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

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

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

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Also present on the occasion together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiri Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win. Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and party were accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Aloke Sen.

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Follow the guidance and stand firmly as a national force

Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference (2009) was held at the Head-quarters of the Organization in Nay Pyi Taw from 7 to 9 October. It passed two resolutions, approved one matter and put five matters on record.

Myanmar War Veterans Organization held the first conference in June, 2001, the second in June, 2005, and the third in October, 2009. Being a social organization as well as a reserve force of the Tatmadaw, it is carrying out national development, defence and security duties.

Nowadays, the Tatmadaw government is implementing the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy.

The seven-step Road Map is the only way for transition to a new democracy. The implementation of the Road Map must be based on a clear vision of realities and loyalty to the State and the people.

The new constitution has now been approved by an overwhelming majority. It is the most important step and has been successful thanks to public support, ability of the Tatmadaw which has always carried out its duties hand in hand with the people under the guidance of the Tatmadaw.

We believe that Myanmar War Veterans Organization, being a bridge between the Tatmadaw and the people, will continue to actively and enthusiastically carry out national development, defence and security duties hand in hand with the people under the guidance of the Tatmadaw.

Forestry Minister attends workshop on timber certification

YANGON, 11 Oct—A workshop on adoption of work procedures for Timber Certification for perennial existence of forests of the country was opened at IBC this morning, attended by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

The workshop was participated by personnel of departments and enterprises under Ministry of Forestry, members of committee for timber certifying, members of Academy of Forestry, representatives of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs’ Association and environmental protection NGOs.

After the opening ceremony, four papers on matters related to certifying timber was read out and those present discussed perpetuity of forest resources of the nation, adopting and implementation of work procedures in line with guidance and objectives of working group on a Pan-ASEAN timber certification initiative for timber certification contributing to Myanmar timber and wood-based products in penetrating foreign markets. —MNA

L&F Minister inspects fish breeding pond

YANGON, 12 Oct—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein yesterday inspected No. 6 fish breeding camp (Mee-thway-chaung) and called for benefits of breeding fish, factors on breeding fish and preventive measures against natural disasters in meeting with labourers and their families.

Next, the minister looked into progress in breeding of 6-month old fishes.—MNA

U-22 carpenter contest to be held

YANGON, 12 Oct—The 8th ASEAN Skill Competition will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, and Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs’ Association will select and train the youths for carpenter contest.

U-22 carpenter contest will be held at Wood-based Technical Training School in Dagon Myothit (North). The design for the contest is a mini stand for pepper and salt containers.

Those qualified may be conducted refresher course before final selection. Selected contestants will be sent to the 8th ASEAN Skill Competition to take part in Cabinet Making and Joinery contests.

Old students of Mandalay Hall pay respects to wardens

YANGON, 12 Oct—Old Students’ Association of Mandalay Hall of Yangon University held 14th respect-paying ceremony to wardens of the hall at Hninzigon Home for the Aged here yesterday morning.

Patron of the association Lt-Gen Kyaw Win (Retired) Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of the association U Tin Ohn and old students paid respect to Retired wardens of the hostel Dr Khin Maung Win and Dr Thein Aung and the Retired wardens gave words of advice. —MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct — A moderate earthquake measuring 6.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter about (3000) miles South-West of Kaba Aye Seismological Observatory outside of Myanmar (Maung Witu) was recorded at (09) hrs (53) min (29) sec MST today, said Metrology and Hydrology Department. —MNA
Afghan president say unknown helicopters transfer rebels to N Afghanistan

KABUL, 12 Oct—Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai has said that gunmen had been air-dropping unknown helicopters to the relatively peaceful northern provinces, a local newspaper reported on Monday. “President Karzai alleged Sunday that some unidentified helicopters dropped armed men in northern Baghlan, Kunduz, and Samangan provinces at night since the past five months,” local daily Outlook said. The president said “even today we received reports that the furtive process is still ongoing.”

According to the newspaper, Karzai did not share the evidence with journalists but said, “A comprehensive investigation was underway to determine which country the helicopters belonged to; why armed men were being infiltrated into the region; and whether increasing insecurity in the north was linked to it.”

US arrests suspected 1968 Pan Am flight hijacker

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct—A man wanted in connection with the hijacking of a Pan Am flight to Cuba nearly 41 years ago was arrested in New York on Sunday, a Justice Department official said. Luis Armando Pena Soltren was arrested at John F Kennedy International Airport for suspected of involvement in the November 1968 hijacking of a Puerto Rico-bound Pan Am flight from New York, said Justice Department spokesman Richard Kolko. Kolko said Soltren, who has been in Cuba for almost 41 years, will appear in the Manhattan federal court on Tuesday.

Vietnamese PM approves development plan for Mekong Delta region

HANOI, 12 Oct—Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung approved a development master plan for the Mekong Delta region from now to 2020, said the newspaper the Vietnam News on Monday. The plan aims to develop the delta sustainably as one of the major regions in the world for food production, said the newspaper. Under the plan, the region will have two international airports includ- ing Can Tho and Phu Quoc airports. The Can Tho Airport will be upgraded while the Phu Quoc Airport is under construction and is expected to be completed in 2012, said the newspa- per.

Free exams offered A-bomb survivors

SEATTLE, 12 Oct—Free medical exams for survivors of the 1945 atomic bomb blasts in Japan attracted about 50 people in Seattle this weekend, a hospital spokeswoman said. Since 1977, Japanese doctors have offered the exams every other year to those who survived the US atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, The Seattle Times reported on Sunday. The doctors are chronicling the long-term radiation effects on survivors, Linda Eremin, director of operations for Pacific Medical Centers said. About 340,000 survivors are still alive. About 60 live in Washington state.—INTERNET

Abbas, Hamas trade accusations over delaying inter-reconciliation pact

RAMALLAH/GAZA, 12 Oct—West-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and his rival Gaza Strip-based Hamas movement traded on Sunday accusations over delaying an expected inter-Palestinian reconciliation pact due to be declared in Cairo late this month. In a pre-recorded speech aired on Sunday on the Palestinian state-run satellite television, Abbas accused Hamas movement of trying to avoid national Palestinian reconciliation, adding that “Hamas’ campaign has revealed its real goals in evading the ma- terity of signing the reconciliation.” Hamas led a campaign against Abbas and his Palest- inian National Authority (PNA) two weeks ago following an Arab and Is- lamic request to postpone a debate over a UN fact-finding report, which ac- cused both Israel and Hamas of committing war crimes against civilians in Gaza last winter. Abbas referred to Hamas’ recent request for Egypt to postpone the Cairo-sponsored national dialogue, which aims to restore political unity to the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip and the Fatah-dominated West Bank.

Four killed in small plane crash in central Canada

OTTAWA, 12 Oct—Four people were killed when a small airplane crashed in a park in Canada’s Ontario Province, police said on Sunday. The Piper PA-28 aircraft crashed on Saturday in the west end of the Algonquin Provincial Park when the four victims on the plane were traveling back to their home in Sudbury in northern Ontario after visiting relatives in Kingston in southern Ontario. The group were supposed to arrive at the Sudbury airport on Saturday evening but did not turn up on time. A search and rescue team scouring the provincial park located the plane early on Sunday morning in an area only accessible by plane or helicopter, Const. Carolle Dionne of the North Bay Ontario Provincial Police detachment told reporters on Sunday.

Fresh eel is displayed in a cooler at a fish monger in the southern Dutch village of Oud Bierland on 28 Sept, 2009. Fishing for plump, fattened eels that the Dutch consider a delicacy smoked on toast or in bread — and which are eaten in stews across Europe — is no longer allowed during October and November. The government ban is aimed at stemming a 95 percent slide in the European eel population in the past four decades. Picture taken on 28 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET
**Guinea in talks with China over resources investment**

**LONDON, 12 Oct**—Guinea’s ruling regime is in talks with China over investment in its natural resources, the west African country’s minister of mines said, according to British newspaper the Financial Times on Monday.

Mohamed Thiam said talks could be concluded by the end of the year between the regime in Conakry and the Hong Kong-based China International Fund (CIF) to bring in billions of dollars of financing for infra-structure, minerals and oil prospecting, according to the business daily.

The deals would be among the largest of their kind in Africa, said the FT.

The CIF would pump in seven billion dollars of finance for projects ranging from the creation of an airline to power generation.

The fund would also join forces with Angolan state oil company Sonangol to explore for oil offshore. The Guinean regime, CIF and Sonangol had signed a memorandum of understanding on a prospecting deal, Thiam said.

“We think over the next five years there’s going to be in excess of seven billion dollars in investment in the Guinea Development Corporation’s various projects,” said the former UBS banker.

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**Philippines orders rice imports as typhoon costs mount**

**MANILA, 12 Oct**—The Philippines ordered imports of 250,000 tonnes of rice on Monday as officials said two typhoons over the past 15 days had badly damaged farmlands and roads in the north and killed over 650 people.

The National Food Authority said it would hold a tender on 30 Oct for the rice shipment, which it wanted delivered between January and April.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap said on radio that the storms had caused damage of 11 billion pesos ($237 million) to crops and farmland but insisted there was no immediate shortage of rice, the national staple. “We don’t have a rice supply problem,” he said.

Officials have previously said the Philippines, the world’s biggest rice buyer, was looking at importing around 2 million tonnes of the grain for its 2010 needs following hefty crop losses due to the storms.

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**Oil tops $72 on economic optimism, oil demand outlook**

**PERTH, 12 Oct**—Oil rose over 1 pct and topped $72 a barrel on Monday on growing optimism about the pace of the global economic recovery and a positive demand forecast from the International Energy Agency.

However, gains were limited by a strong US dollar, which rose on the back of comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that the US central bank will be ready to tighten its monetary policy as the economy gains strength.

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**Singapore revises up economic growth forecast**

**SINGAPORE, 12 Oct**—The Singapore government on Monday upgraded the country’s economic growth forecast for 2009 to minus 2.5 to minus 2.0 percent, up from its previous forecast of minus 6.0 to minus 4.0 percent.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) said that the Singapore economy expanded by 0.8 percent year-on-year in the third quarter of 2009, compared to a 3.2 percent contraction in the preceding quarter.

On a seasonally-adjusted quarter-on-quarter annualized basis, advance estimates showed that Singapore’s gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 14.9 percent in the third quarter, following a 22.0 percent expansion in the second quarter of the year.

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**Vietnam expects budget overspending of 6.5% of GDP in 2010**

**HANOI, 12 Oct**—Vietnamese Finance Ministry said the country’s budget overspending would be 125.6 trillion Vietnamese dong (7.04 billion US dollars), equivalent to 6.5 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2010, local newspaper the Vietnam Investment Review reported on Monday.

The forecast for next year’s budget overspending is made based on the assumption that Vietnam’s economy will expand by 6.5 percent in 2010.

Vietnam is expected to collect 456.4 trillion Vietnamese dong (25.36 billion US dollars) for the state coffers in 2010.

The country plans to spend 582 trillion Vietnamese dong (32.6 billion US dollars). Therefore, Vietnamese budget overspending would be 7.04 billion US dollars next year.

The expected budget overspending for 2010 could not be lower than 6.5 percent of GDP as the spending is necessary for the country’s economic recovery, said Finance Minister Vu Van Ninh.

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**S Korea’s current account surplus expects to exceed $30b in 2009**

**SEOUL, 12 Oct**—South Korean Finance Ministry on Monday said the country’s current account surplus is expected to exceed 30 billion US dollars this year against the background of a global economic recovery.

The ministry made the forecast based on the country’s cumulative current account surplus up to August, which had reached 28.2 billion dollars, it said in a report presented for an annual audit.

The figure will also mark the largest since 1998, when the country posted 40.37 billion dollars in current account surplus.

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**Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping (4th L, front) watches the performances by children at the Chinese Culture Center in Berlin, capital of Germany, on 11 Oct, 2009.**

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**File photo shows bauxite being processed at a factory run by Guinea’s largest mining firm, Compagnie des Bauxites de Guinee (CBG), at Kamsar, a town north of the capital Conakry. Guinea is the world’s leading exporter of bauxite, an ore from which aluminium is produced. Guinea’s ruling regime is in talks with China over investment in its natural resources—INTERNET**

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**Philippine police rescuers search for more missing landslides victims at Puguis village in La Trinidad, Benguet, in northern Philippines on 12 October, 2009.—INTERNET**
Bus crash kills 11, injures 30 in Peru
LIMA, 12 Oct—At least 11 people died and 30 more were injured on Sunday when an inter-city bus ran off the road and turned over in Peru’s plateau region. The injured, many of whom were badly hurt, were taken to hospital by highway police and fire brigades. The bus, with 50 people on board, was traveling from Puno-Cusco, 1,300 kilometers southeast of capital Lima. Initial investigation showed that the driver probably flaked out and lost control of the bus on the road close to Calapuja, a town in Puno department province Lampa.—Xinhua

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Indonesia hosts Asian-African senior official meeting
JAKARTA, 12 Oct—Indonesia hosted the New Asian-African Strategic Partnership (NAASP) meeting for senior officials on 12-13 Oct, attended by 164 participants from 58 countries. NAASP is a strategic partnership among Asian and African countries resulted by the Asian African Summit 2005 in Jakarta that was held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the summit. It was first held in Bandung of West Java Province in 1955. Since 2005, Indonesia and South Africa have been jointly chairing the 106 members of NAASP. The meeting was officially opened by the Vice Foreign Minister Trisno Wibowo following a report by Hamzah Thayeb, the director general of the Foreign Ministry’s Asia Pacific and Africa. The meeting will discuss some important agendas, namely the follow up of members’ commitment in the 2005’s summit and in providing capacity building for Palestine, among others. They will also discuss the NAAASP’s summit in 2010 and the election of the next joint chairmen. Partnership cooperation between Asian and African countries was also discussed in the meeting, namely the Japan’s initiative called Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), China’s initiative on the Forum of China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), South Korea’s initiative on Korea-Africa Forum (KAF) and India’s initiative on India-Africa Forum (IAF).—Xinhua

Spain considers sending 200 more soldiers to Lebanon
MADRID, 12 Oct—Spain is considering sending 200 more soldiers to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), raising the country’s total force there to 1,100, the Defence Ministry said on Sunday. This plan requires permission from the United Nations and Spain’s legislature, the Congress. UNIFIL is currently headed by Italian Force Commander and employs 12,000 soldiers and 1,000 civilians. Spanish general Alberto Asarta is likely to take over command of the force soon. In consequence, as widely expected, Spain will take over responsibility for transport, logistics and intelligence from Italy.—Xinhua

S Korean president calls for closer int’l co-op to develop space technology
SEOUL, 12 Oct—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak on Monday called for closer international cooperation to develop space technology. While addressing the opening ceremony of the 60th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in the South Korean city of Daejeon, Lee stressed the importance of the space technology to the social and economic development. Space technology is already being applied in various areas of people’s daily lives, and is seen as the growth engine that will open the future of the mankind, Lee said.—Xinhua

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Israeli looks forward to “Experience China in Israel” event
JERUSALEM, 12 Oct—Israel’s celebration for its weeklong traditional religious holiday of Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) has just come to a close. Yet for Nicky, an Israeli living in downtown Jerusalem, the holiday atmosphere is not over. Nicky, who used to be an English teacher in the United States, is now looking forward to the “Experience China in Israel” event, which is due to begin on Monday and will conclude at the end of this month. Jointly held by the State Council Information Office of China and Israeli Foreign Ministry, the event is dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China and the 17th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Israel. “Experience China in Israel” will show the development of China in many domains: education, economy, technology, and especially contemporary Chinese culture, allowing Israelis to get to know China in an all-round way and providing an opportunity for people to exchange cultural values.—Xinhua

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**Russian economy to shrink 7.5% in 2009**

MOSCOW, 12 Oct—Russia’s gross domestic product (GDP) will shrink 7.5 percent in 2009, President Dmitry Medvedev said in an interview released on Sunday, after earlier government predictions of an eight percent drop.

“This year, we expect to see the GDP decline by about 7.5 percent,” Medvedev said in an interview with Russia’s Channel One state television, according to a transcript released by the Kremlin.

Last month, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin put the expected decline in GDP at eight percent or slightly less, following earlier official forecasts that it would shrink 8.5 percent. The Russian economy, which is largely based on the export of oil, gas and other commodities, was badly hit by the global financial crisis after years of enjoying strong growth.

Medvedev said the anticipated 7.5 percent decline was “very serious” and admitted that the government had been surprised at how severely Russia had been hit by the crisis.

“The real damage to our economy was far greater than anything predicted by ourselves, the World Bank and other expert organisations,” Medvedev told Channel One.—Internet

**New Delhi, 12 Oct—**India on Monday test-fired two nuclear capable short range ballistic missiles Prithvi 2 from Chandipur in the eastern Indian state of Orissa’s Balasore district, Defence Ministry sources said.

The second missile was fired five minutes after the first was fired, said the sources.

The highly sophisticated surface-to-surface Prithvi 2 missile has a range of 350 km and is a tactical ballistic missile developed by India’s Defence Research and Development Organization under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.—Xinhua

**Tiger attacks intruder in zoo**

A man suffered injuries to his arms after he and a friend hopped the fence at a Canadian zoo and stuck his hands into the tiger exhibit, zoo officials said.

The Calgary Zoo said the two men sneaked into the facility after midnight and headed to the Siberian tiger exhibit, zoo officials said.

“He did not enter the exhibit, but did come into contact with one of the tigers and sustained significant injuries to his arms,” the zoo said in a statement.

Alerted to the situation, security guards took the alleged intruders to their office, where the injured man was treated before being rushed to hospital. Police are investigating.

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**Dell to sell Salesforce software to US customers**

BEIJING, 12 Oct—Dell agreed to promote Salesforce.com Inc software products to its US customers in order to expand revenue from service business, according to media reports on Monday.

The tie-up will allow Salesforce.com’s sales management software to reach Dell’s small-and medium-sized US corporate customers while Dell shores up its services offering.

Dell will sell Salesforce products and provide services integrating them with customers’ existing software.

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.

Salesforce spokesman Bruce Francis would not say how many sales people Salesforce has in the United States, but said the company has 3,500 employees worldwide.

Dell said it has 10 million small and medium business customers worldwide, but also declined to give US-specific figures.

PC hardware is a low-margin business and PC sales accounts for roughly 60 percent of Dell’s business. Dell is trying to grow its profits on services, typically higher-margin, but which currently only account for about one-tenth of sales.

**Man wants to buy his stolen bicycle back**

CHICAGO, 12 Oct—A 27-year-old Chicago man says he will pay whoever stole his bicycle to return his beloved two-wheeled transport, no questions asked.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported on Sunday that US Army veteran Charlie Dennis is desperate to be reunited with the bicycle he rode nearly 1,800 miles from Denver to Chicago two years ago.

“I only care about getting it back,” Dennis said of his missing bicycle. “That’s all that matters to me.”

To that end, Dennis has posted signs offering to purchase his bicycle back, even if it means he must pay off whoever stole it the week before last.

While Dennis would not specify how big a reward he is offering, he did give the Sun-Times a glimpse into why the bicycle is so important to him.

“I’m never going to make that trip again,” he said of his solo bicycle journey in spring 2007.

**Tiger roams in his cage in the Calgary Zoo in Calgary, Alberta.**

**Stowaway cat shipped nearly 1,000 miles**

Workers at an Illinois chiropractic center said a lucky cat was uninjured when it stowed away in a box shipped to the business from New York. The village found something they didn’t expect: a nearly 4-foot-long alligator.

Police in Endicott, just west of Binghamton, say they encountered the gator after being dispatched to a home. The state Department of Environmental Conservation seized the gator and hauled it away.

Police charged a 23-year-old man with criminal possession of a weapon and possessing a wildanimal as a pet, violation of state environmental conservation law.

A 39-year-old woman was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Both were held in the village police lockup awaiting arraignment.

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**People were observing the giant footprints of dinosaur discovered in eastern France. According to scientists, the prints are supposed to be the biggest in the world and the site hosts many prints.**

**School asks pupils to bring own toilet roll**

Irish parents struggling to buy schoolbooks and uniforms in the face of a deep recession may now have to worry about sending their children to school with a toilet roll as well as a packed lunch.

Pupils at a primary school in the southern county of Cork are being asked to bring their own paper towel to school to help save money, one of the starkest examples yet of the death of Ireland’s “Celtic Tiger” economy.

“The letter was sent out just as a way of balancing books here in the school and not intended as a demand,” said Catherine O’Neill, principal at St John’s Girls National School.

O’Neill said the request was made because of cuts to government grants for books and computers. She added that parents were responding well.

**A Saudi oil refinery north of Jeddah, 2007. The IMF said that oil exporters in the Middle East and North Africa region are expected to increase their international reserve positions by over 100 billion dollars in 2010 as oil prices rebound.**

**FORECASTS that it would shrink 8.5 percent. The Russian economy, which is largely based on the export of oil, gas and other commodities, was badly hit by the global financial crisis after years of enjoying strong growth. Medvedev said the anticipated 7.5 percent decline was “very serious” and admitted that the government had been surprised at how severely Russia had been hit by the crisis.**

**“The real damage to our economy was far greater than anything predicted by ourselves, the World Bank and other expert organisations,” Medvedev told Channel One.—Internet**
Information Minister attends Myanmar Motion Picture Day for 2009, 46th respect paying ceremony

YANGON, 12 Oct—Myanmar Motion Picture Day for 2009, along with 46th respect paying ceremony organized by Myanmar Motion Picture Asian, took place at its official office on Wingaba Road, Bahan Township, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, officials of the ministry, patrons, chairmen and members of Miami Motion Picture Asian, artistes, and technicians, and guests. The Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Asian extended greetings. The Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Asian extended greetings.

First, Myanmar Motion Picture Day for 2009 was observed in front of Myanmar Motion Picture Museum. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Bogale U Tint Aung and Daw Myint Myint Khin opened the ceremony.

The 46th respect paying ceremony was also held at the hall of Myanmar Motion Picture Museum. Secretary General Malikha Soe Htaik Aung read out the list of wellwishers who donated cash.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made efforts for development of Myanmar movie sector.

The ceremony concluded with words of advice by Director U Khan Zaw on behalf of old artistes and technicians. After that, the minister called on the officials to make efforts for development of Myanmar movie sector.

Kutkai, a township with mountain ranges

Kutkai Township, included in Muse District of Shan State (North), is located on Muse-Lashio-Mandalay Union Highway. It shares borders with Muse Township in the North, Thanwin River and Kumin Township in the east, Hsenwi Township in the south and Namkhham Township and Namtu Township in the west. In 1886, it was situated near Nankhaung creek and named Kutkai. Nowadays, it has changed its name to Kutkai from Kutnankai.

Kutkai Township formed with six wards, 75 village-tracts and 640 villages in 15.7.1972. Kutkai Township is located at an altitude of 4429 feet and has an area of 7.06 square miles. Abundant with hills and mountains and covered with forests, it has cool weather. It always has rains from May to October and its rainfall is an average of 119 days a year. It has an average rainfall of 70 inches. It has only 30 centigrade in its highest temperature. In winter, leaves are always dry due to very cool climate.

Kutkai Township is now formed with 16 wards, 69 village-tracks and 463 villages. Up to September 2009, it has a population of 128,216. It has 92,491 acres of arable lands, 16,882 acres of paddy, 36,645 acres of other crops, 6,850 acres of hilly farmlands, 245 acres of other crops, 3,1869 acres of gardens. In education sector, it has four Basic Education High Schools, one Basic Education Middle Schools, four Basic Education High Schools (Branch), five Basic Education Middle Schools, three Basic Education Middle Schools (Branch), 20 Post-Primary Schools and 102 Basic Education Primary Schools.

With respect to health care, it has two people’s hospitals (25-bed), three people’s hospitals (16-bed), seven rural health care centers, 35 rural health care centers (branch) and two station health care centers. Mongsi station hospital is still being built and has been completed by 75 percent.

Thanks to smooth transport, 13 bus lines run in the township. Shwelephyu, Hteikthaung and Yehtekkan bus lines run on Kutkai-Lashio-Muse road, Yemanauang, Shwe, Minyanauang, Kwutkahingman, Kwutkahing shewman and Shwemaw bus lines, on Kwutkahing-Lashio-Mandalay road, Nawarat bus line, on Kutkai-Tarmoe- Mongsli-Lashio-Muse road, Lucky and HeinHtet bus lines, on Kutkai-Lashio-Muse-Mandalay road and Arthit and Shwele bus lines on Kutkai-Lashioroad. With regard to Township to Township roads, it has Kutkai-Lashio (tarrad road) (58 miles), Kutkai-Tarmoe (tarrad road) (68 miles), Kutkai- Tarmoe (tarrad road) (17 miles) and Kutkai-Mandalay (tarrad road) (222 miles). As regards Village-to-Village roads, there are Kutkai-Kaungkha (tarrad road) (8 miles), Kutkai-Karlaing (gravel road) (8 miles), Kutkai-Namphatkar (tarrad road) (27 miles) and Kutkai-Mahbyen (tarrad road) (8 miles).

It has 11,145 acres of forest reserved, 469,169 acres of protected forests and 6160 acres of teak plantations. The 44.37 percent of the township is covered with the forests. Paddy, corn, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, black gram, green gram, pigeon peas, cotton and sugarcane are grown. The major business of the township is agriculture and livestock breeding. In order to eradicate poppy plantation, tea, walnut, coffee, rubber and tapioca plant are grown as poppy substitute crops in addition to edible crops and paddy. In the livestock breeding sector, buffalo, cow, hen, pig, horse, sheep, swan and fish are bred. Of the townships in Shan State (North), Kutkai Township is a pleasant one. The township has a cool weather, natural forests that grow in cool regions and pine forest can be seen.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received the visiting Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 9.25 am today.

Together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thaha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and senior military officers. The Indian goodwill delegation members was accompanied by Ambassador of the Republic of India to Myanmar Mr Alok Sen.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receiving Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC at Bayintnaung Yeiktha.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC inspecting the Guard of Honour. (News on page 16) MNA
Teachers to ensure all school-age children complete basic education; to sharpen abilities of all schoolchildren

Special Refresher Course No (69) for Basic Education Teachers concludes

YANGON, 12 Oct—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) held the conclusion of Special Refresher Course for Basic Education Teachers No (69) at its Nawarat Hall in Hlegu Township here this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered a speech. The minister in his address said that the government is building the infrastructural buildings in all sectors with the aim of enabling the nation to catch up with the international community. Now, the prudent drive has come to fruition to a certain degree, as evidenced by the fact that the people are enjoying better living standards.

Now, it is an opportune time for teachers to speed up the national development momentum by taking advantage of high development momentum and high education standard in combination, he said, urging them to work hard with a sense of duty.

In the 21st century, the world has seen dramatic advancement in the IT field. So, teachers have to train the youth effectively for human resource development both in quality and in quantity to be able to deal with the future challenges. In pursuit of the Myanmar educational goal of generating an education system that can help build a constant learning society capable of coping with the challenges of the Age of Knowledge, the government has been implementing the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan since 2001-2002 fiscal year. Now, the second five-year plan is in its fourth year.

The purpose of making educational reforms through long- and short-term plans, resolutions and work programmes is to enable the nation to keep abreast of other countries in diverse fields. Therefore, teachers have to work harder and stay in touch with the latest teaching methods to help meet the educational goal.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, “to improve the educational standard of rural people” is included in the rural development programmes. With higher education standard, rural areas will enjoy greater development with personal hygiene.

Due to enthusiastic participation of service personnel and rural residents including teachers, rural areas have enjoyed development in the education, health and economic sectors, thus bridging the development gap between one region and another. Teachers are to add to the development momentum for ensuring equitable development of the entire Union and sustainable development.

The post-primary schools, affiliated by the Ministry of Education, and the branch schools are designed to enable the youth of rural regions to have easy access to education, to raise the number of students who continue education, and to create more opportunities for rural youths to pursue education.

The national duty the government entrusts on all educational staff including teachers is to make sure all school-age children complete education at basic education levels and to sharpen the abilities of all schoolchildren.

Teachers can achieve greater success in the academic work, organizing local people of the regions concerned, and equipping the students with a sense of nationalistic fervour if they play an exemplary role with strong national conviction and concept. In other words, teachers are to work hard with the concept that carrying out education promotion tasks is discharging national policies.

The minister presented BC Awards to PAT U Myo Thant from Tu-chaung No (1) BEPS in Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division, and PAT Daw Su Yi Phyo from Thanyuzu BEPS in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division. Awards for Diligence to Headmaster U Hla Myint of Kanpon Lamar BEPS in Kawthoung Township, Tanninthayi Division, and PAT Daw Khin Hmi from No (2) BEPS in Mayangon Township, Yangon Division, and Headmistress Daw Myint Yee of No (7) BEPS in Palaw Township, Tanninthayi Division, and Model Hostel Awards to Hostel (4) of man trainees, and Hostel (7) of woman trainees, and certificates to the trainees through company leaders.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, heads of departments, the rector, pro-rectors, deans and trainees.—MNA

QC course on marine products concludes

YANGON, 12 Oct—Course on quality control of finished marine products conducted by Myanmar marine producers and exporters association of Fisheries Federation under Ministry of Livestock and Fishery was concluded at the federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township here on 10 October.

Secretary U Tun Aye of Myanmar Marine producers and exporters association spoke on the occasion and EU Export Mrs Huynh Le Tam discussed current conditions of cold storages and presented completion certificates to trainees.

A total of 40 trainees from cold storage industries attended the two-week course.—MNA

Coord meeting on construction of Cyclone Shelters held

YANGON, 12 Oct—A coordination meeting on progress of construction of cyclone shelters in storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions was held at the office of Public Works here this afternoon.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein who called for completion of work in the open season.—MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein addresses coord meeting of construction of Cyclone Shelters.—MNA
Conjoined twins separated through surgery

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct — Surgical operation was performed for the fourth time on conjoined twins at Yangon Children’s Hospital on Pyidaungsu Yeikha Street in Dagon Township, Yangon, on 10 October morning. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and directors-general visited the hospital and watched the operation.

First, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the minister watched on CCTV So Pyay Lin and So Pyay Win, the twin girls with their chests joined together, undergoing surgical operation by a medical team led by surgeon Prof Head of Department Dr U Htoo Han and Associate Prof Dr Daw Aye Aye.

Wellwishers donated cash and packets of electrolyte beverage for the operation. The operation was successfully performed at 1.15 pm. The minister had a documentary photo taken together with the surgical team.

Yesterday morning, the minister together with officials visited the separated twins. Surgeons reported on health conditions of the twins and the minister left necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint view surgical operation on conjoined twins. MNA

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint poses for a documentary photo together with surgical team.—MNA

Indian goodwill delegation arrives in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct — An Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and wife arrived in Yangon yesterday.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by senior military officers, Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr. Aloke Sen and Military Attaché Col MM Naravane SM and wife and officials.

The delegation visited Myanma Gems Emporium on KabaAye Pagoda Road and National Races Village in Thakayta Township yesterday. They also visited King Zafar Shah’s Tomb and Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon yesterday. —MNA

Photo shows conjoined twins Soh Pyay Lin and Soh Pyay Win.—MNA

Township judges refresher course concludes

YANGON, 12 Oct — Supreme Court concluded the township judges refresher course at its meeting hall here today, with an address by Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, Supreme Court judges, directors-general and other officials.

The chief justice presented certificates for the trainees through their leader.

The eight-week course was attended by 25 trainees.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe addresses the concluding ceremony of Refresher Course No.6 for township judges.—MNA
YZANG, 13 Oct — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association honoured outstanding students who are offspring of members of the association today.

At the ceremony to honour the students held at the meeting hall of MWJA at Sarpye Beikman Building on Merchant Street here, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan awarded the outstanding students.

The ceremony was attended by heads of departments under the ministry, the chairman of MWJA and members of the executive committee of MWJA, outstanding students, wellwishers and invited guests.

On behalf of the chairman of MWJA, Vice-Chairman-3 U Myint Thein extended greetings and Secretory Dr. Tin Tun Oo briefed on the purpose of the ceremony.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented awards to the six-distinction winners — Maung Phone Tha Ko of Insein Township, Maung Ye Thurein Mon of Yankin Township, Maung Kaung Kyaw Kyaw of Sittway Township, Ma Myat Thiri Maung of Dagon Myothit (East) Township; five-distinction winners — Maung Kaung Htet Soe of South Okkalapa Township, Maung Ye Htet Oo of South Okkalapa Township, Ma Mya Sandi Kyaw of Sittway Township, Ma Su Myat Thein of Pazundaung Township and Maung Khaing Zaw Nyunt of Hinthada Township; four-distinction winner Maung Win Thu of South Okkalapa Township, three-distinction winner Ma Phu April Moe of Thingangyun Township.

Information Minister awards outstanding students at prize-presentation ceremony of MWJA

A worker sprays insecticide to prevent dengue fever at a neighborhood affected by an earthquake in Padang Pariaman, Indonesia, on 12 Oct, 2009. The 7.6-magnitude trembler devastated a stretch of more than 60 miles (100 kilometers) along the western coast of Sumatra island on 30 Sept.—INTERNET

ASEAN countries encouraged to join IDB in tapping Latin American markets

JAKARTA, 12 Oct — The Asian Development Bank’s (ADB) unit that facilitates trade with Latin America, Inter-America Development Bank (IDB), is now seeking more partnerships with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries in tapping the lucrative market in Latin American countries, an IDB senior official said here on Monday.

“China and South Korea were already successful in gaining the benefit from their trades with Latin American countries, why not ASEAN countries,” Kaname Okada, the IDB’s chief of the Japan program, said at a workshop discussing ASEAN-Latin America economic relations here. He added that as of now none of ASEAN’s ten countries joined the IDB. He said South Korea and China were the latest members of a total of 48 countries joined in IDB, that commenced their trade relationships with their Latin American counterparts from zero.

“Apart from the IDB and very active in their business efforts, products from those two countries are very popular in Latin America at the moment,” he said.—Xinhua

China to share culture and literature at Frankfurt Book Fair

FRANKFURT, 12 Oct — As the annual Frankfurt Book Fair is to take place on 14-18 Oct, China is ready to share with the world the charm of its culture and literature at the 61st edition of the event. With a history of about 600 years, the world’s biggest book fair this year is expected to attract more than 7,000 publishers, over 1,000 writers and 15,000 journalists from around the world.

Each year, the host selects a country or a region as the Guest of Honor, which makes it the focus of attention in the publishing industry in Germany and the rest of the world.

On 31 May, 2007, Liu Binjie, head of China’s General Administration of Press and Publication, and Chairman of Frankfurt Book Fair Juergen Boos signed in Beijing an agreement on recognition of China’s status as the Guest of Honor at the 2009 Frankfurt Book Fair. Describing it as a major event of cultural diplomacy, Liu said that becoming a Guest of Honor at Frankfurt Book Fair is a result of the rapid development of China’s publishing industry over the past 30 years of reform and opening up.—Xinhua

Euro-Asia Economic Forum to open in Xi’an next month

BEIJING, 12 Oct — The 2009 Euro-Asia Economic Forum is scheduled to open on 16 Nov in Xi’an, northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, according to a press conference held in Beijing Monday. The theme of the two-day forum will be “Working Together to Facilitate Economic Recovery”.

Zhang said the forum would hold a plenary meeting and four parallel meetings with sub-themes on finance, energy, customs and business and education. About 600 to 700 delegates from the members and observers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the UN organizations and other nations in Europe and Asia are expected to participate in the meeting.—Xinhua

Checkpoint check : A policeman of the ANP (Afghan National Police) controls a car with the help of his dog at a checkpoint in Kabul.—INTERNET

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UN, Interpol cooperate to promote stability

SINGAPORE, 12 Oct—The United Nations (UN) and Interpol, the world’s largest international police organization, agreed here on Sunday to promote state stability, and global law and order.

According to local TV broadcaster Channel News Asia, the two international agencies signed a formal agreement at the Interpol-UN Ministerial meeting which is being held in Singapore.

Singapore Deputy Prime Minister and Home Affairs Minister Wong Kan Seng said that by entering into the partnership, Interpol brings with it the backing of 187 member countries and their collective experience and resources, while the UN on its part is well placed to identify the challenges civilian police would face and the resources needed to better equip them.

S Korea tops world’s 9th-largest in gas emission

SEOUL, 12 Oct—South Korea topped the ninth place in the global ranking of carbon dioxide (CO2) gas emission in 2007, a government report said on Monday according to the report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), South Korea’s ranking remained frozen at the 2006 level, the Ministry of Knowledge Economy said.

Among Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) members, the nation was ranked sixth, it added. The ministry said that in terms of per capita CO2 output, the country was placed 23rd, marking per capita 10.1 tons, up two steps from the year before.

However, the figure was a 113 percent growth from 1990 through 2007, posting the fastest rise among 30 OECD members. In the list of gas emission, China was placed at the top place, followed by the United States, Russia, India and Japan. Germany, Canada and Britain were together placed at the sixth place in the report.

Greece vow to turn fire-ravaged Ancient Olympia into exemplary green development model

ATHENS, 12 Oct—Greek new Prime Minister George Papandreou announced on Sunday the transformation of the birthplace of the Olympic Games and the surrounding area which was fire-ravaged in 2007, into an exemplary model of green development. Accompanied by a group of five ministers, Papandreou visited Ancient Olympia and the Iliak prefecture, in his first tour as a prime minister, as he had promised before the 4 October elections.

Papandreou held an open discussion with local authorities in the town hall on the bill he has party intends to submit in parliament for the “reconstruction of the area which will be used as a model for the restructure of whole Greece” as he stressed. The transformation of Olympia into a modern exemplary residential and green area includes the establishment of a new School of Sport, Olympics, Culture and Model Development.

Visitors of the birthplace of the Olympic Games in the future will emerge over the next few years as the Integrated Resorts, the Gardens by the Bay project and the international Cruise Terminal come on stream.
Surgeons in London, said the hours per week. to work no more than 48 worked 80-hour weeks, say. Doctors previously deaths, about half of all cause avoidable patient doctors can work each week limiting how many hours European Union rules provinces, according to the newspaper. Fever in the Mekong Delta poor awareness of disease provinces, according to the newspaper. A total of 11 Trang came second with 4,500. Soc Mekong Delta provinces, Vietnam’s 32,000 cases of dengue Monday. In this period, the disease. A total of 1,100,000 cases of dengue, including Typhoon Haiyan, were reported in the two provinces of Vietnam in the first nine months of this year, local newspaper the Pioneer reported on Monday. In this period, 32,000 cases of dengue fever were reported in the two provinces, according to the newspaper. Weather conditions and poor awareness of disease prevention were blamed for the spread of dengue fever in the Mekong Delta provinces, according to the newspaper.

**Skin cancer can be hereditary**

BENGKULU, 12 Oct — Several studies have suggested melanoma and other skin cancers run in families, but it can be difficult to tease out the difference between the influence of genes and environment. In the Australian study, Dr Sri N Shekar of the University of Queensland in Brisbane and his colleagues attempted to do so by looking at twin pairs in which at least one twin had been diagnosed with melanoma. They searched through thousands of cases of melanoma reported in Queensland and New South Wales and found 125 twin pairs. In four of the 27 identical twin pairs, both had melanoma, while three of the 98 fraternal twin pairs had both been diagnosed with the deadly skin cancer. Based on these numbers, having an identical twin with melanoma increased a person’s own risk of the disease nearly 10-fold, while melanoma associated with having a non-identical twin with the disease was roughly doubled.

In another study, Dr Shehnaaz K Hussain of the University of California Los Angeles and colleagues looked at the Swedish Family Cancer Database to gauge the risk for several types of skin cancer among siblings and children of people diagnosed with these diseases.

**Vietnam confirms three more deaths of A/H1N1 flu**

HANOI, 12 Oct — Vietnam confirmed three more deaths of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the total number of deaths in the country to 23, said a report on the website of the Ministry of Health on Monday. The 36-year-old female patient, living in the southern Ben Tre province of Vietnam, was taken to a local hospital on 4 Oct with fever, headache, coughing and difficulties in breathing. The patient died one day later due to having more difficulties in breathing. Her sample was tested positive with A/H1N1 virus.

The second case is a 19-year-old man in the northern Bac Giang Province. The patient was taken to a provincial general hospital on 5 Oct with fever and coughing.

**S Korea reports 2 more deaths related to A/H1N1 flu**

SEOUL, 12 Oct — South Korea’s health authorities on Sunday said a two-month-old infant and a 64-year-old male patient, both of them infected with A/H1N1 flu, died in recent days. The baby girl, a Seoul metropolitan resident, died of acute heart failure at a hospital on 6 Oct, the Ministry of Health and Welfare said.

She was confirmed to have been infected with the new flu virus in a posthumous medical test conducted on 7 Oct. Further tests are going on to confirm whether the new flu is the direct cause of her death, the ministry said.

**US researchers use fossilized algae to measure atmospheric carbon dioxide**

LOS ANGELES, 12 Oct — The level of carbon dioxide in Earth’s atmosphere has not been this high for at least 1.5 million years, a new study suggests.

The current carbon dioxide level is 387 parts per million, above the level of about 280 parts per million that existed without exception for 1.6 million years until the dawn of the Industrial Age, according to the study by researchers at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA). The researchers came to the conclusion by analyzing fossilized algae, said the study appearing in October online edition of the journal Science.

Current measurement techniques have used measurements of gases in trapped bubbles of air in Antarctic ice. But that has allowed scientists to measure historic atmospheric carbon dioxide levels back only 800,000 years.
Kuznetsova claims her second China Open title

BEIJING, 12 Oct—World number six Svetlana Kuznetsova beat Agnieszka Radwanska to grab the second China Open title on her fourth appearance at China Open tournament finals on Sunday, climbing to the fourth spot in the world.

Kuznetsova began the match by a break to take a 2-0 lead. In the following games, Kuznetsova didn’t drop any of her serve games, and broke twice to establish the two of the set points to end the first set 6-2.

In the second set, Kuznetsova broke again to lead 2-0. She continued her masterful form by hitting a number of powerful attacks. Although Radwanska didn’t drop any of her serve points in the rest of this set, one break was enough for Kuznetsova to seal the victory 6-2, 6-4.—Xinhua

Henin gets wildcard into Australian Open

SYDNEY, 12 Oct—Former world number one Justine Henin has been granted a wildcard to play in the 2010 Australian Open in her return to tennis, organizers said on Monday.

The 27-year-old Belgian, who won the Australian Open in 2004, announced last month that she was ending her self-imposed retirement to come back to the women’s tennis circuit.

Her coach, Carlos Rodriguez, said last week that Henin is likely to make her return in the Brisbane International, starting on January 3, ahead of the January 18-31 Australian Open in Melbourne."Justine is the ultimate competitor, the winner of seven Grand Slam titles, and we are looking forward to welcoming her back to the Australian Open.—Internet

Nigeria beat Mozambique 1-0 in World Cup qualifier

LAGOS, 12 Oct—Nigeria’s Super Eagles’ hope of winning the World Cup ticket to South Africa next year came alive after beating Mozambique 1-0 in their group B match at the Abuja National Stadium on Sunday.

Striker Obina Nsofor late goal revived Nigeria’s qualification chances to South Africa.

The result keeps Tunisia two points ahead of Nigeria, which means that the North Africans stay in the driving seat for World Cup qualification, while the Super Eagles are on a wing and a prayer.

The Super Eagles will depend on the other result in Group B when the last round of matches is played next month.

Last month, Nigeria was held to a 2-2 draw by Tunisia at the Abuja National Stadium, compromising the Super Eagles chances of qualifying for next year’s World Cup in South Africa.

The match was watched by an empty stadium as the match did not attract any cards.—Xinhua

Ronaldo out of Portugal’s final qualifier

LISBON, 12 Oct—Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo will not be fit to play in Portugal’s final World Cup qualifier against Malta on Wednesday.

Ronaldo had shaken off a twisted ankle to start Saturday’s Group One clash against Hungary, but lasted just 27 minutes of the 3-0 victory at the capital’s Luz stadium.

“After a latest clinical examination and the impossibility of recovering from the knock on his right ankle, Cristiano Ronaldo has been allowed to leave (the squad)," the federation said in a statement on Sunday.

Portugal lie second in their group and need only to beat Malta at home to be sure of a place in the play-offs.—Internet

Rooney out of England’s final qualifier

LONDON, 12 Oct—England striker Wayne Rooney will miss Wednesday’s final 2010 World Cup qualifier against Belarus after the Manchester United forward picked up a calf strain in Saturday’s 1-0 defeat away to Ukraine.

The news is a surprise as Rooney got through the entire game, turning in a decent performance for an England side that was reduced to 10 men after 15 minutes following the dismissal of Robert Green.

Rooney, however, must now undergo treatment in the hope of being fit for United’s Premier League encounter with Bolton.

He will also be making the reverse journey to Ben Foster, who was named as Green’s replacement given that the West Ham keeper is now suspended for the Belarus encounter, one of only three remaining before manager Fabio Capello has to name his squad for next summer’s World Cup.

Unless injury hits one of his other four strikers, Capello is unlikely to call in a replacement. England, with wins in their first eight matches, had already ensured automatic qualification to the World Cup before the defeat in Ukraine as Group 6 leaders.—Internet

Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia (R) and Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland hold up their trophies during the awarding ceremony after women’s singles final at the 2009 China Tennis Open Tournament in Beijing, on 11 Oct, 2009.—Xinhua

Americans win the Presidents Cup

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Oct—Tiger Woods provided a fitting conclusion Sunday to a perfect week at the Presidents Cup, for him and an American team that remains perfect at home.

With a flop shot out of the trees to set up one last birdie, Woods won the point that clinched the cup and made him only the third player in the Presidents Cup to win all five matches.

His 6-and-5 victory over Y.E. Yang was a tiny token of revenge for Woods blowing a final-round lead to him in the PGA Championship this summer.

Even so, it was the first time in either the Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup that Woods earned the decisive point. And he didn’t even know it.—Internet

Keane laments Ireland’s ‘heartbreaking’ Italy draw

DUBLIN, 12 Oct—The Republic of Ireland’s dramatic 2-2 draw with Italy may have secured a place in the 2010 World Cup play-offs but for captain Robbie Keane the result triggered mixed emotions.

Ireland thought they had snatched an improbable win over the world champions when Sean St Ledger put them into a 2-1 lead with three minutes remaining on Saturday.

That would have pushed the Irish to within a point of Italy in Group 8 and given them every chance of gaining automatic qualification for South Africa if results went their way in the final batch of qualifiers on Wednesday.—Internet

Hiroshima, Nagasaki to bid for 2020 Olympics

TOKYO, 12 Oct—Hiroshima and Nagasaki — site of atomic bombings in World War II — are teaming up to make a bid for the 2020 Summer Olympics that will emphasize world peace.

Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba and Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue announced on Sunday that they will form a joint bid committee.

The mayors are founding members of the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign, which advocates for a global ban on nuclear arms.

“The Olympics symbolize the abolition of nuclear arms and world peace, and we want to work to realize our plan to host the games," Akiba said. Taue added: “It will be a new challenge for the atomic-bombed cities.”

The announcement comes a little more than a week after Tokyo lost its bid to host the 2016 Olympics. Tokyo organizers have not indicated whether they will bid.—Internet

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Bangladesh earns over $1.29 bln from UN peacekeeping

DHAKA, 12 Oct—Bangladesh earned more than 90.6 billion taka (about 1.29 billion U.S. dollars) from UN peacekeeping jobs in the last 2008-09 fiscal year (July 2008-June 2009), Foreign Minister Dipu Moni told the parliament on Monday. Presently Bangladesh blue helmets are engaged in 12 peacekeeping missions in 11 countries. The countries are: Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sudan, Congo, West Sahara, Timor, Georgia, Chad, Burundi, Afghanistan and West Africa.

Presently, around 10,000 Bangladeshi troops and 1,500 policemen are engaged in different peacekeeping missions around the world. Bangladesh has been doing the job since 1988 and so far contributed over 80,000 soldiers and policemen. Bangladesh is now the second largest ISAF contributor in Afghanistan after Pakistan.

Monday, 12th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Kayah States, Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagain and Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan State, lower Sagain, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Ayeeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Loilem (2.09) inches, Dawei (1.73) inches, Mwalyamine (1.57) inches, Moekok (1.42) inches, Ye (1.18) inches and Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.99) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-10-2009 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 12-10-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity on 10-10-2009 was 79%. Total sun shines hours on 11-10-2009 was (5.9) hours approx. Rainfall on 12-10-2009 was (0.99) inch at Mingaladon, (0.31) inch at Kabu-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (110.16) inches at Mingaladon, (119.88) inches at Kabu-Aye and (125.00) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kabu-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 11-10-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 13th October 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Kayin, Rakhine and Shan States, upper Sagain, Ayeeyawady and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Kayah State, Bago and Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-10-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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**Myanmar**

Tuesday, 13 October

**View on today**

7:00 am
1. Morning exercises
2. Morning連結
3. To Be Healthy
4. Morning News

7:10 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
6. Seasonal
8:00 am
7. Dance of National Empires
8:15 am
9. *The Royal Animal Weights of the Myanmar Empires*
9:00 am
10. Morning News
11. Weather Report
11:00 am
12. Myanmar Modern Song
12:00 pm
13. Myanmar Modern Song
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14. Myanmar Footwear "Ponedaw" Famed in Myanmar Empires
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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Oct – At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and wife Mrs Kirti Kapoor arrived here on a goodwill visit by special flight this morning.

A ceremony to welcome General Deepak Kapoor and wife Mrs Kirti Kapoor by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took place on the lawn of Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 9.15 am.

General Deepak Kapoor and wife arrived at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in a motorcade from Nay Pyi Taw Airport. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San warmly welcomed General Deepak Kapoor and wife.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Deepak Kapoor went to the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Then they inspected the Guard of Honour.

General Deepak Kapoor presented the Indian goodwill delegation members to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye also presented member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin to General Deepak Kapoor.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Deepak Kapoor take the salute of the Guard of Honour.—MNA