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**Secretary-1 and wife attend reception to mark 60th anniversary of the founding of People’s Republic of China**

YANGON, 28 Sept—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin graced with their presence the reception to mark the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this evening.

Also present at the reception were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, senior military officers and their wives, departmental officials, ambassadors and charges d’ affaires and military attaches of foreign embassies in Yangon and distinguished guests.

On arrival at the hotel at 6.45 pm, the Secretary-1 and wife received a welcome from Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo and wife.

The Secretary-1 and wife were conducted by the Chinese ambassador round the hall where documentary photos on the development of China achieved in 60 years were on display.

Next, the National Anthems of the two countries were played.

Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo extended greetings.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo cut the 60th Anniversary Chinese National Day cake.

Next, the Secretary-1 and wife and party and foreign diplomats posed for a documentary photo.

The Chinese ambassador hosted a dinner to the Secretary-1 and wife and guests.

**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, 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

**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin being welcomed by Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo and wife at the reception to mark 60th Anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China.—MNA**
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Actively participate in new influenza control and prevention measures

As outbreak of the pandemic, commonly known as new influenza A (H1N1), can bring about loss of lives as well as social and economic losses, it is important for the entire mass of people to cooperate in prevention of the disease. Health warning about A (H1N1) has been broadcast on television daily since the outbreak of the disease to increase public awareness. At schools, students are being educated on transmission and prevention of A (H1N1).

Teachers are required to make sure that students follow the instructions when sneezing and coughing as sneezes and coughs spread infections, often wash their hands thoroughly, wear surgical masks systematically and avoid going to crowded places.

It is also necessary that school compounds are cleaned, classrooms are properly ventilated and sufficient water and soap are provided so that students can wash their hands often. It was confirmed that there were 46 people in Myanmar who had been infected with new influenza A (H1N1). However, there has been no death at all and 41 patients have been discharged from hospital as they have fully recovered from their illness. Only five patients are still in hospital.

According to a WHO announcement released on 25 September, there have been 3,917 people all over the world who have died from new influenza A (H1N1). However, there has been no death at all and 41 patients have been discharged from hospital as they have fully recovered from their illness. Only five patients are still in hospital.

The government of Myanmar is raising the momentum of control and prevention of the new influenza and it is necessary for the people to actively and conscientiously cooperate with the government for the sake of their health.

Meeting on helping older persons coordinated

YANGON, 28 Sept—As a gesture hailing “International Day of Older Persons” which falls on 1 October 2009, a meeting on helping older persons was held in line with the motto “Towards A Society for all Ages” at Summit Park View Hotel this morning.

Present on the occasion were officials of the Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, responsible personnel of UNFPA, Help Age International and social organizations and guests.

Manager Mr Tapan Barman of Help Age International Myanmar extended greetings on the occasion.

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Speaking at the meeting, the minister urged participants of the meeting to observe rules and regulations of the ministry, to be honest and to use the information and communication technology which have been carried out and the minister gave instructions to them.

Next, Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khine of the Social Welfare Department discussed measures in helping older persons in Myanmar. Afterwards, Assistant Representative Daw Pancy Tun Thein of UNFPA talked on Active Ageing and Head of Programmes of Help Age International Mr Samantha Chattaraj on Older People Self Help Group Model.

After those present had given supplementary reports, the meeting came to a close in the afternoon.
Six NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 Sept—Six soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have been killed in Afghanistan over the past 24 hours, a Press release of the alliance said on Sunday.

“The Three International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members died as a result of enemy activity in southern Afghanistan and the last 24 hours,” the press release added.

The press release, however, did not give more details.—Xinhua

NATO’s security balloon shot down in N Afghan province

KABUL, 28 Sept—The security balloon set by NATO-led forces on the space of Kunduz Province in north Afghanistan was shot down, a local newspaper reported on Monday.

Daily Arman-e-Millie in its edition quoting Shikh Saadi, governor of Dasht-e-Archi district, saying that the balloon was shot down on Saturday night.

Meantime, Taleban militants, according to the newspaper, claimed on Sunday they had shot down a pilotless plane in Kunduz Province but both Afghan officials and NATO troops have rejected the claim as baseless.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in a bid to stabilize security have launched security balloons on the space of some cities including the capital city Kabul to monitor and take picture for the authorities in ground.

UN climate talks resume as pressure for pact grows

BANGKOK, 28 Sept—UN negotiations for a global climate treaty resumed in Bangkok on Monday amid fears that delegates will fail to agree on a draft text ahead of December’s crucial showdown in Copenhagen. The talks are the latest session in nearly two years of haggling — known as the “Bali Road Map” — that have fallen far short of an agreement to tackle climate change beyond 2010. “Our children and grandchildren will never forgive us unless action is taken. Time is running out, we have two months before Copenhagen,” Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejajjiva told around 2,500 delegates as the talks opened.

“Much needs to be done and much needs to be resolved. Let us use the two weeks in Bangkok to the full to ensure the future.”

The Bangkok talks, part of the 192-nation UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), run to 9 Oct, and are the next to last negotiations before Copenhagen’s deadline meeting.—Internet

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Iran vows not to stop nuclear activities “even for a short time”

TEHERAN, 28 Sept—Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization Chief Ali Akbar Salehi said that Iran would not stop its nuclear activities “even for a short time,” the official IRNA news agency reported on Sunday.

On Friday, a diplomat in Austria said that Iran is now constructing a new nuclear facility, its second uranium enrichment facility, the claim which Iran also announced as its intention to safeguard its sensitive atomic facilities against any threat or attack.

“Regarding the sensitivity of the uranium enrichment, it was decided that a safe place to be used to protect the sensitive facilities and our human force so that the enemy would know that our nuclear activities would not stop even for a short time,” Salehi was quoted as saying. “The new facilities are only more secure against any attack,” and they are “...underground, sensitive and semi-industrial” which are being built in the framework of the country’s nuclear facilities,” Salehi said.—Xinhua

NATO’s trouble in Afghanistan gives courage to Al-Qaeda, Taleban

KABUL, 28 Sept—Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden on Friday issued a fresh warning to European countries to part ways with the United States and withdraw their forces from Afghanistan.

“If Europe is today suffering the travails of the economic crisis, and the heart of Europe is no longer the front line,” he said in a new audio message released on the Internet. Osama denounced NATO air strikes in Afghanistan, which, he said had killed civilians. This was the second message of the fugitive Islamist leader in less than a month.—Xinhua

Vietnamese President promises to boost links with Cuba

HANOI, 28 Sept—Visiting Vietnamese President Nguyen Minh Triet on Sunday promised to boost his country’s ties with Cuba. “I promise you that in our generation we will continue to make all efforts to develop our relations,” he told Melba Hernandez, heroine of the 1953 armed assault on the Moncada Barracks, the first battle of the Cuban revolution 50 years ago.

Nguyen, who was paying an official visit to the Caribbean country, said Hernandez and “other revolutionaries boosted the friendly relationship between Cuba and Vietnam.” Earlier on Sunday, the Vietnamese leader called on people of the two countries to work together to promote their common development and help each other for more victories in national constructions.

“There are few international relationships as good as the one that exists between Vietnam and Cuba,” he said during a speech on the historical links between the two countries.

Nguyen also placed flowers at the monument to Cuban hero Jose Marti, who led the nation’s independence struggle in the 19th century.

The Vietnamese president arrived in this Cuban capital on Saturday and will stay until Tuesday. He is also expected to meet with his Cuban counterpart Raul Castro and attend a bilateral business conference.—Xinhua

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Job losses, early retirements hurt Social Security

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept—Big job losses and a spike in early retirement claims from laid-off seniors will force Social Security to pay out more in benefits than it collects in taxes the next two years, the first time that’s happened since the 1980s. The deficits — $10 billion in 2010 and $9 billion in 2011 — won’t affect payments to retirees because Social Security has accumulated surpluses from previous years totaling $2.5 trillion. But they will add to the overall federal deficit.

Applications for retirement benefits are 23 percent higher than last year, while disability claims have risen by about 20 percent. Social Security officials had expected applications to increase from the growing number of baby boomers reaching retirement, but they didn’t expect the increase to be so large.

What happened? The recession hit and many older workers suddenly found themselves laid off with no place to turn but Social Security.

S Korea to see $31 b trade surplus by September

SEOUL, 28 Sept—South Korea is expected to reap a record 31 billion US dollars in its trade surplus in the first nine months of this year with imports declining at a faster pace than exports, local officials said on Monday.

The country’s exports declined 21 percent from January to September this year, while imports dropped 33 percent, local media quoted officials from the Ministry of Knowledge Economy as saying.

The volume of the surplus so far exceeded the 28.9 billion dollars in the first nine months of 1998 when the country was swept by the Asian financial crisis and short of foreign reserves to import goods, the officials said at a trade review meeting.

The overall trade volume has dropped this year due to the worldwide economic downturn, but South Korea’s export so far ranked the ninth in the world, climbing three notches compared to last year, officials added.

Indonesian textile producers allocate $183.3 m to procure new machinery

JAKARTA, 28 Sept—183 middle island Indonesian textile and garment producers allocated some 1.78 trillion rupiah (about 183.3 billion US dollars) to procure new machinery this year, the Bisnis Indonesia reported here on Monday.

The allocation figure came up from Indonesia’s industrial ministry’s first scheme discount programme in providing 10 percent price discount for the producers intended to procure new production machines this year.

Aryanto Sagala, senior official at the ministry who oversees Metal, Textile Machine sector said that besides the first scheme discount programme used by those 183 textile producers, the ministry also provides the second scheme for the smaller scale textile producers. He said that as of now 27 textile producers have allocated 46.9 billion rupiah (about 4.8 million dollars) to procure production machines with soft loan programme that offers 7 percent interest rate.

Global crisis ‘opportunity’ for more welfare spending

HANN, 28 Sept—The global economic crisis will keep more than 60 million Asians in poverty this year, the head of the Asian Development Bank said on Monday, urging a greater focus on social welfare including healthcare.

“This crisis should be seen as an opportunity to take proactive measures that lay the groundwork for inclusive and sustainable development over the long term,” Haruhiko Kuroda, the Bank’s president, told an international conference.

Soaring food costs, rising oil prices and, over the past year, the global economic and financial crisis, have caused up to 41 million Chinese workers to lose their jobs while the number of chronically hungry in South Asia has increased by about 100 million, Kuroda said.—Internet

Uni-chem to buy US plant from Hynix

BEIJING, 28 Sept—A South Korean company has reached an agreement with Hynix Semiconductor Inc to take over a plant that the world’s second-largest memory chip maker closed in the United States, an official said over the weekend.

Uni-chem Co signed a memorandum of understanding in August to buy Hynix’s memory chip plant and the accompanying land in Eugene, Oregon, for 50 million US dollars. , Uni-chem Chairman Lee Ho-chan said.

Lee said his company plans to use the plant to make solar cells as part of the company’s new business.—Uni-chem provides leather to South Korea’s Hyundai Motor Co and its affiliate Kia Motors Corp as well as to luxury goods companies Burberry and Coach, according to Lee.

But in August, Uni-chem acquired a 51 percent share of Spire Solar System, a subsidiary of solar power company Spire Corp, and set up Uni-chem Solar in the US state of New Hampshire. Lee said a full contract for the deal with Hynix could be signed next month.

Oil falls below $66 ahead of US economic reports

SINGAPORE, 28 Sept—Oil prices fell below $66 a barrel on Monday in Asia as regional stock markets sank and investors eyed a slew of economic data this week that will help shed light on the health of the US economy.

Benchmark crude for November delivery was down 40 cents at $65.62 a barrel by midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, the contract added 13 cents to settle at $66.02.

Asian stocks were weaker with Japan’s market hit by the yen reaching a nine-month high against the dollar and after Wall Street fell on Friday in disappointing US economic data. Reports on manufacturing and home sales stoked concerns over recovery prospects in the world’s largest economy.

Crude is flirting with the bottom of a $65 to $75 trading range that has held for months as traders weigh signs of an improving global economy against evidence that consumer demand remains weak.

The most closely watched economic indicator will be the Labour Department’s monthly jobs report on Friday. Investors will also get reports on home prices, manufacturing, consumer confidence, construction spending and factory orders.—Internet

An oil pump in Havana. Oil prices have rebounded slightly after recent heavy falls triggered by fresh concerns about the pace of economic recovery in the United States, the world's largest energy-consuming nation. Internet
Greek FM praises China’s role on international issues

ATHENS, 28 Sept—China has achieved remarkable progress over the past 60 years and is now a major player on the international arena, said Greek Foreign Minister Dora Bakoyannis in an interview with Xinhua before China celebrates its 60th anniversary on 1 Oct.

She said that China, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, is emerging today as a leading global power, ready to assume a key role on the international arena.

“I would like to congratulate the people of China and their leadership on their tireless efforts, which have rendered China a major player and factor for stability in the world economic and political system,” said Bakoyannis.

When talking about China’s peaceful emergence, the Greek foreign minister said “Greece acknowledges China’s important role for stability and development both in Asia and on the international stage.”

She said this opinion was confirmed beyond doubt by the hosting of the Olympic Games about a year ago, with widely acclaimed success.

The sensible attitude the Chinese government has displayed towards the current global financial crisis is also a proof of responsibility for a major global player like China, she said.

The 26th International Population Conference opens in Morocco

MARRAKECH, 28 Sept—The 26th International Population Congress opened here on Sunday to address worldwide population problems.

More than 2,000 demographers and other experts from 114 countries and regions attended the five-day meeting to discuss more than 200 topics, including population and global climate change, migration and the economic crisis, the imbalance of fertility rate and social security system.

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Suspect arrested in Iraqi taekwondo team murders

Baghdad, 28 Sept— Iraqi commandos and US forces have arrested a suspect in the 2006 kidnapping and murder of an Iraqi taekwondo team whose highway ambush became one of the symbols of Iraq’s lawlessness during its worse years of sectarian violence.

The US military announced the arrest in a statement on Sunday, but did not say when it took place or identify the suspect.

The Iraqi military did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Athletes and sports officials were frequent targets of threats, kidnappings and assassination attempts at the height of the civil strife in 2006 and 2007. Sportsmen were targeted for ransom or as victims of the sectarian violence.

Military statement said Iraqi forces working with American military advisers captured the suspect in Anbar Province, a one-time Sunni militant stronghold west of the capital.

Internet

Colombian pilots get 31 years in prison for bombing

BOGOTA, 28 Sept—A judge has found two Colombian air force pilots guilty of murder and sentenced them to 31 years each for the 1998 cluster-bombing of a village that killed 17 people.

Judge Martin Suarez found that the pilots, both lieutenants, had acted impulsively, failing to distinguish between civilians and leftist rebels. Six children were among the dead.

The village attacked was Santo Domingo, in the northeastern state of Arauca.

In the verdict issued on Thursday, Suarez noted that a US serviceman in a supporting aircraft had remarked in English, “They’re shooting at civilians” and “Don’t shoot!”

Suarez ordered the two pilots, Cesar Romero and Johan Jimenez, to be jailed immediately. Both had enjoyed provisional liberty.

Internet

NJ woman celebrates 100th birthday— at work

Astrid Thoenig celebrates her 100th birthday while working as the receptionist for the Thornton Agency in Parsippany, N.J., on 24 Sept, 2009. Thoenig has worked for the same company for the last 32 years.

Astrid Thoenig got dressed, went to work and sat at her desk smiling on Thursday as she slid her finger gently under the envelope flap of yet another identical birthday card. They don’t make that many that say “Happy 100!”

Thoenig was interrupted by a steady stream of deliverymen bringing bouquets, chocolate-dipped strawberries and stacks of cards to the Thornton Insurance Co in Parsippany where she’s been answering phones, keeping financial records, handling payroll and typing up documents for more than 30 years.

“It’s another day — it’s hard to explain,” Thoenig said of turning 100. “I don’t feel old, and I don’t think old.”

Anglo-Saxon hoard declared ‘treasure’

Armor and jewels believed to have been stripped from men killed in battle 1,400 years ago were declared a “treasure trove” by a British coroner.

A strip of gold with a Biblical inscription in Latin written on it. An unemployed metal detectorist has unearthed the biggest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found in a country field, archaeologists have said.

Milan play Champions League music in dressing room

AC Milan played the Champions League theme tune in their dressing room to motivate their players before Sunday’s 1-0 Serie A win over Bologna.

Milan have struggled domestically in recent years but won their seventh European Cup in 2007 and produced a battling performance in on Tuesday’s 2-1 Champions League win at Olympique Marseille. “Luckily we have an environment that allows us to do certain things,” coach Leonardo told reporters.

Singapore’s total population reaches over 4 m

SINGAPORE, 28 Sept— Singapore’s total population as at the end of June 2009 was 4.99 million, a report by the Singapore Department of Statistics showed on Monday.

According to the latest data, there were 3.73 million Singapore residents and 1.25 million non-residents. Singapore residents, comprising Singapore citizens and permanent residents, formed 75 percent of the total population.

The total population in 2009 grew by 3.1 percent over the previous year.

The Singapore population has also grown older over the years, with the median age of resident population at 37 in 2009.

The ethnic distribution remained relatively stable, with Chinese forming 74 percent of the resident population, Malaysia at 13 percent and Indians at 9.2 percent.

There were also more females than males in the resident population as the sex ratio fell to 976 males per 1,000 females in 2009.

Among those aged between 25 and 29 in 2008, 75 percent of the males and 52 percent of the females were single. A relatively high proportion of males and females in their thirties were also not married in 2008.

Two S Korean mountaineers missing in Himalayas

SEOUL, 28 Sept— Two South Korean climbers are missing on their way to an Annapurna peak in the Himalayas, the South Korea’s Yonhap News Agency reported on Sunday.

The two are Min Joon-yeong and Park Jong-seong, both of whom from North Chungcheong Province in central South Korea.

Min and Park have lost contact with their base camp since on Friday morning before climbing toward the 6,440-metre-high Hiunchuli peak, Yonhap reported.

The climbers were supposed to contact the camp twice a day, it added.

A rescue team conducted a search operation by using a helicopter, but did not find them because of thick fog. The two climbers are believed to have been missing at an altitude of about 5,400 metres, Yonhap said.

Xinhua

NEWS ALBUM

A student reads a textbook during a class at a weekend Confucian school in Wuhu, Hebei Province.

White Philly officer told to get rid of cornrows

Police in Philadelphia say a white officer who came to work with cornrows was ordered by a black superior to get a haircut because the braids violated department standards. The Philadelphia Daily News reported that Officer Thomas Strain was put on desk duty this month because of the braids, even though the paper reported on dozens of black officers wear cornrows.

Police spokesman Lt Frank Vanore says strain’s boss told the officer to cut his hair to look more “professional.” Vanore says officers’ hats must fit “in a military manner” over their hair, and that Strain’s hat did not.

2-1 Champions League win at Olympiique Marseille
We, Myanma Alin daily media crew proceeded to Pakokku from Chauk to collect some facts for bylines about the development of Pakokku through Anawrahta Bridge and Seikphyu Township in a coach.

As the car we were in broke down when we arrived Tantkyi mountain about 2 pm, we had to change another vehicle that we arrived Pakokku township which is designated as the metropolis of the west bank of Ayeyawady river, play an active part in the drive in cooperation with us.”

He continued that repairs were carried out as soon as there were unevenness and depression on the road; that systematic measures were being taken for proper drainage; that shade trees were grown along the both sides of the main roads in the townships. The township has systematic waste disposal system and 1.35 million gallons of water from 10 tube wells is provided for 15 wards of the township. Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers are abundant in invaluable natural resources. On the other hand, the two rivers also result in difficult access to west regions of Ayeyawady river. Thus Pakokku fell behind in development when it was further condemned by high temperature and inadequate rainfall. As the State is undertaking for narrowing development gap among the regions with added momentum, the regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady river have seen economic growth along with better transport. Pakokku is also enjoying the fruits of development and it is a magnificent town with beautiful neat roads, modern buildings, general hospitals, universities, colleges, and departmental buildings.

Private Specialist Clinic stands magnificently beside Shwechaung creek and Shwechaung bridge across the creek added the scene with further elegance. Transportation has become better as the State had built Union Highways, inter-district roads, village-to-village ones and modern bridges. Now, Pakokku looks like a green and lush forest looking from a distance.

GSM Tower, symbol of development of communication sector.

Landscaped roundabout at the exit of Yesagyo.

Signboard that reads “Efforts are being made for steady development of Pakokku as the metropolis of the west bank of Ayeyawady river” standing magnificently in the downtown area.

Township Development Affairs Committee preserve decade old path leading to riverside bathing place adorned with turrets.

Translation: TKK

Commander, minister attend ceremony to award outstanding students, opening of library in Salingyi Township

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe awards an outstanding student from Salingyi Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—A ceremony to award the outstanding students from Salingyi Township in Sagaing Division, who passed the 2008-2009 matriculation examinations, took place at the town hall of Salingyi, Monywa District. It was attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, division, district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and parents of the outstanding students and the local people from ward-1, ward-2 and ward-3 in Salingyi and 20 village tracts in Salingyi Township totalling over 2500.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said regional development tasks are being carried out with added momentum under the leadership of the State. So regional economic, transport and social sectors have developed. The people on their part are to cooperate with the government in the endeavours for the development of the State and the people based on Union Spirit and patriotic spirit.

In his speech, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said as today is the technological age, the government is paying emphasis on technological development so that the youth can catch up with the international community and enjoy education opportunities. Parents and teachers are to cooperate in training the students to become the educated citizens who can serve the interests of their own regions and nation. In building up a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation, efforts are needed to be made by taking lessons from the past bitter experiences and maintaining and promoting the prevailing conditions with care and consciousness, he added.

Next, the commander, the minister and wellwishers U Khin Maung and U Than Maung presented awards to the distinction winners of the 2008-2009 matriculation examinations and their teachers. In Salingyi Township, there were two three-distinction winners, eight two-distinction winners and 30 one-distinction winners.

The minister donated DTH satellite dish and accessories from which MR TV, MR TV-3 and MR TV-4 programmes can be watched to seven villages. Thudhamma Manijotadara U Khin Maung donated K 1.5 million for educational purposes and U Than Maung K 1 million. The commander and minister accepted the donations.

Then, Ma The Su Khaing, a three-distinction winner, expressed thanks.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister attended the opening ceremony of Pyinnya Pandaing Library in Kyatat Village in Salingyi Township. Well-wisher U Than Maung, Head of Sagaing Division Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Than Win and Chairman of Salingyi Township PDC U Tin Myo Aung formally opened the library.

The commander and the minister donated periodicals to the library. Later, they greeted those present in the library, viewed display of the publications and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Lolane Hair Workshop arranges hairdressing demonstration

YANGON, 28 Sept—Lolane Professional Hair Workshop of Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd launched free hairdressing demonstration at No. 38 training hall of Lolane Complex in Botataung Township, here this morning.

Sales and Marketing Manager Daw Nu Nu Yi explained the purpose of the show and professional hair technicians Mr Micheal Arnakorn and Mr Manut Duangprom from Thailand and international professional hair stylists Mr MajiMa Keizo and Ms Mugi MajiMa from Japan demonstrated K-style and Emo style hair cutting and setting popular in Japan and Korea to trainees one by one.

Similar show will be held on 29 September.

The free hairdressing demonstration of Lolane Professional Hair Workshop will continue in December 2009. The completion certificate will be conferred on the trainees.

Those wishing to deal with Lolane brand Hair & Skin Care cosmetics as agents and to be professional member of Lolane Salon Club may contact Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd, of No 40, 67th Street, Botataung Township (Ph: 294045, 290170 and 291318), (Email: grandwyn@myanmar.com.mm).—MNA

Mr. MajiMa Keizo demonstrates hair cutting and setting during Lolane Professional Hair Workshop.—MNA
Commander inspects Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay road

YANGON, 28 Sept—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint went to the construction site of Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay road and heard the reports on matters related to the construction presented by in-charge engineer, and presented by Division Superintending Engineer.

Afterwards, the commander inspected the condition of Panhlaing Bridge, progress of earth road between Padanyekyaw and Khataya villages, and progress of Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay road.

Next, the commander inspected the condition of Twantay Bridge and gave instructions to officials concerned.

2009-2010 academic year, the final match of the football tournament of Inter-Schools and awarding ceremony conducted by Department of Basic Education No. 3 were held at Aungsan stadium here yesterday evening. The Commander, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials concerned enjoyed the match.

They presented the prizes to the outstanding teams.

Beneficial Effect of Metta

The beneficial effect of metta is immense and most exalted. Dissemination of metta is par excellence, and unrivalled, among the good kammas which can benefit the accomplishment of an existence in the long run of samsaric circle.

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects combine harvesters produced by No (1) Agricultural Machinery Industry and Technical Training School in Hsinte.


The minister urged the service personnel to improve the quality of products of the factories, and to strive for the growth of qualified technicians by the training school.

Deputy Construction Minister inspects Pathein-Monywa Road (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe on 23 September heard reports on roadworks at Manchaung station on Pathein-Monywa Road and attended to the requirements. Next, the deputy minister inspected maintenance of Mezali bridge and gave necessary instructions. The deputy minister also inspected construction site of Thayuchaung bridge and met with engineers-in-charge of Minbu and Pakokku Districts at Kazunma station on Pathein-Monywa Road.

Minister Dr. Chan Nyein presents exercise books, stationery, school uniforms and sports gear to a headmaster in Kanbalu Township.

Education Minister attends opening of new school building in Kanbalu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein attended the opening of Shwe Pyi Yadana new school building of Ma-le village Affiliated Basic Education High School in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Division yesterday, and met with local people.

Then, the Minister met with local people from Ma-le, Pazigyi, Chaungshay, Chaungtha, Hiantaw, Ywathayar, Kyauklongyi and Laytwinsin villages at the hall of the school and presented exercise books and stationery, school uniforms and sports gears.

On the arrival at Thabeikkyin Basic Education High School, the Minister met with the Head of Township Education Department, Heads of Basic Education High Schools and teachers.

On the occasion, Director-General of No. 2 Basic Education Department U Aye Lwin, Chairman of Shwebo District Peace and Development Council U Ohn Cho and townselder U Thein Win cut the ribbons to open the new school building, and Minister Dr Chan Nyein pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the Shwe Pyi Yadana new school building.

On the occasion, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected the No (1) Machine and Machine Tool Factory in Nyaungchauktau, No(1) Agricultural Machinery Industry and Technical Training School in Hsinte on 26 and 27 September.

The minister urged the service personnel to improve the quality of products of the factories, and to strive for the growth of qualified technicians by the training school.
Multipurpose tractors and four-ton trailers

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

Multipurpose tractors and four-ton trailers
reapers, water pumps, and trailers. In rural areas, articulated tractors are major means of transport of goods and people. So, a tractor can be used variously.

Four-ton trailers produced by No (2) Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (Malun) are popular. They are in demand and considerably useful in agricultural farming, so they win customer satisfaction. In rural regions, they are mainly used in transporting paddy, rice and other agricultural produce, and people. A four-ton trailer can hold about 30 people or about four tons of goods.

A four-ton trailer is 12 feet long, six feet wide and 1.5 feet high. It is painted green. All the parts of four-ton trailers are produced by No (2) Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (Malun). They are of high quality and the factory gives warranty of long-term existence for trailers. So, customers can place reliance on the products.

The factory produces 500 four-ton trailers a year. Each of the parts of the trailers is under quality control. When a trailer is assembled, the quality control board thoroughly checks its quality. So, it is reliable.

Orders for four-ton trailers may be placed individually or in organization. The factory produces units according to the orders they receive.

Those wishing to buy four-ton trailers may contact No (2) Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (Malun) (Ph: 02-67598, 02-67562, or 067-405055, 405056, 405323).

Farmers may buy multipurpose four-ton trailers at reasonable prices.

Translation: MS

Eighty horsepower tractors painted green.

A four-ton trailer produced by No (2) Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (Malun).
China completes world’s highest resolution 3D map of moon

BEIJING, 28 Sept—Chinese experts on Monday announced that the country’s space scientists had completed the world’s highest-resolution three-dimensional map of the moon. The map, covering the whole surface of the moon, was made based on image data obtained by a charge-coupled device (CCD) stereo camera carried by the Chang’e-1, China’s first lunar probe. The map’s spatial resolution — measured by the distance of two features within an image that can be clearly defined — is 500 meters. Liu Xianlin, head of the expert team that made the accreditation, said the map could greatly help study the features, laws and creation of the moon’s surface and deepen understanding of lunar geology and its evolution. “It would also pave the way for setting scientific objectives in future lunar probe projects,” said Liu, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Surveying and Mapping. The Chang’e-1 Lunar probe was launched in October 2007.—Xinhua

Facts & Figures: China’s education

BEIJING, 28 Sept—China’s education has scored remarkable achievements since the founding of the People’s Republic of China in 1949, especially since the country adopted its reform and opening up policy in the late 1970s. Following are facts and figures given by Vice Minister of Education Hao Ping at a press conference on Monday.

About 98.5 percent of the school-age children could get access to primary schools, while the rate in 1949 was less than 20 percent.

About 98.5 percent of primary school graduates are able to continue their study at junior middle schools compared with 6 percent in 1949. China has more than 20 million students studying in 2,263 higher learning institutions. Only about 120,000 students were studying in colleges and universities when the New China was founded.

At present, 99.5 percent of the school-age children could get access to primary schools, while the rate in 1949 was less than 20 percent.

Children learn to make moon cakes at a kindergarten in Yuncheng City of north China’s Shanxi Province, on 3 Oct, this year.—INTERNET

Indonesia to produce A/H1N1 flu vaccine

JAKARTA, 28 Sept—Indonesia is to produce vaccine to stop the further spread of the A/H1N1 viruses that have killed 10 people and infected more than 1,000 others in the country, a senior official of the Health Ministry said here on Monday.

The plan comes after the United Nations recently asked major vaccine producer firms in the world, including Indonesia’s drug maker Biofarma, to produce the vaccine, Director General of Disease Control and Environmental Health of the ministry Tjandra Yoga Aditama said.

Health Organization (WHO) has said that the world could only produce 3 billion doses of the flu vaccine out of 5 billion doses expectation. So, we will produce the vaccine," Yoga told Xinhua at his office when asked whether Indonesia will produce the A/H1N1 flu vaccine. But, it had not been determined yet the amount of the vaccines to be produced by Biofarma and whether Indonesia would join other countries move to donate the vaccine to under-developed countries, he said, adding “Let’s wait until two months after the preparation process is completed, then all will be clear, such as the amount of the vaccine to be produced, whether they are for us or to be given to other countries.”

The director said that the development of the A/H1N1 influenza virus has often unpredictable, but his ministry would keep closely watching it.—Xinhua

Philippine stocks close lower after strike of deadly storm

MANILA, 28 Sept—The tropical storm that left more than a hundred Filipinos dead and half a million homeless has also dumped its wrath on the Philippine market which opened the week in the red. The bellwether Philippine Stock Exchange index went down by 1.3 percent or 36.69 points to 2,784.65, while the all share index slipped by 1.45 percent or 26.21 points to 1,780.71. Trading was lackluster where only 1.18 billion shares valued at 1.39 billion, has more than 82 million teachers in educational institutions, up from 930,000 in 1949.

Tourists do shopping in the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Turkey, on 26 Sept, 2009. The domed-capped Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, was ravaged by numerous fires and earthquakes in the past and now it is hit hard by the ongoing economic crisis. Called simply the Kapali Carsi (Covered Market) in Turkish, the 548-year-old bazaar located at the heart of Istanbul is experiencing the worst time in the past 20 years with both business volume and profit tumbling by about 50 percent.—INTERNET

Two policemen killed, 14 injured in Iraq suicide car bomb

BAGHDAD, 28 Sept—A suicide car bomber struck a police station in Iraq’s western province of Anbar on Monday, killing two policemen and wounding 14 others, an Interior Ministry source said.

The bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into the entrance of the police station in the city of Rawa, some 250 km northwest of Baghdad, on Monday afternoon, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The powerful blast destroyed part of the building and left several police and civilian vehicles ablaze, the source said. The once volatile province of Anbar has been relatively calm for more than two years after Sunni tribes and anti-US insurgent groups turned to cooperate with US troops and Iraqi security forces against the Iraqi network of al-Qaida.

Two policemen killed, 14 injured in Iraq suicide car bomb

This photo released by Alley Cat Allies shows an ear tip signifies a feral cat has been neutered.—INTERNET
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (471)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (471) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 29.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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TENDER INVITATION
Myanma Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), is intended to establish a Cement Manufacturing Plant in Sinkan Region, Bamaw Township, Kachin State, adopting the wet process Cement Manufacturing and capacity of 700 ton per day, using kiln firing burner system of coal and gas firing with free mixing ratio.
Seal Tenders are invited from Cement Machinery Manufacturing Companies with machinery and Full Turnkey Basis including technical services, machinery supply, erection, commissioning and supervisory services. The details can be obtained from the following contact office.
Myanmar Ceramic Industries: Building No (41) Nay Pyi Taw Union of Myanmar
Tel 067-408386, 408296
Fax 067-408064
Tender Closing Date- 30.11.2009

Rabies poses major health threat
BEIJING, 28 Sept—Rabies has become one of the biggest public health risks facing China, with more than 2,400 people killed each year, the Ministry of Health has warned. The nation is second to only India for the highest rate of infection, the ministry said in a report issued on Sunday.

In China, most infections were caused by dog bites, said the ministry report, which added that on average 55,000 deaths a year, mostly in Asia and Africa, according to the World Health Organization.

China has 75 million dogs but less than 20 percent have been vaccinated against rabies, according to official statistics.—Internet

Iran state telecoms firm privatized in eight-billion-dollar deal
TEHERAN, 28 Sept—A majority stake in Iran’s only state-owned telecommunications firm was sold on Sunday to a private consortium in an eight-billion-dollar deal, the largest privatization in the Islamic republic.

The Guards, set up to defend the country from internal and external threats, is also a major economic force because of its overwhelming presence in the energy, financial and construction sectors.—Internet

Confucius’s 2,560th anniversary held at his birthplace
QUFU, 28 Sept—A grand ceremony was held in Qufu, east China’s Shandong Province, on Monday to commemorate the 2,560th birthday of Confucius, the great ancient Chinese thinker and philosopher revered around the world.

More than 10,000 people, including his descendants, scholars and representatives from foreign embassies in China and international organizations, attended the ceremony at the Confucius Temple in Qufu, his birthplace.

Confucius and his disciples advocated positive self-discipline, healthy living, maintaining harmony in family life, peace and order in the country, peace in the world. His thoughts are still studied worldwide.
Planning, emotions affect landing job

COLUMBIA, 28 Sept—US scientists say sound planning activities and positive emotions have a large impact on success in finding a job.

University of Missouri researchers say unemployment is more challenging than ever and the process of looking for work is tiring, but it is important to expect rejections and develop a coping strategy ahead of time. Maintaining positive emotions throughout the process can help improve the chances of getting a job, the researchers say.

“We found it most interesting that metacognitive activities — thinking about a plan, acting on a plan and reflecting upon that plan — were important early in the job search while having positive emotions were important later in the job search,” Daniel Turban, professor at the University of Missouri, says in a statement.

The study, published in Personal Psychology, finds metacognitive activities — including goal setting and plan development — affect resume submission and success in first interviews, while the ability to maintain positive emotions plays a larger role during second interviews and receiving a final job offer.

“People don’t have strategies; they don’t assess their plans, and they don’t think about their strategies and reflect on whether it’s working or how to make them work better,” Turban says. “They just don’t do it.” — Internet

Regular exercise reduces risk of prostate cancer

LOS ANGELES, 28 Sept—Regular exercise may help reduce the risk of prostate cancer, a new study suggests. The conclusion was based on analysis of 190 men who had a prostate biopsy, according to the study appearing in the September issue of Journal of Urology on Sunday.

In the study, researchers at Duke University Medical Centre found that those who were moderately active — anything equivalent to walking at a moderate pace for several hours a week — were significantly less likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer.

The majority (58 percent) of the men in this study were sedentary, which means they exercised less than the equivalent of one hour per week of easy walking. The study also found that exercise was associated with less aggressive disease in men who did develop prostate cancer.” As the amount of exercise increased, the risk of cancer decreased,” said lead author Dr Florence Bourgeois, a pediatrician at Mattel Children’s Hospital, University of California, Los Angeles, in a statement.

Parents can help an older child relax and breathe out by asking them to pretend they are blowing up a balloon or using their imagination to experience being somewhere else, such as at the park or the beach. Other distraction ideas include jokes, videos, stories and music.

Finally, do not lie to your child about getting an injection, says Zeltzer. — Internet

South Korean visitors wave to their North Korean relatives as they set out to return to South Korea after reuniting at the Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea, on 28 Sept 2009. — Internet

Vietnam’s A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 8,419

HANOI, 28 Sept — Vietnam has confirmed 206 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the country’s cumulative number of flu patients to 8,419, said a daily report on the website of the Ministry of Health on Monday.

Of the new cases, 118 patients are in the south, 69 in the north, and 19 in highland provinces, said the ministry.

So far, 6,736 patients have been discharged from hospitals after recovery, according to the report. Vietnam has reported 13 deaths of A/H1N1 influenza so far. — Xinhua

Cambodia confirms first death of A/H1N1 flu

PHNOM PENH, 28 Sept — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Monday announced the country’s first death case of flu A/H1N1.

The dead patient, a 40-year-old Khmer woman, died on Sunday at Phnom Penh’s Calmette Hospital, said the premier at the inauguration ceremony of Tourism Ministry building.

So far, the number of the confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in Cambodia has risen to 88, according to officials of the Ministry of Health on Monday. — Xinhua
**Brazil crushes Costa Rica 5-0 in U-20 World Cup**

**DAVANILLE, 28 Sept —** Brazil crushed Costa Rica 5-0 in a Group E match between Brazil and Costa Rica in the 17th FIFA U-20 World Cup in Egyptian port city, Port Said on 27 Sept, 2009. — XINHUA

PORT SAID, 28 Sept — Brazil crushed Costa Rica on Sunday 5-0 in FIFA U-20 World Cup. At the 24th Minute, forward Alan Kardec scored a second goal through a powerful shot for Brazil while Kardec scored his second goal and the third for his team at the 44th minute to end the first half time 3-0 for Brazil. The Costa Ricans tried hard to score in the second half time, but they even failed to threaten the well fortified Brazilian defense. — Xinhua

**Ronaldo scores in Corinthians tie with Sao Paulo**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Sept — Ronaldo returned to score for the Corinthians in their 1-1 tie with cross-town rivals Sao Paulo in the Brazilian championship. Ronaldo scored his team’s only goal in the 20th minute as he knocked in taking advantage of Sao Paulo’s defensive collapse. The striker proved that he is back and ready to play after recovering from hand surgery and liposuction. Sao Paulo tied the match in the 70th minute when Hernanes passed the ball off to a cutting Washington. In front of the goal, Washington sized up Corinthians’ star goalie, Felipe, and sent the ball into the right side of the net. Sao Paulo dropped to third place with 45 points. Corinthians actually improved as a result of Sunday’s tie, landing in eighth place with 38 points.

**Last-gasp Adailton denies Juventus top spot, Milan jeered**

ROME, 28 Sept — Bologna’s veteran Brazilian forward Adailton scored an equaliser deep into injury time to deny Juventus a return to the top of the Serie A table following a 1-1 draw in Turin. The result left Juventus one point behind leaders Sampdoria, who beat champions Inter Milan 1-0 on Saturday. Meanwhile, AC Milan’s miserable start to the season continued as they needed goalkeeper Marco Storari to rescue a 0-0 draw for them at home to newly promoted Bari. They were booted off the San Siro pitch as they slumped to seven points behind Sampdoria after just two wins in six matches and just a solitary goal in their last five encounters. Under-pressure Milan coach Leonardo said his side deserved their jers. “Bari played very, very well while we struggled a lot,” he said. “At the end of the game jers, just like applause, are always deserved.” Just as had been the case in their 0-0 draw at Livorno, Milan had Storari to thank for coming away with a point. — Internet

**Giggs the key for Man Utd says Berbatov**

MANCHESTER, 28 Sept — Dimitar Berbatov believes Ryan Giggs is providing the inspiration behind Manchester United’s bid to win a record fourth consecutive Premier League title. Giggs played a key role in sending the reigning champions back to the top of the table on Saturday as he came off the bench to help United claim a 2-0 win at Stoke. The Welsh midfielder replaced Nani 10 minutes into the second half and quickly turned the game in United’s favour with assists for Berbatov and then John O’Shea to score the goals that took Sir Alex Ferguson’s team above Chelsea on goal difference.

**Phil wins Tour Championship, Tiger the FedEx Cup**

ATLANTA, 28 Sept — Phil Mickelson had the smaller check and felt like the biggest winner. Tiger Woods was congratulated after he finished second in the Tour Championship. Sunday was the ninth time that golf’s two biggest stars finished 1-2 in a tournament. Never have they shared the spotlight, each going home with a trophy that was meaningful in its own way. Mickelson capped off a tumultuous summer by winning his first title since his split from swing coach Butch Harmon. He closed out with a 7-under 65 and a four-shot victory in the Tour Championship, the final event of the PGA Tour’s FedEx Cup playoffs. The winner of the PGA Tour’s season-long playoff, Mickelson was paid $12 million, the richest prize in golf history, plus a $500,000 bonus for the FedEx Cup. — Internet

**Bisevic hits hat-trick as Hoffenheim crush Hertha**

BERLIN, 28 Sept — Hoffenheim striker Vedad Bisevic showed last season’s cruciate knee operation is behind him with a first-half hat-trick in the 5-1 humiliation of bottom side Hertha Berlin on Sunday. Lucien Favre’s position as Hertha coach looks increasingly precarious after his side slumped again following last Sunday’s 4-0 hammering at home to Freiburg. The 25-year-old Bisevic, the league’s top scorer going into January’s winter break before his knee injury struck, needed just 21 minutes to wrap up his hat-trick as he marked his first goals in the league this season. In the last five games I hadn’t scored, but neither had I played badly,” said Bisevic after his side’s seventh goal in the season. “Today the goals came back by themselves, I played with a new pair of shoes and I am delighted that I scored three goals, really delighted.” — Internet

**Sol Campbell quit Notts County over broken promises**

LONDON, 28 Sept — Former England defender Sol Campbell has admitted he quit Notts County after just one game because the League Two club failed to keep their promise of signing other star players. The ex-Arsenal and Tottenham centre-back walked out of Meadow Lane just 29 days into a five-year contract, with worth a reported 40,000 pounds a week, because he was the only major signing during the close-season after his release by Portsmouth. Campbell, who left by mutual consent after his debut in the 2-1 defeat at Morecambe in League Two, had expected to see players like Brazilian Roberto Carlos joining him as part of ambitious plans at the club following the takeover by Munto Finance. But after linking up with former England coach Sven-Goran Eriksen, the director of football at Meadow Lane, Campbell felt he had been let down. — Internet

**Safina crashes out of Pan Pacific Open**

TOKYO, 28 Sept — World number one and defending champion Dinara Safina crashed out of the Pan Pacific Open on Monday at the hands of qualifier Chang Kai-chen of Taiwan. The Russian top seed, who received a first-round bye, lost 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 5-7 in the second round. — Internet

**Gustafson captures first LPGA win in 6 years**

SAN ANTONIO, 28 Sept — Sophie Gustafson questioned whether she would ever win another LPGA Tour title. “Yeah, absolutely,” she said, grinning. Gustafson is finally an LPGA Tour winner again, six years after her last championship, cruising to a four-stroke victory over top-ranked Lorena Ochoa in the CVS/pharmacy LPGA Challenge on Sunday.

The 35-year-old Swede shot a 4-under 68 at Blackhawk Country Club and finished at 20-under 268 for her first title since the 2003 Samsung World Championship. — Internet

**Former England defender Sol Campbell.—Internet**

**Phil Mickelson of the US holds the trophy after winning The Tour Championship golf tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, on 27 Sept, 2009. — Internet**

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Infrastructure project spending to soar in GCC nations: report

Dubai, 28 Sept—Infrastructure spending of member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is expected to reach 205 billion U.S. dollars by 2013, local newspaper Gulf News reported on Monday.

Although funding has emerged a big challenge in the context of the global credit crisis, economists expect GCC governments to support most infrastructure projects and bond issues will be a major source of funding for many of the projects, said the report, quoting the latest estimates by Standard Chartered Bank. Saudi Arabia alone accounts for more than 50 percent of regional infrastructure spending with 105 billion dollars in investments planned in projects such as hospitals, roads, railways and airports, according to the report.

**MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (29-9-2009) (Tuesday)**

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**Weather Map**

Monday, 28th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, scattered in Upper Sagain and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and Magway Division, widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Chin State, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.10) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinuma) (1.46) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Thwaygyi) (1.26) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Lelewe) (1.02) inches, Mindat (4.49) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (4.29) inches, Nyaungoo (2.17) inches, Yay (2.04) inches, Yangon (Central) (1.73) inches, Lokar (1.66) inches, Kayal (1.65) inches, Myeik (1.54) inches, Dawei (1.46) inches, Yangon (Kaba Aye) (1.41) inches and Pakokku (1.15) inches. Maximum temperature on 27-9-2009 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 28-9-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-9-2009 was 100 %. Total sun shine hours on 27-9-2009 was (0.1) hour approx. Rainfall on 28-9-2009 (4.03) inches at Mingaladon, (1.41) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.73) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (103.19) inches at Mingaladon, (109.76) inches at Kaba-Aye and (17.52) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 27-9-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29th September 2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Bayo, Yangon, Ayeawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Kayin States and scattered in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State 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) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-9-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-9-2009: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-9-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
**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**

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**People’s Desire**

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

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**Lt-Gen Myint Swe calls for boosting production, quality of goods**

**Multipurpose tractors and four-ton trailers**

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

Mechanization of agriculture calls for constant, large-scale production of farm machinery. Of various types of farm machinery, tractors play an important role in mechanized farming. It is therefore required to produce a growing number of tractors and trailers.

No (2) Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (Malun) under the Ministry of Industry-2 has launched its production of Zwe Brand tractors in order that all farmers have easy access to tractors in agricultural farming.

Upon arrival at the Tractor Assembly Shop of No (2) Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (Malun), we saw many tractors, some were being assembled and some were already assembled. The factory manufactures 50-hp and 80-hp tractors. A 50-hp tractor can plough an acre of farmland in an hour, and can harrow an acre of farmland in two hours. It consumes a gallon of diesel an hour. An 80-hp tractor can plough or harrow an acre of farmland in 36 minutes.

Some items of the equipment used in combination with tractors are harrows, ploughs, paddy.

Two female workers assembling a tractor at Assembly Shop of No (2) Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (Malun).