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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

Teachers have to improve their skills and help promote the national education standard
Government and the entire people admire and recognize what teachers have sacrificed in national interest

Secretary-1 addresses World Teachers’ Day ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—The Ministry of Education observed the World Teachers’ Day at its office here this morning.

Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, MEC members, responsible persons from foreign embassies to the Union of Myanmar, resident representatives of UN agencies, departmental heads, rectors of universities, principals of education colleges, township education officers and principals of basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw, honorary teachers, outstanding teachers and students and guests.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that Myanmar, a global family member, has marked the World Teachers’ Day on the 5th October for eight times in recognition of brilliant performances of teachers.

In the 21st Century, the world enjoys better living standard of people, but copes with political, economic and social impacts and varieties of natural disasters due to rapid changes in the science and technological fields.

Accordingly, the government has been implementing the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan since 2001-2002 with the aim of grappling with various forms of challenges and improving the education system to serve the interest of the nation and the people.

It is in pursuit of 10 programmes in the basic education sector and 36 programmes in the higher education sector. Now, the second five-year plan is in its fourth year.

The government is working hard in collaboration with local administrative bodies,

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Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents prize and certificate of honour to an outstanding teacher.

MNA
Try hard to become well-versed police members on whom the State can rely

A ceremony to mark the 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day was held at the Areindama Hall of MPF Headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 October.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that as the MPF is taking responsibility for ensuring community peace and stability and prevalence of law and order, it is necessary to discharge the respective tasks dutifully. As the people are citizens of the independent nation, the policemen are to protect them in line with the laws and it should not practise the relationship of master and servant. Meanwhile, the MPF is to be equipped with the correct thought, concept, form and content in accordance with the independent country, and it is to forge the spirit of adoring the State and the people while discharging duties with correct concept and belief.

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Inter-State/Division Men’s Hockey tournament continues

YANGON, 5 Oct—The First Inter-State/Division Men’s Hockey tournament jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Hockey Federation continued at Theinbyu Hockey pitch this morning.

Yagon Division won over Sagaing Division with 2-0 in their debut yesterday. Rakhine State beat Shan State (North) 1-0. Bago Division crippled Mandalay Division 3-1 and Yangon Division routed Chin State 7-0 in today’s events.

The matches between Sagaing Division and Rakhine State, Mandalay Division and Mon State, Chin State and Shan State (North) will take place on tomorrow.

YANGON, 5 Oct—The final matches of Yangon Command Commander’s Shield Men’s and Women’s Volleyball Tournament were held along with prize presentation ceremony at the gymnasium of the command in Hline Township. Yangon West District this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers, referees and party had enjoyed the finals, they presented prizes to the winners.

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Oct—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein visited Pakokku Industrial Zone on 3 and 4 October and inspected the industrial training school (Pakokku) which is under construction at the zone.

The minister called for completion of the training school by December and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

Afterwards, the minister went to the Machine and Machine Tools Factory in Myaing and inspected the production process of the factory. During the tour of inspection, the minister urged employees of the factory to make more efforts for manufacturing advanced machines and machinery which are in demand for government and private industries.

During the tour, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein also inspected measures being taken by the ministry to supply water to Gyeikchauk, Kanyarkaung, Oakhp and Kyaw villages in Myaing Township.

MCPA to hold on 3rd MCPA Free Talk

YANGON, 5 Oct—Members of Myanmar Computer Professional Association will organize the 3rd MCPA Free Talk at MyanmarInfo-Tech, Hline Township on 10 October. The purpose of the discussion is to promote friendship between the members of Myanmar Computer Professional Association and other interested persons.

On the occasion, Networking, Security, Hardware, Software Development, Exams & Certification, Seminars & Workshops, Members Affairs and Job Opportunities General Affairs will be mainly discussed. Anyone can concentrate on the discussion. For further information, contact Room No.4, Building No. 4 of the office of MCPA, Myanmar Info-Tech (Ph: 652270).—MNA
Iran agrees to IAEA inspection of new uranium enrichment plant

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mohamed ElBaradei announced on 3 October that Teheran has agreed to the inspection of its new uranium enrichment plant in three weeks.

Wrapping up his two-day visit to Teheran, ElBaradei said at a joint press conference with Ali Akbar Salehi, head of Iran’s atomic energy organization, “that the UN nuclear watchdog would inspect Iran’s new uranium plant near Qom on 25 Oct.”

The IAEA chief said that the US had accepted an offer to allow the inspection to take place on condition of anonymity.

On Thursday, Iran’s chief nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili, who held talks with top envoys from the US, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany in Geneva of Switzerland, and promised that Teheran would soon open its newly-disclosed uranium-enrichment facility to UN inspectors, according to the EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who coordinated the talks.

The IAEA said on Friday that ElBaradei had been invited to Teheran by Iranian authorities and would travel there to discuss with Iran about its second uranium enrichment facility, which is near Qom.

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Two policemen killed, four injured in Baghdad violence

Baghdad, 5 Oct—Two policemen were killed and four others were injured in two attacks in Baghdad on Sunday, a well-informed police source said.

A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol at al-Muttabeli Street in eastern Baghdad neighbourhood of Maysal, killing a policeman and wounding four others, the source said.

In a separate incident, unknown gunmen shot dead an off-duty policeman in the neighbourhood of al-Ameen in southeastern Baghdad and fled the scene, the source added.

Earlier in the day, fire broke out after an explosion of a fuel tanker truck that sparked explosions and fires in three nearby trucks at a checkpoint outside Baghdad International Airport.

The blaze caused the halt of flights and traffic for about an hour, a statement by the Baghdad Operations Command said.

A man walks past a burnt out fuel tankers near a check-point outside of Baghdad International Airport, on 4 Oct, 2009. — Xinhua

The incident which blocked the main entrance to the airport prompted the airport authorities to suspend flights and vehicle traffic for about an hour, it said.

Pilots protest over flying hours

London, 5 Oct—Airline pilots who say long flying hours are “putting lives at risk” are to hold demonstrations across Europe. European air crew unions argue current rules governing how long they can fly for are unsafe, with fatigue a factor in 15% of accidents. But the European Aviation Safety Agency says it’s still considering scientific report on the issue.

There will be no demonstrations in the UK because industrial action by pilots is outlawed. British pilots are expected to join demonstrations on the continent with colleagues from 35 other countries.

It is not clear whether the action will cause disruption to travellers. Pilots and air crew have complained that they are sometimes required to work conditions that have deteriorated as the airline industry looks to cut costs.

The British Airline Pilots Association (Balpa) said two million leaflets would be handed out across Europe by the pilots and the general secretary of Balpa, Jim McAuslan, said he feared that attempts by the EU to standardise working conditions by 2012 would put more pressure on pilots.

Kidnappers gun down businessman, two guards in Afghan capital

Kabul, 5 Oct—Unknown kidnappers shot dead a businessman and his two bodyguards in the Afghan capital Kabul on Monday, a private television channel reported on Monday.

“A group of armed men attempted to kidnap businessman Haji Mohammad Nasir in Kabul on Monday morning but he resisted. The kidnappers killed him and his two bodyguards and made their good escape,” Tolo reported in its bulletin. Driver of the businessman was also injured in the incident, the report added.

This is the second incident of its nature in the Afghan capital over the past two days. The kidnappers abducted Haji Faridon, the owner of a famous hotel in Kabul on Sunday evening.

Attacks on businessmen and kidnapping for ransom has negatively affected the process of investment and has forced many people to shift their business to neighbouring countries.
Cambodia, South Korea to sign oil, energy agreement

PHNOM PENH, 5 Oct — Cambodia and South Korean governments will sign an agreement of oil and energy cooperation during the two-day official visit by South Korean President Lee Myung-bak later this month, an official said here on Monday.

“Both sides will sign the agreement on seeking mines, oil, gas, and energy cooperation to push the economic development in the country,” Eang Sophalleth, spokesman for Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen told reporters after the meeting between Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and visiting Shin Jae Hyun, ambassador in charge of cooperation, natural resources and energy affairs to the South Korean President.

Shin’s visit is to pave the way for President Lee Myung-bak’s visit in Cambodia on 22-23 October. The bilateral cooperation will serve the mutual benefits, Eang said, adding that Prime Minister Hun Sen expressed his hope that it will help speed up the country’s economic development.

Shin also expressed his sympathy and condolences to Cambodian victims who suffered from Ketsana storm last week and hoped the Ketsana-hit regions would be restored soon under the Cambodian government’s leadership.

China leads world’s trade confidence index

JAKARTA, 5 Oct — A latest HSBC Indonesia survey showed on Monday that China is ranked the top in favourite trade partner list of Indonesian businessmen in the next three month.

According to the survey conducted by HSBC-hired survey firm TNS from August to September 2009, of 0-200 level of trade confidence index points, in which 200 represents the highest level, Chinese mainland market obtained the highest 121 points in the bank’s global survey.

Indonesian market stood second at 120 points, followed by United Arab Emirates (UAE) market at 118 points.

Meanwhile, 59 percent of 300 Indonesian respondents saw positive trend of global economic growth in the next three months.

They also ranked China and China’s Hong Kong as most promising trade areas in the period, the survey said.

The survey was conducted among more than 3,500 small to middle class businessmen in 12 markets in the world, including China, Indonesia, Brazil, the United States (US), United Kingdom (UK), United Arab Emirates (UAE), Singapore and Australia.

Citing the survey results, HSBC Global Head of Trade and Supply Chain Lawrence Webb said in his statement publicized by HSBC Indonesia that it could be the start of global trade recovery as the trade volume have stabilized and are posting notable growth in certain markets. —Xinhua

Malaysian maritime agency arrests suspected pirates

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Oct — The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency has arrested a gang of pirates in an early-morning operation in southern Malaysia, local newspaper The Star reported on Monday.

The agency intercepted a suspicious fishing boat about seven nautical miles from Tanjung Tohor, a port in southern Malaysia’s Johor State, at 4 am on Sunday, and detained six fishermen aboard, according to the report.

The fishermen, aged from 39 to 51, carried with suspicious resident identities, Che Hassan Jusoh, a senior official of the agency, was quoted by the report as saying.

Local law enforcement officers also found two air rifles on the boat which were believed to have been used in sea robberies, he said. He said the fishermen would probably be given a jail term of seven years or a 10,000-ringgit (some 2,857 US dollars) fine or both, upon conviction under the country’s Firearms Act. —Xinhua

Brazil develops medicine effective on rebuilding immune system

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Oct — A team of Brazilian researchers is developing a medicine to treat AIDS, tuberculosis and cancerous tumors, according to an article published on Sunday’s edition of Science, a magazine of Brazil’s State of Sao Paulo University (UNESP).

The medicine, known as P-Mapa, has shown signs of rebuilding immune systems in tests on animals and humans in Brazil, Chile and the United States, scientists said.

The medicine has shown to trigger production of anti-tumor or anti-viral molecules in immune system cells, according to both Brazil’s Emilio Ribas Institute and the US National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). —Xinhua

Typhoon turns back, dumps rain on northern Philippines

MANILA, 5 Oct — A powerful typhoon that slammed into the northern Philippines over the weekend has made a U-turn and was being pulled back by another, stronger storm, officials said on Monday.

Typhoon Parma, the strongest typhoon to hit the country since 2006, killed 17 as it barreled through the Philippines’ northeast.

It moved off the north-western coast on Sunday but was being pulled back by another storm, Melor, and the system continues to drench the northern mountains with rain.

Parma, packing winds of 120 kph (75 mph) near the centre and gusts of up to 150 kph, is expected to remain almost stationary off the coast of Laog City in the far northwest of the Philippines up to on Thursday.

We are closely monitoring the movements of typhoon Parma after it made a U-turn,” Nathaniel Cruz, chief weather forecaster, told reporters.

“We’re expecting a much stronger typhoon from the Pacific to enter into the Philippine area of responsibility late on Monday. The interaction between the two typhoons has prevented Parma from moving out of the country,” Cruz said. —Internet
Japanese police, military asked to synergize in combating terrorism

JAKARTA, 5 Oct—Indonesia’s President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono asked the military and police to keep synergizing in combating terrorism following the success of police’s anti-terror squad in killing the country’s most wanted terrorist Noordin M Top last month, local media reported here on Monday. “The Indonesia National Soldier should keep synergizing with the police to contribute in fighting against terrorists,” said the president in his opening remark at the 64th military anniversary ceremony.

Terrorism, said President Yudhoyono, is proved to tantamount the purity, to disgrace the nation, to damage economy and to sacrifice young generation. President Yudhoyono also said that the military should always be ready to conduct missions in peaceful time like border security, fight against terrorism and natural disaster mitigation.

“They should be active in the mitigation as Indonesia is risky to natural disasters. That’s why the military should keep building their capacity so they could be deployed in the disaster areas as soon as possible,” he said, adding that he thanked the military personnel deployed in the earthquake hit areas of West Java, Jambi and West Sumatra. The anniversary commemoration was conducted in a humble ceremony as a form of solidarity for people that suffered from various natural disasters.—Xinhua

Train derails in Thailand, killing at least seven

BANGKOK, 5 Oct—A train from southern province Trang to Bangkok derailed on Monday morning in Hua Hin, killing at least seven passengers and injuring more than 60, Thai media reported.

The accident happened at about 4:45 am at Khaolak station in Hua Hin district, a resort city about 200 kilometers south of Bangkok, with ten of the train’s 15 compartments derailed, said The Nation online. All the seven victims, according to an initial investigation, are female, said the report, adding that about another 61 passengers got injured. The injured passengers were transferred to hospitals nearby.

The train No 84, left Trang at 5:20 pm on Sunday and to arrive in Bangkok at 8:25 am on Monday, was arriving at Khaolak station amidst heavy rains when it derailed. The southern route trains of Thailand were temporarily suspended because of the incident, leaving many passengers stranded.

According to Thai Media Agency, the cause of the accident is not known yet, but it was believed that damaged rails may be cause of the accident. So far there is no report on casualties of foreigners.—Xinhua

State of emergency announced in fire-stricken area in US California

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct—A wildfire was spreading in San Bernardino County near Los Angeles on Sunday, prompting California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to proclaim a state of emergency in the area.

Fanned by wind gusts of up to 40 mph, the so-called Sheep fire has burned over 3,500 acres (about 1,417 hectares), destroyed several homes and caused the mandatory evacuation of residents at the mountain city of Wrightwood about 60 miles (about 96 kilometers), according to the US Forest Service.

A man wearing the Han costume walks on a red carpet in front of the Confucius Temple in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 4 Oct, 2009. —Xinhua

Indonesian police, military asked to synergize in combating terrorism

Tokyo, 5 Oct—Japan sent off two Maritime Self-Defense Force (MSDF) P-3C aircraft on Monday on an antipiracy mission off Somalia to replace two dispatched on 28 May.

The two maritime surveillance planes of the 5th Air Patrol Squadron took off on Monday morning from the Naha base in Okinawa Prefecture and will arrive at Djibouti international airport where they are to be deployed in three or four days.

The surveillance aircraft are expected to begin their patrol mission sometime in mid-October.

On 13 March then Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada ordered the dispatch of two MSDF destroyers on an antipiracy mission off Somalia, marking Japan’s first overseas policing action under the Self-Defense Forces (SDF) law.

Los Angeles, 5 Oct—North America (the United States and Canada combined) has a 10.6 percent rate of premature births, ranking second in the world, according to a report published on Sunday.

The region which has the highest premature birth rate is Africa where more than 85 percent of the world’s premature births occur, said the report from the March of Dimes and other organizations.

The premature birth rate in Africa is about 11.9 percent (four million babies a year), according to the report.

Rates in other regions are: 9.1 percent in Asia; 8.1 percent in Latin America and the Caribbean; 6.4 percent in Oceania (Australia and New Zealand); and 6.2 percent in Europe.

Around the world, 13 million babies are born prematurely each year, almost 10 percent “preemie” babies die within the first months of life, according to the paper.

Premature births account for 9.6 percent of total births, and more than one million born preterm each year, almost 10 percent of total births, and for 28 percent of newborn deaths, the data in a White Paper from the March of Dimes and other organizations found.—Xinhua

People take part in the car-free day event by riding bicycles in Madrid, capital of Spain, on 4 Oct, 2009. The event was held to promote the green lifestyle and ease the traffic jam while 22-kilometer-long roads were closed for bicycles only in central Madrid.—Xinhua

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China Southern Airlines to increase Dhaka-Guangzhou flights

**DHAKA, 5 Oct** — China Southern Airlines will increase the flights for Dhaka-Guangzhou route from once a week to three times a week from 11 Oct, according to the company’s source on Monday.

The flights from Guangzhou to Dhaka are scheduled for Tuesday and on Sunday, and those from Dhaka to Guangzhou on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

According to the company, the increase of flights will attract more Bangladeshi passengers to fly three flights per week. “The lowest price will be 300 US dollars (not including tax) for one return ticket,” he said. Gao said the prices are also selling the tickets three times a week from 11 Oct. According to him, the lowest price will be 300 US dollars (not including tax) for one return ticket, he said. Gao said the increasing of flights for those passengers will be 300 US dollars (not including tax) for one return ticket.

**Egypt’s ‘white gold’ cotton losing its lustre**

**ISHIAS, 5 Oct** — Ahmed Mansur, like many farmers, has long thrilled on Egypt’s famed “white gold” cotton; but with prices uncertain and production costs soaring he is more and more inclined to go “green.”

“Fruit and vegetables make money,” said Mansur, who owns about a hectare (2.5 acres) of land in Ishias, a village northwest of Cairo. Until last year he devoted his farming efforts exclusively to producing cotton. Now only half his lands are cotton fields. The rest are planted with rice and a smattering of other crops, including vegetables.

“I will have to stop growing cotton altogether if prices fall further. Costs are high and harvests are smaller,” he said. The Egyptian cotton crop has shrunk to its lowest level in more than a century and producers are demanding a return to subsidies like those still paid in some other countries.—Internet

1,400-pound bull drags officers down NJ street

Police say a 1,400-pound bull that escaped from a northern New Jersey slaughterhouse dragged officers with a lasso down a street and ran 10 blocks before being captured and sedated. Chief John DeCando, spokesman for Paterson Police’s animal control division, says the bull was being unloaded at ENA Meat Packing Inc when it broke loose just before 8:30 am on Monday.

Police tried to corral the bull by lassoing a rope around the animal’s neck, but it dragged officers down the street instead. DeCando says traffic was light during the bull run. He says the area where the officers were dragged was not residential or near a school.

Officially corralled the animal and DeCando was able to sedate it. No injuries were reported. The bull was returned to the slaughterhouse.

Family dog saves grandma’s life

A 5-year-old pet dog rescued its master, a 70-year-old woman, after she suffered a major heart attack in her home.

The dog, kept by a family in Anshun, Liaoning Province, heard the sound of heavy breathing from the grandmother’s room one night and hurried to her aide where she was seen with her hands over her chest, sweating profusely but unable to speak a word.

The dog then ran throughout the house, barking loudly at other family members and scratching at doors until someone woke up and administered the grandmother medicine.

Had it not been for the dog, she would not have survived, a doctor said later.

Hopes fade for finding survivors

**JAKARTA, 5 Oct** — Chances of finding survivors under earthquake-triggered mudslides and structural ruins in Indonesia’s Sumatra region appeared slimmer on Monday, officials said.

The 7.6 magnitude earthquake that hit Sumatra on Wednesday, and a smaller one that followed on Thursday, killed hundreds of people and trapped thousands of others, officials said.

Padang, the provincial capital and a large port, was the worst hit but outlying areas also suffered heavy damage.

Estimates of the death toll have ranged from about 700 to more than 1,000. Another 3,000 are feared missing.

Aid workers told the BBC they were trying to reach the outlying areas but were being hampered by badly damaged roads.

Men’s-only knitting night a hit at Ohio shop

Call them the Knights of Knitting. One evening each month the Wonder Knit shop in Columbus, Ohio, holds a men’s only knitting night. Shop owner Libby Bruce said she has as many as 15 guys attending her knitting circles. She adds they range in age from college students to older men, both gay and straight.

Bruce told the Columbus Dispatch the guys appreciate the chance to socialize and practice their hobby. But Bruce said that men knitting are a like women knitting, except for a lot of swearing.
The preservation of cultural identity: Shanghai architecture and foreign influences

Thet Han Soe

If you have been to Shanghai, you will notice that the whole city looks no different from New York City or Japan. The whole downtown area of Shanghai is packed with skyscrapers and high-rise buildings. The functional logic and aesthetic composition conveyed in Shanghai buildings are similar to those of buildings of highly industrialized countries. Today, growing foreign influences, such as copy-cat towers, are diminishing the traditional architecture in Shanghai, and the architects are trying their best to preserve its local identity by cooperating between Western values and Chinese elements.

In Shanghai architectural history, the most popular styles were a single detached house with a courtyard, terrace housing with gardens, and villas and linear blocks. Shanghai architecture, an American architect, recalls the situation at that time: “Architects were not paid, buildings changed, designs copied. You really (had) no protection here. China (was) a cowboy place.” That kind of situation led to real estate speculation on a huge scale and resulted in the disappearance of certain values of Chinese architecture.

The “Design Revolution” seems to have taken place in Shanghai around 1995. Enterprises were entertaining the psychological view that the bigger their building, the more powerful they would appear. Shanghai’s ambition to impress the world with its buildings also makes the city crazy about the architectural style. Von Gerkan, founder of Hamburg Company, commented on the way the Shanghaiese hire architects to build high-rise buildings. He noted, “They (Shanghaiese) gave us no instruction. They just told us, ‘Give us ideas for a place like nowhere else in the world.’ ” The freedom with styles and motifs combined with the use of materials helped architects to draw inspirations from foreign cultures.

Although buildings and towns are emerging with such futuristic plans, they cause an urban planning nightmare. In a situation in which the architects attach too much importance to the structures and designs, they cannot pay much attention to the urban sequence and the context for it. Liu, an American architect form a Shanghai Family, claims: “The Chinese want big, and modern. They really have no taste.” Since Shanghai is a mixture of various designs, drawing from every model and every conceivable style, we can find validity in Liu’s claim. His claim also reveals the Shanghai Architectural jumble, mixed with Western and Chinese values.

While the urban development is dramatic with many memorable buildings, Shanghai hosts many design competitions to feed the high demand of future buildings. Because of its openness to other foreign styles and architecture, many overseas architectural firms are taking part in these contests to get commissions for their master plans. Contributing to the growth of Shanghai, some major buildings with outstanding designs by foreign architectural firms include the World Financial Center, the Museum of Science and Technology, the Jin Mao Building, and the Oriental Arts Center. The World Financial Center, an unfinished building, is controversial because a hole in the top of the building is perceived as the rising sun portrayed in the Japanese national flag and the height of the building attempts to gain “the world’s tallest building” title. The Museum of Science and Technology, designed by an American firm, features the spiral form of the structure, which evokes the idea of the revolving universe and Shanghai’s contribution to the advancement of technology. The soaring of the Jin Mao Building combines a metal and glass skin, bearing the general shape of a pagoda adorned with multiple ascending roofs. The Oriental Arts Center project is elegant in the form of a magnolia blossom with the curvilinear volumes of translucent and opaque glass and metals. From these examples, we can see how the foreign architects are incorporating the Chinese features by correlating between the buildings and the traditions.

(To be continued)
Teachers have to improve their skills...

(from page 1) social organizations and parents of students to make sure that every school-age child has access to education, and every student continues education in order that every citizen completes basic education. Simultaneously, it is providing related media equipment and pedagogical aids and practical equipment.

Due to the schools the government has opened in all states and divisions, the number of basic education schools has jumped from 40,679 to 266,000 teachers. At the national level, the average distance between school and a school-age child is now only 1.4 miles, thus accounting for better access to education.

At the higher education level, the government is implementing programmes for human resource development, advanced and a university for computer studies in each of the 24 special development regions. As a result, the youth in the regions have easy access to tertiary education.

Up to now, 2,457 candidates have completed the teacher training courses for holders of honours class degrees and master degrees opened in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State. Fit faculty members are appointed as high school principals through the refresher course for school management to further improve the quality at the high school education level and generate a growing number of outstanding students in respective subjects.

In addition, teachers training institutes and schools have been upgraded to education colleges. From 1998 to date, two education universities and 20 education colleges have produced more than 86,000 teachers and improved the proficiency of more than 176,000 teachers.

Refresher courses were launched subject-wise in 2007-2008 academic year to enable high school teachers to catch up with the newly prescribed international level high school syllabuses. Since then, over 24,000 high school teachers have been trained in the universities in states and divisions and 20 education colleges have produced more than 24,000 high school teachers to help promote the national education standard at the same time, by taking an active role in the National Education Promotion Plan designed to improve the teaching skills at the basic and higher education levels.

In the Myanmar society, teachers are to embody the five fundamental responsibilities of a teacher: to teach, to guide the students, to teach modern knowledge, to safeguard the students against possible dangers, and to show the way to blessings, as well as to adhere to the aphorism of Venerable Monk Manle “He who admonishes students with loving-kindness and compassion whenever they do wrong is a teacher indeed”.

People send their children to school in order that their children become dynamic and cleverer with a sense of etiquette. Therefore, teachers are also under a duty to nurture the youth in order that they will become responsible and reliable citizens with good bhavoirs and self-discipline.

If teachers exert high skills in combination with good-will, taste and sacrifice in nurturing the students, the nation will have enough educated persons capable of helping achieve the goal of building a modern, developed nation. The government and the entire people admire and recognize what teachers have sacrificed in the national interest.

The Secretary-1 concluded his speech, calling for expediting the process for improving the skills of teachers in concert with the government and the people in accordance with the motto “Build the Future : Invest in Teachers now” laid down for 2009 by such UN educational bodies as UNESCO, ILO, UNDP, UNICEF and Education International.

General Secretary of Myanmar UNESCO National Commission and Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages Prof Dr Myo Myint read out the message on World Teachers Day sent by the leaders of five UN agencies. The students of Nay Pyi Taw No 8 BEHS sang a song in commemoration of World Teachers Day.

Director General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win explained education promotion endeavours of four than of Mawlamyine University, retired Prof Daw Kyi Kyin Hla of Yangon University, Yangon Division Education Officer U Aye (Retd) and Deputy Director U Ba Saw of Basic Education Department (Retd) and the brilliant teachers Headmaster U Min Thaung Han of Mudon Township Sarsin Main Road BEPS, Assistant Township Education Officer U Myint Oo of Labutta Township in Ayeyawady Division, Headmaster U San Myint of Kokogon BEMS (Branch) of Thabeikkyin Township Education in Mandalay Division and Headmaster Daw Khin Lay Myint of Sangyoung Township No 2 BEHS in Yangon Division.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presented prizes to the winners of World Teachers Day commemorative article contest (Higher Education Level for teachers) and the winners of World Teachers Day commemorative article contest (High School Education Level for teachers). (See page 9)
Patients undergo free surgery in Bago

**NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—** Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented prizes to the winners of World Teachers Day commemorative essay contest (Middle School Education Level) and the winners of World Teachers Day commemorative essay contest (Primary School Education Level).

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented prizes to the winners of World Teachers Day commemorative essay contest (Middle School Education Level) and the winners of World Teachers Day commemorative poem contest (Education University and Education College Level).

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented prizes to the winners of World Teachers Day commemorative essay contest (High School Education Level) and the winners of World Teachers Day commemorative poem contest (Middle School Education Level).

Afterwards, the students of Nay Pyi Taw No 3 BEMS sang a song in commemoration of World Teachers Day.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted those present and viewed the prize-winning works and the documents showing the education activities of the honorary teachers and outstanding teachers. **MNA**
Workshop on survey of energy efficiency and ASEAN energy held

Nav Pei Taw, 5 Oct
— A workshop on survey of energy efficiency and ASEAN energy was held at Royal Kumudra Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing, departmental heads of the Ministry of Industry-2, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Energy, representatives of Myanmar Engineering Society, Myanmar Industrialists Association, ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) and Energy Conservation Centre of Japan (ECCI) and the Japanese embassy in Yangon.

In his opening speech, the deputy minister said that efforts will be made to reduce energy expenses on productivity. As the experts from ACE and ECCI and resource persons of ASEAN countries would be reading their papers and share their experiences here, the workshop would yield good results, he noted.

Next, Director General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department extended greetings and the officials of ACE and ECCJ made speeches. After the opening of workshop, the resource persons read their papers and answered the questions raised. — MNA

New generation engineers visit Japan

Yangon, 5 Oct — Eighteen Myanmar engineers left here for Japan on 3 October as part of Japan East Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme.

During the visit from 3 to 13 October, the new generation engineers of the Myanmar Engineering Society will tour construction projects of buildings, roads and bridges, industries and cultural establishments.

Japan International Corporation Centre (JICE), Myanmar Engineering Society and Japanese embassy in Yangon jointly arranged the excursion trip under JENESYS programme.

The 18-member delegation was led by General-Secretary of the MES U Aung Mynt, Joint General-Secretary and leader of the new generation engineers group U Myant Pe.

Eighteen members delegation of MES seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Japan. — MNA

Salin Township turns green with agricultural farms

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A wooden religious edifice in Magyeegan Village in the north of Salin Township.

U Hla Htut, Chairman of Salin Township Peace and Development Council.

plastic bags are very common, but local people use only lily leaves to package materials such as meat, fish and groceries. We use wetland plants to wrap up the packages of materials. Now, I am 59, and here that tradition has been preserved longer than my lifetime.”

In an interview, Chairman U Hla Htut of the township Peace and Development Council said, “This year, we have a target of 82,559 acres of monsoon paddy. Up to this August, we have grown 55,169 acres of monsoon paddy. We will complete ploughing paddy fields in September.”

He said that last year, the township put 61,560 acres under monsoon paddy, and 19,233 acres under summer paddy; and that of sufficiency of rice was 136.40 per cent and that of edible oil, 437 per cent.

We also visited Tanyaung River Water Pumping Station near Laytayon Village which supplies water to grow crops and helps green the region. Staff Officer U Ye Min Tun of the station said that the station pumped water from the ox-bow lake of the Ayeyawady River and supplied water to nearby farmlands with 5.5-foot diameter pipelines; and that due to the station, Tanyaung, Sihswe, Zeebyubin, Nattat and Okshitkon village-tracts grow 4300 acres of monsoon paddy, and 700 acres of summer paddy.

At the invitation of Chairman U Aung Ngwe Soe of Tanyaung Village-tract PDC and U Zaw Hsan Htay of Sihswe Village-tract, we visited the monsoon paddy farm. When interviewed, farmer U San Moe said, “I grow seven acres of Manawthukha strain paddy as monsoon paddy. Last summer, I grew three and a half acres of summer paddy, and per acre yield was nearly 100 baskets. So, I made a good profit from the summer paddy field.”

When asked if he had grown paddy in the past, he said, “We had to rely on rainwater to grow peas and sesame, let alone paddy. We did not get enough water for our farms, so the per acre yields of crops were very low. But, now due to Tanyaung River Water Pumping Station, we can grow crops all year round, and we can boost per acre yields of peas, sesame and other crops.”

Farmer U Naing Win said, “I am from Sihswe Village. That is the farm our parents inherited me. They grew groundnut, sesame and pigeon pea. In 2005 in which the station began to supply water, I tried growing monsoon paddy, and per acre yield was very satisfactory. From that time on, I have grown both monsoon and summer paddy every year. This year, I grow five acres of Manawthukha strain paddy. Previously, I sold groundnut and sesame and bought rice to consume. Now, I can grow paddy in addition to groundnut and sesame, so I thank the government for the project.”

Overall, Salin Township is enjoying cumulative development.

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Only licensed agencies can guarantee overseas job

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—

The government of the Union of Myanmar had not only created job opportunities at home but also approved the overseas labour law for those seeking overseas job.

According to the law, the Ministry of Labour issued licenses to the qualified overseas employment services companies for the purpose of carrying out their services such as recruiting and sending labourers abroad with the permission of the government.

The licensed overseas employment services companies are to stand for the workers in following employment contracts by employers. If there are any losses in the right of employee, they are to contact foreign employer and try to get the complete opportunity. They are not allowed to ask for additional service charges than limited by the law and to hand over the license.

The employees may have the guarantee only if they contact the licensed companies.

Those without license and brokers persuade the job seekers, recruit and send them abroad unlawfully. The workers faced many difficulties without guarantee in foreign countries. Sometimes, they were trafficked. So, those who seek overseas jobs should hunt the jobs through the overseas employment agencies licensed by the Ministry of Labour.

The list of reliable agencies can be available at the township labour exchange offices under the Labour Department. — MNA

Licensed employment agencies supervised in sending workers abroad

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—

Under the arrangement of the officials from Myanmar and Malaysia to provide assistance to Myanmar labourers facing difficulties in Malaysia, departmental officials welcomed a first batch of 49 labourers who arrived back Myanmar from Malaysia by flight No 8 M 302, said the newspapers issued in the country on 4 September.

Regarding the above incident, the 11th batch of 50 labourers returned from Malaysia on 2 October. A number of labourers returning from Malaysia were 447 up to date. Most of them were from Taninthayi coastal region and they illegally entered Malaysia by land and by sea route, it is learnt.

Only a little of them were from the central part of Myanmar and Yangon. Although they went to Malaysia by air, they had no passport and related documents they entrusted to their employers because they changed work of their own desire and in this way, they became illegal labourers.

The world financial crisis hit Malaysia as well and thus it cut number of labourers. Only illegal labourers and those who had no passports were arrested in Malaysia. Now, the Ministry of Labour is supervising licensed employment agencies enabling them to send labourers to foreign countries by seeking guaranteed job offers from foreign employers under the agreement between the employer and employee. — MNA

Hong Kong to auction “Butterflies” of Damien Hirst

Hong Kong, 5 Oct—

A monumental work by British artist Damien Hirst from his highly acclaimed “Butterfly” series is set to be sold in a modern and contemporary art auction in Hong Kong on Wednesday, the Seoul Auction said on Monday.

Born in 1965, Hirst is one of the world’s most famous and commercially successful contemporary artists. He created “The Importance of Elsewhere”, the Kingdom of Heaven” in 2006 by using thousands of live butterflies on a dark blue canvas surface to form a beautiful “window”. It is expected to fetch over 18 million HK dollars (2.3 million US dollars) in the upcoming sale.

“Quiescence”, another piece by Hirst, sold for 13.37 million HK dollars (1.71 million US dollars) in May, which became the most expensive work by the artist ever sold at auctions in Asia, said the managing director Ms. Misung Shim of the auction house.
Pelvic exercise helps incontinence

CHICAGO, 5 Oct—US researchers say pelvic floor muscle exercises can help manage urinary incontinence in older women.

The study finds improvement reported by 83 percent of the women who underwent a supervised chair-based six-weeklong exercise programme focused on identifying, isolating and strengthening muscles that support the pelvic area — the transversus abdominis, the corset-like swath of muscles that wraps around the abdomen; the multifidus, which extends along the back of the trunk; and the pelvic floor muscles, which form a sling to hold up internal organs like the bladder.

No statistically significant improvements were reported by women in the control group who received no treatment.

Future doctors advise future patients

DALLAS, 5 Oct—Third-year medical students are talking to elementary school children about the importance of eating five servings of fruits and vegetables daily to Dallas Independent School district students in third, fourth and fifth grade. “We want to get the kids to select fruits and vegetables,” the programme developer, Dr Linda Michalsky, said in a statement. “Research has shown that children who eat a healthy, balanced diet with a variety of fruits, vegetables, meats and dairy products become adults who do the same. While a single programme may not cause immediate behavior change, hearing a consistent message will help.”

The Power Point presentation takes about 20 minutes. The elementary school students receive an electronic clicker at the beginning of the presentation so they can answer a half-dozen multiple-choice questions, much like the television game show “Who Wants to be a Millionaire.”

The answers are tracked in real time to measure whether students grasp a concept and whether they intend to eat more produce, the researchers said.
Glucose awareness helps diabetics most

**Dallas, 5 Oct**—Patients with diabetes in Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore and Washington all benefited from blood sugar self-monitoring, researchers said.

The study, published in *The Diabetes Educator,* found self-testing before and after specific events helped patients who had diabetes but were not being treated with insulin make better health and food choices as they learned what worked for them in terms of food choices, exercise and scheduling.

“Although the utility of self-monitoring of blood glucose in non-insulin-treated type 2 diabetes remains controversial, a recent report from the International Diabetes Federation recommends self-monitoring of blood glucose use in this population if it is used to educate/motivate individuals and/or monitor and adjust therapy,” the study authors said in a statement.

The study authors suggest patients would be helped if healthcare providers developed strategies to incorporate self-monitoring of blood glucose in treatment.

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**US study pinpoints gene controlling number of brain cells**

**Washington, 5 Oct**—In populating the growing brain, neural stem cells must strike a delicate balance between two key processes — proliferation, in which the cells multiply to provide plenty of starting materials — and differentiation, in which those materials evolve into functioning neurons. If the stem cells proliferate too much, they could grow out of control and produce a tumor. If they proliferate too little, there may not be enough cells to become the billions of neurons of the brain.

Researchers at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill School of Medicine reported on Sunday that they have now found that this critical balance rests in large part on a single gene, called GSK-3. The finding suggests that GSK-3 controls the signals that determine how many neurons actually end up composing the brain. It also has important implications for patients with neuropsychiatric illnesses, as links have recently been drawn between GSK-3 and schizophrenia, depression and bipolar disorder.

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**Vietnam confirms two more deaths of A/H1N1 influenza**

**HANOI, 5 Oct**—Vietnam’s health authorities confirmed on Monday two women in southern province of Ca Mau died of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the total number of deaths in the country to 18.

Of the two patients, one was 25, was 24 weeks pregnant. She was admitted to the Ca Mau Childbirth Hospital on 22 Sept. As the patient showed flu-like symptoms, doctors started showing flu-like symptoms on 24 Sept, said a representative for the A/H1N1 influenza.

Another patient was a 47-year-old woman. She was admitted to the Ca Mau General Hospital to treat her as a A/H1N1 patient. The sample was tested positive for the A/H1N1 influenza.

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**Twenty newly-married couples attend a group wedding, which is one of the series activities of the 2009 China Yichun Moon Cultural Festival, on the Mingyue Mountain in Yichun, east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 4 Oct, 2009. —Xinhua**

**Hospitalists may reduce time in hospitals**

**Chicago, 5 Oct**—High-risk surgery patients experienced shorter hospital stays when seen by internists trained in managing medical complications, US researchers found.

Lead author Dr Michael Pinzur, a professor at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, and colleagues tracked 86 high-risk surgical patients who were co-managed by hospitalists — physicians who care for the patient in place of the patient’s primary care physician while the patient is in a hospital.

The hospitalist coordinates and oversees care of the patient’s medical problems, and is the contact person for the family.

The researchers calculated the ratio of how long a patient stayed compared with how long such a patient would be expected to stay at a major teaching hospital.

A ratio lower than 1.0 means the patient had a shorter-than-expected stay, Pinzur said.

Before the co-management programme of hospitalists and surgeons, patients had a length-of-stay ratio of 0.86. After the programme began, the ratio dropped to 0.69.

The study, published in the journal *Orthopedics,* found hospitalist patients stayed an average of 3.8 days, compared with an expected stay of 5.5 days.

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**Study finds 231 new genes associated with head and neck cancer**

**Washington, 5 Oct**—US researchers have identified 231 new genes associated with head and neck cancer, one of the most deadly cancers responsible for 2.1 percent of all cancer deaths in the United States, according to results from a study, which were presented on Sunday at the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery Foundation’s annual meeting in San Diego.

Previously, only 33 genes were reported associated with head and neck cancer.

“These new genes should advance selection of head and neck-specific gene targets, opening the door to promising new molecular strategies for the early detection and treatment of head and neck cancer,” says study lead author Maria J Worsham, director of research in the Department of Otolaryngology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. “It also may offer the opportunity to help monitor disease progression and a patient’s response to treatment.”

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**Residents use foot bridge to keep their feet dry as some areas remain under floodwater in this aerial picture on 5 Oct, 2009 in Angono town in eastern Manila, Philippines.**
Sevilla beats Real Madrid to give emotion to the Spanish title race

MADRID, 5 Oct—Goals from Jesus Navas and Renato gave Sevilla a thrilling win at home to Real Madrid to ensure the battle for the Primera Liga title is not a two horse race between Madrid and Barcelona so early in the season. The win puts Sevilla level on points with Real Madrid and three points behind league leaders FC Barcelona.

Had Madrid won, the big two in Spain would have already been six points clear of their nearest rivals, but Sevilla made it clear from the start that it is a side to be taken seriously. The team that finished third in Spain last year dominated the first half in the Sanchez Pizjuan stadium and had it not been for an outstanding display from Madrid keeper Iker Casillas, who pulled off several outstanding saves, Manolo Jimenez’s impressive side would have won by a greater margin.

 Sporting

Ancelotti’s Chelsea take title initiative

LONDON, 5 Oct—Carlo Ancelotti has warned Manchester United that the destiny of the Premier League is in Chelsea’s hands after the Blues went back to the top of the table with a 2-0 win over Liverpool.Ancelotti’s team took advantage of United’s 2-2 draw against Sunderland by overpowering the Reds at Stamford Bridge thanks to second half goals from Nicolas Anelka and Florent Malouda.

Chelsea are two points clear of second placed United and six points ahead of Liverpool, leaving the title momentum firmly with the west Londoners going into the international break. Ancelotti admitted he was surprised to see United drop points at Old Trafford and he is convinced Chelsea can win the title if they remain focused on their own game.

“Our result was a surprise for sure but we want to stay concentrated on our own season,” Ancelotti said. “This season depends only on us. We’re top of the table and we prepare for the next game with concentration and determination. “It was three points against a very good team and I’m happy. Our aim is to lose only one game. We’ve lost that. I’m satisfied, for sure, when we win. But also when we play well.”

Mexican Ochoa defends LPGA Navistar titles

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—World number one Lorena Ochoa of Mexico defended the LPGA Navistar Classic title in Prattville, Alabama on Sunday.Ochoa lifted her third title of the season by defeating Americans Michelle Wie and Brittany Lang by four strokes each.

Ochoa, 27, began the day with a three-stroke edge, fired a final-round 70 to finish 72 holes in 18 under-par 270.Yani Tseng of Chinese Taiwan and Britain’s Janice Moodie shared fourth on 275 with Sweden’s Maria Hjorth and American Beth Bader sharing sixth on 276.

Arsenal hit Rovers for six

LONDON, 5 Oct—Arsene Wenger believes Arsenal are capable of mounting a sustained challenge for the Premier League title this season after his side routed Blackburn 6-2 at the Emirates Stadium.Wenger became Arsenal’s longest serving manager on Thursday with 13 years service and Sunday’s eye-catching display was the ideal way to mark the anniversary of his arrival in north London.

The Gunners, without a trophy since 2005, were widely written off as title also-rans in pre-season following Wenger’s decision not to spend big to replace Emmanuel Adebayor and Kolo Toure after their departure. But their hosts played almost an hour with 10 men and a numerical advantage. It was also only Milan’s fourth goal in seven league matches in which the struggling giants have managed just two wins.

Ronaldinho rescues point for Milan as Juventus crash

ROMA, 5 Oct—Substitute Ronaldinho popped up seven minutes from time to salvage a point for AC Milan in a 1-1 draw at 10-man Atalanta on Sunday but their hosts played almost an hour with 10 men and it took the seven-time European champions 45 minutes to break down their lowly opponents with a numerical advantage. It was also only Milan’s fourth goal in seven league matches in which the struggling giants have managed just two wins.

Serena says she’s a fighter, after US Open debacle

BEIJING, 5 Oct—US tennis superstar Serena Williams on Sunday declined comment about an ongoing probe into her abusive outburst at the US Open, but said she loved the game and would not give up her fighting spirit. Williams has apologised and been fined 10,500 dollars for her profanity-laced tirade at a line judge during her semifinal at Flushing Meadows, which cost her the match against eventual champion Kim Clijsters.

But the 11-time Grand Slam champion’s actions remain under investigation by the Grand Slam Committee and could result in greater fines or suspension from future Grand Slam events. “The moment happened. And I felt like I ended great, I ended up winning doubles,” with sister Venus, Williams told reporters after her first round win at the China Open, her first tournament since the incident in New York.

Djokovic advances easily in China Open

BEIJING, 5 Oct—Serbia’s Novak Djokovic opened his China Open campaign with a straight sets win over Romania’s Victor Hanesu on Monday, as the men’s main draw got under way at the 6.6-million-dollar mixed event.

Djokovic, the number two seed in Beijing, dropped his serve once early in the match but quickly worked his jitters to take control, winning 6-3, 7-5.The 22-year-old Serb, ranked fourth in the world, mixed up his two-handed topspin and slice backhands to keep Hanesu on the back foot, and earned some easy points with 10 aces.

Sharapova getting back to her best

TOKYO, 5 Oct—Maria Sharapova says she is getting back to her best and enjoying herself after a long injury lay-off that forced her out of top 10 for the first time since July 2004. “As far as being back onto the court and playing tennis and hitting a tennis ball with a tennis racket, I say, I went out of the tunnel,” said Sharapova after regaining the Pan Pacific Open title on Saturday that she last won in 2005.

“Because that was taken away from me for a long period of time. It’s a big part of your life and it was taken away.” It’s a strange feeling, but you’ve got to do everything you can get out of the situation, to be back in life, enjoy what you love. I’m back on the court, I’m playing again, I’m competing,” said the Russian. In October last year, Sharapova had an operation on her right shoulder and then pulled out of the Australian Open in January with the same injury. She only returned to action in May.—Internet

Arsenal’s Dutch Robin van Persie (R) vies with Blackburn Rovers Pascal Chamhonda during a Premier League match at the Emirates Stadium in London, on 4 October.—INTERNET

Internet

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An internet search for “Sevilla beats Real Madrid” revealed the following articles:

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7. Serena says she’s a fighter, after US Open debacle
8. Sharapova getting back to her best

These articles provide comprehensive coverage of the key events and challenges faced by the teams and players mentioned in the text. The articles are well-written and informative, providing detailed analysis and commentary on the latest developments in the world of sports.
Turkey to invest $450 mln in oil exploration in Black Sea

ANKARA, 5 Oct—Turkey’s Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said on Monday that Turkey would make an investment of around 450 million U.S. dollars in oil exploration in the Black Sea, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Yildiz said a giant offshore oil platform will set off from Norway this month and is expected to arrive in Turkey’s northern coast in mid-December.

He said the oil exploration work will be launched in the Black Sea as part of the cooperation with Brazil’s Petrobras.

In April 2009, Turkey’s TPAO and Brazil’s Petrobras, two state-owned petroleum companies, inked an agreement for the exploration of oil in the Black Sea.

Yildiz said oil drilling work with Petrobras will last for about two or three years and end up with considerable amounts of oil reserves.—Xinhua

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Steam bilsows from cooling towers at a nuclear power generating station in Illinois. Denmark’s climate minister predicted that a UN summit in Copenhagen in December would not reach a global climate accord without the backing of the United States to aggressively cut greenhouse gas emissions.—INTERNET

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**WEATHER**

Monday, 5th October, 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 scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Mon State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Sagain Division and isolated heavyfalls in Chin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawlin (4.88) inches, Butalin (4.25) inches, Kalay (3.86) inches, Falaman (3.50) inches, Pinlebu (3.42) inches, Minkin (2.95) inches, Hakha (2.91) inches, Kani (2.84) inches, Sittway (2.64) inches, Mindat (2.59) inches, Maungla and Yimmarmg (2.52) inches each, Palai (2.29) inches, Chaungoo (2.26) inches, Kyunthla (2.25) inches, Wountho (2.13) inches and PyinOoLwin (1.81) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-10-2009 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 5-10-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hr MST on 5-10-2009 was 93%. Total sun shine hours on 4-10-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 5-10-2009 was (0.32) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.36) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (107.80) inches at Mingaladon, (119.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (124.45) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (15:30) hrs MST on 4-10-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 6th October 2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Rakhine States and Bago Division, scattered in Kachin and Kayah States, Magway Upper Sagain and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. 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 Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-10-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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**TV Myanmar**

Tuesday, 6 October

View on today

7:00 am 1. Morning News - 392053

7:15 am 2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:25 am 3. Morning News

7:40 am 4. Myanmar Modern Song

8:00 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am 6. Updating News

8:45 am 8. The Mirror Images

9:00 am 9. Myanmar Modern Song

9:20 am 3. Dance of National

9:40 am 4. Nice & Sweet Song

10:00 am 5. The Mirror Images

10:20 am 6. Myanmar Modern Song

10:40 am 7. Song for Uphold National Spirit

11:00 am 8. “gallery”

11:20 am 9. Myanmar Modern Song

11:40 am 14. Editor's Choice

12:00 noon 15. “gallery”

12:40 pm 16. News

1:00 pm 17. International News

1:20 pm 19. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

2:00 pm 20. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

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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

Salin Township turns green with agricultural farms

Salin Township in Minbu District, Magway Division, is 405 miles from Yangon and 245 miles from Mandalay. A large number of religious edifices such as pagodas, temples, caves and monasteries and geographical features in Salin Township reveal that it used to be an administrative seat in the time of Myanmar monarchs.

Salin Township is surrounded by the Ayeyawady River, and Chauk and Yenangyoung townships in the east, Sedoktara Township in the west, Pwintbyu Township in the south and Saw and Seikphyu townships in the north. The township has many plains, but highlands in its west part.

The township sees plains with large farmlands where the Salin Creek flows in the west; and the Mwe, Tharu, Paung and Kantaw creeks, in the south.

By Salin-Sedoktara Road and near the signboard to the township is Wetthe Lake with a diameter of around three miles. The whole lake is covered by lotus flowers. I saw many people in their boats collecting lotus leaves and flowers and holiday makers doing activities on the embankment for recreation.

I interviewed branch clerk U Aye Ko, a local. (See page 10)