses, publishing the computer technology books, disseminating weekly computer knowledge lessons through online RCT and password are available at book stalls and public access centers at the rate of 1500 per month for those who wish to be members of the website.

Anyone interested to enroll the course, to buy books and to take membership may contact No. 6-A, Pansodan Office Tower on Pansodan Road near J Donuts, Kyauktada Township (Ph: 254893 and 09-3003590) during office hours.—MNA

Network and Computer Music lessons by uploading through e-learning system on www.zawlinyouth.net for 60 lessons a month. Prepaid cards with user ID and password are available at book stalls and public access centers at the rate of 1500 per month for those who wish to be members of the website.

The rapid development of Shwegyin Township is largely due to the onerous tasks the government is carrying out to improve the infrastructures in the interests of the people. Now, the township enjoys all-round development far better than that in the past.

Translation: MS Kyemon: 29-7-2009
Crocodiles’ origins still mystery in Shanghai

BEIJING, 30 July—The Shanghai Wildlife Protection Office has still not discovered the source of two young estuarine crocodiles found in the city recently.

Investigation of nearby restaurants came up with nothing, officials said. Officers visited the Lantian Hotel in Yangpu District on Wednesday, the only restaurant big enough to deal with crocodile meat near the Wujiangkang area of Yangpu District, where an estuarine crocodile was found on a Metro Line 10 construction site on Tuesday. They found no clue in the kitchen or store house.

“We had no evidence proving that they were doing crocodile trade,” said Pei Enle, director of the office. “So we couldn’t take any action, but only warned the hotel that it’s illegal to sell crocodile without the government’s permission.”

Pei said estuarine crocodiles are endangered. “Most wild estuarine crocodiles live in South Asia,” he said. “The two crocodiles may come from abroad. They managed to escape on the way to restaurants.” —Internet

Poland not to join euro zone in 2012: official

WARSAW, 30 July—Poland would not join the euro zone in 2012, Deputy Finance Minister Ludwik Kotecki said here Wednesday. “In August the government will publish a strategic framework of the National Plan of euro introduction. It will include additional conditions. Today we may say that 2012 as the euro zone joining date is unfeasible.”

Visitors take photos of a dog during the Pet South America fair in Sao Paulo recently. —INTERNET

Hungarian police arrest int’l team for illegal stem cell treatment

BUDAPEST, 30 July—The Hungarian police arrested four people, two foreigners and two Hungarians, on charges of illegally treating patients with stem cells, and a court ruled on Wednesday that the four were to be held in preliminary detention, the local wire service MTI reported. The four, including Yuji Balthaytis, a US citizen, a Ukrainian national identified only as Natalia K, Istvan Seffer, a Hungarian doctor, and a second Hungarian, believed to be Sandor Szabo, worked out of a medical clinic in Kaposvar, southwest Hungary, where Seffer’s brother was director and Seffer and Szabo were part-owners.

They were accused of injecting stem cells into patients over a two-year period beginning in 2007 and ending with their arrest. They charged about 25,000 US dollars to administer the treatments. The products administered to the patients were untested on either humans or animals, and the effects were unknown. National Bureau of Investigation spokesman Soma Csecsi said.—INTERNET

Kotecki told the Senate. Earlier the Polish government planned that Poland would join ERM2 (European exchange rate mechanism) in 2009 to adopt euro in 2012.

“We assume that Poland could best join the ERM2 when it will need to stay in the mechanism for the shortest time,” FX market volatility is still quite high although it is declining. There is no political consensus, either, ” Polish news agency PAP quoted Kotecki as saying.

“We will present new conditions in the national plan of euro adoption which will define new prospects and dates,” he added.—INTERNET

People work at an archaeological site in Xihu Township in the Weiyang District of Yangzhou City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 29 July, 2009. An ancient tomb, which is estimated to be a tomb of the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD), has been excavated and burial artifacts like copper mirror, pottery, lacquer article have been found. The coffin has not been opened yet. —XINHUA

Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Health
Department of Medical Science

Announcement for Refresher Course for Issuing Doctor Registration Cards (Sa Ma), and Refresher Course for Issuing Dentist Registration Cards (Tha Kha).

1. Refresher Course for Issuing Doctor Registration Cards and Refresher Course for Issuing Dentist Registration Cards will be conducted at the universities of medicine and universities of dental medicine under the Department of Medical Science of the Ministry of Health in August 2009. The following persons are eligible for the courses.

2. Those who have completed internship since December 2007, but have yet to get Doctor Registration Cards (Sa Ma), or Dentist Registration Cards (Tha Kha).

Remark: Those in service are not eligible for the courses.

3. Closing date for applications: 7 August 2009
4. Applications to be submitted: Mother university
5. For further details, contact the Department of Medical Science (Head Office) in Nay Pyi Taw and mother universities.

Department of Medical Science
Building starts on straw house for 2010 World Expo

BEIJING, 30 July — Construction began on Wednesday on property developer Vanke’s pavilion for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo. But, rather than showcase its new houses, China’s biggest listed real estate developer will urge people with its pavilion to protect nature. And, unlike other Expo pavilions, the Vanke building will gradually decay and lose its glory during the 2010 event.

The facade of the 5,000-square-meter pavilion will be made of wheat straw. The eco-friendly construction material will start out gold in color but will turn yellow and then black by the end of the event. The color and smell of straw will make people think of nature and the decaying process will show the changes of nature to Expo visitors, said Lu Xiang, the pavilion’s chief designer. The building will comprise seven 18-meter-tall steel structures in the shape of straw piles, which is a common sight in China’s farmlands.

Thailand, Australia, Malaysia report more flu-related deaths

HONG KONG, 30 July — Thailand’s Public Health Ministry on Wednesday announced 21 more deaths due to the A/H1N1 influenza infection, while Australia reported four flu-related deaths and Malaysia reported one. Of the total deaths, a large number of the victims died due to having complication and congenital diseases, the ministry said. Meanwhile, the country’s total number of the A/H1N1 infected patients rose to 8,877, higher compared to 6,776 as of July 22, the ministry said. Australia’s New South Wales (NSW) recorded four more deaths of people with A/H1N1 flu, bringing the state’s toll to 21, health authorities revealed on Wednesday.

NSW Chief Health Officer Kerry Chant confirmed the fatalities, saying all four people — two men and two women aged between 57 and 71 — had underlying medical conditions. Chant said they had been at greater risk of developing severe illness from A/H1N1 flu due to their underlying illnesses. “Pregnant women, people who have existing health problems, such as diabetes, respiratory, heart and renal disease need to take extra care and consult their doctor if they experience flu-like symptoms,” Chant said in a statement.

Chant reminded everyone to practice good hygiene, including covering the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and disposing of tissues promptly after use.

A total of 3,874 people in NSW have now tested positive for A/H1N1 flu, however, this figure represents only a small proportion of the true number of cases. Malaysia reported the fourth death of A/H1N1 flu, for the first time spread to many schools and office buildings across the country, said Trieu.

Scientists discover Amazon river is 11 million years old

WASHINGTON, 30 July — A team of scientists have discovered that the Amazon river, and its transcontinental drainage, is around 11 million years old and took its present shape about 2.4 million years ago. The study was published in the July issue of US journal Geology. University of Liverpool researchers, in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam and Petrobras, the national oil company of Brazil, analyzed sedimentary material taken from two boreholes near the mouth of the river to calculate the age of the Amazon river and the Amazon deep sea fan.

Prior to this study, the exact age of the Amazon, one of the two largest rivers in the world, was not known. Until recently the Amazon Fan, a submarine sediment column around 10 km thick, had proven difficult to penetrate. New exploration efforts by Petrobras, however, have led to two new boreholes being drilled near the mouth of the Amazon — one 2.5 miles (4.5 km) below sea level — which resulted in new sedimentological and paleontological analysis of samples from the river sediment.

“River sediment records provide a unique insight into the palaeoclimate and geography of the hinterland,” said Jorge Figueredo of the University’s Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences.

Health Minister says only half Vietnamese locals have plans to fight A/H1N1 flu

HANOI, 30 July — Vietnamese Health Minister Nguyen Quoc Trieu said only 34 out of 63 municipalities and provinces in the country have A/H1N1 prevention plans despite the fast spread of the disease, local newspaper the Vietnam News reported on Thursday.

Trieu made the remarks at the weekly meeting of the National Steering Committee for A/H1N1 Prevention in Hanoi on Wednesday, said the newspaper. In the past three weeks, the disease has spread to many schools and office buildings across the country, said Trieu.

At the meeting, the minister required A/H1N1 flu-hit provinces to set up temporary hospitals where they are most needed such as schools, offices and industrial zones, according to the newspaper.

The Health Ministry planned to buy more Tamiflu and Relenza drugs, said the newspaper.

More dairy as a child prolongs life, a study says

BEIJING, 30 July — Drinking milk and consuming dairy produce from an early age may result in a longer life in a new study suggests. Researchers in Britain and Australia say that of those they studied, the consumption of a calcium-rich diet played an important part in protecting against strokes and other causes of death.

Researchers traced 4,374 British children who had taken part in a 1950s study and found that those who had indulged in a high dairy and calcium diet were generally more healthy. The study suggests that a daily consumption of 300 ml of milk, containing around 400 mg of calcium, could cut the chance of dying from a stroke by as much as 60 percent.

1,529 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 30 July — A European health agency said Wednesday that 1,529 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 1,096 were confirmed in Germany, 104 in Norway, 91 in the Netherlands, 63 in Sweden, 50 in Ireland, 34 in Austria, 17 in Switzerland, 14 in Luxembourg, 12 in Iceland, nine in Romania, seven respectively in Denmark, Slovenia and Hungary, five in Lithuania, three respectively in the Czech Republic, Estonia and Slovakia, two respectively in Bulgaria and Latvia, one respectively in Norway and Estonia, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 22,817, with 1,538 cases in Spain and 11,159 in Britain, 628 in France and 4,445 in Germany, the ECDC said.
Man United edges Boca Juniors 2-1

BERLIN, 30 July — Antonio Valencia scored the winner for Manchester United in a 2-1 victory over Boca Juniors in a friendly tournament in Munich on Wednesday.

Midfielder Anderson opened the account for Manchester United with a free kick. Valencia scored the English club’s second goal before halftime with a low shot.

Federico Insua pulled one back for Boca in the 55th minute. — Internet

Manchester City signs Toure

LONDON, 30 July — Premier League club Manchester City have signed Cote d’Ivoire defender Kolo Toure from Arsenal, the club said on Wednesday.

Toure, 28, has signed a four-year deal with Manchester City, the club said on their website. — Internet

French Gomis joins Lyon

PARIS, 30 July — French international Rabefimbi Gomis joined seven-time French champions Lyon from St Etienne in a 15 million euro deal on Wednesday, according to an AFP report.

The 23-year-old signed a five-year contract, club official Bernard Lacombe told AFP.

“Everything has been finalized, it is a great thing. He will be a focal point for the attack which is important. ‘Bafe’ is a really exciting player,” Lacombe added. — Internet

Ronaldo receives 12 pins in his left hand

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 July — Undergoing surgery on his left, Corinthians’ star striker Ronaldo received 12 pins and two titanium plates in his left hand on Wednesday.

His return time is four to six weeks. — Internet

Van Der Burgh breaks men’s 50m breaststroke world record

ROMPI, 30 July — South African Cameron Van Der Burgh won the men’s 50m breaststroke gold medal on Wednesday, breaking the world record for the second time in two days with a time of 26.67 in the world swimming championships.

Van Der Burgh had set the record at 26.74 in Tuesday’s semifinals.

Brazil’s Felipe Silva and American Mark Gangloff finished second and third respectively. — Internet

BMW withdraws from F1

BERLIN, 30 July — German luxury car maker Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW) will quit Formula One in November at the end of 2009 season, Chief Executive Norbert Reithofer confirmed on Wednesday in its Munich headquarters.

BMW became the second carmaker following Honda in less than a year to withdraw from the auto-racing series amid disappointing sales.

“The board decided yesterday that we would change our involvement in motor sport. The BMW group will end its involvement with Formula One at the end of 2009 season,” said Reithofer. The importance of Formula One is reducing as BMW ‘places stronger focus on sustainability initiatives,’ he added.

At present, BMW spends an estimated 200 million euros (some 28 million US dollars) on Formula One every year to market its brand. However, its team only got one win in 63 races, when Robert Kubica took victory in Canada last season.

Analysts thought the high cost and the poor performance of BMW team in F1 were the reasons why BMW quit F1, but Reithofer denied that, saying the decision was made based on company’s new strategy rather than the high costs and disappointing results.

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Villa cruise into Peace Cup semis, meet Porto

SEVILLE, 30 July — English Premier League side Aston Villa eased into the Peace Cup semi-finals on Wednesday with a 3-1 victory over Mexican outfit Atlante.

The up and coming English outfit - a rising force under former Celtic handler Martin O’Neill - will meet Portugal’s 2004 Champions League winners Porto in the semi-finals.

Porto eked out a dour 0-0 draw with Turkish side Besiktas, which was enough to see them through to Friday’s semi-final in Malaga.

Villa encountered few problems against Atlante with Norwegian international John Carew grabbing their second in the 48th minute and Ashley Young wrapped it up in the 62nd minute.

The other semi-final in Seville also on Friday features Italian powerhouse Juventus and Spanish giants Real Madrid. — Internet

Russian Zueva breaks women’s 50m backstroke world record

ROMPI, 30 July — Russian Anastasia Zueva broke the women’s 50m backstroke world record in a semifinal heat with a time of 27.38, just minutes after German Daniela Samulski had bettered the mark to 27.39.

Samulski, swimming in the first semifinal, improved the mark of 27.61 she set in Berlin on June 26.

But Zueva was playing just her 17th match since returning from a nine-month layoff because of shoulder surgery. — Internet

Sharapova advances at Stanford tennis

STANFORD, 30 July — Maria Sharapova rolled over fellow Russian Nadia Petrova 6-1, 6-2 in the second round of the 700,000 dollar Bank of the West Classic.

Former world number one Sharapova needed just over an hour to beat current world number 10 Petrova.

Sharapova now has 13 wins and four losses in 2009 as she continued her domination over Petrova, winning seven of their eight career matches. “I knew what I had to improve upon,” Sharapova said.

“I started that first match lousy. This time the goal was to get a better start.”

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Park sets bars for Premier League’s Asian stars

LONDON, 30 July — After two decades as Manchester United manager, Sir Alex Ferguson has grown used to watching his players treated like idols across the world, but even he was taken aback by the fervour that greeted Park Ji-Sung in South Korea during the club’s recent pre-season tour.

Park is by far South Korea’s most successful football export and he heads into his fifth season with United firmly established as a key figure in Ferguson’s squad.

So when Park returned home with United for the first time in July, his compatriots were determined to pay tribute to their hero. They flocked to the airport to greet him when United arrived in Korea and, although Park was not fully fit, Ferguson felt compelled to send him on as a substitute in the friendly against FC Seoul. — Internet

Sharapova blows kisses to the crowd after beating Nadia Petrova of Russia 6-1, 6-2 at Stanford. Internet

A poster shows Manchester United’s Park Ji-Sung, in a shopping mall in Seoul. Internet

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Jerry Hall says finding a faithful man is a “luxury”

New York, 30 July—Jerry Hall says it would be a “luxury” to find a faithful man. The 53-year-old former model—whose nine-year marriage to Rolling Stones rocker Sir Mick Jagger ended in 1999 when she discovered he had fathered a child with another woman—would consider tying the knot again if she found her father beat her as a child. Jerry replied: ‘Yeah, I hope that’s over. I feel excited and still hopeful about what’s around the corner, about the future.’

Internet

Weather China, on 30 July, 2009. A short-time storm hit Shanghai due to a heavy cloud cluster on Thursday. Local observatory issued red alert signal of rain storm.—INTERNET

WEATHER

Thursday, 30th July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagain Division, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagain and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavy falls in Chin and Kayin States, Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.70) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmaw) (0.20) inch, An (7.55) inches, Kyauktaw (5.47) inches, Maungdaw (5.07) inches, Sittway (4.81) inches, Palaw (4.43) inches, Thanlwin and Ye (3.74) inches each, Paung (3.54) inches, Hpa-an (3.30) inches, Nyaunglayin (3.31) inches, Mawlamyine (3.27) inches and Yamen (0.15) inch. Maximum temperature on 29-7-2009 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 30-7-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-7-2009 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 29-7-2009 was Nil. Rainfall on 30-7-2009 was (0.55) inch at Kaya Aye and (0.5) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (68.66) inches at Mandalay, (75.27) inches at Kaya Aye and (76.38) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaya Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 29-7-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 31st July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagain and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin, Shan States, upper Sagain Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division. 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 (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).
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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

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1047) cm. It may reach its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is (659) cm. It may reach its danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hours commencing this noon.

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Leading committee for beautifying and upgrading Yangon holds meeting

YANGON, 30 July—Leading committee for beautifying and upgrading Yangon held its meeting No 13/2009 at the City Hall here yesterday.

At the meeting, Patron of the committee Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence called for (See page 9)

Fake eggs made of chemicals enter through borders, not suitable to consume

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—It is learnt that fake eggs made of chemicals have been entering into markets of some regions in border areas and some local markets in the country through border areas.

Those eggs look like natural eggs in appearance and cannot be differentiated from real ones with mere superficial view and are made chemically.

White of a chemical egg is made of benzoic acid, jelly, unknown chemical powder, chemicals used in size and chemical powder used in bakery.

In making yolk of a chemical egg, first, unknown yellow powder is mixed thoroughly with some kind of liquid and then it is mixed again with liquid called Magic Water which contains calcium chloride.

Then white and yolk of the egg is poured down into an oval-shaped-plastic container to appear the shape and Magic Water, a form of thin membrane, separates yolk and white.

The shell of the egg is made with the mixture of wax that contain paraffin and unknown white chemical liquid and then it is poured into fake white (See page 10)

Two different American views about Myanmar

Ms. Ella Gudwin has an opposite view from that of Mrs. Clinton. She pointed out that the exaggerated policy on release of Daw Suu Kyi had lasted for years, but had not worked at all.