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- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
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- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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- 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

Prime Minister receives Deputy Minister of Commerce of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar received Deputy Minister Mr Chen Jian of the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China at the meeting hall of the Government Office here at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Prime Minister were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department and Director-General Daw Myo Nwe of Foreign Economic Relation Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Chinese Deputy Minister Commerce was accompanied by delegation members and Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo.

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Grow more teak and hardwood plants for national economic development

Myanmar, being a land where teak naturally grows well, has vast tracts of fertile teak plantations. The wealth of forest resources contributes a lot to the nation’s economic development.

The government of Myanmar is systematically conserving aquatic and terrestrial resources. It is protecting the flora and fauna of the nation’s natural forests in accordance with its forest law. The Ministry of Forest, in cooperation with related ministries, is establishing watershed forests, natural forests and teak plantations.

To contribute to greening the environment and development of natural forests, plants are being grown along the Bago mountain range. Teak and ironwood plantations are being established in forest reserves and protected forests in Pyu, Ottwin and Yedashe townships in Toungoo District.

Plantations of teak, gum-kino and other kinds of timber are thriving in Paunglin, Mahuya and Kalitaw forest reserves in Hlegu Township in Yangon Division. Teak saplings were collectively grown in Taikkyi Township in this rainy season.

The work of greening the Bago mountain range and establishing plantations of teak and firewood trees is being done on a wide scale in several townships in Thayawady District. Plantations of various kinds of timber are thriving there.

Teak forests are important for the national economic development as well as for greening the environment. Climatic conditions depend on forests. Therefore, it is necessary to extend the cultivation of various kinds of hardwood trees, including teak and ironwood, to ensure regular climatic conditions and national economic development.

Asian Food Fair-2009 commences

YANGON, 28 Aug—The opening of Asian Food Fair-2009 organized by Diamond City Hyper Mart was held at Hyper Mart in Hlaingthaya Township here this morning. Senior Director U Ye Myint of Diamond City Hyper Mart spoke on the occasion and Chairman Ms Julia Chung of Moon Barkery Café, Managing Director Daw Kyaw Hlaung Latt of Diamond City Hyper Mart formally opened the ceremony.

Asian Food Fair-2009 is scheduled to take place on a grand scale from 28 August to 6 September. A large range of traditional food and personal goods from Myanmar, Korea, Japan, China, India, Thailand and Vietnam are on sale at the fair.

Diamond City Hyper Mart holds the opening of Asian Food Fair-2009

Winning teams of MPF Chief’s Men/Women Volleyball Tournament awarded

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj. Gen Kyaw Swe, on 21 August, attended the harvest festival of first paddy and ploughing ceremony of second one in Kaichuang village-tract of Yegyi Township. Next, the commander went to Ma Mya dam in Myanmar Township and put fingerlings into the dam. The commander then inspected construction of spillways at Kanyin dam construction project in Ingapu township.

On 22 August, the commander visited Dambi village station hospital and presented cash assistance to the hospital.—MNA

Coordination meeting of central executive work committee of MWJA held

YANGON, 28 Aug — Coordination Meeting (8/2009) of central executive work committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at the meeting hall on the second floor of Sarpay Beikman today, with an address by Chairman U Ha Myaing (Ko Hsang).

Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo presented the implementation on decisions of previous meeting. The leaders of each work committee reported on work being carried out and future programme. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the chairman.—MNA
India intercepts Air France plane

LONDON, 28 Aug—India scrambled a MiG-29 fighter jet to intercept an Air France passenger plane after it failed to identify itself correctly, the Indian Air Force says. The Bangkok-bound flight from Paris had entered Indian airspace from Pakistan.

The pilot had used the wrong Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) code, which allows ground warning to differentiate between friendly and enemy aircraft. The MiG was told to “break off and return to base” when the correct code was given, an air force official said. Flight Lt Priya Joshi also told the AFP news agency that a report had been filed with India’s civil aviation authorities over the incident. The Air France Airbus-343 had entered India above Amritsar, in the north-west of the country, early on Thursday morning.—Internet

Suicide bomber lightly injures senior Saudi prince

RIYADH, 28 Aug—A suicide bomber lightly wounded a senior prince largely credited for Saudi Arabia’s anti-terrorism campaign when he blew himself up just before going into a gathering of well-wishers for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the state news agency said on Friday.

It was the first known assassination attempt against a member of the royal family since Saudi Arabia began its crackdown on al-Qaeda affiliated militants eight years ago following the 11 Sept terror attacks in the United States.—Internet

Unidentified men are treated at a hospital after five car bombs detonated simultaneously in Afghanistan’s largest southern city of Kandahar, on 25 Aug, 2009.—Internet

US-Colombia deal could fuel arms purchases

BARILOCHE, 28 Aug—Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez has raised the stakes for Friday’s meeting of South American presidents by threatening to break relations with Colombia over plans to give US troops a 10-year lease on its bases.

Chavez says the US has loosed “winds of war” on the continent — a position few diplomats share following tours by US and Colombian officials seeking to calm fears of neighbouring nations. Even so, the bases deal has created uncertainty about regional stability and provided yet another justification for nations to spend big on their militaries.

Venezuela has poured about $4 billion into Russian weapons to counter the threat Chavez sees from the billions in US military aid to Colombia. Ecuador is buying 24 Brazilian warplanes and six Israeli drones to keep a closer watch on its borders. Bolivia has opened a $100 million line of credit with Russia to buy weapons.—Internet

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PESHAWAR, 28 Aug—A suicide bomber attacked the main border crossing for convoys ferrying supplies to US and NATO troops in Afghanistan on Thursday, killing at least 19 security officers, officials said.

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Pakistan’s border with Afghanistan is a main front in the battle against al-Qaeda and the Taliban, who are destabilizing both countries. The Pakistani military has launched ground offensives and air attacks on the insurgents in recent months.

The suicide attacker walked up to a group of border guards outside their barracks at the Torkham checkpoint in the Khyber region and detonated his explosives, local police officer Sadiq Khan said. The border had closed for the day a few hours earlier.—Internet

Pirates fires on US helicopter off Somali coast

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug—Somali pirates holding a hijacked ship off the coast of Somalia fired at a US Navy helicopter, the US Navy said on Thursday.

The US Naval Forces Central Command said in a statement that a group of pirates aboard the M/V Win Far, a vessel hijacked on 6 April, fired “a large caliber weapon” at a US SH-60B helicopter, which was conducting a surveillance flight over the ship.

No one was injured and the helicopter, which is based on the US USS Challengersville, was not hit, according to the statement. Piracy off Somalia’s coast and the Gulf of Aden has become an urgent global concern recently. Many countries have joined an international naval effort to deal with the challenges in the region.—Xinhua

NATO attack on Afghanistan clinic

KABUL, 28 Aug — US and Afghan forces attacked a clinic in eastern Afghanistan where a Taleban leader was being treated for injuries he sustained last week. NATO has said. They were fired upon when they neared the clinic in the Sar Hawza district of Pakista province, and responded by ordering helicopter strikes.

The troops first made sure there were no civilians inside, NATO added. NATO said one soldier was killed and seven gunmen were arrested, but local officials said 12 militants had died.—Internet

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Boeing 787’s first flight expected by end of 2009

CHICAGO, 28 Aug — The Boeing 787 Dreamliner will see its first flight by the end of 2009 and first delivery is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2010, according to an updated timetable released by the Boeing Company on Thursday.

In a statement, the giant airplane maker said the new schedule reflects the previously announced start of certification and testing. Boeing chairman, president and chief executive officer Jim McNerney.

Boeing has postponed the 787’s first flight for five times in past two years, citing parts short-ages, defects, redesign work and problems with suppliers for disrupting development, although the company projects achieving a production rate of 10 airplanes per month in late 2013.

Over half of Australian homes switch to digital TV

CANBERRA, 28 Aug — Australian Communications Minister Stephen Conroy revealed on Friday that more than half of the nation’s homes have now made the switch to digital television. Conroy said the change to digital television was Australia’s biggest format change since the move to decimal currency in 1966. He said progress to date suggested Australians were on board.

“There is still a significant challenge ahead but evidence shows strong community awareness and satisfaction with the improved picture and sound quality, new content and new channels,” Conroy said in a statement. “Fifty-three percent of households are now enjoying the benefits of free-to-air digital TV broadcasts,” he said.

US economists praise China’s economic achievements in 60 years

NEW YORK, 28 Aug — Some US economists gave positive comments after reviewing China’s economic achievements over the past 60 years since the establishment of the People’s Republic. In the 60 years, China generally has done quite well, Kenneth J DeWoskin, a senior consultant in Strategy and Business Development for Price-waterhouse Coopers LLP, told Xinhua in a written interview recently.

He is a co-founder of the Wharton International Forum in Shanghai, and is a fluent speaker of Mandarin. DeWoskin’s experience with Chinese mainland went back to 1977, when he first traveled there.

In that brief time of two generations, the degree of life-style change is hard to grasp. No one from outside China who has not been there in the last few years could fully grasp it,” he said. “Development at the pace of China’s last 60 years must also create some imbalances, and imbalances reach a point where they trigger adjustments.”

Data shows Italy’s consumer confidence highest since March 2007

ROME, 28 Aug — Consumer confidence in Italy rose this month to its highest level since March 2007, according to data released on Thursday by treasury ministry’s economic think-tank.

The Institute for Economic Study and Analysis (ISAE) said its consumer confidence index climbed over four points from 107.4 points in July to 111.8 points in August, while its index regarding views on the general economic picture slipped by 8 points from 87.3 points of the previous month.

Australia’s biggest investment bank forms China trust joint venture

BEIJING, 28 Aug — Macquarie Group Ltd, Australia’s biggest investment bank has set up a trust company joint venture in China with an initial capital of 300 million yuan (44 million US dollars), reported on Friday’s China Daily.

The Shanghai-based joint venture, Sino-Australian International Trust Co, enables the global provider of diversified financial services to offer yuan-dominated products, arrange domestic debt and equity financing, the newspaper said, citing a statement released by Macquarie.

Japan unemployment hits new high

TOKYO, 28 Aug — Japan’s unemployment rate rose to a record 5.7% in July in figures released just days before a general election. Companies are continuing to lay off workers even though the economy has returned to growth after the most bruising recession for decades.

The state of Japan’s economy is the key issue in the election cam-paign. Opinion polls show the Liberal Democratic Party, which has gover-ned for 53 of the last 54 years, faces defeat in the election. News that the unemployment rate has risen to the highest since the Second World War is a blow for the Prime Minister Taro Aso.

Opinion polls show his Liberal Democratic Party was already on course for defeat on Sun-day for only the second time in more than 50 years. In July, 3,590,000 Japanese were out of work in July, over a milli- on more than a year ago. Japan’s crushing reces-sion is officially over, but the benefits are yet to be felt by families and workers. Other figures released in Tokyo show core consumer prices fell by 2.2% in July from a year earlier, the fastest pace on record. Japan was stuck in a deflationary spiral for years after an asset price bubble burst at the start of the 1990s.
Brazil to build five submarines with French technology by 2021

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Aug—Brazil’s Defence Minister Nelson Jobim said on Thursday that the country will build five submarines in a partnership with France by 2021. According to the minister, the construction of the submarines will be started in 2016, and is part of an agreement which foresees transfer of the French military technology.

The agreement, which was reached in late 2008, will be signed by the Brazilian and French presidents at a ceremony on 7 Sept, Brazil’s Independence Day. Out of the five submarines, one will be built with nuclear technology. However, France will only transfer the non-nuclear technology, according to the agreement. And the propeller will be built by Brazil. With the agreement with France, Brazil will join the small group of countries which are able to operate this technology. “We will not have nuclear missiles because we are not a country with imperialistic intentions. We are a country which intends to protect its richness,” Jobim said.——Xinhua

Hotel industry in Indonesia’s Jakarta recovers after bombings

JAKARTA, 28 Aug—Hotel industry in Indonesia’s Jakarta has recovered after bombs attack against two luxurious hotels in South Jakarta, the Ritz Carlton and JW Marriott hotels on mid July, the Kompas daily quoted officials as saying on Friday.

The occupancy rate is back to normal and foreign guests are not worried about Jakarta’s security condition. JW Marriott’s public relation manager Ina Ilmiavvita said on Thursday that the Untitled, the hardest hit part in the hotel, was changed its name to Blu Martin and has been opened for public. She also said that the hotel’s conditions returned to normal.——Xinhua

Launch of shuttle Discovery delayed again to late Friday

BEIJING, 28 Aug—NASA postponed again the launch try of the space shuttle Discovery from early Friday morning to late Friday night, according to media reports on Friday. NASA said the liftoff time will be 11:59 pm EDT (0359 29 Aug GMT). NASA made this decision on Thursday to give engineers additional time to make sure that a hydrogen fuel valve in the shuttle’s engine compartment will function normally during fueling.

The critical valve appeared to malfunction on Tuesday midway through the fueling process for the Wednesday morning launch. The valve was tested on Wednesday night and all the normal results indicated that it was a problem with a sensor rather than the valve itself.

It will be the third try for NASA to launch Discovery. The previous two delays were caused by the stormy weather early Tuesday and the valve glitch later that day. Discovery is bound for the International Space Station (ISS) with seven crew members on board and more than 7.5 tons of supplies and equipment. If it cannot lift off by the end of August, Discovery would not possibly launch until 17 Oct due to space traffic conflicts at the ISS. —Xinhua

Montreal World Film Festival kicks off

MONTREAL, 28 Aug—The 33rd Montreal World Film Festival (MWFF) kicked off here on Thursday. This edition consists of 400 films from 78 countries in nine categories. Of these, 240 are features, 130 are global or international premieres, and 64 are features by first-time directors.

“It’s a very solid lineup...The programme that the MWFF is offering this year to the thousands of cinephiles who will soon flock to our venues is once again marked by cultural diversity, a cinema d’auteur, an innovative cinema, and by talent,” Festival president Serge Losique said in a statement.

A film produced in Quebec, “1981” was screened as the opening film, which tells about a family’s struggles during the family’s downturn in 1981. “The Everlasting Flame Beijing 2008,” a documentary directed by Gu Jun about last year’s Summer Games, will close the festival on 7 Sept. This official film of the 2008 Beijing Olympics will have its world premieres here.

There are two other Chinese films present at the festival, one is “Weaving Girl,” which reveals the hard life of a group of textile factory workers.——Xinhua

Singapore grants research projects on sustainable development

SINGAPORE, 28 Aug—Singapore has granted 27.5 million Singapore dollars (19.1 million US dollars) in research funding in sustainable development, Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) said on Friday.

The grants will be awarded to 28 projects in four key areas of sustainable development, namely, carbon capture and utilization, bioenergy and biofuels, sustainable construction, sustainable materials.

The funding from A*STAR’s Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) will support research teams to develop innovative solutions to manage environmental deterioration, pressures on natural resources and climate change brought on by rapid growth and urbanization.——Xinhua

Dutch girl stopped from solo world sailing trip

BRUSSELS, 28 Aug—A 13-year-old Dutch girl will not be able to set off on a round-the-world solo sailing trip as a judge has divested her parents, who approved of the venture, of their parental authority, Radio Netherlands reported Friday.

The trip by Laura Dekker was expected to take two years, in most of which the teenage girl would spend alone at sea. She wanted to break the world age record for solo sailing, which is held by a 17-year-old boy in Britain.——Xinhua

Photo taken on 27 Aug, 2009 shows the site of a train crash in Bilecik Province, northwestern Turkey. On Thursday when a passenger train collided with a construction vehicle in northwestern Turkey, the state-run Turkish daily quoted officials as saying on Friday. “Sailendra restaurant which currently presents food from Jordan is full of the guests from the Middle East,” she said. Meanwhile, Ciputra Hotel’s general manager Darren Earle said that the bombings have little impact to the four-star hotel. Sixty percent of the hotel’s guests are domestic people and the rest are from China’s Taipei and the Middle East.——Xinhua

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The sailboat ‘Guppy’ that belongs to 13-year-old sailor Laura Dekker is seen in Maurit, the Netherlands. A Dutch court has ruled that a 13-year-old girl cannot set sail on a solo round-the-world voyage next month and ordered her to be taken into the temporary care of social services.——INTERNET
UK population growth at 47-year high

LONDON, 28 Aug — The UK population grew by 408,000 in 2008 — the biggest increase for almost 50 years, according to the Office for National Statistics. The total number of people passed 61m for the first time, with changes in birth and death rates now a bigger cause of growth than immigration.

The numbers of people arriving minus those leaving actually fell by 44%. Minister Phil Woolas said migrants were coming for short periods, contributing to the economy and then going home.

The UK population grew more in 2008 than at any time since 1962, when it rose by 484,000. Latest ONS figures also show:

- There are now a record 1.3 million people aged over 85, making up 2% of the total.
- There were 791,000 babies born in 2008, an increase of 33,000 on 2007.
- Half of that increase were to women born overseas, but living in the UK.
- The population is now growing by 0.7% a year, more than double the rate in the 1990s and three times the level of the 1980s.

Overall, 118,000 more people arrived in the UK than left in 2008 — the lowest level since EU enlargement. — Internet

Swiss population experiences largest increase in 50 years

GENEVA, 28 Aug — Switzerland’s population experienced the largest increase in nearly 50 years last year to place the country among Europe’s fastest growing nations, the official Swissinfo.ch news website reported on Thursday.

The permanent population of the country in 2008 stood at 7,701,900 people, which is 108,400 more people, or 1.4 percent, over the previous year, said the website, quoting figures released by the Federal Statistics Office.

Nearly 90 percent of the new residents were immigrants. — Xinhua

Australia discovers new dinosaur

CANBERRA, 28 Aug — Australian palaeontologists say they have discovered a new species of dinosaur on a sheep farm in the northern state of Queensland.

The fossil remains of the large plant-eating sauropod, nicknamed Zac, are about 97 million years old. They were found near the town of Eromanga, in a fossil-rich area that was once covered by a vast inland sea.

Palaeontologists say the find confirms Australia’s importance as a centre for dinosaur discovery.

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Test raise life extension hopes

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Cold storages in Myeik contributing to main business of Taninthayi Division

Byline: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Than Oo (MNA)

It has been my knowledge for long that fishing is the primary source of income of Taninthayi Division. But only on my six-day tour of the division in the early July, could I embrace the unique opportunity to visit the cold storages in Pahtet Island and Inlay Myaing Industrial Zone in Myeik.

On the morning of 11 July, we left Hseiknge jetty in Myeik by motorboat for Pahtet Island on the other bank of Myeik. In the process of replacing their old shells with new ones, and put them in freshwater for a certain period of time. In three hours after they have discarded their old shells, they are sent to the cold storage. Soft crabs are wrapped up in plastic and frozen before marketing them. Crabs are kept in small plastic baskets in seawater. Staff have to watch them till they change their shells. Just as they start to change their shells, they are taken out of seawater and put them in freshwater. If so, the crabs’ shells can be kept soft for about three hours. An itinerary took us to the finished furniture factory, a dockyard and a power store, power supply room and compressor room, and observed the cleaning of dried fish and prawn and the process of production of dried prawn.

We later dropped in the Basic Education Middle School (branch) in Pahtet village in Kyunsu Township. We learnt that the company built and handed it over to the Ministry of Education.

From the car moving along the embankment of Pahtet Dam, we viewed the soft crab farm.

Upon arrival at the 1000-ton cold storage in Pahtet Island, we observed the sorting and packing fish and prawns in ice. We also visited ice storages and fish grinding workshops of Ahsungkaung Industries Co Ltd, ASK Andaman Ltd, and Vantage Co Ltd.

The cold storages, fish grinding factories in Myeik and Pahtet Island generate a large quantity of job opportunities and earn foreign exchange, thus contributing towards the major business of Taninthayi Division.

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**Industrial Zones Management Committee of Yangon meet**

YANGON, 28 Aug—A work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee was held at the Yangon Command in Konmyinta here on 27 August.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence highlighted the importance of industrial sector for robust economy of the State.

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 elaborated on current undertakings. The officials concerned reported on ongoing tasks of respective sections and Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the Commander and Yangon Mayor coordinated essentials.

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Second seminar on hydropower development commences

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min said that in the first seminar organized in the previous year, the resource persons submitted 23 research papers and replied to the queries raised by those present. The seminar was held with the aim of enabling the engineers to share their valuable experiences with one another, he said. This year, he continued to say that the resource person engineers from the ministry and the companies engaged in the hydropower sector submitted 51 papers, and 35 of them will be read in the seminar.

In the hydropower sector, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 secured improvement on construction of various types of dams and tunnels, building of RCC embankments, construction of power plants applying various technology, efficient use of heavy machinery, conducting of feasibility studies and drawing designs for the hydropower projects and generating of electricity, he said.

The minister added he believes that the seminar would contribute to development of the State and themselves. He noted that the country has the water sources to generate 46,000 megawatts through heavy- and medium-scale hydropower projects. The government is implementing the 30-year electricity strategy project beginning 2001-2002 fiscal year, he said.

As a result, the country would have been supplied 23,324 megawatts in 2030-2031 financial year, he added. The ministry is implementing 28 hydropower projects with 28,808 megawatts generating capacity, and the plans are under way to implement 11 projects with 5233 megawatts generating capacity, he noted. The power plant projects will be completed within 15 years, and therefore, the country can enjoy fruits of electricity year after year, he said.

In conclusion, the minister urged those present to share the experiences with one another and serve the interest of the State dutifully.

Chairman of the seminar organizing committee Deputy Minister U Myo Myint made a speech. Minister Col Zaw Min and those present visited the booths on generating of hydropower.

Next, the seminar commenced. Eight scholars at home and from abroad submitted their papers and replied to the queries raised by those present.

In the afternoon, a total of 12 resource persons read their papers.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry, consultant engineers of Colenco Power Engg Ltd of Switzerland, responsible persons of local and foreign hydropower generating companies and guests.

The seminar continues tomorrow.
Fingerlings release into Ngalaik Dam

**NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug**—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein viewed fingerlings and released fingerlings into Ngalaik Dam, in Nay Pyi Taw District here this morning. Those present also released fingerlings into the dam. Altogether 1,500,000 different species of fingerlings were released today.—MNA

Diplomatic relations established between Union of Myanmar and Republic of Zimbabwe

**NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug**—The Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Zimbabwe, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level with effect from 27 August 2009.

The Joint Communiqué on the agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Zimbabwe was signed by their Excellencies, Ambassador of Myanmar to India and Ambassador of Zimbabwe to India in New Delhi on 27 August 2009.—MNA

Eastern Command Commander inspects Htithein supporting dam

**NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug**—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae arrived at the briefing hall of Htithein supporting dam project for the purpose of supplying water to the town in Phayaphyu ward in Taunggyi on 19 August evening.

The commander heard the reports presented by officials and gave necessary instructions. He inspected the situations of the construction of the dam, canal and spillway.—MNA

Construction Minister receives guests

**NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug**—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Chairman of Auhui Foreign Economic Construction (Group) Corp Ltd (AF FCC) Mr Jiang Qingde and party of the People’s Republic of China at the hall of the ministry on 27 August evening.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Tint Swe, Managing Director of Public Works U Khin Maung Hse and Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win and officials. —MNA

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Winners announced for International Literacy Day commemorative contests

**YANGON, 28 Aug**—The winners of the Article, Essay and Poster Contests to mark the International Literacy Day 2009 was announced today.

In the open article contest, Lecturer Dr Nwe Nwe Soe (Nwe Lay-Myanmar) of Yangon Department of Pathein University stood first, Lecturer Dr Than Win (Maung Than Win-Yangon University) of Myanmar Department of Education second and Senior Research Officer Dr Khin Chaw Su Kyi of National Interest Research Group third.

In the Institute of Education/College level essay contest, Fourth Year Student Ma Ei Phyu Phyu Kyaw of Yenangyoung BEHS No. 2 won the first prize, eighth standard student Maung Chan Myae Aung of Katha BEHS No.2 the second prize and eighth standard student Maung Win Pa Pa Hlaing of Myawady BEHS the third prize.

In the basic education middle school level poster contest, seventh standard student Ma Khin Thary Myo Thu of Yankin Education College Practising Middle School of Yangon secured the first prize, seventh standard student Maung Aung Pyae of Pathein BEHS No. 6 the second prize and seventh standard student Maung Aung Pyae of Myaungmye BEHS No. 13 of Mandalay the third prize.

All the prize winners are to contact Headmaster Dr Kyaw Win Soe of Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No. 6 in person, Tel: 067-420138, not later than 5 September (Saturday).—MNA

Development undertakings in Kayah State in full swing

**NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug**—Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs inspected plants nursery of Lokkaw Township Development Affairs Committee, vehicles at Automobile Store and tarring of U Thiri Street on 24 August.

On 25 August, the Director-General gave instructions on tasks for extending of the town hall of Pindaya township and met with staff of the township Development Affairs Committee.

The Director-General on 26 August, went to Ywargan Township and heard reports on daily supply of water to urban wards. The Director-General also oversaw upgrading of Saya San street into tarred one. The Director-General inspected plants nursery of the township Development Affairs Committee and met with staff.—MNA
Lenovo brand computers introduced

YANGON, 28 Aug—

A ceremony to introduce Lenovo brand computers was held at Mingalar hall of Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

Responsible Persons from Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Professional Association, Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs’ Association, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, guests, Lenovo sale agents and journalists were present at the ceremony.

Responsible persons of Lenovo Asean explained the facts about Lenovo consumer products and commercial products, including business and personal use Think pad and Idea Pad Laptop computers, Idea center and Desktop computers that can be used in businesses and government offices and Think server system that can be used in medium-sized businesses and wide-area networks.

Lenovo brand stands first in PC manufactures of Asia-Pacific region and fourth in the world. Of the notebook manufactures in the World, Lenovo brand is a least repair one.

Lenovo brand laptop computers, office use computers, computer accessories are available at KMD Computer Group Co at 550/552, corner of Merchant Street and 36th Street, Kuautkata Township, Yangon (Pb- 2415180, 384109 and 204071) and Luckybird Co 355, Theinbyu Road, Yangon, (Pb- 248167, 379875, 099927729, 099924544 and 09501450). Services will be provided at the sale offices of the distributors.

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At the ceremony, those present will be served with Lewe Monhinga.

All the dwellers of the township residing in Yangon have been invited to attend the ceremony. The list of the distinction winning students is to be sent to U Win Myint, Tel: 095143176 and 537761.—MNA

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British economy down 0.7% in Q2

LONDON, 28 Aug.—The British economy contracted 0.7 percent in the second quarter compared with the first quarter of this year, the Office for National Statistics said Friday.

The British economy shrank less in the second quarter than in the first, according to a revised gross domestic product report released by the office last month, which showed the British economy had been down by 0.8 percent.

However, the British output fell by 2.2 percent over the quarter, unchanged from the previous estimate.

Output in the service industries fell by 0.6 percent in the second quarter, up from a fall of 1.6 percent in the previous quarter. It is the fifth quarter in a row of decline for the British economy.

Many authoritative analysts have predicted that the British economy would shrink more than 4 percent this year and increase at a rate of under 0.5 percent next year.

HK Observatory launches Italian version of weather forecast website

HONG KONG, 28 Aug.—The Hong Kong Observatory has launched the Italian version of an award-winning weather forecast website in collaboration with the Servizio Meteorologico Italiana, the national weather service of Italy, the observatory announced Friday.

The Italian version of the World Weather Information Service website, pioneered and operated by the Hong Kong Observatory in English since 2001, offers latest official weather forecasts of world cities issued by the respective National Meteorological Services.

With the launch of the Italian version, the World Weather Information Service website is now serving the international public in eight different languages, said Lee Boon-ying, director of the Hong Kong Observatory.

"As travel becomes rather common these days, people will find it helpful to access weather information of the cities they plan to visit, and more importantly, in their own languages," he said.

West Nile virus found in Switzerland

ZURICH, 28 Aug.—A mosquito capable of spreading the deadly West Nile virus to humans has been detected in central Europe for the first time, Swiss scientists said Friday.

The Asian rock pool mosquito—or aedes japonicus—has colonized an area of 1,400 square kilometers (540 square miles) in central Switzerland, Zurich University researchers said. They found the species in 122 of 3,500 locations tested over the past year.

"This is the first time we have proved that an invasive mosquito species is breeding and spreading in central Europe," said parasite expert Alexander Mathis.

The Asian rock pool mosquito is native to Japan, Korea and China, but has also spread to North America. In western Europe, it has previously been detected in France and Belgium. The US Centers for Disease Control says lab experiments show the mosquito can transmit Japanese encephalitis and West Nile virus.

Both diseases can cause serious harm in humans and are potentially fatal. In the United States, West Nile virus infected more than 1,300 people and killed 44 last year.

Tropical Storm Danny headed toward US East Coast

MIAMI, 28 Aug.—Forecasters say Tropical Storm Danny has weakened over the Atlantic and is barely a tropical storm. But a tropical storm watch for the North Carolina coast remains in effect Friday morning.

Large swells from Danny are expected to produce dangerous surf and life-threatening rip currents along the U.S. East Coast over the next day or two.

Danny’s maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 40 mph (65 kph). The storm is centered about 355 miles (570 kilometers) south of Cape Hatteras, NC, and moving north-northwest near 9 mph (15 kph). A turn to the north with an increase in speed is expected later in the day.

80 students at Texas college fall ill with flu-like symptoms

HOUSTON, 28 Aug.—At least 80 students at a college in the US state of Texas have fallen ill with flu-like symptoms at the start of the school year and health officials believe some of the cases could be H1N1, a local TV station reported on Thursday.

Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas posted a statement on Monday on its website saying at least 10 students were sick with the H1N1 virus, but Dallas-Fort Worth television station KTVT reported on Thursday that the number of students infected with the H1N1 virus has nearly tripled in the past two days.

Though the campus has not been closed and no classes have been cancelled, the university has been taking numerous precautions to prevent the virus from spreading, the station said.

School and public health officials across the country have been preparing for the new flu season, fearful that the novel strain will take off when students return to school and flu season begins. —MNA/Xinhua

A visitors takes a look at some violins displayed in the northeast China’s cultural fair in Shenyang, capital of northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 28 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

A helicopter makes a water drop in the affluent foothill town of La Canada Flintridge, California on 28 Aug, 2009. Nearly 900 homes were threatened from a wildfire that started on Wednesday in the Angeles National Forest and spread toward the affluent foothill town.—INTERNET
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Teetotallers suffer more than heavy drinkers

LONDON, 28 Aug — People who shun alcohol tend to be miserable social misfits, research suggests.

Teetotallers had significantly higher levels of depression and anxiety than moderate drinkers, a study found. They were also likely to lack social skills, it was claimed.

Abstainers suffered even more mental problems than the heaviest drinkers who consumed too much alcohol. The happiest folk were those who averaged two glasses of wine, a bottle of beer, or a shot of spirits a week, the British and Norwegian scientists discovered.

One reason why non-drinkers were more gloomy could be that they have few friends, the study, which questioned almost 40,000 Norwegians, suggested in the journal 'Addiction'.

Making waves in bid to highlight climate change

DUBLIN, 28 Aug — Leading aid agency Oxfam last night published a photograph showing a family playing out a scene from normal life — but at the bottom of the sea — to highlight the rise in sea levels caused by climate change.

As part of a campaign to press world leaders to reach an agreement on climate change at the crucial summit in Copenhagen, which starts 100 days from tomorrow, Oxfam’s chief executive Barbara Stocking said: “This light-hearted photo sends a very serious message — it is time for politicians to act in Copenhagen if we are to avoid catastrophic climate change.

“Today the poorest people are being hit hard by extreme weather events, it is for their sake that we must push for a fair deal in Copenhagen.”

Sea levels are predicted to rise anywhere from five metres to significantly higher over the next 200-300 years.

Laughing gas biggest threat to ozone layer

DUBLIN, 28 Aug — Nitrous oxide or ‘laughing gas’ has become the main man-made substance damaging the planet’s protective ozone layer and is likely to remain so throughout the century, scientists said.

The study, by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said tighter limits on emissions of nitrous oxide, which is also a powerful greenhouse gas, would be a “win-win for both ozone and the climate”. Nitrous oxide emission currently is the single most important ozone-depleting substance emission and is expected to remain the largest throughout the 21st century,” the scientists wrote in yesterday’s edition of the journal ‘Science’.

Nitrous oxide has overtaken chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) as the main ozone threat. About 10 million tonnes of nitrous oxide a year — a third of world emissions — come from human activities including fertilisers, fossil fuels, livestock manure and industry. Laughing gas is perhaps best known as an anaesthetic. — Internet

6.4-magnitude earthquake jolts NW China

Xining, 28 Aug — An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale struck the remote Qinghai Province in northwest China at 9:52 a.m. Friday, the China Earthquake Administration said, but no casualties have been reported.

A total of 128 aftershocks had been registered by 11 am near the epicenter in the Daquidam (also known as Dachaidan) district in the Mongolian-Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Haiyi, with the strongest measuring 5.3 magnitude, according to the Qinghai Provincial Seismological Network.

“So far, we have not received reports of casualties or house collapses,” the provincial government said in a statement. “The governments of the province, the Haiyi prefecture and Golmud City have sent staff to investigate,” it said.

The epicenter, at 37.6 degrees north and 95.8 east, was about 140 km away from Delingha City, the capital of the Haiyi prefecture, and about 160 km away from Golmud, another major city in Haiyi, according to the China Earthquake Administration.

The quake was strongly felt in both cities, the administration said.

Competitors pose during the Mr Israel bodybuilding contest in Haifa on 27 Aug, 2009. About 60 Israeli men competed on Thursday in the annual contest sponsored by the National Amateur Body Builders Association.

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Roberto Carlos plans return to Brazilian soccer

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“I have already spoken with Fenerbahce and I plan on staying with the team until the end of the year. After my contract ends, I will look to return to Brazil and close out my career,” revealed the player. Roberto Carlos has a contract until May of 2010. The player is hoping to cut his obligations short with the goal of focusing on the 2010 World Cup before retirement.— Xinhu

Bundesliga clubs reach Europa League group stages

**BERLIN**, 28 Aug.—Bundesliga clubs Bremen, Hamburg and Berlin all reached the group stages of the UEFA Europa League on Thursday. While Hamburg and Bremen secured comfortable wins, Berlin needed to rely on a fantastic effort by Gojko Kacar and three goals in the final 15 minutes. With a 6-3 result against FK Aekro from the first leg, Werder Bremen traveled to Kazakhstan in order to seal the deal of reaching the Europa League group stages in an easy-going fashion. And so they did, Pizarro netted the opener with just eleven minutes on the clock.

Pizarro’s second strike in injury time meant Bremen were taking a comfortable 2-0 lead into half time. The score remained unchanged for the second 45 minutes and Bremen look forward to further international highlights. Just like their northern rivals, Bremen, Hamburger SV also took a comfortable lead from the first leg into the second encounter. 3-1 was the final score line in Gieungamp last week and with a 3-1 home victory they secured a place in the Europa League group stages.— Xinhu

Real Madrid sells Arjen Robben to Bayern Munich

**MADRID**, 28 Aug—Real Madrid has sold its Dutch international winger Arjen Robben to German side Bayern Munich. Spanish press sources put the price at 25 million euros, which represents an 11 million euros loss on the 36 million that the club paid Chelsea for Robben’s services two seasons ago.

Robben has showed moments of real quality, but a continued series of muscle injuries restricted his performances with the club to just 40 Primera Liga appearances in two seasons in which he scored 11 goals.— Xinhu

Flamengo seeks to trade Obina for Vagner Love

**RIO DE JANEIRO**, 28 Aug.—Marcos Braz of the Flamengo soccer team revealed on Thursday that they want to trade their player Obina to CSKA of Russia for Brazilian striker Vagner Love. According to Braz, Flamengo owns Obina’s rights that are worth an estimated $2 million dollars. Obina now is playing for Palmeiras on loan.

Braz also claimed that CSKA has agreed to make a temporary trade between Love and Obina. “Vagner Love is a very attractive player. However, it is very complicated to bring him here to Flamengo. Palmeiras has the edge due to Obina. We will have to sit and wait to see what develops,” declared Braz.

The window to trade players internationally ends on 31 August, creating the necessity for the Brazilian club to act quickly.

Love has already made his intentions clear that he wants to return to Brazil in order to be closer to the Brazilian national soccer team in hopes of being called to represent the country during the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.— Xinhu

Williams sisters can’t meet in US Open final

**NEW YORK**, 28 Aug.—Serena and Venus Williams have met in eight Grand Slam finals, most recently at Wimbledon last month. The US Open won’t feature No 9. The No 2 seeded Serena and No 3 Venus are in the same half of the US Open field announced Thursday, meaning they could face each other only in the semifinals of the year’s last major tournament.

It is a shame. They’re the people to beat. They rise to the occasion at the big ones, especially Serena,” three-time US Open champion John McEnroe said.— Internet

Barcelona clash with Inter, United tackle Wolfsburg

**MONACO**, 28 Aug.—European champions Barcelona drew Inter Milan, moneybags Real Madrid pulled AC Milan while Manchester United will take on German surprise package Wolfsburg after the Champions League group stage draw was made here on Thursday.— Internet

Manchester FC’s Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar (L), FC Barcelona’s Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (2ndL), Barcelona’s Spanish defender Xavi Hernandez and Chelsea FC’s English defender John Terry (R) pose with their trophies after being awarded during the 2009/2010 European Champions League group stage draw in Monaco.—Internet

Aussie tennis ‘bad boy’ Klein on last warning

**SYDNEY**, 28 Aug.—Former junior Australian Open champion Brydan Klein said Friday he is on his final warning as he serves out a suspension for making a racial slur against an opponent.

Klein, 19, was handed a six-month ban, in force from 20 July, by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and fined $10,000 US dollars for calling black South African Raven Klaasen a “kaffir” during the Eastbourne International in England in June.—Internet

Former junior Australian Open champion Brydan Klein. Internet
Apple denies battery problem with exploding iPhones

PARIS, 28 Aug—US technology giant Apple on Friday rejected reports that overheating batteries had caused some of its iPhone devices to explode in users’ hands, blaming incidents in France on “external pressure”.

French authorities have opened an investigation into the safety of the cult smartphone, following claims by several users in France and elsewhere that their iPhone screens had shattered in a dangerous manner during use.

“As of today, there has been no confirmed incident linked to battery overheating in the iPhone 3GS, and the number of cases we are investigating amounts to less than a dozen,” the firm said in a statement to AFP.

“The iPhones with broken screens that we have been able to analyse so far show, in all cases, that the cracks were caused by an external pressure.”

Huang Chen (C), Zhang Chan (R) and Zhong Qianyu held their trophies of the top three awarding during the 2009 Guangzhou Clever Girls Contest in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, on 27 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

WEATHER

Friday, 28th August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thunder showers have been isolated in Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Kachin State, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (2.08) inches, Nyaungton (0.87) inch, Myingyan (0.39) inch and Mubru (0.32) inch.

Maximum temperature on 27-8-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 28-8-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-8-2009 was 79%.

Minimum temperature on 28-8-2009 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 28-8-2009 was (5.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 28-8-2009 was (0.43) inch at Mingaladon, (0.31) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nill) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (84.13) inches at Mingaladon, (95.31) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (14:50) hours MST on 27-8-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 29th August 2009: Rain or thunder showers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak to moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-8-2009: Isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-8-2009: Isolated rain or thunder Showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-8-2009: Isolated rain or thunder Showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of september 2009: During the coming weekend, rain or thunder Showers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC - sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB - generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Inlay region’s silverware and silks popular among tourists

Myanmar is known for ancient cultural heritage, customs and traditions of the national races and beautiful sceneries, and this attracts foreign visitors. While I was on a tour of Shan State (South) in the previous month, I made a visit to the Inlay Lake by motorboat under the arrangement of Shan State Irrigation Department. I had an opportunity to study measures for beautifying the Inlay Lake as well as products of the natives of the Inlay region. The green surface of the lake with Shan mountain ranges in the background drew everyone’s attention.

There I saw tourists individually and on package tours. On arrival at Sein Thamadi Goldsmith of Silversmith Industry on a study visit, owner U San Lin warmly welcomed us. We enjoyed Inlay traditional foods served by him and the conversation from which we gained lots of knowledge.

U San Lin said, “Sein Thamadi emerged thanks to the State. In the past it was not even known in the region. That’s why I am grateful to the State.” He also explained, “There were very few silversmith industries before 1988. There were more in 1996—the Visit Myanmar Year. Now the whole village is engaging in this business.” We saw in the shop not only gold ware but also silverware such as bowls, harps and jugs including a 100-year-old silver betel box. (See page 10)

Two more found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1)
Number of patients with the virus reach 29

Twenty-fourth patient discharged from hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—A 16-year-old Myanmar boy and a 15-year-old Filipino girl were transferred to respective hospitals through township Health Departments since they fell ill on 26 August. After giving them medical check-ups, National Health Laboratory confirmed that they were infected with New Influenza A (H1N1). It is likely that they were infected with the virus in a same region.

A total of 10 family members who came into contact with the patients are being kept under home quarantine. A total of 400 students who go to the same school, 206 residents who live in the same building with the Filipino patient and 135 staff who work there are also being kept under active surveillance.

Today, 23-year old man, the 24th patient with the virus, was discharged from the hospital as he was fully recovered from his illness. Surveillance measures against six family members of the patient had been halted.

Up to now, the number of the patients with the virus has reached 29 in Myanmar and 24 out of whom were discharged from the hospital as they were fully recovered from their illness. The remaining five are being given special treatment by the specialists. National Health Laboratory conducted lab tests on 206 flu-suspected persons and confirmed that only 29 were tested positive for the virus.—MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—A strong earthquake of intensity (6.2) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (China) about (1500) miles North of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (08) hrs (27) min (00) sec M.S.T today.—MNA

Fishermen seen in Inlay Lake at sunset.