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NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Horst Kohler, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Day of German Unity of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2009.—MNA

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

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

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates ROK President

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—On the occasion of National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2009, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein on PM’s return from USA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister General Thein Sein who arrived back from the United States of America after attending the 64th United Nations General Assembly in New York of the USA, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 11 am today.

Also present together with the Senior General at the airport were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin, Aung Myint Oo, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads, UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Bishaw B Parajuli and officials.

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**PEOPLES DESIRE**

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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**PERSPECTIVES**

Saturday, 3 October, 2009

**Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut**

Today is the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut or the Abhidhamma Day, a day of religious significance for Buddhists all over the world, marking the end of Buddhist Lent. To mark the return of the Buddha from the Tavatimsa to the human abode in the evening on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Buddhists in Myanmar offer multi-coloured lights to Him.

After attaining seven vasas, the Buddha ascended the celestial abode Tavatimsa with the aim of repaying the gratitude to celestial beings and kept Sabbath at pagodas and monasteries by offering lights, flowers, water and joss sticks, wishing to attain the noble stage of Nibbana.

His preaching the Abhidhamma comprising Kusaladhamma, Akusaladhamma and Abyakatadhamma for all the celestial beings began on the Fullmoon Day of Waso and completed on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.

The Abhidhamma is of great significance and subtleness. It can simply get rid of worry and anxiety and lead one to live a peaceful and happy life.

As it is the day of religious significance, Buddhists recite the Abhidhamma verse capable of getting rid of greed, anger, delusion and defilements. They also do meritorious deeds such as offering lights, flowers, water and joss sticks, practicing meditation, listening to the Dhamma and keeping Sabbath at pagodas and monasteries throughout the nation in order to find the correct way to Nibbana, eternal peace and happiness.

Reflecting the attributes of the Buddha and reciting the Abhidhamma on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, all the Buddhists will be able to attain the noble stage of Nibbana.

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**Myanmar Golf Tour Nay Pyi Taw (Open) concludes**

Yangon, 2 Oct—With the sponsorship of Air Bagan Ltd and International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC) and organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA, Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010 Nay Pyi Taw (Open) continued for the fourth round at City Golf Course, here, today. At the prize presenting ceremony, Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Tin Kyaw presented Daily Best prizes to winners in the men’s amateur golfers division and General Secretary of Myanmar Golf Federation U Aung Hla Han. Daily Best prizes to winners in the professional golfers division.

Next, Director U Ye Tin of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC) CNP Department presented third, second and first prizes to Bo Bo Oo with 288 strokes, Maung Min Naing with 288 and Aung Win with 290 strokes. Aung Win (selected Myanmar Golfer) with 279 in the men’s amateur golfers division. Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe presented cheque to Min Naing (Srixon) who won the first prize in the professional golfers division and then Min Naing (Srixon) gave back K 500,000 to Myanmar Golf Federation as a fund, received by Vice-president of MGF U Min Thein.—MNA

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**The First Meeting of the Recovery Forum (RF) held**

Chairman of Tripartite Core Group and CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu speaking at first meeting of recovery forum.— MNA

Chatrium Hotel in Yangon today to formalize the membership of the forum and discuss funding constraints and resource mobilization for further recovery in the cyclone affected areas in the Delta. Chairman of the Tripartite Core Group and Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu and TCG Senior Member Banson Bunag, Ambassador of Thailand delivered opening remarks at the meeting. Chairman of TCG and CSSTB U Kyaw Thu together with other TCG component members from the Government of Myanmar, ASEAN and the United Nations, representatives of in line government ministries and representatives from ASEAN countries, AUN, ASEAN Secretariat, UN agencies, donor countries, Red Cross and Red Crescent, International NGOs and private sector attended the meeting.

The Recovery Forum Meeting then discussed and exchanged views and ideas on the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Recovery Forum and on reviewing the current funding constraints faced by the humanitarian and development actors in order to scale up their recovery programmes.

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Iran nuclear talks with US and allies eases tension

GENEVA, 2 Oct—Talks between Iran and six major powers over Tehran’s nuclear programme on Thursday opened the door to improved relations as Iran agreed to allow UN inspectors into a newly disclosed uranium enrichment plant.

Both the United States and Iran described the talks between Tehran and the six powers — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China as well as the United States — as productive and agreed the contacts would be resumed by the end of the month. In Washington, President Barack Obama described the meeting in Geneva as “constructive beginning” but insisted that Iran must demonstrate to the United States and its European allies that it was not seeking nuclear weapons. Iran insists its nuclear program is designed only for electrical power generation, “The Iranian government heard a clear and unified message from the international community. Iran must demonstrate through concrete steps that it will live up to its responsibilities with respect to its nuclear programme.”

Obama said.—Internet

US, British troops killed in Afghanistan attacks

KABUL, 2 Oct—A suicide bomber struck a U.S. convoy Friday in southern Afghanistan, killing two American soldiers as U.S. command said. Two other international troops — one American and one British — were reported killed the day before.

U.S. spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias confirmed the deaths in the convoy attack but would not specify where it occurred. She also said a third American died when Taliban fighters rocket-propelled grenades at a patrol late Thursday in eastern Afghanistan. Several other Americans were wounded, she added.—Internet

Israel, Palestinians ready for prisoner swap

JERUSALEM, 2 Oct—Israel and the Palestinians are taking a first, tentative step toward swapping a captive Israeli soldier for hundreds of Palestinians held in Israeli jails. Israel is to receive a recent videotape of the soldier — the first glimpse of Sgt Gilad Shalit since he was captured more than three years ago. If Israel confirms the videotape is authentic and recent, 20 Palestinian prisoners are to be freed to the West Bank and Gaza. Friday’s deal marks the first tangible sign of progress in more than three years of talks aimed at a much larger prisoner exchange.—Internet

Personal feud behind Sri Lanka blast, 13 wounded

COLOMBO, 2 Oct—An explosion in a van which wounded 13 people in northwestern Sri Lanka appeared to be part of a personal feud, and not caused by remnants of the defeated Tamil Tiger rebels, authorities said. The blast occurred in the northwestern town of Kurunegala and was the first since the separatist rebels were crushed in May. “When the driver tried to start the van it exploded. Twelve schoolchildren and the driver of the van were injured,” said military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara. Police spokesman Nimal Mediwake said officers were investigating but found indications the matter was personal.” It appears to be a civil dispute,” Mediwake said.

Suicide blasts and bus bombs were hallmarks of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), whom the military defeated in May and ended a 25-year civil war. Since then, soldiers and police have been rounding up a handful of rebels still in hiding and seizing massive caches of weapons. Northern Sri Lanka, where the rebels tried to establish their own state, is awash in hidden caches of guns and military hardware.—Internet

NATO airstrike is said to kill six Afghan civilians

KABUL, 2 Oct—A NATO airstrike on a compound in southwestern Afghanistan killed a family of six, a local tribal leader said on Thursday, despite orders from the top US commander to avoid airpower if civilians are at risk. The US military said the airstrike occurred after troops came under fire from the compound late Wednesday.

There were conflicting reports about the attack, which took place in southern Helmand Province, a Taliban stronghold. A British military spokesman, Lt Col Nick Richardson, said there were unconfirmed reports that 12 people were killed — including six children, two women and four militiants. Ghulam Mohammad Khan, a tribal leader, said the dead included a farmer, his wife and four children, as well as three “guests.”

Civilian deaths have been a source of friction between President Hamid Karzai and US military commanders and have infuriated many ordinary Afghans, who claim international soldiers use heavy-handed tactics.

US Iraq withdrawal ‘accelerating’

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct—The top US military commander in Iraq has said that the withdrawal of US forces is going faster than expected — freeing up resources for Afghanistan. Gen Ray Odierno said 4,000 more US troops would be withdrawn by the end of October, leaving 120,000 in Iraq.

Testifying at a congressional hearing, Gen Odierno said the US was on track to meet a deadline for pulling out all US combat troops from Iraq by August 2010. He urged Congress not to lose sight of Iraq, as efforts focus on Afghanistan.

Gen Odierno told the House Armed Services Committee that the pull out of 4,000 additional troops by mid-October was “a bit faster than we originally planned.”
Eurozone jobless continues rising

LONDON, 2 Oct — The unemployment rate across the 16 countries that use the euro has risen again as the effects of the recession continue to be felt. August’s seasonally adjusted rate rose to 9.6%, compared with 9.5% in the previous month, official figures show. The number of people without a job in the eurozone is now 15.2 million.

Despite the fact that many eurozone economies are recovering from recession, economists expect unemployment rates to continue rising. Among the member states, the jobless rate was highest in Spain, with a rate of 18.9%, and Latvia, with a rate of 18.3%. The lowest rate of 3.5% was recorded in the Netherlands. — Internet

September drop for US car sales

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The falls came after the scrap-page scheme ended on 24 August. This gave customers a cash incentive to trade in their old cars for new ones, lifting US sales in July and August. The $3bn (£1.8bn) Car Allowance Rebate System offered customers $3,500 towards the cost of a new vehicle. A similar scheme is continuing in the UK.

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PARIS, 2 Oct — Unemployment is rising around the world as the recession leaves few corners untouched — but sharp differences remain between companies directly hit by financial or housing-market collapses and those that have deliberately protected jobs with expensive measures — including subsidizing shorter working weeks.

Unemployment rates in the 30 wealthy countries that belong to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development range from a low of 3.2% in the Netherlands to 17.6% in Spain, according to July figures. In the developing world, the downturn has also taken its toll. Unemployment in Brazil appears now to be easing a bit, but Mexico in August posted its highest jobless rate in 13 years.

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The speed of the increase in unemployment rates also varies, with countries like France starting with relatively high unemployment and shifting only slightly upward, and Britain and Ireland starting low but rising fast. — Internet

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Sino-US co-developed sport plane delivered

SHENYANG, 2 Oct—China’s Shenyang Aircraft Corporation (SAC) has delivered the first L162, a light sport plane, to its co-developer, the US Cessna Aircraft Company (Cessna), said a spokesman with SAC on Friday.

The L162 Skycatcher is a two-seat aircraft, with a gross weight of 0.6-tonne and a length of 6.95 metres, said Pang Zhen, manager of the SAC civil aircraft division. Cessna, as the proprietor of L162, is responsible for the designing, airworthiness approval, marketing and after-sale services.

SAC, as the only sub-contractor, takes care of materials purchasing, parts manufacturing, assembling and test-flying, Pang said. It can fly up to 1,800 metres high at 207 km per hour, and cover 722 kilometres with a full fuel tank, Pang said. The annual demand for L162 ranges between 1,000 to 1,200, according to Cessna’s forecast. Currently, a total of 1,000 customers are waiting for delivery and SAC will start mass production since the first delivery and the yearly capacity is estimated to reach 1,000 planes, Pang said. Each L162 is priced at 111,500 US dollars. Cessna and SAC started cooperation in developing and producing the plane in November 2007.

SAC, established in 1951, is a renowned Chinese military-civil plane manufacturer under AVIC (Aviation Industries of China) Corporation. Cessna is a leading designer and manufacturer of light and midsize business jets, utility props and single engine aircraft. It has so far sold more than 190,000 aircraft.—Xinhua

China starts A/H1N1 test kit mass production

SHANGHAI, 2 Oct—An A/H1N1 test kit invented by Chinese scientists has been approved for mass-production, said a project spokesman on Friday.

The kit will be mass-produced by Shanghai Ha-tai Jinxin Biological Molecular Diagnostic Kit Corporation and distributed to military hospitals and disease control and prevention centers (CDCs) across China, said Wang Shengji, head of the project and a researcher of China Military Medical Science Institute. Early treatment is the key to cure A/H1N1 flu and the test kit can help diagnose patients who are in latent period even though they show no symptoms at all, Wang said. “By testing the patient’s saliva, the kit can diagnose A/H1N1 flu within two hours.” It can help contain the spread of the flu among high risk groups and save medical costs by early diagnosis, Wang said.—Xinhua

Kenya Airways signs code sharing deal with Eagle Airlines

NAIROBI, 2 Oct—Kenya Airways said on Thursday it has signed a Code Share Agreement with Nigerian Eagle Airlines to strengthen its presence and increase market share in West Africa. The agreement, to take effect on 25 Oct, will offer customers of the two airlines extended travel and better connection options in West, East and Southern Africa.

“The agreement will provide a seamless and superior connecting product for our markets which is in line with our route expansion and effective service delivery strategy,” Kenya Airways Group CEO Titus Naikuni said in a statement.

“If you want to do business in Africa, you must do business in Nigeria. The airline had longed to have a partner in Nigeria and expressed satisfaction at the partnership with Nigeria’s most promising young airline,” he added.

French navy finds missing pilot’s body

PARIS, 2 Oct—One missing pilot’s body has been located after two Rafale fighter jets crashed into Mediterranean a week ago, the French navy said on Wednesday.

The wreckage of one crashed Rafale and the pilot’s body were found 35 kilometres east of Cap Bearn in south France, on a slope 700 metres beneath water, French navy said in a statement.

The recovery of the body may be delayed for one or three weeks due to the bad weather at the spot, a navy officer in charge of public relations told media reporters.

The two Rafale jets plunged into the Mediterranean Sea on the way back to their aircraft carrier after a test flight at 6:00 pm local time on 24 Sept. French authorities ordered investigation into the accident and presumed the possibility of a collision.—Xinhua

Group of Rio National Coordinators

Meeting opens in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 2 Oct—The Fourth Group of Rio National Coordinators Meeting opened here on Thursday, the live webcast of Arianespace headquartered near Paris showed.

The launcher Ariane 5 ECA, ignited in the South American jungle (2159 GMT), took off with a total lift performance of 9,087 kg, which includes 7,905 kg for the pair of satellites.

The Amazones 2 spacecraft parted first, around 27 minutes after the liftoff. Nearly six minutes later, COMSATBw-1 was spat into space. They are scheduled to enter geostationary transfer orbits in a few days, each with a lifetime of 15 years.

The first separated one is to be used by the Spanish-based HISPASAT telecommunications operator for civilian services covering an area extending from Alaska of United States to Tierra del Fuego, the south area of South America.—Xinhua

Watermelon carvings by Takashi Itoh: Koalas.

A buffeton actor instructs two kids the slick circumvolving trick during the 2009 Hangzhou International Buffoons Carnival, inside China’s Zhejiang Province, on 1 Oct, 2009.—Xinhua

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DUBAI, 2 Oct — The developer building the world’s tallest skyscraper in Dubai says cladding work on the shiny silver-glass facade is nearly complete. Completion of the aluminum and glass facade marks a key milestone for Emaar Properties, which is racing to meet a self-imposed deadline to have the Burj Dubai complete by the end of the year.

By way of comparison, the builder says the amount of aluminum used on the building’s facade weighs as much as five double-decker Airbus A380 jetliners, while the more than 1 million square feet (103,000 square metres) of glass panels could cover 14 soccer fields.

The Burj Dubai, Arabic for “Dubai Tower,” stands more than 2,600 feet (800 metres) tall, though Emaar has yet to confirm it is final height.

Dinosaur eggs are found in India

NEW DELHI, 2 Oct — Geologists in southern India say they have found hundreds of dinosaur egg clusters which could be about 65 million years old.

It was a chance discovery when a team of scientists were locating a place to excavate an ancient riverbed in the state of Tamil Nadu. As they dug deeper they saw layers of what looked like fossilised eggs.

The photos and samples were then sent to various universities which confirmed that they were dinosaur eggs. Each egg is the size of a football — about 13 to 23cm in diameter, lying buried in sandy nests.

The leader of the team, MU Ramkumar, told the BBC the finding is significant and could help to unravel the mystery about the extinction of dinosaurs.

Scientists believe the eggs belong to the docile leaf-eating Sauropod branch of dinosaurs. Their remains have been dug up on every continent, including Antarctica.

Palaeontologists use the term to describe large, four-legged, plant-eating dinosaurs with bulky bodies, long necks and tails and tiny heads with relatively small brains.

Dr Ramkumar and his team have called on the central and state governments to protect what they are calling a “Jurassic treasure trove”.

The presence of dinosaur eggs was first recorded in the same district of India as the skeleton of the small “ground ape” found in the Afar region of Ethiopia. The Afar region was also the home of the earliest known human ancestor, Australopithecus.

In the 1990s a dinosaur egg was found in a government-owned factory in the state. — Internet

South African man marries 4 women at same time

Milton Mbhele showed up for his wedding in a white limousine — with four brides.

The women in white gowns each received rings and a kiss from the groom at a ceremony Saturday attended by hundreds of people. On Sunday, the families gathered for a second traditional Zulu wedding and planned to celebrate for the time being.

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Dying chicken lays 138-gram egg

An upstate New York farmer said a recently deceased chicken left behind an impressive legacy — an egg weighing 138 grams, almost 5 ounces.

Chris Schauerman of Honeoye Falls said he noticed one of his chickens appeared ill one day last week and died later that night after laying the massive object, which is 2 1/2 times the size of an average egg.

The unusually low level of the River Elbe means no boat trips for tourists visiting the city of Dresden for the time being. The water level currently stands at 80 cms (31.5 inches) instead of around two metres.

Bridegroom Milton Mbhele, with his four brides, left to right, Happiness, Thobile, Sinangale, and Zanele at their western wedding in Weenen, near Ladysmith, South Africa, on 26 Sept. 2009.

Humans didn’t evolve from chimpanzee-like ancestors

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct — An international team of scientists reported on Thursday that the skeleton of an early human who lived 4.4 million years ago shows humans did not evolve from chimpanzee-like ancestors.

The 17-year investigation into the discovery of the extremely fragile remains of the small “ground ape” found in the Afar region of Ethiopia will be described on Friday in a special issue of the journal Science. The journal will also contain 11 papers about the discovery.

The fossil, nicknamed “Ardi,” is the earliest skeleton known from the human branch of the primate family tree. The branch includes Homo sapiens as well as species closer to humans than to chimpanzees and bono-bos. The discoveries provide new insights about how hominids — the family of “great apes” comprising humans, chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans — may have emerged from an ancestral ape.

Until the discovery of Ardri, the earliest well-known stage of human evolution was Australopithecus, the small-brained, fully bipedal “ape man” that lived between four million and one million years ago.

The most famous Australopithecus fossil is the 3.2-million-year-old “Lucy,” which was named after the Beatles song “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.” Lucy was found in 1974 about 45 miles north of where Ardri would later be discovered.

Ardri’s skeleton and associated Ardipithecus ramidus remains are older and more primitive than Australopithecus.
Abhidhamma Day and Light Festival

Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

Myanmar Buddhist Lent ends in Thadingyut (October) hence its literal meaning is “the end of Buddhist Lent.” Buddhist monks after observing lent vows in the rainy season of three months, July, August and September, are now free to go out for overnight stay from their residing monasteries. This seventh month of Myanmar calendar has also astrological name “Tula” (Libra) and its zodiacal sign is a merchant holding a balance. Lotus flower (Belumbo nuciera) which blooms plentiful at this month is the designated flower of the month. Lotus flower symbolises purity, beauty and fragrance and it is the sacred flower for the Buddhists. The asterism Asawani symbolises purity, beauty and fragrance and it is the sacred flower for the Buddhists. The asterism Asawani symbolises purity, beauty and fragrance and it is the sacred flower for the Buddhists.

The fullmoon day of Thadingyut is marked “Abhidhamma Day” (1) Abhidhamma of seven Treatises (Buddhist Philosophy) (2) Sutta of three Treatises (the Discourses) and (3) Vinaya of five treatises (the Disciplines of the monks for monastic conduct). In the Maha Sakarit Discourses and (3) Vinaya of five treatises (the Disciplines of the monks for monastic conduct). In the Maha Sakarit Discourses and (3) Vinaya of five treatises (the Disciplines of the monks for monastic conduct).

To commemorate this great event in the life of Lord Buddha it took place on the fullmoon day of Thadingyut, Myanmar people annually celebrate Light Festival. This festival is also called Tawedaintha Pwe (Tavatimsa Festival) or “Si Mee Mynit Moe Pwe.” “Si Mee” means “light produced by oil lamps” and “Mynit Moe” means “Mt Meru” on which Tavatimsa is believed to exist. Therefore, it means “Festival of Lighting of oil lamps of Mt Meru.”

Buddhists observe their seventh lent in Tavatimsa. Sitting on the brown emerald slab “Pandukambala” which was the throne of Sakka Deva, shaded by Pinla Kathi (Coral Tree, Erythrina indica), Lord Buddha expounded all seven Treatises of Abhidhamma to a gathering of devas, Sakka, Brahmas including Santussita deva. His preachings throughout his lent period caused an event on the fullmoon day of Thadingyut. Therefore, the fullmoon day of Thadingyut is designated and celebrated as Abhidhamma Day by the Buddhists.

Lord Buddha told Sakka Deva that he would return to earth (human world) as he had accomplished his Dhamma duta (the mission of preaching Dhamma). Whereupon, Sakka Deva arranged a magnificent send-off. Three stairways were created—one of gold on the right side for the Devas, one of silver on the left side for the Brahmans and one in the middle of rubies for Lord Buddha to descend upon. Devas, accompanying Lord Buddha, held celestial regalia to honour the Buddha, Panca Sankha Deva on the right Veiluva harps in praise of Lord Buddha, Matala Deva on the left side carried flowers and fragrance to honour Lord Buddha, Suyama Deva carried a Yak tail, fly whisk, Santussita Deva held a ruby studded gold fan, Sakka Deva flew the Vizayuthara Conch shell to celebrate the auspicious occasion. All deities in the entire universe also gathered to pay homage to Lord Buddha as best as they could. The three stairways were illuminated by the lights radiated from the devas and Brahmans led to the Gateway of the city of Sanhasa on earth. When Lord Buddha had set foot upon earth, the awaiting crowd with the king and his court at the city gate paid obeisance to Lord Buddha and as a token of welcome, a grand light festival was held.

In the countryside the light festival takes the local character. Towns and villages near the rivers and lakes illuminations are made on the water. When darkness falls, people row out to the middle of water surface and light up oil lamps, put on floats made of banana stems, bamboo or reeds and let them adrift, creating a spectacular scene. The full moon’s silvery rays passing through the foliage of swaying trees creating black and white designs on the water, while flickering flames of oil lamps on the floats casting shimmering reflections on the rippled. In Shan State, especially in Pa-O villages, locally made fire rockets are shot into the sky and hot-air balloons of fantastic shapes and designs are let into the sky to pay homage to the Sulamani Pagoda in Tavatimsa.

Two solemn religious rites of Thadingyut are (1) Pawarana and (2) Puja. Pawarana is held at the end of the Lent. Each monk by turn has to ask other monks of the residing monastery to reprimand him for any sin he may have been noticed committed and he has to confess and apologize and promise not to repeat the sin. This rite takes place in the ordination hall, on the fullmoon day of Thadingyut every year. Pawarana dates back to the lifetime of Gotama Buddha. Monks who observed their lent at a village in Kosala kingdom agreed to keep mum during lent because talking could cause argument and dispute which could lead to disunity and unhappiness among them. After the lent they visited Lord Buddha residing in Jaeavna Vihara. They explained to the Buddha how they kept unity and happiness during lent. Lord Buddha disapproved their method of maintaining unity and happiness by keeping mum as it was disrespectful to the donors and supporters of the Sangha. He recommended the rite of Pawarana, so that sinful monk would repent and be pardoned and monks would live in harmony, unity and happiness.

Puja is the rite performed by laymen. Puja means worship or making a devotional offering. In Buddhism, there are Five infinite debts of gratitude owed to (1) the Buddha (2) the Dhamma (3) the Sangha (Assembly of monks) (4) Parents and (5) Teachers (regardless of their age, gender and religious faiths) including your bosses and seniors. The fullmoon day of Thadingyut is the occasion for Myanmar Buddhists to give due pujas to the above Five Categories. They visit the aged, the seniors, the teachers and true friends to pay them reverence and respects and give them devotional gifts. They receive from them blessings and words of admonition. To the minors, some pocket money may be given for their enjoyment of Thadingyut festival.

Thadingyut light festival is rejoicing and merry-making. But in essence, it is the occasion for spiritual delight and merit-making. ********

Central Committee for holding 89th Anniversary National Day 2009 meets

Prof Nyi Taw, 2 Oct—The first meeting of the Central Committee for holding 89th Anniversary National Day 2009 was held at the meeting hall of Ministry of Education here this morning. It was attended by Chairman of the Central Committee for holding 89th Anniversary National Day 2009, Mr. Dr. Chan Nyein, a member of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, departmental heads, officials concerned and guests. Mr. Dr. Chan Nyein made an opening speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Joint-Secretary Director-General U Aye Lwin of No.2 Basic Education Department presented report on completion of holding 88th National Day 2008 and Secretary Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department on plan for holding 89th National Day 2009.

Afterwards, those present gave suggestions on tasks that include in the plan. The meeting ended with closing address by Mr. Dr. Chan Nyein. —MNA

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein speaking at first coordination meeting for holding 89th Anniversary National Day 2009—MNA
Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers address at 64th UN General Assembly

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein delivered an address at the 64th United Nations General Assembly held at New York in the United States of America at 9 am on 28 September.

Also present on the occasion were Heads of State, Government, Ministers, Deputy Ministers of UN member countries, UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and responsible persons from the respective agencies under the United Nations and special guests.

MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets staff families of Office of Myanmar Permanent Representative to UN

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein who was in New York of the United States of America, received respects paid by staff and their families of Office of Myanmar Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York on 28 September.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung arrived at the Office of Myanmar Representative to the United Nations where they were welcomed by Myanmar Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador U Than Swe, wife Daw Khin Win Yi and staff families.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein elaborated developments of the State and prevailing peace and stability in the State thanks to collaborative efforts of the State, the people and Tatmadaw and stressed the need for implementation of works for mutual benefits abiding by rules and regulations and laws of the host country.

Next, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Affairs Minister presented gifts to staff families.

After the meeting, staff and their families of the Office of Myanmar Representative to the UN paid respects in compliance with the Myanmar tradition and culture to the Prime Minister.

MNA

Measures against New Influenza A (H1N1) taken with added momentum

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—The Ministry of Health was taking preventive measures against New Influenza A (H1N1) with added momentum starting from 28 April. Up to now, 51 cases infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) had been confirmed, but no casualties. Out of them, 47 patients had been discharged from hospital as they had fully recovered and there are still four patients in hospital with improved health conditions.

The ministry urged the public to follow the warnings on New Influenza A (H1N1) and to cooperate in preventive measures against the virus. —MNA

Labour Exchange Offices seeking local and foreign jobs for job hunters

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—Labour Department under the Ministry of Labour has opened Labour Exchange Offices at District and Township Labour Departments as of 20 July 2009.

The labour exchange offices are giving services on registration not only to the local employment agencies but also the overseas employment agencies. Moreover, these offices seek the offers of employers and job opportunities for the job hunters.

MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Singaporean Foreign Affairs Minister

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein on 28 September received Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore Mr George Yeo at United Nations Headquarter in New York.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Myanmar Permanent Representative to UN Ambassador U Than Swe and officials. —MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attending 64th United Nations General Assembly.—MNA
Prime Minister General Thein Sein tours New York

Prime Minister General Thein Sein enjoys views of New York from Empire State Building.

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and party went on a sightseeing tour of New York on 29 September. The Prime Minister and party visited Battery Park in the east of Manhattan, Financial District-Wall Street, Manhattan Bridge and Brooklyn Bridge and had their photographs taken while visiting Battery Park.

The Prime Minister and party also enjoyed the views of the town from Empire State Building in downtown area and had their photographs taken.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives in New York

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein accompanied by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Office U Tha Aung Nyunt and officials left Myanmar by air on 26 September to attend the 64th United Nations General Assembly in New York of the United States of America and stopped over in Singapore.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Changi International Airport in the Republic of Singapore at 11.15 p.m. They were welcomed at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Win Myint and embassy staff.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed by Myanmar Permanent Representative to the UN U Than Swe at J.F.K Airport in New York.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and party left New York at 11.15 pm local time on 29 September after attending the 64th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York of the United Nations of America.

They arrived at Changi International Airport of the Republic of Singapore via Frankfurt Airport of the Federal Republic of Germany on 1 October morning.

The Prime Minister and party visited Singapore in a motorcade. At the Myanmar Embassy to Singapore, they were welcomed by staff families of the embassy.

Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Win Myint and wife, officers, staff and families of the embassy paid respects to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister explained progress of peace and stability of the country due to concerted efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, and he stressed the need for the embassy staff to loyally serve the interest of the State.

They left Singapore for Myanmar by air in the afternoon and arrived back here via Yangon.—MNA

Kathina robes for Majjhima region

YANGON, 2 Oct—The Paradesi Sangha Nayaka Committee has been holding the Majjhima region Kathina robe offering ceremony in the Republic of India yearly.

Kathina robes may be donated not later than 31 October to take part in the 32nd Majjhima region Kathina robe offering ceremony for 348 Myanmar monks residing at 11 Myanmar monasteries and eight universities 400 members of the Sangha residing at Myanmar monasteries at the four-flung regions of Assam, Tripur and Manipur of India.

Those wishing to donate robes and offertories may dial 01-545215, 01-545216, 01-35173, 01-727746, 01-536348 and 01-652236.—MNA
Second coord meeting of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Organizing Committee held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The second coordination meeting of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Organizing Committee and representatives from States/Divisions, took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, this evening.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of the organizing committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Vice-Chairman of the organizing committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, members of the organizing committee deputy ministers, departmental heads, artists and representative from States/Divisions and officials.

First, Vice-Chairman Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint gave an opening speech.

Next, representative person from States/Divisions, officials from the committee and sub-committees and judge presented carry-out tasks and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint then attended to the needs.

Afterwards, those attended presented general matters related to the competitions. Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin then heard reports on presenting prizes and gave concluding remarks.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin addresses second coordination meeting of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Organizing Committee and representatives from States/Divisions.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein addresses 64th United Nations General Assembly in New York. (News on Page 8)—MNA

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint addresses second coordination meeting of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Organizing Committee and representatives from States/Divisions.—MNA

Commander, Minister award outstanding students in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students of Mon State was held at the hall of the state in Mawlamyine on 27 September.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint spoke on the occasion and presented prizes to the students who passed the matriculation examination for 2008-09 with flying colours in Mon State.

In the afternoon, member of Myanmar Industrial Development Central Committee In-charge of Mawlamyine Industrial Zone Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met with entrepreneurs and departmental officials at the zone.

On 28 September, the minister met with townsenders, local people and members of social organizations at Nat Hmaw Village Basic Education Post-Primary School and visited Thanlwin Hline Library, village dispensary and primary school.

Next, the minister attended to the needs in meeting with local people and members of social organizations at Htone-ang Model Village in Hpa-an Township in Kayin State and looked into developments of the village.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses local people in Nat Hmaw Village of Paung Township.

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Criminal appeal cases No 173/2009 and No 174/2009 rejected and judgment and decree of Yangon North District Court confirmed

YANGON, 2 Oct — Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay filed appeals against the judgments at Yangon Division Court as they were dissatisfied with the judgments of the Criminal Regular Trial 47/2009. These were the criminal appeal cases No 173/2009 and No 174/2009. Regarding their appeals, Yangon Division Court heard the final arguments on 18 September and passed final judgments together at 10 am today.

In reviewing the reasons of the lawyers of the appeal plaintiffs, there are two main points: (1) the 1974 constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Myanmar became null and void due to the situations that happened in the country in 1988 and (2) it cannot be said that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi breached the terms of the restrictions and continued restrictions against her original rights prescribed in the 1974 constitution as they had not been the legal ones before. Therefore, it is necessary to consider that (1) this Constitution is the Basic Law of all the Laws of the Union, Section 449 of the 2008 constitution also states that this Constitution is the Basic Law of all the Laws of the Union. Looking at those provisions, the constitution is the basis of all existing laws. Based on the constitution, all other existing laws have to be prescribed to be in conformity with that constitution. The constitution is not to be prescribed based on the existing laws. It can therefore be said that the statement of the deputy division law officer that the provisions included in the constitution that is not contrary to the existing laws is not true.

Therefore, it can be deduced from the foregoing, legal points along with the nature of the law, the 1974 constitution of the Socialist Republic of Myanmar became null and void following the general deterioration in 1988, and that is stated in the third paragraph of the State Constitution of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar.

The second part is to decide whether or not the restriction order, the prohibition order and the continued prohibition order on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi are legiti- mate, and she violated these orders. The scrutinization given by the lawyer of the appeal plaintiff — Mr John William Yettaw by accepting his contact. Therefore, the expression “communication” means the deal between the one who communicates and the one who is communicated. Only then will they be able to contact each other. Accepting outside contact means communicating outside, so it shall be deemed that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi re-communicated Mr John William Yettaw by accepting his contact. Therefore, the initial district court’s decision “she failed to abide by the prohibition order” is not wrong. The argument given by the lawyer of the appeal plaintiff — considering the expression “outside” to be “making a contact” by combining the expression with another expression it is summarization making the initial expression greatly confused — is deemed to be wrong.

On the whole, the 1988 unrest made the 1974 constitution null and void, but the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts was promulgated under Pyithu Hluttaw Law No. 3 in 1975. The 1988 situations put an end to the 1974 constitution, but the State Law and Order Restoration Council did not promulgate or nullify the law. In 1991, the State Law and Order Restoration Council amended the law under Law No 119/1. Therefore, the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts is still in force, and it is the original law.

Here, the purpose of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts needs to be explained. The law is designed to protect the State sovereignty and security, and community peace from threats, and safeguard the nation against those desiring to harm the State. In order to achieve these objectives, the Central Body, also the administrative body, was formed and then entrusted the authority to take preventive measures against possible dangers. The Central Body pursues the objectives by issuing restriction order, warrant for arrest and prohibi- tion order according to its executive authority. It has to take action and make a verdict according to the execu- tive power only when a person violates restriction order, warrant for arrest and prohibition order issued under the authority of the Central Body.

Evidence (b) restriction order, evidence (b-1) prohibition order and evidence (b-2) are the orders the Central Body issued on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under Article 7, Article 10 (b) and Article 11 under the law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts. The law is still in effect, so it cannot be deemed if the said orders issued according to the law are illegitimate orders. It will be

unwise if the law is deemed to have been null and void like the 1974 Constitution. Therefore, it is necessary to state that the revision case filed by the lawyers of appeal plaintiffs should not be accepted for hearing.

According to the witnesses who argued in the primary case, US citizen Mr John William Yettaw entered the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in September 2008. In the first time, he left Book of Mormon. In the process of searching the house, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi took the book from the altar in her house and gave it to the officials. In the second time, she accepted the letters and books given by Mr John William Yettaw’s daughter. The statements of the witnesses have made it apparent that while staying in her house, Mr John William Yettaw took many photos and made several home videos and brought them along with him. Appeal plaintiffs Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay live together with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Therefore, the statements of the plaintiff witnesses also made it clear that while Mr John William Yettaw was staying in the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the two violated the law in collusion with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by helping him with making bed and laying the table for meals for him. Paragraph (c) of the prohibition order and contin- ued prohibition order on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi says not to communicate outside by post or by telegraph. The initial court defined the expression “communicate” in combination with the expression “outside” stated in the paragraph (c). Here, the expression “communicating” means the deal between the one who communicates and the one who is communicated. Only then will they be able to contact each other. Accepting outside contact means communicating outside, so it shall be deemed that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi re-communicated Mr John William Yettaw by accepting his contact. Therefore, the initial district court’s decision “she failed to abide by the prohibition order” is not wrong. The argument given by the lawyer of the appeal plaintiff — considering the expression “outside” to be “making a contact” by combining the expression with another expression it is summarization making the initial expression greatly confused — is deemed to be wrong.

Therefore, it is hereby announced that based on the above-mentioned facts, the judgment and order of Yangon North District Court are confirmed and reject the criminal appeal cases Nos 173/2009 and 174/2009.

Appeal plaintiffs’ lawyers U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Maung and Daw Khin Hay Kywe and appeal defendants’ deputy law officers from Yangon Division Court Daw Khin Mar Kyi, Daw Khin Mayday and U Myat Khaing were present at the criminal appeal cases Nos 173/2009 and 174/2009.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO (23110)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO (23110) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST
Phone No: 25608/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9038)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9038) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.10.2009 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BLUE SKY VOY NO (0978) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of W.A.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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HU orders pla, pap to make new contributions to world peace
BEIJING, 2 Oct—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Thursday called on the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) and the People’s Armed Police Force (PAPF) to make new contributions to safeguarding national sovereignty, security and territorial integrity, as well as to maintaining world peace.
“The PLA and PAPF must carry forward their glorious tradition, build up military strength and perform their duties earnestly,” he said at a celebration marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of New China. —MNA/Xinhua

Ministry of Information
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Invitation To Tender

1. Sealed tenders are invited for Myanmar Radio and Television for supply of the following—
(A) Office Equipment
No. Descriptions Quantity
(1) 400V (400 A) Main Circuit 6 Nos
(2) 14 TV Colour Monitor 30 Nos
(3) 6 TV Colour Monitor 2 Nos
(4) 3 Meter TVRO Solid Type 10 Nos
(5) DVD Player (Blueray) 5 Nos
(6) Camera Access. (Battery Pack) 12 Nos
(7) Wireless Mic 10 Nos
(8) Vacuum Tube Cleaner 10 Nos
(9) Fax Machine 10 Nos
(10) Duplo Printer 2 Nos

(B) Machine Equipment
No. Descriptions Quantity
(1) ENG Camera XD Cam 1 set
(2) VCR Equipment XD Cam HD Recorder with HD drive & Blue Ray Disk 3 Sets
(3) Non-Linear Editing Equipment Non-Linear Editing work station with 17” LCD & 20” Monitor 2 Sets
(4) Test Equipment SD-SDI portable video test generator monitoring & analyzer 1 No
2. Tender closing date/time will be on 16-10-2009 at 16:30 hrs.
3. Tender documents are available at the below-mentioned address.
Ministry of Information
Procurement Committee
Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise
No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township, Yangon.
Ph: 534574, 536029

6.3 magnitude earthquake hits Samoa region
AUCKLAND, 2 Oct—An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter Scale struck off the south east coast of the island kingdom of Tonga and the Samoa Islands on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.
The quake, which occurred at 02:07 p.m. local time Friday (01:07 GMT), was centered 545 kilometres northeast of Nuku’alofa, the capital of Tonga.
It was at a depth of 10 kilometres.
There were no reports of casualties and damage so far. No tsunami warning had been issued by the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre.
It came two days after a giant tremor caused a devastating tsunami which killed almost 150 people. —MNA/Xinhua

UK dig finds Roman amphitheatre
ROMA, 2 Oct—British archaeologists, have unearthed an amphitheatre at an ancient port outside Rome which may have played host to emperors such as Hadrian and Trajan.—INTERNET

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1. Sealed tenders are invited for Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise for supply of the following—
(A) Printing and Publishing Enterprise
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(1) Pallet Track (3 tons) 1 No
(2) Digital Multifunction Copier 1 No
(3) Book Scanner 1 No
(4) Computer P4 6 Nos
(5) Laserjet Printer (A3) 2 Nos
(6) Computer (Branded) P4 4 Nos
(7) Document Scanner (A4) 1 No
(8) Scanner (A4) 1 No
(9) Printer (Cannon IP 1880) 1 No

(B) Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise
No. Descriptions Quantity
(1) Air Conditioner Split Type 2 HP 3 Sets
(2) Dehumidifier 1 HP 2 Nos
(3) Television Receiver (32” LCD) & Digital Video Player 16 Sets
(4) Cassette Recorder 100 W 2 Nos
(5) Computer Accessories 2 Nos
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Mexico, US to boost coop in cancer researches

MEXICO CITY, 2 Oct — Mexico and the United States agreed to cooperate in researches on cancer, US embassy in Mexico said on Thursday.

A document of intention was signed between the two countries. It was part of a partnership between the United States and four Latin American countries, namely, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Uruguay, to “accelerate progress against cancer in Hispanic populations in the United States and Latin America and improve cancer research,” the statement said.

An elderly woman is taken for a walk by two relatives, and their pet retriever in Jakarta. Scientists have shown since the 1930s that reducing the calorie intake by 30 percent for rats, mice and — in a more recent finding — primates can extend their lifespan by 40 percent and have health benefits. — Internet

Most babies born this century will live to 100

LONDON, 2 Oct — Most babies born in rich countries this century will eventually make it to their 100th birthday, new research says. Danish experts say that since the 20th century, people in developed countries are living about three decades longer than in the past. Surprisingly, the trend shows little sign of slowing down. In an article published Friday in the medical journal Lancet, the researchers write that the process of aging may be “modifiable.”

Linda A. Pocock of the Max Planck Institute in Germany and colleagues in Denmark examined studies published globally in 2004-2005 on numerous issues related to aging. They found life expectancy is increasing steadily in most countries, even beyond the limits of what scientists first thought possible. In Japan, for instance, which has the world’s longest life expectancy, more than half of the country’s 80-year-old women are expected to live to 90.

Internet

Supporters of the Chicago 2016 Olympic bid cheer before the start of the opening ceremony of the 121st session of the International Olympic Congress in Copenhagen one day before the International Olympic Committee votes on who will host the 2016 games. — Internet

H1N1 flu expected to create hospital bed shortage in US

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct — The H1N1 flu virus, also known as swine flu, could create hospital bed shortage in 15 US states, according to a study released on Thursday. Meanwhile, 12 other states could reach or exceed 75 percent of their hospital bed capacity, said the study by the non-profit group Trust for America’s Health. These scenarios could become reality if 35 percent of Americans get sick, the study noted.

The number of people who could get sick with H1N1 flu in the United States ranges from a high of 12.9 million in California and a low of 186,434 in Wyoming, and the number of people who are hospitalized could range from a high of 168,025 in California to a low of 2,485 in Wyoming, according to the study.

The states that are expected to face the most severe shortage of hospital beds are Delaware (203 percent), Connecticut (148 percent), Hawaii (143 percent), and Maryland (143 percent). The estimates were based on the FluSurge model developed by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Stillbirth in first pregnancy raises risk for subsequent pregnancy

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct — Women who experience a stillbirth in their first pregnancy may be at higher risk for complications or adverse outcomes in their next pregnancy, a new study has said.

A first pregnancy which resulted in stillbirth was associated with increased risk of placental diseases, fetal distress, choorioamnionitis and neonatal mortality in the second pregnancy, compared to a pregnancy that resulted in live birth, according to a study appearing online in the October issue of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The study was conducted by researchers at Kaiser Permanente, a medical institution in Los Angeles. The researchers examined 71,315 Kaiser Permanente Southern California members from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds who delivered one child at 20-44 weeks’ gestation between 1991 to 2008.

They found that women whose first pregnancy resulted in stillbirth tended to be younger, African American, and had started prenatal care later in the pregnancy, as well as having a shorter interval between the first two pregnancies.

A stillbirth in the first pregnancy was also associated with an increased risk of spontaneous preterm birth and stillbirth in the second pregnancy, an observation that is consistent with the findings of previous studies, said Dr Darios Getahun, the study’s lead author. — Xinhua

By Xinhua

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Nadal confirmed to play China Open in Beijing

**BEIJING, 2 Oct** — World number two Rafa Nadal was confirmed to play the China Open next week at the Olympic Green Tennis Center where he won the gold medal last year, organizers said here on Friday. The Spaniard had been doubtful for the 6.6 million dollar event due to an abdominal injury but organizers said he is now fit and ready to appear in the event where he last played and won in 2005.

Organizers said his doctor had given him a thorough physical check and confirmed that he has been fully recovered.

Chen Zhen, the competition supervisor, said, “We are happy that Nadal has passed the physical check. We are all looking forward to watching him put up good performance for the fans.”

The China Open will for the first time be played in the Olympic venue. The prize money has been increased to a total of 6.6 million US dollars, with 4.5 million going to the women.

Nadal, who has not played since a US Open semi-final defeat to eventual champion Juan Martin Del Potro last month, will be joined by world number four Novak Djokovic and number six and defending champion Andy Roddick. Russia’s Marat Safin, the 2004 champion, has announced that he will retire after the tournament.

Women’s world number one Dinara Safina arrived in Beijing early after being eliminated in the first round in Tokyo. — Xinhua

US teen Oudin ready to make good on US Open promise

**BEIJING, 2 Oct** — US teen sensation Melanie Oudin, looking to extend her dream breakthrough season at the China Open, says the confidence she gained from her run to the US Open last eight will serve her well in Beijing.

The 18-year-old Oudin burst onto the tennis scene this year with a fourth-round showing at Wimbledon, shocking former world number one Jelena Jankovic en route.

The Georgia native followed that up with an even better run at Flushing Meadows, defeating fourth seed Elena Dementieva and another former number one, Maria Sharapova.

Oudin, who has shot up to a career-high 42 in the world rankings, has to battle through the qualifying rounds in Beijing but said her newfound self-belief will carry her through to the main draw.

“I don’t think my mental game has changed since the US Open except that it has given me more confidence. I definitely think I can keep up with these girls,” Oudin said after a practice session here.

“I’ve been trying to work on a bunch of things since the US Open. I am trying to make my game strong and to move quicker on the court,” she said, according to a statement posted Friday on the tournament website.

Oudin was to face world number 115 Alexis Glatch of the United States on Friday. The top eight qualifiers will advance to the main draw. — Internet

2016 Olympic race too close to call ahead of vote

**COPENHAGEN, 2 Oct** — In 30 minutes, it will be over.

Years of preparations, arm-twisting, sweet-talk ing and hopes will be rejected or rewarded on Friday when the International Olympic Commit tee votes to select the host for the 2016 Games.

Chicago, Rio de Janeiro, Madrid and Tokyo — one by one — will be eliminated in a tense half-hour of successive rounds of secret balloting until one stands alone.

US first lady Michelle Obama arrives for the opening ceremony of the 121st IOC session and XII Olympic Congress at the Opera House in Copenhagen, on 1 Oct, 2009. — Internet

Celtic held in Euro grade match as Everton, Fulham win

**PARIS, 2 Oct** — Celtic’s Europa League ambitions suffered another blow on Thursday when they were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Rapid Vienna in a match which brought back uncomfortable, ugly memories.

Celtic, who had lost their opening Group C match at Hapoel Tel Aviv, slipped behind after just three minutes at Parkhead when a mistake by Stephen McManus gifted Nikica Jelavic a goal.

Australia’s Scott McDonald levelled in the 20th minute but Celtic could not find the winner as the Scottish giants slumped to the foot of the table following Hamburg’s 4-2 win over Hapoel Tel-Aviv.

Twenty-five years ago, Celtic and Rapid clashed in the Cup Winners’ Cup. Rapid won 3-1 at home before Celtic took a 3-0 lead in the second leg.

But Rapid player Rudi Weinhofer collapsed to the ground, claiming to have been hit by a missile thrown from the terraces before UEFA ordered a third game to be played.

Current Rapid boss Peter Pacult scored the only goal of the match which was played at Old Trafford to take his side through to the next round. — Internet

Moodie shoots 64 to take Navistar LPGA Classic

**PRATTVILLE, 2 Oct** — Scotland’s Janice Moodie shot a bogey-free 8-under 64 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over 14-year-old Alexis Thompson in the Navistar LPGA Classic, with Michelle Wie and top-ranked Lorena Ochoa two strokes back.

Moodie, a two-time winner on the LPGA Tour, played her final nine holes — the front nine on The Senator course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail’s Capitol Hill complex, in 6-under 30.

She birdied her final four holes and six of her last seven. — Internet

Everton stays perfect in Europa League

**BRUSSELS, 2 Oct** — Everton maintained its perfect record with a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Bate Borisov in Europa League on Thursday.

Dmitri Laktionov put the home side ahead but Everton tied it with a header by Belgian midfielder Marouane Fellaini in the 68th minute and Australian forward Tim Cahill lobbed the ball over Bate goalkeeper Sergei Veremko 11 minutes later.

American Tim Howard was in goal for Everton.

AEK Athens beat Benfica 1-0. Everton is six points ahead of AEK and Benfica in Group J.

Also, Fulham took the lead in Group E with four points after a 1-0 win over Basel. American Clint Dempsey played the entire match for Fulham. Roma secured its first points of the season with a 2-0 win over CSKA Sofia. Basel and Roma both have three points and CSKA has one.

Last season’s UEFA Cup champion Shakhtar Donetsk beat Partizan Belgrade 4-1.

The result gave Shakhtar sole possession of the lead in Group J after Toulouse was held to a 2-2 draw at home by Club Brugge. — Internet

Germany’s Ballack ‘all-clear’ for Moscow clash

**BERLIN, 2 Oct** — Germany captain Michael Ballack has sent national team coach Joachim Loew an ‘all-clear’ text message saying he is fit to face Russia in their crucial World Cup qualifier, it was revealed Thursday.

Russia’s Victor Anichev is serving a one-match suspension against Germany and is expected to return next month when they face Israel.

“Morning, the doctor confirmed that Michael is ready to play on Thursday. The team manager Voelker said this morning,” a statement on the German FA’s website said.

Ballack and Loew had attended a meeting on Tuesday to clarify Ballack’s fitness for the team’s qualifier against Russia.

Germany are just a point ahead of Russia in the qualifying group and a victory in Moscow would guarantee Loew’s side a place in South Africa next June regardless of their last match against Finland in Hamburg on 14 October.

But Germany team manager Oliver Bierhoff has been working out the logistics of ‘Plan B’ should he have to make changes to the team.

A second-place finish in the group would mean Germany face a play-off over two legs against one of the other eight best runners-up from the European qualifying zone. — Internet

Jankovic beats Li to reach Pan Pacific final

**TOKYO, 2 Oct** — Former world No. 1 Jelena Jankovic reached the Pan Pacific Open final by defeating Li Na of China 6-4, 6-3 here on Friday.

The seventh-seeded Serbian will next meet winner of the other semifinal between Maria Sharapova and Agnieszka Radwanska.

Jankovic, the highest seeded player left in the singles draw, broke four times and dropped serve twice.

The top six seeds, led by Dinara Safina and Venus Williams, all lost their first round matches of the tournament. — Xinhua
**U Soe Nyunt**  
(Poet Laureate Dr. Htilar Sitthu)  
BC/6665, Lieutenant-Colonel (Rtd)  
**OTS-9**  
Deputy Minister (Rtd)  

(78 years)  
Son of Headmaster (U Ba Yin-Daw Ohn Tin) of Shwe Sithi Village of Meiktila Township; believed husband of Daw Hla Yin of No. 152 on 45th Street in Ward 10 of Botataung Township, Yangon; beloved father of U Tin Wa (Manager, Myanma Agriculture Service-Nay Pyi Taw)-Daw Nilar Soe Nyunt (Internal Revenue Department, Kyimyindaing Township), U Yazar Soe Nyunt (Head of Branch-Admin, National Culture and Fine Arts University-Yangon)-Daw Htar Htar Oo, Major Hlaining Myint (Rtd) (Factory Manager of Tamadaw Football Factory, Hmawby)-Daw Khin Bagyi Soe Nyunt, Dr. Pyinnyar Soe Nyunt (Major-Rtd)-Daw Ohmar, Ma Khin La Pyae Wun Soe Nyunt, Ma Yin Padauk Soe Nyunt, Ma Nay Win Ni Ni Soe Nyunt and Major Ye Yin Soe (Rtd) (Deputy Director of Ministry of Religious Affairs)-Dr. Marlar Kyaing (Yangon Eye Hospital); beloved grandfather of Ma Pan Pwint Phyu Soe Nyunt, Maung Sa Soe Nyunt, Maung Nyunt (Ngwe Pon), Maung Zarn Lin Htet Soe Nyunt (Sein Pon), Maung Sa Soe Nyunt, Maung Nyunt (Shwe Pon), Ma Moe Pwint Phyu Soe Nyunt and Ma Myat Pan Pwint Phyu Soe Nyunt, passed away at 10.40 am on 2-10-2009 (Friday).  

The funeral will be announced later.  

**Bereaved Family**

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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas**

**Friday, 2nd October, 2009**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:**

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Kayah States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Chin States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Yangon 3.15 inches, Pyapon (3.15) inches, Myeik (3.04) inches, Dawei (2.37) inches, Yangon (Central) (1.85) inches, Thayawady (1.77) inches, Kyainkya (1.70) inches and Aunglan (1.42) inches. Maximum temperature on 1-10-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 1-10-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-10-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 1-10-2009 was (1.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-10-2009 was (0.47) at Mingaladon, (0.56) at Kaba-Aye and (1.85) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (106.65) inches at Mingaladon, (117.72) inches at Kaba Aye and (122.87) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (13:28) hours MST on 1-10-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (15:30)hr M.S.T today, the low pressure area over the West Central Bay still persists. Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 3rd October 2009:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of thunder conditions in Deltaic areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-10-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-10-2009:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-10-2009:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Weather Outlook for First weekend of October 2009:** During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon Division.

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- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
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Prime Minister sends felicitations to Germany
NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Dr Angela Dorothea Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Day of German Unity of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2009.—MNA

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to ROK
NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—On the occasion of National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2009, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Chung Un-chan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets UN Secretary-General

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein during his stay in New York met with United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon at the UN Headquarters in New York at 11 am on 28 September.

At the call, the Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Myanmar Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador U Than Swe, Director-General U Thant Kyaw of the International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials; and the UN Secretary-General, by Under-Secretary-General (Political Affairs) Mr Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General (Secretariat) Mr Vijay Nambiar, Under-Secretary-General (Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief) Mr John Holmes and Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim A Gambari.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon at the hall of UN Headquarters in New York.—MNA