NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Malaysian Military Attaché Colonel Sanusi Bin Hashim, who had completed his tour of duties and his successor Colonel Gan Seng Lock at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 10.30 am today.

Together with Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at the call were Member of SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

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

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

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

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets outgoing Malaysian Military Attaché Colonel Sanusi Bin Hashim at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shaking hands with incoming Malaysian Military Attaché Colonel Gan Seng Lock at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

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Strive for development of rural libraries

As knowledge is the guiding light of life, people set a high value on it and are constantly in pursuit of learning.

In Myanmar, formal education, non-formal education and informal education systems have been introduced for everyone, irrespective of age and education qualifications, to be able to learn. The youth today can study advanced subjects with the help of modern communication technology. Therefore, intellectuals and intelligentsia are emerging.

At the same time, three R’s courses are being conducted and constant learning programmes put into action. Moreover, community learning centres have been opened in order that people of different age groups from all walks of life can easily learn different subjects and skills. As a result, the national literacy rate is becoming higher year after year.

Rural libraries have been opened for all literate people to become used to reading and be able to find a wide variety of reading matter easily and do a lot of reading constantly. A total of 50,000 rural libraries have been opened across the nation and now they are of great help to rural people in their pursuit of knowledge.

Recently, libraries were opened at Patta village in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, at Nabugyi village in Myittha Township, at Kankaung village in Meiktila Township and at Kyartet village in Salingyi Township with the money donated by local authorities and well-wishers. Well-wishers are donating furniture and reading matter for libraries.

The opening of new libraries increases the number of knowledge seekers and helps literate people in rural areas to read more and more. We believe that, with the concerted efforts of respective departmental personnel and well-wishers, rural libraries will develop in the long run.

Nay Pyi Taw Open Golf Tournament kicks off

YANGON, 29 Sept—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd and International Beverages Trading Co., Ltd, the opening ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Open Golf Tournament was held at City Golf Course in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

The first round of the Golf Tournament was opened by Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe on Nay Pyi Taw Mayor’s behalf, Director U Min Thein of Air Bagan Ltd, vice-president of MGF U Aung Kyi, Executive Director U Tint Oo of International Beverages Trading Co., Ltd. At professional golfers tournament, Thein Zaw Myint (KM Golf Centre) and Naing Naing Lin (Srixon) shared the tournament with 67 strokes each, followed by Hla Myo with 69.

At men’s amateur tournament, Maung Maung Oo stood first with 69 strokes, Aung Win (Forestry) second with 70 and Yan Myo Aye third with 71.---MGF

Minister inspects No. 2 district-to-district road in Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt arrived at Kintha briefing hall of the No 2 district-to-district road in Mandalay Division yesterday and heard reports on progress in tarring No. 2 district-to-district road presented by Director U Min Min Zaw of Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee and then attended to the needs.

Next, the minister inspected progress in tarring 110 miles and two furlongs long district-to-district road carried out by seven township development affairs committees.

After looking into tarring roads carried out by Yamethin and Pyawbwe Township DACs, the minister heard reports on progress in tarring roads presented by the executive officer and the in-charge senior engineer of Pyawbwe Township DAC and then gave necessary instructions.

While in Kyaukse, the minister looked into No. 1 water supplying plant, Aye Mya Kyi Lin Market and beautiful scenes of the township.

The minister fulfilled the requirements following the reports on tasks of development affairs presented by the executive officer and the in-charge senior engineer of Kyaukse Township DAC. The No. 2 district-to-district road which is 110 miles and two furlongs was built with gravel in Mandalay and it will be tarred during 2009-2010 financial year. The road will help improve the transport for rural people from nine townships.

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**Chavez, Gaddafi seek a new definition of terrorism**

**Porlamar, 29 Sept**—Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez and Libya’s Muammar Gaddafi called on Monday for a new global definition of terrorism.

Meeting a day after the end of a summit of African and South American leaders in Venezuela, the two men signed a declaration urging a global conference be held to sketch out new terms defining terrorism.

Neither spoke publicly about the document, which rejects “attempts to link the legitimate struggle of the people for liberty and self-determination” with terrorism, according to a Venezuelan government website.

Chavez, has faced US and Colombian charges he backs FARC Marxist rebels in Colombia. He denies the allegations.

Gaddafi, who has ruled Libya for 40 years professing “Islamic socialism,” has been accused of harboring terrorists. But he has sought to improve relations with the United States after he said he was abandoning his country’s nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programmes in 2003.

Chavez repeatedly feted Gaddafi during the Libyan leader’s first visit to Latin America.—**Internet**

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**Egypt to host conference in October to sign reconciliation agreement**

**Cairo, 29 Sept**—Egypt is to host a national conference in October so as to sign a Palestinian reconciliation agreement, Khaleed Mashaal, Damascus-based Hamas political chief, told a press conference in Cairo on Monday evening.

Mashaal called for uni-

**Unknown armed men set fire to bank branch in Afghanistan**

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**KABUL, 29 Sept**—Unknown armed men set fire to a branch building of the Bangladeshi bank BRAC (Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee) in Kapisa Province, 80 km north of Afghan capital Kabul, a local newspaper reported on Tuesday.

“Several armed men raided the office of BRAC bank in Hisai Dua district on Monday night and set it on fire after killing the guard,” daily 8 Subh writes.—**Xinhua**

Meanwhile, he warned of normalization options proposed by the United States on the Arab countries. Mashaal described his meeting with Egypt’s intelligence chief Omer Suleiman as constructive.

**Military operation in Afghan west kills 30 Taleban**

**KABUL, 29 Sept**—A US team working with Afghan soldiers swept in on a militant stronghold in the country’s west, killing at least 30 Taleban fighters, US and Afghan officials said on Monday.

Elsewhere, a Taleban highway ambush left six truckers dead, and a roadside bomb killed another six Afghans in a crowded van.

Farah provincial Gov Roh ul-Amin said no airstrikes were used during the battle. US Gen Stanley McChrystal has made protecting Afghan civilians a priority and sharply restricted the use of airstrikes.

UI-Amin said 30 Taleban militants — but no coalition forces or civilians — died in the fighting, which he said began overnight and was still ongoing.

Maj James Brownlee, a US military spokesman, confirmed an operation but gave a lower death toll of 30 Taleban militants killed. He declined to comment further.

**Two civilians killed in minibus explosion in southern Iraq**

**DIWANIYAH, 29 Sept**—Two civilians were killed and four others injured when a bomb rocked a minibus in southern Iraq on Monday, a provincial police source said.

An explosive charge hidden in a black bag was detonated on Monday afternoonraging a minibus carrying passengers in Diwaniyah, in the city of Diwaniyah, capital of Qadissiyah Province, the source told **Xinhua** on condition of anonymity.

**Leaky dam causes flood worries in Seattle area**

**KENT, 29 Sept**—For nearly 25 years Kathy Gladden has lived about 100 feet from the Green River, a normally placid stream that meanders past the many homes, offices, warehouses and shopping malls that blanket the area.

Now, she and thousands of others face the all-too-real prospect that the river will gush past a leaky upstream dam and swallow up their homes once the rainy season starts in November, devastating a heavily developed area in the Seattle suburbs that is a vital hub of commerce.

The Howard Hanson Dam began showing disturbing signs of vulnerability after a torrential rainstorm in January, and officials have been warning residents to buy flood insurance, store valuables in safe places and be ready to flee.—**Internet**

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**In this 23 Sept, 2009 photo, the downstream side of the Howard Hanson Dam is shown as viewed from the top of the dam, near Ravenswood, Wash. The Howard Hanson Dam began showing disturbing signs of vulnerability after a torrential rainstorm in January, and officials have been warning residents to buy flood insurance, store valuables in safe places and be ready to flee.**—**Internet**
China seeks major stake in Nigerian oil

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Southeast Asia's largest ceramic tile plant starts operations in Vietnam

Hanoi, 29 Sept.—A ceramic tile plant with a total capacity of 24 million square metres a year, the largest in Southeast Asia, started operations in Vietnam, local newspaper the Pioneer reported on Tuesday.

The plant is built on an area of 40 hectares in the central province of Quang Nam, said the newspaper. It has an investment of one trillion Vietnamese dong ($56.04 million US dollars). The plant is expected to generate about 1,000 jobs for local workers.—Xinhua

Vietnam’s economy shows signs of recovery

Hanoi, 29 Sept.—Vietnam's economy is showing signs of recovery, with the national economic growth rate in the first nine months this year estimated to increase by 4.59 percent compared with the same period last year, according to a report of the website of Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) on Tuesday.

The figure of 4.59 percent economic growth was unveiled at a monthly regular meeting of the ministry held here on Monday. The meeting was to review socio-economic development in the first nine months of this year and map out concrete measures to ensure economic growth and social stability.

According to Ha Van Hien, chairman of the National Assembly Commit-tee for Economic Affairs, Vietnam has recorded encouraging results in socio-economic performance in the first nine months of this year despite the impacts of the global economic crisis. The results are owed to the country's stimulus packages of eight billion US dollars to boost the national economy since the outbreak of the global economic crisis.

Africa ripe for investment opportunities, say Shanghai experts

Beijing, 29 Sept.—Inspired by China's economic growth despite the global financial recession, African countries have reached a consensus to learn and benefit more from the robust economy. A delegation with representatives from nearly 40 African countries, and two international organizations—the Africa Development Bank and the League of Arab States—attended the Touchroad China-Africa Invest Forum in Shanghai on Monday. The forum focused on opportunities and challenges of investing in Africa.

Many people stereotype Africa as a piece of underdeveloped land, plagued by poverty, disease and violence, but He Liehui, founder of the forum, objected to such labelings.

“Is it far from being the truth if you know enough of the continent. There are lots of misunderstandings there. Not all countries in Africa are poor, and some nations’ GDP per capita is higher than that of China,” he said.

Actually, many Chinese companies have noticed the opportunities in the resource-rich continent and invested extensively there. Chen Jian, vice-minister of commerce, said China has invested in 49 African countries.—INTERNET

Apple's App Store downloads cross 2 billion

San Francisco, 29 Sept.—Apple Inc on Monday said more than 2 billion applications have been downloaded from its App Store, a service for the company's iPhone and iPod Touch media player which now has over 85,000 applications available.

“The rate of App Store downloads continues to accelerate with users downloading a staggering two billion apps in just over a year, including more than half a billion apps this quarter alone,” Steve Jobs, Apple's chief executive officer, said in a statement.

“The App Store has reinvented what you can do with a mobile handheld device, and our users are clearly loving it,” he noted.—Xinhua

South America, Africa pledge to promote South-South co-op

PUBLIKA, 29 Sept.—The second Africa-South America Summit (ASA) has ended here with the adoption of the Declaration of Nueva Esparta as leaders vowed to promote South-South cooperation.

According to the 30-page document, South American and African countries reaffirmed their “commitment to promote South-South cooperation as the main objective of the two regions, so as to complement the traditional North-South cooperation” and “promote sustained economic growth ... in the two regions.”

The countries have also promised to “exchange their experiences and encourage a close and effective cooperation between the two regions, with the strong support of the African Union (AU) and the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), as main pillars of cooperation between our peoples.”—Xinhua

A group of Common Cranes gather in dawn light, on their night-roost on a lake in the German state of Brandenburg, close to Berlin on 26 September, 2009. From September to November tens of thousands of Cranes use the rural area close to the German Capital for a stopover during their migration from Scandinavia and Eastern Europe to their wintering quarters in Spain. The agricultural plains surrounding Berlin are among the biggest Crane roosts in Europe with several tens of thousands birds gathering during the peak of migration between September and November.—Xinhua
Visitors appreciate an oil painting at China’s 11th National Oil Painting Works Exhibition in Wuhan, central China’s Hubei province, on 26 Sept, 2009. The exhibition which opened on Saturday opens to the public free of charge until early November this year.—XINHUA

Climate change must be addressed within framework of sustainable development

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Sept—Bhutan said here on Monday that climate change must be addressed within the framework of sustainable development, saying that the issue must be tackled with the right of developing countries to be able to better live on their people.

The statement came as Dav Penjo, foreign secretary of Bhutan, was speaking to the general debate of the General Assembly, which entered its fifth day here on Monday.

“Bhutan has always maintained that climate change must be addressed within the framework of sustainable development,” he said. “The issues are inextricably linked to development, and any debate on the subject must relate to equity and the right of developing countries to be able to provide better livelihoods to their people.”

“The need of the present times is a strong political commitment to be guided by ‘good environmental governance.’ Our efforts must be directed towards replacing unsustainable practices and creating a low carbon economy through the development and use of renewable and energy efficient technologies,” he said.

“Our capacity to carry out adaptation and mitigation measures is also severely constrained by lack of scientific, technical and financial resources,” he said.

Xinhua

Ten killed, 40 missing in boat capsizing incident in India

NEW DELHI, 29 Sept—At least 10 people were killed and more than 40 others were missing after a boat carrying over 60 people on their way back from the Hindu Durga Puja festivities capsized on Monday evening in the Bagmati river in Khagaria district, Bihar in eastern India, reported the Indo-Asian News Service on Tuesday.

The villagers were returning from a fair to mark the conclusion of Durga Puja in Khagaria, about 200 km from the state capital Patna. The boat, which was with a capacity of carrying 30 people, was carrying over 60 villagers, mainly women and children, said the report quoting police sources.—Xinhua

Heavy shelling in Mogadishu market kills 11

Mogadishu, 29 Sept—Heavy shelling in the Somali capital’s main market on Monday left 11 people dead and 31 others wounded, a medical official said.

Somali government forces backed by African Union (AU) peacekeepers retaliated with heavy artillery as Islamist rebels based in the south of Mocadishu launched a mortar attack.

Shells landed in a packed section of the Bakara market which Somali government officials say is used as an militant hideout.

The market was hit as people in it were preparing to leave for home in the afternoon.—Xinhua

Mexico declares state of emergency for flooded towns

MEXICO CITY, 29 Sept—The Mexican government on Monday declared a state of emergency in six flood-struck towns in east coastal state Veracruz.

Laura Gurza Jairaz, civil protection chief of the Interior Ministry, has declared the measure for Camerino Z Mendoza, La Perra, Mariano Escobedo, Nogales, Orizaba and Rio Blanco, according to the Official Federation Gazette.

The decree means that the state can receive money from the ministry’s National Disaster Fund.

In mid-September, state authorities sought help from the Mexican army after 2,450 buildings were flooded in the state capital of Xalapa.

Xinhua

Foot-and-mouth disease occurs in N province of Vietnam

HANOI, 29 Sept—The foot-and-mouth disease in livestock occurred in the northern Ha Giang Province of Vietnam, bringing the total infected provinces in the country to 12, according to the department of animal health of Vietnam’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Tuesday.

The disease has struck 12 communes in three districts of the province, leaving 172 livestock infected with the foot-and-mouth disease, said the department. The provincial health officials are taking measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Currently, Vietnam reports 12 provinces hit by the foot-and-mouth disease including five northern provinces of Tuyen Quang, Yen Bai, Son La, Quang Ninh and the newly-reported Ha Giang, two central highland provinces of Dak Nong, Dak Lak, and five central provinces of Nghe An, Quang Tri, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai and Quang Binh, said the department.—Xinhua

Landmine explosion kills US soldier, injures four in Philippines

MANILA, 29 Sept—One US serviceman was killed and another one was wounded as an American Hummer jeep hit a landmine in the restive southern Philippines, a military official said on Tuesday. The explosion occurred at 8:30 am (0030 GMT) on Tuesday near a Philippine marine detachment in Indanan town of Sulu Province.

Three Filipino marines were also injured, Philippine military chief spokesman Lt Col Romeo Bawrner said in a text message relayed to Xinhua. The US Embassy in Manila confirmed the US casualties. Rebecca Thompson, the embassy spokeswoman, said authorities are investigating the incident.—Xinhua

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Indonesian firm allocates $20.5 m to procure news trains

JAKARTA, 29 Sept—Indonesia’s state-run train firm, PT Kereta Api (PTKA), has allocated up to 200 billion rupiah of funds (about 20.5 million US dollars) to procure 100-150 new trains for five years starting from 2010, the Biznis Indonesia reported here on Tuesday.

PT KA President Director Ignasius Johan said that the train wagons procurement plan is following the firm’s procurement on 20-30 new locomotives recently.

“The trains set procurement is expected to improve PT KA’s passenger growth rate by 5 percent and cargo delivery rate up to 200 percent each year within the next 5 years,” Ignasius said on Monday.

He said that the new trains would consist of various classes, from the economy to super executive classes.

24th suicide at France Telecom

PARIS, 29 Sept—Officials say a France Telecom employee has killed himself, becoming the giant phone company’s 24th worker to commit suicide in 18 months.

Officials in the eastern Haut-Savoie region said the 51-year-old man jumped off a bridge onto a highway on Monday. In a note found in his car, the father of two blamed his act on the “atmosphere” at his workplace.

Earlier this month, French Labour Minister Xavier Darcos ordered an official to monitor France Telecom’s health and safety meetings following the spate of suicides.

Unions say the once-state-run company’s restructuring could be to blame for some of the suicides by company employees.

The company laid off some 22,000 layoffs in 2006-2008.

EU to set volume limits on MP3 players

BRUSSELS, 29 Sept—Now hear this, if you still can: The European Union said on Monday it wants makers of popular digital music players to recommend users turn the volume down to preserve their hearing.

The EU’s Consumer Affairs Commissioner Meglena Kuneva said experts and industry will get draft tougher standards to limit hearing loss.

“If you want to enjoy your favourite songs in 20 or 30 years time, turn the volume down,” Kuneva said.

Action is necessary because there is cause for concern over health risks, especially to younger people, she said.

An EU scientific advisory body says that between 2.5 million and 10 million Europeans could suffer hearing loss from listening to MP3 players at unsafe volumes—over 89 decibels—for more than an hour daily for at least five years.

The EU’s executive commission said the maximum sound levels of players now being sold range between 80 and 115 decibels.

Using different earphones could add to those levels by up to 9 decibels. Above 120 decibels is equivalent to the level of noise generated by an airplane taking off.

“The use of personal music players at high volume settings over a sustained period can lead to permanent hearing damage,” said Kuneva. “We need to make sure consumers, particularly young people, are aware of these risks.”

World War II tank recovered in Manila Bay

A Philippine dredging barge dug out a vintage tank, believed to have been used by the United States troops during the World War II, from the Manila Bay, coastguard officials said.

Coast Guard commandant Admiral Wilfredo Tamayo said the Sherman M4-A1 Tank was found on 19 Sept off Basseco port in Manila, two months after a Japanese canon was recovered from almost the same area.

Coast Guard officials described the car-size tank, as rusty, full of mud and its gun at the top missing and said they have informed the historians to determine the identity of the tank.

“It’s a good find. Historically, it benefits us,” Tamayo said. “We are safeguarding it but we have informed experts about it.”

Invention alerts to home dust dangers

Israeli researchers say they have developed a tool to warn of invisible dangers lurking in the dust found in homes.

Eyal Ben-Dor and Sandra Chudnovsky of Tel Aviv University in Israel said the sensor — called Dust Alert — is a portable chemical analyzer called a spectrophotometer that functions much like a chemistry lab and could help families and authorities monitor the quality of a home’s air.

“It works just like an oxygen meter would,” Ben-Dor said in a statement. “We’ve found through our ongoing research that some simple actions at home can have a profound effect on the quality of air we breathe.”

A sword hilt plate, part of a recently discovered hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold is displayed at Birmingham Museum in Birmingham, England.

A mower of young people, are aware that their mobile phones could add to those levels by up to 9 decibels.

“Our knowledge is increasing about how our phones can aid in the health and safety of our children and the general population,” said Tamayo.

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Health benefits of grapes numerous

John Pezzuto, the workshop moderator and dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, said in a statement. “In considering grapes and health, a broader view — that takes into account all of the grape’s chemical components including their metabolism, biological potential, biodistribution, absorption and processing — is key to developing a comprehensive and coherent explanation of their role in improving and supporting human health.”

EU to set volume limits on MP3 players
NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—The outstanding matriculation students (2008-2009 academic year) of Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Division, were honoured at a ceremony at the town hall of Yinmabin in Monywa District on 27 September. 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, departmental officials, members of social organizations, outstanding students and their parents, well-wishers, and local people of 12 village-tracts in Yinmabin Township, totalling some 3000.

Students of Yinmabin Township Basic Education High School sang the song “The Land, Myanmar” to open the ceremony.

In his speech, the commander called for public participation in regional development tasks in cooperation with the government.

The minister touched upon ongoing plans to improve the education of the youth and said that it is required of the people to join hands with the government in the drive for building a democratic nation.

The commander and the minister presented gifts to the outstanding students and teachers.

In the 2008-2009 academic year, Yinmabin Township saw three three-distinction winners, seven two-distinction winners and 25 one-distinction winners.

The minister presented DTH satellite dishes and accessories, with which MRTV, MRTV-3, and MRTV-4 programmes can be received, to seven villages.

U Kyaw Myo Htet and family presented K 500,000 and U Nyaung Maung and family, K 100,000 for emergency cases, anti-venom medicine and health care to Head of the Township Department of Health Dr Tint Swe.

On behalf of the outstanding students, Ma Toe Toe Htay spoke words of thanks.

The commander and the minister attended the opening of Manawthukha self-reliant library at Hsonta Village in Salingyi Township, Monywa District, on 26 September morning.

Well-wisher owner of Manawthukha Fruit Wholesale Centre Suddhamma Manijotadhara U Khin Maung.

YANGON, 29 Sept—A ceremony to mark the 8th anniversary of Maxxis tyre in automobile and spare parts market was held at Western park Hotel in Ahlone Township here yesterday evening. Member Director U Ko Lay of Hein Si Company extended greetings and presented prizes to best performer sales agent and a best customer.

Maxxis tyre have won internationally recognized certificates in quality due to strength, safety, durability, reliable quality, and comfort.

Maxxis tyres are available at Yangon Showroom, No.1, Zeyamon Residence, Bayintnaung Brokerage, Bayintnaung Road, Mayangon Township, Ph: 01-682513, 682472 and at the corner of Yarzahtarni street and Yangon-Mandalay road, Paunglaung 2 Ward, Pyinmana in Nay Pyi Taw, Ph: 067-23761, 23903.

Managing Director U Thein Htway of Hein Si Co awards a sales agent at 8th anniversary of Maxxis tyre distribution.—MNA
The United Nations General Assembly has debated Council reform is also important. For many years, the role of the General Assembly where all Member countries participate equally and contribute to international peace, security and development.

Mr. President,

Climate change is the most pressing major threat facing our planet. It is a global challenge that requires a global response. No country can be insulated from the consequences of climate change. The rapid pace and scale of climate change requires the global community to respond urgently and effectively. The United Nations Convention on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General last week underlined the magnitude of the problem and the need to redouble our efforts on climate change.

We look forward to the Copenhagen Summit on Climate Change in December. We hope that the negotiations will be fruitful and arrive at a new agreement to curb greenhouse gas emissions that would go into effect in 2012 when the Kyoto Protocol’s first commitment period expires. Any deal to be effective must be comprehensive and consistent with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

The global financial and economic crisis and the climate change crisis have compounded the problems we face in the last few years. These include the rising prices of food, high energy prices and the spread of pandemic diseases. No single country can effectively overcome these problems acting alone. The global community must work together to meet the common challenges we face. In these trying times for our planet, multilateralism is more important than ever. Dialogue among nations of different religious and cultural backgrounds can contribute to international peace, security and development.

Mr. President,

The United Nations is the single world organization with near universal participation dedicated to peace and development. In recent years, steps have been initiated to reform the Organization to make it more democratic, effective and accountable to enable it to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Regrettably, progress has been painfully slow.

We urge the Nations to take decisions in a more democratic manner, it is essential that the role of the General Assembly where all Member States are represented be enhanced. The Security Council reform is also important. For many years, the United Nations General Assembly has debated the matter but has made little headway. In addition to the focus on the vexed issue of enlargement of the Council, we would like to see constructive changes in procedures and working methods of the Council, particularly those that would make it more transparent and accountable.

Mr. President,

The continued existence of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons pose the greatest threat to mankind. Myanmar believes that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the single absolute guarantee against the threat or use of those weapons. Accordingly, we have been calling upon nuclear weapon States to undertake the step-by-step reduction of the nuclear threat with a view to achieving the total elimination of those weapons.

We consider that pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons we should pursue efforts towards the conclusion of a universal, unconditional and legally binding instrument on security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States. We support the establishment of nuclear weapons-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned. Nuclear weapons-free zones enhance global and regional security and contribute toward reaching the objectives of nuclear disarmament.

It is our hope that all nations of the world will continue to work together to eliminate nuclear weapons so that the power of the atom can be harnessed exclusively as a tool for the benefit of mankind and not as an instrument of self-destruction. At the same time, every nation must have the right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Nuclear techniques have widespread application in such areas as food and agriculture, health, industry and science. We welcome the reaffirmation of the Summit Meeting of the Security Council on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament held last week that the international nuclear non-proliferation regime should be maintained and strengthened to ensure the effective implementation of the NPT.

Mr. President,

Some powerful nations have been resorting to economic sanctions to pressure developing countries. Their aim is to influence the political and economic systems of those countries without taking into account their historical and cultural backgrounds. Sanctions have no moral basis as they not only hinder the economic and social development of the people but also interfere in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of the country. As sanctions are indiscriminate and of themselves a form of violence, they cannot legitimately be regarded as a tool to promote human rights and democracy. Sanctions are being employed as a political tool against Myanmar and we consider them unjust. I would like to state that such acts must be stopped.

Myanmar is a country that practices a market economy based on agriculture. We are self-sufficient in food and are able to contribute to food security of the region. We have made considerable progress in improving the socio-economic conditions thanks to the combined efforts of the Government and the people. Without the economic sanctions imposed on us, progress would be even greater.
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PONREPP will require US$ 691 million over a period of three years. To date, only half of that amount has been committed by the international community. We have been carrying out many of the rehabilitation activities relying on our own funds and resources. If more funds are forthcoming and donors fulfill their pledges, the rehabilitation process would be speedier and more effective. I would like to say that the Myanmar Government and the people of the affected areas will always remain grateful to the individuals, organizations, and the international community at large for the generous help and assistance extended to them during their hour of need.

Mr. President,

Peace and stability in the country and the successful holding of the democratic elections are essentials for the democratization process of Myanmar. A new State Constitution was approved by 92.48% of the eligible voters in a nation-wide referendum held in May 2008. The multiparty general elections will be held in the coming year. Subsequently, the parliament will be convened and a government will be formed in accordance with the new Constitution.

The country would have a bicameral legislature. The Constitution provides for a presidential system of governance. It is envisaged that the President would be elected by a presidential electoral college. The State will be composed of seven states, seven regions, five self-administered zones and one self-administered division. The Capital, Nay Pyi Taw, would be designated a Union territory. In keeping with the state structure, the Constitution also establishes 14 state and regional legislative bodies.

The transition to democracy is proceeding. Our focus is not on the narrow interest of individuals, organizations or parties but on the larger interest of the entire people of the nation. We have urged all citizens, whether they agree with us or not, to actively participate in the process without losing sight of the democratic goal. In this way, the aspirations of the people will be fulfilled.

The Government is taking systematic steps to hold free and fair elections. Electoral laws will be promulgated, and an election commission will be formed so that political parties can be formed and contest the elections. On 17 September 2009, 7,114

Minister for Mines meets gems entrepreneurs

YANGON, 29 Sept — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint held a meeting with executives of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs’ Association at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township here this afternoon.

At the meeting, the minister called for development of gems business and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and officials concerned presented certificates of honour to gems businessmen who contributed cash to the construction of Myanmar Gems Emporium (Nay Pyi Taw). After the meeting, the minister inspected the scale model for an emporium of Myanmar Gems Enterprise in Nay Pyi Taw.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents certificate of honour to a donor from Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs’ Association who made contribution to construction of Myanmar Gems Emporium (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

Gas pipes to be used for new pipe-line project

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — The first shipment of the 24-inch natural gas pipes to be used for laying new gas pipe-line off-shore projects arrived at Asia World Terminal in Ahlon Township yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Hay inspected the pipes and urged officials concerned to transport them to the new project as soon as possible.

The Ministry of Energy is implementing the new pipe-line project as part of efforts for boosting the distribution of natural gas from off-shore.

In the evening, the deputy minister went to Thakayta Off-shore Camp of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and inspected works for transporting pipe to the off-shore project.

He also stressed the need for work-site safety.

MNA

Dy Transport Minister inspects Dalla, Ahlon dockyards

YANGON, 29 Sept— Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung inspected Dalla and Ahlon dockyards of Inland Water Transport yesterday morning.

The deputy minister called for the staff, meeting standards, and safety in work.

MNA
Stimulant tablets, precursor chemicals seized in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Acting on information, a team comprising Kunlon special anti-drug squad of Shan State (North) and security force members on 28 September combed Laukkai Township and seized pink colour 1,141,750 stimulant tablets bearing WY, a 100-gram bottle of metha-amphetamine crystal, eight kilos of white powder acetic-acid in the rock cave near the hill of southern part of Yinshin Village. The seizures are related to outlaws.—MNA

Paddy threshers win customer satisfaction

A thresher is necessary for mechanized farming. Myanmar’s average annual rainfall is high, so the thresher is now listed top among various types of farm machinery.

Now, Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (2) (Malun) under the Ministry of Industry-2 has fulfilled farmers’ requirement of threshers.

It is good news for agricultural farmers that the factory has begun the production line of threshers.

Assistant Manager U Myo Nyunt Aung, Assistant Manager (Forging and Coating Shop).

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

Technicians checking the parts of a paddy thresher.

In an hour, it can thresh 60 baskets of paddy, thus accounting for the fact that a farmer has to use only a gallon of diesel to thresh 60 baskets of paddy. So, farmers can save time and money, using threshers.

Each of the parts of threshers is thoroughly checked for their quality. After a thresher is assembled, technicians check it to ensure that it meets the standard. So, all threshers are reliable and farmers can place trust in the machines.

Anyone, individual or an organization, may purchase threshers freely. Those wishing threshers may contact Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (2) (Malun) (Ph: 02-67598 or 02-67562) or Nay Pyi Taw (067-405055, 405056, or 405323).

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**China ‘completes 3D moon map’**

**BEIJING, 29 Sept—**China has completed a high-resolution, three-dimensional map of the entire surface of the moon, in an important step towards a future lunar landing, an expert involved in the project said Tuesday.

After putting its first man into space in 2003 — only the third nation to do so — China is aiming to launch an unmanned rover on the moon’s surface by 2012 and a manned mission to the moon by around 2020. The map was made using image data obtained by a camera on Chang’e 1, China’s first lunar probe, Liu Xianlin of the Chinese Academy of Surveying and Mapping, who headed the project review panel, told AFP.

“This map finishes the primary prospecting of the moon and lays the foundation for further surveys such as choosing the landing point or the path of a satellite,” he told AFP.

Liu said China’s map of the moon was the world’s highest-resolution lunar chart. Japan had also launched a lunar probe, but either had not completed its own map or had not yet publicised it, he said. The United States, meanwhile, sent a probe in the 1990s but the accuracy of their map was not as good, according to Liu.

*—MNA*

**Free health care provided in Mandalay Div**

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—**The Department of Health and the Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health and the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association (Mandalay) jointly launched a campaign to give free health care at No. 32 Basic Education Primary School in Western Daywun Ward in Chamayethazan Township, Mandalay, on 26 September.

Among the attendees were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han.

Next, they inspected TB unit, Malaria Unit, STD Unit, AIDS and Dermatitis Unit, and OG Unit.

The minister presented cash donations to the school and wards of the township.

During the field trip, specialists provided health care to 2379 patients, 152 of whom were transferred to related hospitals, and 920 of whom got eyeglasses.—MNA

**International tug-of-war referees and coaches course organized**


Also present on the occasion were Chairman of MTSF U Win Myint, Chairperson of the central work committee of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, Patron In-Charge of MTSF Daw Ni Ni Win, Patron of MTSF Daw Thet Yi, Secretary Daw L. Khon Yi, Vice-Chairman Deputy Director General U Thein Aung of Sports and Physical Education Department and Vice-chairperson Daw Yi Yi Win, executives, officials from the Sports and Physical Education Department, course instructor Mr Kiyi-Shi Takaha Shi and trainees.

MTSF Chairman U Win Myint made an introductory speech. Mr Kiyi-Shi Takaha Shi presented the purpose of the course and read the message of the president of Asia Tug-of-war Federation. Sixty trainees completed the three-day course that continued till yesterday.

Myanmar is the 21st member of the Asia Tug-of-war Federation, and is trying to become the 54th member of World Tug-of-war Federation. Tug-of-war can be designated one of the Olympic sports events, when the membership of the federation totals 60.

*—MNA*

**Seven millions Indonesians suffer from hepatitis C**

**JAKARTA, 29 Sept—**Indonesian Health Ministry reported on Tuesday that over 7 million Indonesian people had suffered from hepatitis C, most of them were male at productive age.

Data released by the ministry showed that the disease, which is one of the ten biggest triggers of death, spreads in 21 out of 33 provinces in the country.

“The most important thing is how we respond on the data,” said Director at the ministry Dr. Andi Muhadar.

DR. Unggal Budihusodo, chairman of Indonesian heart health researchers stressed that prevention is the most effective way to avoid the disease, which is known as “silence disease,” which always infects without showing the symptoms at the beginning.

“Most of patience do not realize that they have been virus hepatitis C in their bodies. They come to see doctors after suffering the disease for years and get severe infection,” he said.

The chairman said that the chronic attack of the disease had often cause death.

*—Xinhua*

**Torrential rain causes floods in Pyay**

**Relief supplies being provided for victims No one dead or injured in disaster**

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—**The Nawin Creek in Pyay Township, Bago Division, was raging due to the torrential rain that persisted on 26 and 27 September, and Natthalin and Zeegon village-tracts thus saw floods as high as about three feet.

The swollen creek affected about 150 houses in four villages in Natthalin Village-tract and about 70 houses in Ma-tauntta Village. Zeegon Village-tract, totalling about 220, and downed the wooden bailey bridge with concrete pillars linking Ma-tauntta and Thaphancho villages.

Local officials and responsible persons from social organizations evacuated the victims to the monastery in Zeegon Village, and provided them with relief supplies, accommodation and health care. No one was dead or injured in the disaster.

*—MNA*
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANGSRIMUANG VOYNO (84)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSRIMUANG VOYNO (84) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 30.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO., LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MARINE BLUE VOYNO (51)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV MARINE BLUE VOYNO (51) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 30.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.6 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: TOKO KAHON KAISA LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

Chile, Vietnam start 4th round FTA negotiation

SANTIAGO, 29 Sept—The Chilean and Vietnamese delegations started the fourth round of free trade negotiations here on Monday.

The two delegations were led by Nguyen Duy Khien, director general of trade policy for American of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Rodrigo Contreras, director of international department of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Rodrigo Contreras, director of international department of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Rodrigo Contreras, director of international department of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Rodrigo Contreras, director of international department of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Rodrigo Contreras, director of international department of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Rodrigo Contreras, director of international department of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Rodrigo Contreras, director of international department of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Rodrigo Contreras, director of international department of Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade.

“Part of the negotiations are based on the understanding that Vietnam and Chile have signed a free trade agreement, and the negotiations are to discuss the contents of this agreement, and the details of the implementation of this agreement,” said a source.

The talks are expected to last two days and are expected to be completed by Tuesday morning.

Vietnam to buy 150,000 to 200,000 tons of coffee to stabilize price

HANOI, 29 Sept—The Vietnam Coffee and Cocoa Association said it planned to buy some 150,000 and 200,000 tons of coffee to stabilize the coffee price, local newspaper People reported on Tuesday.

To carry out the plan, the association has made a proposal that the government give a zero percent interest-subsidy loan to its member companies to buy coffee, said the newspaper.

Currently, the coffee price is about 25,000 Vietnamese dong (1.4 US dollars) a kilogram, the lowest price in the past three years.

With the plan, the association expects the coffee price to rise to 30,000 Vietnamese dong (1.68 US dollars), which allows local growers to have profits, said the newspaper.

Vietnam is expected to produce one million tons of coffee in the 2009-2010 crop year, scheduled to end next month, according to the newspaper.

Two burglary suspects dead in Belgian explosion

BRUSSELS, 29 Sept—Police say two burglary suspects were killed after the excessive explosives they were using to break into a bank’s safe blew up the whole building.

The explosion in Dinant in southern Belgium destroyed half a banking office and left the rest in ruins.

Police say one of the men was buried underneath the rubble and the other died in the hospital on Saturday after a few hours after the attempted heist.

The automated teller machines and bank safe were not opened. Authorities say they have built-in security to destroy money and documents inside if they are opened illegally. Even if it had been successful, the robbery would have been unlikely to yield anything.

Typhoon Kestana shaves south China province, heading to Vietnam

HANOI, 29 Sept—Typhoon Kestana hit Vietnam’s southernmost island province of Hainan on Tuesday, heading westward to Vietnam, the meteorological stations in south China monitored.

The typhoon was only 260 km away from Sanya City, Hainan, and is poised for a landfall in Vietnam on Tuesday evening.

Due to the typhoon’s effect, Guangdong and Hainan had received heavy downpour and strong gale since on Monday. The meteorological stations said that the rainy weather will continue to Wednesday, but the weather is expected to clear on Thursday.

Crash scene overwhelmed by bees in Turkey

ANKARA, 29 Sept—A van carrying bees home broke free and stung the injured and rescue workers at the scene.

In the end, about 20 people were taken to hospitals, six of them in the crash and the rest rescue workers who were stung by the bees, said the state-run Anatolia news agency.

One of the crash victims later died, but it was not immediately known if he had been killed by the impact of the accident or the insect attacks, said local police.

The rescue workers — including local beekeepers summoned to the scene — used hoses, blankets and rags to try to ward off the bees. But it took about an hour for them to remove the crash victims from the chaotic scene, Anatolia said.

The van hit the stationary truck on a road near the Mediterranean resort of Marmaris in southwestern Turkey, injuring four people in the van and two in the truck, Anatolia said.

The impact burst open the bee hives in the van.

The bees swarmed over the injured and police, medics and firefighters who responded to the accident, forcing authorities to seek the help of about 50 beekeepers in the area.

Students attend a high school exam. Children who are the most popular and powerful at school also enjoy better health in adult life compared to counterparts at the bottom end of the pecking order, said a Swedish study published on Tuesday.
**Lose weight, sleep better**

**Beijing, 29 Sept** — Weight loss can dramatically improve and potentially eliminate sleep apnea symptoms in obese people, a study confirmed on Monday. According to researchers, people with severe sleep apnea who lost the recommended amount of weight were three times more likely to experience a complete remission of sleep apnea symptoms compared with people who did not lose weight.

In the study, published in the Archives of Internal Medicine, researchers chose 264 obese adults for experiment. The participants were randomly divided into two groups. One group received a weight loss program with portion-controlled diets and an exercise programme of 175 minutes of exercise per week. The second group received no weight loss advice and participated in a diabetes management programme.

One year later, the weight loss group lost an average of 24 pounds; the second group lost just over 1 pound. Those in the weight loss group were three times as likely to experience a remission of their sleep apnea symptoms and had about half the instances of severe sleep apnea as the second group.

What’s more, the study showed that people in the second group experienced a worsening of their sleep apnea symptoms.

“These results show that doctors as well as patients can expect a significant improvement in their sleep apnea with weight loss,” researcher Gary Foster, director of the Center for Obesity Research and Education at Temple University, says in a news release. “And a reduction in sleep apnea has a number of benefits for overall health and well-being.”

Sleep apnea is most common in overweight and obese people.

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**548 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe**

**Stockholm, 29 Sept** — A European health agency said on Monday that 548 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 72 hours. Of the new cases, 288 were confirmed in Ireland, 190 in Germany, 53 in Luxembourg, seven respectively in Malta and Switzerland, two in Romania, one in Finland, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 54,667, with 1,538 cases in Spain, 13,770 in Britain, 1,125 in France and 19,893 in Germany, the ECDC said.—Xinhua

**NASA changes moon crater target**

**Beijing, 29 Sept** — NASA has shifted its moon crater target to Cabeus from the previously targeted Cabeus A in the hunt for hidden water, the space agency stated on Monday.

NASA’s LROC camera and its spent Centaur rocket stage will now aim towards the large crater Cabeus when they slam into the moon on 9 Oct. By continuously analyzing data from the recent moon-watching spacecraft, scientists found that the new target Cabeus has the highest concentration of hydrogen—an indication of possible water ice—than anywhere else at the lunar south pole. “NASA’s LROC team concluded that Cabeus provided the best chance for meeting its mission goals,” mission managers said in an announcement. Scientists announced last Thursday that they had found evidence of water molecules on the surface of the moon.—Internet

**No treatment for most with prostate cancer**

LIVERPOOL, 29 Sept — An international team of pathologists reveals two-thirds of prostate cancer patients do not need treatment, a University of Liverpool researcher says. Chris Foster, head of the University of Liverpool’s division of pathology says the pathologists studied an initial 4,000 prostate cancer patients during a period of 15 years. Pathologists found that the presence of the protein Hsp-27 in cancer cells was an indicator that the disease will progress and require treatment. The study, published in the British Journal of Cancer, also found that in more than 60 percent of cases the protein was not expressed and the cancer could be managed by careful monitoring, rather than with active invention methods, such as drug treatment or surgery.—Internet

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**Inulin reverses elderly muscle loss**

**Galveston, 29 Sept** — Insulin may help turn back the clock on elderly muscle loss, US researchers said.

The study, published in Diabetologia, said giving insulin intravenously and increasing the blood insulin levels to the same amount produced after a meal stimulates protein synthesis and muscle growth in young people but not in older people.

However, giving seniors double the insulin they would normally produce after eating stimulated muscles as it does in young people.

“These were older subjects with perfect glucose tolerance,” senior author Dr Elena Volpi of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston says in a statement.

“So what we have identified is a novel kind of insulin resistance that’s not related to sugar control.”—Internet

**School principal in Hong Kong dies after swine flu**

Hog Kong, 29 Sept — The Canadian principal of an international school in Hong Kong has died after being infected with swine flu, health authorities in the southern Chinese territory said.

Alan Dick, 55, principal of Canadian International Lower School of Hong Kong, was admitted to hospital on Sunday with severe pneumonia and a fever, the Centre for Health Protection said in a statement. His condition deteriorated rapidly and he passed away that afternoon, the statement said.

Laboratory tests confirmed that he had the influenza A(H1N1) virus.

Dick, who joined the school in 1994, had been on sick leave for a week before being hospitalised. Dave McMaster, head of Canadian International Upper and Lower School, said in a letter on the school’s website that authorities had not yet established whether Dick’s death was caused by swine flu or an underlying condition. “The circumstances of Alan’s death cannot be allowed to detract from our sense of loss for a well-loved member of our school community,” he wrote. “Alan was held in the highest esteem by both current and former students and parents alike — as demonstrated by the hundreds of Facebook and Twitter entries that have already been posted and by the flowers and messages of condolences that have been received.”—Internet

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**NASA releases new model of handheld game, movie and music gadget**

Sony released the handheld game, movie and music gadget, in June, seeking to challenge the success of Nintendo’s DS handheld machine.—INTERNET

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**The moon rises over Cairo, on 10 Sept, 2009. —Xinhua**
Manchester City’s apologetic Tevez sinks West Ham

MANCHESTER, 29 Sept—Carlos Tevez refused to celebrate as his double-strike inspired Manchester City’s 3-1 win over his former club West Ham on Monday.

While Tevez won’t win any popularity contests at West Ham after his acrimonious switch to City, he is fondly regarded at West Ham after single-handedly keeping them in the Premier League during a loan spell three years ago.

The Argentine striker acknowledged that the Hammers still have a place in his heart as well as he waved an apology to West Ham’s travelling supporters after opening the scoring at Eastlands. Carlton Cole equalised for Gianfranco Zola’s team but Martin Petrov restored City’s lead before half-time and Tevez settled an entertaining encounter with his second goal after half-time.

Isner aces past Thai home challenge in Asian ATP

BANGKOK, 29 Sept—American John Isner marked his Asian ATP debut with a 21-ace performance to thwart a plucky home challenge at the Thailand Open Monday.

The eighth seed defeated world-ranked 585 Kittiphong Wachiramanowong 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) in front of a partisan crowd at the Impact arena.

Isner, who beat compatriot Andy Roddick over five sets at the US Open, lost serve twice against the in-spired Thai now 0-7 this season. But up a break in the deciding set, the home player couldn’t take advantage against his more experienced opponent, who needed two hours, 12 minutes to go through.

“It was a tough match to play. I was the underdog,” said Kittiphong. “I tried to concentrate on my service game. I wanted to stay on court as long as possible for the experience.”

Manchester City’s Argentinian forward Carlos Tevez waves after scoring against West Ham United during their English Premier League football match at The City of Manchester Stadium in Manchester. City won 3-1.—INTERNET

PSG coach threatens rival over Makelele slur

PARIS, 29 Sept—Paris Saint-Germain coach Antoine Kombouare.

PARIS, 29 Sept—Paris Saint-Germain coach Antoine Kombouare said that Christian Gourcuff “deserves a smack in the mouth”, after the Lorient manager claimed PSG midfielder Claude Makelele was “past it”.

The Parisians were held to a 1-1 draw at Lorient on Saturday, during which former Real Madrid and Chelsea man Makelele was fortunate to avoid a red card for a foul on Sigamary Diarra in the first half.

Gourcuff, the father of Bordeaux star Yoann, declared afterwards that Makelele was “past it and has no place on a football pitch”, prompting an extraordinary outburst from Kombouare.

“You must respect the man (Makelele) and his career,” Kombouare told RMC radio on Monday.

“Someone needs to stub Christian Gourcuff’s cigarette out. I’m very annoyed. You can say what you like about the player but it’s forbidden to attack the man. Christian Gourcuff should talk about football and stop thinking he’s someone else.”

Paraguay beats Egypt 2-1 in U-20 World Cup

Cairo, 29 Sept—Paraguay beat Egypt 2-1 in FIFA U-20 World Cup on Monday.

At the 27th minute, Paraguay’s forward Federico Santander scored to put his team ahead through a powerful shot.

Egypt equalized when its forward Afrito scored through a free kick after Paraguay’s defender Ronald Huth was red-carded.

At the last minute, Paraguayan Paraguay scored to end the match 2-1 for Paraguay.

The match witnessed seven yellow cards and one red card. Paraguay was yellow-carded four times while Egypt was yellow-carded three times. Paraguay was red-carded once.

Italy beats Trinidad & Tobago 2-1 in U-20 World Cup

Cairo, 29 Sept—Italy beat Trinidad and Tobago 2-1 in FIFA U-20 World Cup on Monday.

At the 31st minute, Trinidad and Tobago found the net but the referee ruled it offside.

Seven minutes later, Italian defender Michelangelo Albertazzi scored a goal to put his team ahead.

At the 68th minute, Juma Clarence, forward of Trinidad and Tobago equalized by scoring a powerful shot.

About 10 minutes before the end of the match, Raggio Garbiuldi, Italy’s midfielder, scored through a powerful shot to put Italy ahead once again to end the match 2-1 for Italy.

Sharapova survives scare at Pan Pacific Open

TOKYO, 29 Sept—Maria Sharapova began her campaign to reclaim the Pan Pacific Open title on Monday with victory over Francesca Schiavone of Italy.

But the three-time Grand Slam champion was forced to come from a set down to eventually take the match 6-7, 6-5, 6-2 after two hours and 22 minutes at the Ariake Colosseum. “I thought I did a good job of hanging in there because she was playing at a high level, some of the best tennis she has played against me in all of our match-ups before,” said Sharapova, winner here in 2005.

“It was really important to stay patient. I did a good job fighting back,” the 22-year-old said.

Sharapova on Tuesday will face Samantha Stosur of Australia, who downed American qualifier Alexa Glatch 7-5, 6-0.—INTERNET

Spain stuns Nigeria 2-0 in U-20 World Cup

Cairo, 29 Sept—Spain stunned Nigeria on Monday 2-0 in FIFA U-20 World Cup.

At the 33rd minute, Fran Merida, midfielder of Spain, scored to put his team ahead and to end the first half-time 1-0 for Spain.

At the 81st minute of the match, a player from Spain was fouled inside the box by a player from Nigeria. Merida of Spain converted the penalty successfully to score his second goal and the second for his team and to confirm Spain’s lead.

The match witnessed seven yellow cards and one red card. Spain was yellow-carded five times while Nigeria was yellow-carded twice. At 84th minute, Gholaban Salami, forward of Nigeria, was red-carded.—INTERNET

Fiorentina coach can’t forget Heysel tragedy

FLORENCE, 29 Sept—The last time Fiorentina coach Cesare Prandelli came up against Liverpool he was as a Juventus player during the tragic Heysel stadium disaster in the old European Cup final in 1985.

Juventus won that match 1-0 but it will always be remembered for the 39 people who died in a crush when a wall collapsed following a stampede blamed on Liverpool fans.

English clubs were banned from Europe for five years and Prandelli never again came up against Liverpool as a player.

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Matteo Mustacchio (#17) shoots the ball during the match between Italy and Trinidad and Tobago of the 17th FIFA U-20 World Cup in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 28 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA

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Park ruled out for United  
South Korea midfielder ruled out, but Owen set to be fit

**Park Ji-sung**

LONDON, 29 Sept—Park Ji-sung has been ruled out of Manchester United’s Champions League clash with Wolsburg. The South Korea international midfielder missed training on Tuesday with a virus, and he will not be available for the visit of the German champions. Patrice Evra also came down with the illness over the weekend, but the Frenchman has recovered in time to take his place in the squad.

Michael Owen sat out training on Tuesday with a virus but Owen set to be fit, "Michael should be alright for tomorrow. He felt a bit uneasy - he was in bed on Sunday and didn’t come to training, but he came in for a bit yesterday, came in today [Tuesday] and he should be alright.

“Michael should be alright for tomorrow. He had a bit of a groin in training yesterday, nothing serious. But obviously for the game tomorrow we didn’t want to be pushing that. Other than that, everyone’s fit.”—Internet

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**MRTV-3 Programme Schedule**

**Transmissions** | **Times** |
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**Europe** | 15:30pm–23:30pm MST |
**North America** | 23:30pm–07:00am MST |

**Local Transmission**
- Signature Tune
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Thadingyut, End of the Buddhist Lent
- Travelogue (Kalaw)
- Colourful Lotus Oil Lamps
- Heart & Soul of Myanmar Culture
- Myanmar Modern Song
- Unique Inlay Lake, Distinctive Inle Resort
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

**Europe/ North America Transmission**
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- Thadingyut, End of the Buddhist Lent
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- Ornamental Jewellery of Outstanding Designs
- Head Gallery
- Ploughing Dance of Myanmar Beauty
- Myanmar Modern Song
- Clothes decorated with Sequin-like Colourful Plastics
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

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**WEATHER**

**Tuesday, 29th September, 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 thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Rakhaing and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Tanintharyi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls on Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Kyaukpyu (2.76) inches, Ngapali (1.24) inches, Dawei (1.06) inches, Hpa-an (0.83) inches, Thanlwin, Ngayelhlaung and Minkin (0.79) inch each, Hmawbi (0.72) inch, Mindat and Myitkyina (0.59) inch each, Nayangoo (0.35) inch and Aunglan (0.28) inch.

Maximum temperature on 28-9-2009 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 29-9-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-9-2009 was 84%. Total solar shine hours on 28-9-2009 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-9-2009 was (0.23) inch at Mergaladon, (0.32) inch at Kabu-Aye and (0.26) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (103.42) inches at Mingale (110.08) inches at Kaba-Aye and (117.52) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 29-9-2009.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (10:30) hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area has formed over the West Central Bay. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is weak to moderate in the Anamurian Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Special feature:** According to the observations at 12:30 hrs M.S.T today, the typhoon (Kasuma) over South China Sea has centered at about (60) miles East Southeast of Danang (Vietnam). It is forecast to move Westward and cross the Vietnam Coast within a few hours.

**Forecast valid until evening of 30th September 2009:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Shan and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States and scattered in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf off Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-9-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-9-2009:** Somewhere or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-9-2009:** 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

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

As sanctions indiscriminate and of themselves a form of violence, they cannot legitimately be regarded as tool to promote human rights, democracy
Sanctions employed as political tool against Myanmar, we consider them unjust
Such acts must be stopped

Democracy cannot be imposed from outside
A system suitable for Myanmar can only be born out of Myanmar society
Citizens of Myanmar are the ones who can best determine their future
They can judge the merits of democracy and make adjustments in accordance with their genius

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Prime Minister General Thein Sein made a statement at the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly yesterday. The following is the full text of the statement —

Mr. President,
I would like to extend our warm congratulations to you on your well-deserved election as the President of the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

I would also like to pay a special tribute to His Excellency Mr. Miguel d’Escoto Brockmann for his able leadership of the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr. President,
The global financial and economic crisis which began last year is showing tentative signs of recovery. However, many countries, large and small, still face daunting challenges. The crisis originated in the developed countries, but the developing countries have been the hardest hit. The nascent economic recovery has yet to effectively lift the low-income countries from the trough.

It is commendable that the developed countries have been playing a leading role in addressing the crisis. (See page 8)