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- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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MMA opens 14th medical conference on specialized subjects

YANGON, 8 Oct—The Myanmar Medical Association opened the 14th medical conference on specialized subjects for 2009 at Traders Hotel on Sale Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and officials concerned of the ministry, executives of the MMA (Central), specialists of respective subjects, post-graduate students and resource persons.

First, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo made an opening speech on the occasion. Next, Chairman of the MMA Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing and Chairman of the committee for holding medical conference Dr Chit Soe made speeches on the occasion.

Afterwards, five medical experts talked on New Influenza A(H1N1) Pandemic 2009 of their points of view at the main symposium.

The resource persons read out 12 diseases, preventions and treatments at the symposium and they replied to the queries raised by those present.

The medical conference continues up to 11 October and a total of 23 booths from drug companies, symposiums and research paper reading sessions are on display. In addition, the role of sports will also be discussed on the last day of the conference.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo makes speech at 14th medical conference on specialized subjects.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name  
(a) U Tint Lwin  
General Manager  
Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs  
(b) U Than Win  
Deputy Director-General  
Director-General  
Office of Central Trade Dispute Committee  
Ministry of Labour

Appointment  
Managing Director  
Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs  
Director-General  
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Ministry of Labour

1st ISD Men’s Hockey Tournament goes on

YANGON, 8 Oct—Jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Hockey Federation, the 1st Inter-State/Division Men’s Hockey Tournament continued at Theinbyu Hockey Pitch, here, yesterday.

In the competitions, Yangon Division beat Rakhine State 1-0; Ayeyawady Division played a 2-2 draw against Bago Division; and Sagaing Division trounced Shan State 8-1.

Tomorrow, Shan State (North) will play against Yangon Division; Ayeyawady Division will compete with Mandalay Division; and Mon State will meet with Bago Division.

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Eight wounded in grenade explosion in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 8 Oct — Eight people were wounded in a grenade explosion in northern Lebanon’s port city of Tripoli on Wednesday, the country’s official news agency reported. The explosion took place on Wednesday’s evening at al-Ashkar Cafe in Tripoli’s Jabil Mohsen neighbourhood. Among the eight injured, one is in serious condition. It is still unclear who is responsible for the incident. Recent days have seen unstable security situation in Lebanon. A bloody street fight broke out on Tuesday night, leaving one dead and four injured in Beirut’s southern suburb Ain al-Rammaneh. Ain al-Rammaneh is probably Beirut’s most famous neighbourhood, as Lebanon’s 15-year civil war broke out in 1975 here. Security source said the fighting was between Ain al-Rammaneh’s mostly Christian residents and people from neighbouring Shiyah, a predominantly Shiite neighbourhood that is part of Dahiyeh, the Hezbollah stronghold in Beirut’s southern suburbs.

Car bomb kills at least 12 in Afghan capital

KABUL, 8 Oct — A powerful car bomb exploded outside the Indian Embassy in the busy center of Afghanistan’s capital on early Thursday, killing at least 12 civilians, destroying vehicles and blowing off the walls of shops, officials said. At least 48 people, including members of Afghan security forces, were wounded in the attack, which struck a shop-lined road between the Indian Embassy and the Interior Ministry, said Health Ministry spokesman Ahmad Farid Raad, spokesman for the Health Ministry. The blast hit shortly after 8:30 am, just as residents were arriving to work. It shattered glass and rattled buildings more than a mile (kilometre) away. A huge brown plume of smoke was visible in the air as ambulances raced to the scene and carried away the wounded.

French Navy seizes mistaken Somali pirates

PARIS, 8 Oct — French Navy seized five Somali pirates on Tuesday night who attacked a navy vessel, the defence ministry said on Wednesday. French Navy vessel Le Somme, a 3800-tonne Indian Ocean fleet flagship was mistakenly attacked by two boats of pirates during its cruise on Indian Ocean but no one was injured. After the pirates discovered what they were firing was no commercial ship but navy vessel, the defence ministry said a 3800-tonne refueling ship, was mistakenly attacked by two boats of pirates during its cruise on Indian Ocean but no one was injured. After the pirates discovered what they were firing was no commercial ship but navy vessel, the defence ministry said a 3800-tonne refueling ship, was mistakenly attacked by two boats of pirates during its cruise on Indian Ocean but no one was injured.

Four killed in gun battle in Afghan south

KANDAHAR, 8 Oct — Four people were killed in southwestern Afghanistan on Wednesday in a gun battle between the Taliban and Afghan security forces, officials said. The officials said the gun battle between the Taliban and the Afghan security forces continued for hours on a road leading from Kandahar town to the southern Helmand province. The officials said the gun battle between the Taliban and the Afghan security forces continued for hours on a road leading from Kandahar town to the southern Helmand province.

Syria, Saudi Arabia stress Arab unity

DAMASCUS, 8 Oct — Unity is most important for the Arab world in the face of increasing challenges and risks against the region, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said on a Syrian-Saudi summit talks in Damascus on Wednesday. The remarks also included a call for unity among Arab states, which was echoed by Saudi Arabia. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad (L, front) hosts a welcoming ceremony for visiting Saudi King Abdullah at al-Shaаб palace in Damascus, capital of Syria, on 7 Oct, 2009. King Abdullah is on a two-day visit to Syria. — Xinhua

French Secretary of State for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Ashton lxposed a statement following talks with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Paris on July 27, 2009. Clinton and Ashton said the two countries would work closely to support the US strategy in Afghanistan. Ashton said both countries would support the US strategy in Afghanistan and would work closely to support the US mission there. Ashton said the US mission in Afghanistan would not be narrowed down to just hunting al-Qaeda leaders, as the US TV and wire reports on Wednesday. Ashton also said she was happy to see the US strategy in Afghanistan and would continue to support the US mission there. Ashton said the US mission in Afghanistan would not be narrowed down to just hunting al-Qaeda leaders.
Terminals at US airport briefly closed due to false security alert

HOUSTON, 8 Oct — Three terminals at an airport in the US state of Texas were temporarily shut down on Wednesday evening due to a false security alert triggered by a passenger trying to catch a flight, airport officials said.

A passenger who was trying to make a connecting flight at Bush International Airport, in Houston, went the wrong way and was headed down the escalator to the area near the security checkpoint, airport officials said. When the man realized he made a mistake, he turned around and tried to run up the down escalator, which triggered a security breach alert.

Three terminals were shut down while the man was questioned by airport security. Passengers were not allowed to board or exit and arriving and departing flights were delayed.

The shutdown lasted for approximately 20 minutes before operations returned to normal, officials said.

Cambodia hosts int’l meeting on global economic crisis

PHNOM PENH, 8 Oct — Cambodia hosts a three-day meeting on Thursday in Cambodia’s northern province of Siem Reap, focusing on global economic crisis.

A statement released by Cambodian Center for Study and Development in Agriculture (CEDAC) said the annual forum’s theme for this year is “Overcoming the Global Financial and Economic Crisis: The Rule of Law as the Key to Economic Freedom,” which is devoted to the topic of dealing with the global economic crisis.

“We need to understand them to see which reforms are needed. We also need to guard against those who use the crisis as a pretext for furthering their own ideological agenda,” the statement said.

“We will try to explore how to bridge the gap between people’s clamor for action and protection of their economic crisis. Otherwise we risk wasting valuable time and resources,” the statement said.

Brookings researchers warn of more flight delays

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — Long-haul airline delays are twice as common now as in 1990 and will get worse as the economy recovers, according to a Brookings Institution report released on Thursday.

The researchers said much of the problem is due to heavy concentrations of short trips between big cities, but they also cited an “ill-equipped” air traffic control system and other factors.

They suggested increasing high-speed rail service to offer travelers alternatives to short flights.

Asia stocks rise modestly as company earnings eyed

HONG KONG, 8 Oct — Asian stock markets were modestly higher as investors eyed earnings from major companies for clues about the health of the global economy.

The moderate advance came after a mixed finish on Wall Street, where traders were reluctant to place major bets ahead of quarterly reports from US companies.

European rates set to stay at record lows

LONDON, 8 Oct — Europe’s two leading central banks are expected to keep interest rates unchanged on Thursday and damp down any talk that borrowing costs will soon rise in the wake of a surprise rate hike by Australia’s central bank to lift rates.

Analysts say the European Central Bank, which controls monetary policy for the 16 countries that use the euro, and Britain’s Bank of England will keep benchmark interest rates unchanged at historic lows of 1 percent and 0.5 percent. Unlike Australia, the eurozone and British economies remain in recession, though upcoming figures may show a modest pickup in growth over the final three months of 2009.

In contrast, the Reserve Bank of Australia felt able to lift its main interest rate by a quarter percentage point to 3.25 percent amid mounting inflation concerns and a strong rebound in growth. Rate hikes are bankers’ chief weapon against inflation, low rates are used to spur growth in recessions. And The International Monetary Fund says it expects only 0.3 percent for the eurozone next year.

Even that would be welcome after a massive 4.2 percent slump in 2009 as exports, particularly from Germany, dwindled.

China’s Three Gorges Dam sees record Autumn Festival

YICHANG, 8 Oct — The Three Gorges Dam, the world’s largest hydro-project, has received a record of 82,000 tourists during the first seven days of the National Day holiday, local tourism company said on Wednesday. The holiday is usually a week-long golden week. But this year it is extended to eight days as the Mid-Autumn Festival, also a public holiday, fell on 3 Oct.

Xu Ting, manager of the marketing department of the Yangtze River Three Gorges Tourism Development Co, said the number of tourists would climb to 88,000 as the holiday ends on Thursday.

In this photo taken on 26 Sept, 2009, Nissan Motor Co’s Land Glider electric vehicle is demonstrated for 41st Tokyo Motor Show at a Nissan technical design center in Atsugi, near Tokyo, Japan. The Land Glider tilts from side to side, sashaying into curves by up to a 17-degree angle, as though showing off in a fashion statement that it’s zero-emissions.
UN launches online training course to fight terrorism

**United Nations, 8 Oct**—The United Nations crime-fighting agency and its partners have launched a six-week online training course to provide member states with crucial technical assistance for strengthening judicial and police cooperation against terrorism. UN officials said here on Wednesday.

“In today’s world, terrorism knows no borders,” the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said in a statement. “Criminals carry out their illicit activities by moving from one country to another or by operating on several national territories. As a result, in an increasingly interdependent world, no state alone can deal effectively with terrorism.”

“Cooperation between states to prevent and suppress acts of terrorism today is crucial. States must provide prompt and effective assistance to each other to effectively address the terrorist threat,” the statement said, adding that UNODC is being partnered by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the Diplo Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Malta.

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**Flash flood hits Indonesia’s Central Sulawesi**

**Jakarta, 8 Oct** — A flash flood on Thursday morning hit Tolioli city in Indonesia’s Central Sulawesi province, leaving thousands of residents’ houses inundated, according to Antara news agency’s report. The city is paralyzed by the flood, which is half a meter deep and even up to a house roof in some areas.

The worst-hit area is at Aona Street compound in Tulewe village with hundreds of houses and public facilities inundated. Residents living around the Tulewe River have been evacuated. But they had no time to save their property because of the sudden swollen river.

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**Egypt demands France returning stolen relics**

**Paris, 8 Oct**—Egypt is demanded by Egypt to return relics on display in Paris’ Louvre Museum, and it is ready to do that if theft got proved. French culture minister said on Wednesday. The culture ministry’s special meeting on Friday issues returning ruling, “the ministry is ready to restitute the relics to the Egyptian authorities without delay,” Frederic Mitterrand said in a statement. Egypt on Wednesday accused Louvre Museum of exhibiting its stolen antiquities, and alleged a suspension of all cooperation with the museum unless the relics are returned, according to the France 24 radio.

Though some French source claimed the museum regained these relics through legal buying, a member of Egypt’s diplomatic mission Assistant Superintendent of Police Mohd Jamil Osman said that preliminary report showed that the fire involved the office and storage areas. However, no injuries were reported, added Jamil. He also said that police had not received reports from RMN in Lumut.

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**Biggest landing craft of Malaysian Navy on fire**

**Kuala Lumpur, 8 Oct**—The KD Seri Indrapura, the Royal Malaysian Navy’s (RMN) largest landing craft, caught fire at the RMN base jetty at Ipoh in the state of Perak, local media reported here on Thursday. It was reported that the incident took place at 6 am on Thursday and efforts are still being poured in to extinguish the fire.

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**French Navy recovers body of jet pilot in Mediterranean**

**Paris, 8 Oct**—The French Navy has recovered the body of a jet pilot killed in a training accident last month, the navy said in a statement.

The body of navy pilot Francois Duflot was recovered from his Rafale fighter jet in the Mediterranean Sea about 35 km off the southern French coast on Monday, the navy said. Duflot was killed when two Rafale jets plunged into the Mediterranean on their way back to the aircraft carrier after a test flight on 24 Sept. The other pilot was rescued shortly after the accident.

Investigators believe the jets collided but a cause of the mishap has not yet been officially determined. The jets, manufactured by France’s Dassault Aviation, have never been sold overseas but are being considered for a deal with Brazil.
7.8 magnitude earthquake and tsunami warning cause panic in Vanuatu

PORT VILA, 8 Oct — A magnitude 7.8 earthquake, which struck northwest of the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu and triggered tsunami warning, caused panic in the island of Espiritu Santo.

The epicenter of the quake was 295 km north-northwest of Luganville in Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu at a depth of 35 km, at 09:03 am on Thursday local time (22:03 GMT Wednesday).

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center issued a regional tsunami warning and watch for parts of the Pacific, which caused panic in Vanuatu with schools in Espiritu Santo closed.

There were reports that people on Espiritu Santo were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected. So far, there were no reports of damage caused by the earthquake. In latest development, the affected. So far, there were no reports of damage were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected. So far, there were no reports of damage were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected. So far, there were no reports of damage were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected. So far, there were no reports of damage were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected. So far, there were no reports of damage were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected. So far, there were no reports of damage were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected. So far, there were no reports of damage were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected. So far, there were no reports of damage were running for higher ground. Businesses were also affected.

Strong winds cause damage in New York City

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — Strong winds on Wednesday caused some damage in New York City, leaving thousands of homes without power. No injuries were reported so far.

The New York National Weather Service said that it has gotten reports of some wind gusts of up to 50 miles (about 80 kilometers) per hour.

The New York Department of Buildings is urging property owners, builders, and contractors to take necessary precautions. Meanwhile, some 11,000 homes and businesses in upstate New York are temporarily without power after thunderstorms and strong winds rolled through the region.

How a tsunami occurs

Xinhua

Graphic showing how tsunamis are generated by large earthquakes. Vanuatu, Fiji, Tuvalu and New Caledonia sounded sirens and evacuated coastal areas after a 7.8 quake struck off Vanuatu at 9:03 am (2203 GMT), followed by a 7.1 tremor 10 minutes later, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said. Internet

Love between German and Pole survives Iron Curtain

For five decades, she kept his picture in her wallet — a black-and-white snapshot of a handsome young Polish man with brooding eyes.

The unlikely love story of Elvira Profe and Fortunat Mackiewicz began in the chaotic aftermath of World War II, as Poland’s borders were redrawn by the victorious Allies and millions of Germans were expelled.

It blossomed even as their people seethed with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured seething with mutual hate and endured.

Heap of dust, whale skull up for Turner Prize

A heap of dust made from the remains of an atomised passenger jet engine and a sperm whale skull are among the works by artists nominated for a top prize on show at an exhibition from Monday. The pieces by nominees for the Turner Prize went on display at Tate Britain in London ahead of the announcement of its winner on 7 December.

The four artists in the running for the award are Enrico David, Roger Hiorns, Lucy Skar and Richard Wright.

Elvira Profe, right, and Fortunat Mackiewicz walk in the front yard of their house in Mieszkowice, Poland.

How to safeguard your security, privacy in a hotel

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — The case of an ESPN reporter who was videotaped through a peephole in her hotel room door shows how easy it is for a hotel guest’s security and privacy to be violated. Here are some tips for staying safe in hotels.

Desk clerks should never say your room number aloud when you check in. The number should be written on the card key sleeve and discreetly handed to you. You have every right to ask for a different room if the room number is announced, according to Peter Greenberg, CBS travel editor and author of “Hotel Secrets from the Travel Detective.”

— Solo travelers, especially those juggling luggage and card keys, are vulnerable to push-ins at their hotel room door. If you feel uncomfortable walking from the lobby to your room, “ask the front desk to provide an escort from the hotel staff,” Greenberg said.

— If you haven’t requested room service or assistance from housekeeping, and someone knocks on your hotel door claiming to be a member of the hotel staff, “call the front desk and ask if someone from their staff is supposed to have access to your room and for what purpose,” according to a list of “Guest Safety Tips” from the American Hotel & Lodging Association. It’s not unusual for high-end hotels to send staff for turnaround service or to deliver complimentary chocolates and other amenities, but even someone who appears to be wearing a uniform can be a phony.

— Last summer the hotel industry reported a spate of prank calls to hotel employees and guests in which frantic callers claimed to be reporting an emergency such as a fire that required guests to leave their rooms.

— Keep hotel room windows and doors locked, and blinds and drapes closed. Be sure to check bathroom windows, sliding glass doors and doors that connect adjacent rooms. Use whatever bolt or chain locks are on the door whenever you are inside the room.

— If you are worried about being spied on through the peephole of your door, Greenberg suggests covering it with a piece of duct tape, which is easy to remove if you do get a knock on the door and want to see who’s on the other side.

Baby mammoth preserved in frozen soil heads to Chicago

Sucked to her death in a muddy river bed, a baby woolly mammoth spent 40,000 years frozen in the Siberian permafrost where her body was so perfectly preserved traces of her mother’s milk remained in her belly.

Three years after her discovery by nomadic reindeer herders, Lyuba will head to Chicago as the star of a mammoths and mastodons exhibit at the world-famous Field Museum.

The exhibition, announced at mid-week, opens on 5 March and will run through on 6 September.

The Field Museum is the first US museum to display Lyuba’s body, which is currently undergoing study at their hotel room door. If you feel uncomfortable walking from the lobby to your room, “ask the front desk to provide an escort from the hotel staff.” Greenberg said.

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ceremony conducted round by officials concerned. After giving instructions, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to the needs.

Next, the ceremony to donate cash for the fifth and final time for the construction of the extended building of the YCH was held at the meeting hall of the emergency patient ward. Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech on the occasion. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the deputy minister and officials accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

The medical superintendent of the hospital spoke words of thanks.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donated by a wellwisher.—MNA

Nyaungshwe full of natural beauty

Byline: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung

Township in the west, Phekon Township in the south, and Taunggyi Township in the north. He said, “Our township’s attraction is Inlay Lake. The whole township is boisterous when PhaungdawU Buddha Image is conveyed for public homage.

It is the peak season and the people gain foreign exchange from foreign tourists in the period.”

Nyaungshwe is 413 miles from Yangon, 204 miles from Mandalay, and 19 miles from Taunggyi. Phaungdaw jetty in Nyaungshwe is 13 miles from PhaungdawU Buddha Image in Thalay Village-tract.

Specialists constantly make field trips to the grassroots level to provide health care to local people. It has a sown acreage of 359,300. Major crops are paddy, sugarcane, and egg plant. We noticed heaps of tomatoes at Myoma Mingala Bazaar, Nanpan Bazaar and Heya Ywama floating market. We also noticed traditional floating houses in the lake, leg-rowing style of Inntha people, traditional looms, lovely textiles and silk, and OVOP products. The township is always crowded with pilgrims from around the nation and foreign countries.

The entrance to Nyaungshwe.

Floating plantations of tomatoes in Inlay Lake.

Foreigners taking a boat ride in Inlay Lake.

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Construction Dy Minister inspects road section

YANGON, 8 Oct—Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein on 5 October inspected upgrading of Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road (Ottwin-Paukkaung) section.

On 6 October, the deputy minister was briefed by the engineers (incharge) of the Toungoo District Building Special Teams 3 and 5 on the upgrading of the road. Later, he gave necessary instruction to officials concerned and inspected progress in building the detour road around Kabaung Dam. Next, the deputy minister inspected maintenance of Pyay-Paukkaung road section and Pathein-Monywa (south) road section and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Advanced Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course concludes

YANGON, 8 Oct—The concluding ceremony of Advanced Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No. (5), conducted by the Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association, was held at the office of the association in UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa street in Lanmadaw Township, here, yesterday.

On the occasion, Chairman Dr Win Sithu and Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin of the Association delivered addresses and responsible persons presented certificates of honour to course instructors. Joint-Secretary Dr Thin Nwe, head of the course Dr Mi Mi Ko, and the chairman and responsible persons presented gifts to outstanding trainees—Daw Nandar Aung, Daw Kay Khine Aye and Daw Chit Yon.

Next, course instructor Dr Mi Mi Ko explained the course of training. Arrangement are being made to open the course in the third week of October. So those wishing to attend the course may contact the association (Tel: 216205 and 214834).

Vice-Chairman of MPMEEA U Thant Zin awards an outstanding trainee.—UMFCCI

Myanmar female weightlifters to compete in King’s Cup weightlifting in Thailand

YANGON, 8 Oct—The five-member Myanmar weightlifting delegation led by Joint-Secretary of the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation Daw Hnin Sandar Oo (Staff Officer of the Sports and Physical Education Department) left here for the Thailand by air this morning to participate in the Thai King’s Cup Weightlifting Contest to be held in Si Sa Ket of Thailand on 10 to 17 October.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department, General Secretary of the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation Assistant Director of SPED U Myint Swe and CEC members and coaches.

The delegation members are Coach Daw Kay Thu Win (YCDC), athletes Kay Khine (YCDC), Ma Aye Cho (Sports and Physical Education Institute, Mandalay) and Moe Thi Zar (Sports and Physical Education Institute, Yangon).

The Myanmar athletes will compete the contest on 11, 12 and 13 October.—MNA

Talks on Thinking and Reasoning on 10 Oct

YANGON, 8 Oct—Under the arrangements of Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs’ Association and sponsored by Ever Flow River Group of Companies, talks on Thinking and Reasoning will be held by Head of Department Professor Dr Hsan Tun (Philosophy Department) at MFF on Bayintnaung road in Insein Township here on 10 October (Saturday). Interested persons may attend the talks.—MNA

UMFCCI to hold talks

YANGON, 8 Oct—Monthly subject talk (for October 2009) organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will be held at the UMFCCI Office Tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road, Lanmadaw Township, here, at 2 p.m on 10 October.

Writer U Ko Ko Hlaing will give talk on Institutional Changes in Society. Those interested may attend the talk.—MNA

MCPA to hold anniversary celebration

YANGON, 8 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 11th anniversary of Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association and Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association will take place at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township on 14 October.

All members of MCPA may attend the ceremony.

Questions and suggestions are sent to the association not later than 12 noon on 12 October. For further information, may visit www.mcpamyanmar.org. Those interested may enlist at MCPA, Room-4, building-4 at Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Yangon.

Tatmadaw Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The first round robin matches of the 25th Defence Services Command-in-Chief’s U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued at South ern Command Zone in Toungoo this afternoon. In the match, No. 88 LID beat No. 55 LID 3-1.—MNA

Hailing Myanmar War Veteran Conference for 2009, over 150 members of war veteran organization and social organizations take part in sanitation work in Seikkan Township, Yangon on 4 October. DISTRICT/IPRD
Workshop on Millennium Development Goals held

NAV PyTAW, 8 Oct—The Ministry of Health held workshop on Millennium Development Goals at the hall of the ministry here this morning, attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, departmental heads, professors/deans, specialists and officials.

The minister said in his opening address that the Health Ministry is upholding the two objectives—longevity for everybody in their lifespan and free from any diseases—and three tactics—giving educative talks to reach grassroots level, prevention of disease and caring effective treatment in case of outbreak of disease.

He continued that keeping faithful service to the State, the medical staff are to carry out health care not only in the region they are discharging but also in the entire nation. State and Division health officers need to report on maternity and mortality rates and health educative talks are also needed to reach the rural people at the grassroots level.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses at workshop on Millennium Development Goals.—HEALTH

Energy Minister views village rehabilitation task in Kungyangon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Tha looked into rehabilitation tasks at Myittta Village of Kungyangon Township on 6th October morning. In Thayeththon Bin Village, the minister met with local people and visited the Basic Education Primary School that can be used as Cyclone Shelter during the storm.

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The minister inspected opening of telecommunication station in Setsan Village, construction of 16-bed station hospital, progress of new building at Aungthabye Basic Education Post-Primary School in Bogale, construction of the township hall and renovation of 120 feet by 30 feet school buildings at BEMS No. 1.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects construction of cyclone shelter in Kadoankani Village, Bogale Township.—FORESTRY

Vietnamese delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 8 Oct—The visiting Vietnamese delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly Office and Chairman of Vietnam-ASEAN Congressperson group Mr Ngo Duc Manh of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam left here by air this morning.

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TV Guide Vol I, No. 14 in circulation

YANGON, 8 Oct—The TV Guide Vol I, No. 14 published by Novel Light Express (Tel: 391186) will come out tomorrow.

It covers one week detailed programme lists of Channel V, MTV, STAR SPORTS, Animal Planet, Mandalay FM and MRTV-4.

The TV Guide costs K 500 per copy and available at bookstalls, City Marts, and journal shops. Door to door service is being given to those who want to buy the book monthly in Yangon and Mandalay. MNA

Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspects...

They visited the fish farm in Gwaygyo Village and feedstuff factory in Yankintaung ward.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko focused on regional development at the work coordination meeting.

At Pathein University, he watched the preparations of contestants for taking part in the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. Lt-Gen Ko Ko and the commander presented cash awards to them.

This morning, Lt-Gen Ko Ko viewed paddy fields in Bawaing Village of Pantanaw Township and met with local people.

At Bo Myat Tun Bridge, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected durability of the bridge and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence views harvesting in model monsoon paddy fields in Latpanchaung Village of Kyaunggon Township.—MNA

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While in Taungdwingyi, I had an opportunity to visit Beikthanoe archaeological region. I saw lush and green monsoon paddy plantations irrigated by the water from Ngamin Dam. The roads were covered with thick foliage of shady trees. I witnessed the harmony of developing Taungdwingyi and improving ecosystem.

Kinnmontaung Dam was built in 1982-83 and completed in 1989-90. At that time, the dam that benefited 5000 acres of land was constructed at a cost of K 75.1 million. The facility is located at an altitude of 632 feet and its embankment is 82 feet high and 1680 feet long. I saw greening teak plantation near Kinnmontaung Dam. After that, I proceeded to Wakkathay Village near Yanpei Dam.

During the trip, I noticed the roads linking rural and urban areas. Thanks to the concerted efforts of the government, the local people and the NGOs, the earthen roads have been upgraded there.

The government built Yanpei Dam. The departments concerned has put about 100,000 acres of land under paddy. Up to the first week of September this year, the township has grown 90,372 acres of paddy against the target of 107,835 acres. The local farmers use the irrigation water from Ngamin Lake, Yinmale Dam, Bankon Dam and Yanpei Lake for their farmlands on self-reliant basis.

So far, the township has cultivated 4109 acres of summer paddy thanks to the irrigation facilities.

Moreover, potable water can be supplied to over 275 villages in the township. Additionally, the scientists warned that if the ecosystem deteriorates, the mankind will be extinct. The global people were worried about the danger of pandemic A/H1N1 virus. Indeed, such virus originated from the natural environment, according to the scientists.

All the global people are relying on natural resources. Therefore, they should not destroy their environs. If not, they will face the bitter consequences of environmental problems. I would like to urge all the global people to actively take part in the environmental conservation.

To visit my native Taungdwingyi, I went to Yangon from Kengtung by flight. Next, I left Yangon for Nay Pyi Taw by air. After that, I proceeded to Taungdwingyi from Nay Pyi Taw by car.

Despite tiredness during the trips, I was pleased to witness the progress of agriculture, transportation, lush and greening environment and thriving paddy plantations. I was enjoying the fresh air while standing near the lush and green paddy fields.
Study says ordinary flu jab may protect against H1N1

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Mexican researchers say they have some evidence that the ordinary seasonal flu vaccine may offer some protection against the new pandemic H1N1 swine flu — contrary to other studies.

They found that people who had been vaccinated against seasonal flu were far less likely to be sick or to die from H1N1 than people who had not been immunized against seasonal flu.

“These results are to be considered cautiously and in no way indicate that seasonal vaccine should replace vaccination against pandemic influenza A/H1N1 2009,” Lourdes Garcia-Garcia and colleagues at the National Institute of Public Health in Cuernavaca wrote in the British Journal of Medical.

But they said the findings might offer some good news for people who have been vaccinated against seasonal flu, especially as governments are just beginning to distribute newly made swine flu vaccines. The new H1N1 swine flu virus is a distant cousin of the H1N1 seasonal flu virus, which is included in the mixture provided every year in the seasonal flu vaccine.

Most studies have shown the annual vaccine provides little or no protection against H1N1, likely because it is very different. One study in Canada suggested that in fact people who got seasonal flu vaccines may be more likely to become infected with H1N1, although the World Health Organization and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention both expressed doubts about the findings. - MNA/Reuters

Huge new ring spotted around Saturn

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Scientists have spotted a huge new ring around Saturn — the largest planetary ring seen yet in the solar system.

The faint ring, made of tiny particles, partly marks the orbit of Saturn’s distant moon Phoebe, Anne Verbiscer of the University of Virginia and colleagues reported on Wednesday in the journal Nature.

Phoebe, orbits the ringed planet at a radius of about 8 million miles (13 million kilometers) and, evidently, objects colliding with Phoebe and kicking up dust keep the ring supplied with material.

“The closest analog to the Phoebe ring are the two gossamer rings associated with Jupiter’s inner satellites, Thebe and Amalthea,” they wrote. These moons, too, are the source of dust kicked up by collisions.

“Similar structures should also adorn the other gas giant planets,” the researchers added.

Galileo first potted Saturn’s colorful rings in 1610 with his telescope, and almost any amateur planet-spotter can see the densest of the giant planet’s rings. — Internet


NASA says Arctic Sea ice extent 3rd lowest on record

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—US satellite measurements show Arctic sea ice extent in 2009 — the area of the Arctic Ocean covered by floating ice — was the third lowest since satellite measurements were first made in 1979.

NASA announced Tuesday in a Press release.

The ice area at its minimum was an increase from the past two years, but still well below the average for the past 30 years. Arctic sea ice reached its minimum extent around September 12.

According to scientists affiliated with the National Snow and Ice Data Centre (NSIDC), sea ice coverage dropped to 5.1 million square kilom- etres at its minimum. The ice cover was 970,000 square kilometres greater than the record low of 2007 and 580,000 square kilometres greater than 2008.

NSIDC is sponsored by several US Government agencies, including NASA. Ice data are derived from measurements made by the US Department of Defence and NASA satellites, with key work in interpreting the data and developing the 30-year history done by scientists at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Maryland. - MNA/Xinhua

Women pray during the Hindu festival of Karva Chauth inside a temple in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 7 October, 2009. — Internet

‘Rising rupee reflects Indian economy’s strength’

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct—As exporters started complaining about adverse effects of rising value of the rupee against the dollar, the government today said appreciating Indian currency reflects strength of the economy and it cannot do much so long as the unit rises and falls in a range.

“As long as the movement is not volatile and takes place based on fundamentals within a sort of range and moves two ways, there is not much that one can do about it,” Finance Secretary Ashok Chawla told reporters when asked if the RBI or the government will intervene to rein in firming rupee.

Chawla said rising value of the rupee reflects strong fundamentals of the Indian economy and capital flows into the country. “It (rupee value) has been appreciating. It shows the fundamental strength of the economy. The fact that capital flows, which had dried up earlier, are coming. - Internet

Welcome to the most luxurious toilet in air!

DUBAI, 8 Oct—After introducing luxury flooring designed to imitate a sandy beach, a leading airlines in the Gulf is now claiming to have built the most luxurious toilet in the aviation industry.

The toilet in the first class suite on Oman Air’s brand new A330-300 is, however, accessible only to the pilot and the First Class passengers, Hotelier Middle East reported.

The suite also features a 82-inch-long bed fitted with gadgets such as an eight-point massage system, a 23-inch entertainment monitor with wireless headset and USB, Ethernet and power plugs.

Passengers will also be able to use mobile phones and have access to Wi-Fi, the report said quoting Oman Air CEO Peter Hill. — Internet

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Nasa downgrades threat of large asteroid

Los Angeles, 8 Oct—Earthquake�sions took a toll but also brought relief. Nasa on Wednesday downgraded the odds of an 885-foot asteroid striking the planet in 2036. Scientists initially believed there was a 1-in-45,000 chance that Apophis could hit the planet on 13 April, 2036. But the threat was lowered to a 1-in-250,000 chance after researchers recalculated the asteroid’s path.

“It wasn’t anything to worry about before. Now it’s even less so,” said Steve Chesley, an astronomer with the Near Earth Object Programme at Nasa’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Chesley and his colleagues refined the asteroid’s orbit after an astronomer in Hawaii analyzed previously unreleased images that gave scientists a better idea of Apophis’ position.

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Third of parents oppose swine flu vaccine

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — An increase in cases of a rare type of head and neck cancer appears to be linked to HPV, or human papilloma virus, according to a new study from researchers at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The study looked at patients with nasopharyngeal cancer, a tumor that grows behind the nose and at the top of the throat, above the tonsils. This rare cancer occurs in less than 1 of every 100,000 Americans.

“Though rare, this is the first report of nasopharyngeal cancer being caused by the HPV epidemic. We are in the middle of a tonsil cancer epidemic, seeing many patients with tonsil cancer linked to HPV. It turns out that HPV may also be a new cause of this rare form of cancer that occurs in this hidden location,” says study author Carol Bradford, professor and chair of otolaryngology at the U-M Medical School.

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In the study, which appeared online on Wednesday in the journal Head & Neck, the researchers looked at tissue samples taken before treatment for either nasopharyngeal cancer or tonsil cancer.

Of the 89 patients in the study, five had nasopharyngeal cancer, and four of those were positive for HPV. At the same time, the four HPV-positive cancers were also all negative for Epstein-Barr virus, which has previously been one of the biggest infectious causes of nasopharyngeal cancer.

Chip measures breast estrogen with just a poke

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — Estrogen fuels breast cancer yet doctors can’t measure how much of the hormone is in a woman’s breast without cutting into it. A Canadian invention might change that: A lab-on-a-chip that can do the work quickly with just the poke of a small needle.

Several years of work are needed before the experimental device could hit doctors’ offices, but the research published on Wednesday opens the tantalizing possibility of easy, routine monitoring of various hormones. Doctors could use it to see if breast cancer therapy is working, tell who’s at high risk, or for other problems, such as infertility — maybe even prostate cancer.

“It’s thought-provoking to think, ‘What could I do with a tool like this?’” said Dr. Kelly Marcom, breast oncology chief at Duke University Medical Center, who wasn’t involved with the new invention. “It opens up a avenue of investigation that without tools like this, you couldn’t explore.”

The University of Toronto researchers used a powerful new technology to measure tiny droplets of estrogen from samples at least 1,000 times smaller than today’s testing requires. Called digital microfluidics, it uses electricity to separate and purify droplets of the hormone from a mix of other cells — all on the surface of a chip no bigger than a credit card.

More attention, better treatment for concussions

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — The days of a football player getting his bell rung, taking a whiff of smelling salts and getting back on the field are gone. Florida quarterback Tim Tebow can attest to that. The Heisman Trophy winner took a hard hit to the head and chest by a Kentucky Lineman and had the back of his head driven into the knee of a teammate. The concussion he received put him in the hospital for a night and left his status for No. 1 Florida’s huge game against No. 4 LSU on Saturday in doubt.

“The concussion in the past was called a ding, a so-called minor injury,” said Dr Julian Bailes, the chair of West Virginia University’s department of neurosurgery. “The last five years there has been more research and understanding of how they occur and how we take care of them.”

A spate of studies — including one commissioned by the NFL and released last week that found retired professional football players may have a higher rate than normal of Alzheimer’s disease and other memory problems — have gained widespread attention in recent years. There’s even a new law in Washington state, setting out conditions for how head injuries are to be dealt with in sports.

Internet

Dinosaur prints found in France

PARIS, 8 Oct — French fossil hunters have discovered huge dinosaur footprints, said to be among the biggest in the world. The footprints were made about 130 million years ago by sauropods — long-necked herbivores — in chalky sediment in the Jura plateau of eastern France.

The depressions are about 1.5m (4.9ft) wide, corresponding to animals that were more than 25m long and weighed about 30 tonnes. French experts say the find at Plagne, near Switzerland, is “exceptional”. “The tracks formed by the footprints extend over dozens, even hundreds, of metres,” the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) said.

Further digs will be carried out in the coming years and they may reveal that the site at Plagne is one of the biggest of its kind in the world.”

The footprints, from the Upper Jurassic era, were found in April this year by a pair of amateur fossil hunters, but have only now been authenticated by scientists. Another layer of sediment, now rock-hard, has preserved the footprints. They were revealed when local tree-felling exposed the earth underneath, French media report.

The 30-tonne dinosaurs may have looked like this. — Internet

Indian newborn survives fall from train

KOLKATA, 8 Oct — A newborn baby has escaped unhurt after being delivered in the toilet of a moving Indian train and then falling onto the tracks, reports said on Thursday.

Rinku Deb Roy, 28, suddenly went into labour late Tuesday while on board an express train that was passing through the state of West Bengal.

According to the Times of India and Hindustan Times, Ray delivered the baby in the toilet of her carriage and the newborn infant slipped through the discharge chute and onto the tracks below. The distraught Ray immediately jumped from the train, prompting passengers to pull the emergency cord in the belief that she was trying to commit suicide.

“We got off the train and started looking for my wife,” husband Bhola Ray, 33, told the Hindustan Times. “After an hour, we found Rinku sitting beside the track with the baby in her lap,” he said. Mother and child were taken to the nearest station and then to hospital, where doctors pronounced them both in good health.

Internet
Maradona revamps Argentine squad

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Oct — Argentine national soccer team trained on Wednesday with a few surprises for the 2010 World Cup qualifications, including Gonzalo Higuain, Lionel Messi and Pablo Aimar in the squad.

The squad was Romero: Gutierrez, Rolando Schiavi, Henze, Emiliano Insua; Perez, Mascherano, Di Maria; Aimar; Messi and Higuain.

Argentina will play Peru on Saturday at River Plate’s Monumental Stadium in capital Buenos Aires, and against Uruguay four days later in the Centenario Stadium in Uruguayan capital Montevideo.

The Argentine team, which may have to play a play-off against Costa Rica to earn the berth to next year’s World Cup in South Africa, now has 22 points and is fifth in the ten-team South American qualification group.

James faces up to World Cup battle

WATFORD, 8 Oct — As David James watched his England team-mates celebrate qualifying for the World Cup finals on his television, an unpleasant thought crossed the Portsmouth goalkeeper’s mind.

Was this it? Will he be watching from the sidelines by the time England kick off their campaign to win the World Cup in South Africa next year?

In the five games James has missed as a result of a series of injuries, West Ham’s Robert Green had performed well enough and, more importantly for England coach Fabio Capello, the team had kept clean sheets.

James only had to look at the treatment handed out to Michael Owen - banished from the squad entirely - and David Beckham - reduced to a bit-part substitute role - to know that experience and reputation were no guarantee of selection under the Italian.

Now James is fit Capello faces a tough choice between him and Green and the former Liverpool star acknowledges that he may not regain his place for the end of his days if he doesn’t win either the Champions League or the World Cup for Saturday’s penultimate qualifier.

Carrick states his case for World Cup place

WATFORD, 8 Oct — When it comes to putting his medals on the table, Michael Carrick can produce a haul that eclipses even the most illustrious members of England’s midfield, yet the Manchester United star still remains his country’s forgotten man.

Carrick has won more Premier League and Champions League silverware than Steven Gerrard and Frank Lampard have managed between them during their careers.

While Lampard has held the Premier League trophy twice, the Chelsea star has yet to taste Champions League success.

Liverpool captain Gerrard lifted the European Cup in 2005, but he is still waiting for a first title victory.

Even Gareth Barry is ahead of Carrick in the midfield pecking order despite failing to win a single major trophy in his career to date.

Carrick has no such absences from his medal collection.

Since joining United in 2006, the softly spoken 28-year-old has won three successive Premier League titles and helped United defeat Lampard’s Chelsea in the 2008 Champions League final.

Monfils, Blake, Ivanovic set for Brisbane Intl

SYDNEY, 8 Oct — Gael Monfils, James Blake and Ana Ivanovic will compete in the Brisbane ATP/WTA International tournament in January ahead of the Australian Open, according to organisers.Frenchman Monfils, ranked 13, cracked the top 10 ATP rankings for the first time this year and will be joined by American Blake, currently ranked No 24 in the world.

Former French Open champion Ivanovic, of Serbia, is ranked at 11 after reaching the world number one spot in June 2008 following her performance at the Paris Grand Slam tournament.

The trio will join already confirmed players Andy Roddick and Kim Clijsters for the second running of the January 3-10 Brisbane International, a warm-up for the first of the four Grand Slam tournaments in Melbourne.

Djokovic cruises, Sharapova out at China Open

BEIJING, 8 Oct — Serbian second seed Novak Djokovic cruised into the quarterfinals of the China Open on Wednesday, but Maria Sharapova became the latest upset victim on the women’s side of the 6.6-million-dollar event.

Beyond Sharapova’s loss, it was a good day for Russian players in Beijing, with the other four in action.

Nikolay Davydenko, Elena Dementieva, Svetlana Kuznetsova and teen Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova — all into the quarterfinals.

Djokovic, looking for his third ATP title of the year, easily defeated compatriot Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-0 in just over an hour on centre court at the Olympic tennis venue.

The 22-year-old world number one — who had 17 winners and just seven unforced errors — broke Troicki to go up 5-3 in the first set and never looked back, reeling off the next seven games to close out the match.

Grant returns to Portsmouth as director of football

LONDON, 8 Oct — Beleaguered Premier League club Portsmouth on Wednesday re-appointed Avram Grant as director of football but insisted the former Chelsea and Israeli boss was not a threat to the position of manager Paul Hart.

Grant has signed a two-year deal with the club following this week’s takeover of the club by Saudi businessman Ali Al-Faraj.

Grant filled the same role when Harry Redknapp was manager at Portsmouth, before leaving for Chelsea. — Internet

Terry determined to slay spectre of failure

LONDON, 8 Oct — England captain John Terry believes he will be haunted by a sense of failure until the end of his days if he doesn’t win either the Champions League trophy or the World Cup before he stops playing.

With Chelsea going well in Europe under Carlo Ancelotti and England currently regarded as third-favourites for next year’s World Cup in South Africa, Terry knows that, at 28, this season could be the one that defines his career.

“This is my biggest season ahead of me and it’s important to stay fit and keep playing well for Chelsea,” Terry said ahead of England’s trip to the Ukraine for Saturday’s penultimate qualifier.

Fabio Capello’s squad have already qualified for the finals but the Italian has made it clear that no player can take their place in the squad for South Africa for granted and Terry insists he does not feel immune from the pressure to prove himself. — Internet

Blanc to become new Juve president

ROME, 8 Oct — Frenchman Jean-Claude Blanc is due to take over from Giovanni Cobolli Gigli as the new president of Juventus, according to the club’s website.

Blanc was already the club’s managing director but will replace Cobolli Gigli as of October 27, in what John Elkann, chairman of the Exor company which controls the club, described as a competitive restructuring.

Cobolli Gigli had been Juventus president since 2006 when the club was demoted to Serie B and stripped of its previous two titles for match-fixing in the infamous calciopoli scandal. — Internet

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WEATHER

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas

Thursday, 8th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the whole country. Rain or thundershower have been widespread in Kachin State and Tanintharyi Division, fairly widespread in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, isolated in Chin States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyakmaraw (1.92) inches, Katha (1.38) inches, Kawthoung (1.22) inches, Dawei (1.03) inches, Mogok (0.98) inch, Falam (0.71) inch, Hkaimi (0.51) inch and Kanbalu (0.27) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 8-10-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-10-2009 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 7-10-2009 was (7.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 8-10-2009 was 0.32 inch at Mingaladon, Nil at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (108.84) inches at Mingaladon, (119.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (125.00) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 7-10-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea and North Bay and West Central Bay, generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 9th October 2009: Rain or thundershower will be widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Tanintharyi Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, scattered in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated in Shan State and lower Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Conditions of rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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7:50 pm
5:35 pm
2. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies
6:00 pm
3. Songs to Uphold National Spirit
6:30 pm
4. Dance of National Races
7:00 pm
5. Din Bithar Segrna (The Colourful Flowers you can find in Myanmar)
8:00 pm
6. Myanmar Modern Song
8:30 pm
7. Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-II)
9:00 pm
8. Myanmar Modern Song
9:30 pm
9. Signature Tune
10. Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
11. Myanmar Modern Song
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Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspects progress of transport, agriculture, livestock breeding, development task in Pathein District

Gold’s record price rise finds tepid response
SYDNEY, 8 Oct—Gold received a lukewarm reception a day after racing to a record high, with consumers in Asia more likely to be cashing in than panic buying.
Profit taking — read selling — replaced gold purchases that in New York and across Europe on Tuesday had swept spot bullion through the March 2008 record to hit $1,043.45 an ounce.
"It is simple, buy low and sell high — I am making a 10 percent profit already so I am selling," said Nguyen Duc Hung while waiting to sell five taels of gold at a shop on Hanoi’s Ha Trung street. Hung said he bought the gold in early July.
To date, there have been no reports of gold hoarders burying stashes in secret spots as was the case in 1980, when gold zoomed above $800 an ounce for the first time, or about double today’s level when adjusted for inflation.
Gold was last quoted at $1,042.20 an ounce, just shy of Tuesday’s peak.
"Today’s been like any other day," said David Carr, of KJC Coins Australia in Sydney. "No one’s coming in to sell gold because the price jumped overnight, it’s more wait and see, business as usual."

Acceleration of preventive measures against A/H1N1
NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Ministry of Health has been accelerating concerted efforts on preventive measures against New Influenza A/H1N1 since 28 April. There are 56 confirmed patients infected with New Influenza A/H1N1. Of them, 50 patients were allowed to discharge from hospital as they fully recovered from their illness and the flu leaves no one dead. So far, six patients receiving healthcare at hospital are getting better.
The Ministry has been reminding the public to strictly follow the directives issued by Ministry of Health and to participate in preventive measures in cooperation with the Ministry for the public to be free from infection of A/H1N1.

Earthquake Report
NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—A very strong earth quake of intensity (8.1) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Santa Cruz Islands) about (5200) miles east-southeast of Kaba-Aye seismology observatory was recorded at (04) hr (45) min (13) sec M.S.T on 8 October, 2009.

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A customer tries on a gold bracelet at a jewellery boutique in Putrajaya, outside Kuala Lumpur, on 7 October, 2009. Gold eased from record highs on Wednesday as investors took profits, but sentiment remained bullish and a fresh record was within sight as the dollar’s weakness and inflation concerns reinforced bullion’s appeal as a hedge.