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

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

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

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**Nay Pyi Taw, 13 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San hosted a dinner in honour of Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and wife at Bayintnaung Yeiktha.**

**Staff of Indian Army and wife**

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**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall**

- Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon): 0.08 inch
- Dawei: 3.07 inches
- Longlon: 2.56 inches
- Myeik: 2.20 inches
- Taunggyi: 1.54 inches
- Hinthada: 1.38 inches
- Minkin: 1.30 inches
- Yangon (Central): 1.26 inches
- Heho: 1.26 inches

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**Welcoming the new era**

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1st ISD Men’s Hockey tourney concludes

Yangon, 13 Oct—Jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Hockey Federation, the final match and prize presentation ceremony of 1st Inter-State Division Men’s Hockey Tournament took place at Thawmyepu Hockey Pitch here at 3.30 pm today. Present on the occasion were Director-General of SPED U Thaung Haik, President of MHB Col Htin Zaw Win and executives and guests. Sagaing Division Team beat Yangon Division Team 3-0 in the final match. The President of MHB presented medals and cash to the best goalkeeper, best defender, best midfielder and best forward.

Next, the director-general of SPED presented the championship shield and duplicate shield to Sagaing Division Team.
UN aid appeal for Philippines ‘millions short’

MANILA, 13 Oct—A fund-raising effort to help millions displaced by two deadly cyclones in the Philippines has fallen 55 million dollars short, and more aid is needed, a UN official said on Tuesday. So far, only 19 million dollars had been committed from the 74 million dollars the United Nations requested in a “flash appeal” last week, said UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs John Holmes.

That money is just for relief connected to Tropical Storm Ketsana which hit the Southeast Asian nation on 26 September. But the United Nations will have to ask for more than the 74 million dollars initially requested after Tropical Storm Parma battered the country from 3 to 10 October, said Holmes.

“We will revise it (the sum). We may need to increase it,” Holmes told reporters.—INTERNET

Calif wildfire-area communities prepare for rain

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—Southern California communities below wildfire-scorched mountains made preparations on Monday for the possibility of fast-moving floods laden with mud and rocks as a Pacific storm headed for the West Coast.

Sandbags and concrete barriers called K-rail were placed on streets in suburbs northeast of Los Angeles to try to direct any debris flows away from homes.

“There’s really nothing else to do but wait and see what happens,” said David Wacker, a 25-year resident of La Crescenta, one of a string of communities along the foot of the steep San Gabriel Mountains.

The US Geological Survey recently warned of potentially massive debris flows from the area burned by the late summer Station Fire. Two firefighters were killed and 89 homes were destroyed as it spread over more than 250 square miles of Angeles National Forest, becoming the biggest fire in Los Angeles County history.

Unusually strong for October and packing gusty winds, the storm was expected to move into northern and central parts of the state on Monday night and reach southern areas on Tuesday, the National Weather Service said. —INTERNET

Afghan forces kill three militants, detain nine in South

KABUL, 13 Oct—Afghan forces and US troops have killed three fighters and detained nine others in joint operations against Taliban militants in the southern Helmand Province, a senior military commander in the region said on Monday.

“In two separate operations conducted in the districts of Sangin and Gereskh since Sunday night, three rebels were killed and nine others were captured,” General Shir Mohammad Zazi told Xinhua.

There were no casualties on the troops, he said. Taliban militants have not made comment. —Xinhua

Japan to end naval refueling mission

TOKYO, 13 Oct—Japan will end its naval refueling mission in support of US-led operations in Afghanistan next January, officials said Tuesday.

Defence Minister Toshimi Kitazawa said Japan would pull out its two naval ships from the Indian Ocean operation when their current mandate expires in January. The refueling mission began in 2001.

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, who took office last month, has opposed the mission, saying Japan should take other measures to help Afghanistan restore peace.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirofumi Hirano said Japan is studying what other contributions would be best for the region and hoped to come up with a proposal within weeks.

“We believe that civilian support for the people’s livelihood in that country, such as agricultural reconstruction, would lead to a fundamental solution to what constitutes the basis of terrorism,” Hirano said.

He said Japan wanted to decide on a comprehensive plan before President Barack Obama’s scheduled visit 12-13 Nov. —INTERNET
China requests WTO panel to investigate EU anti-dumping measures


The Chinese mission to the WTO has sent a letter to the chairman of the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body, requesting for the establishment of the panel, the mission said in a statement. The expert panel, once set up, needs at least half a year to issue a final ruling on the dispute.

China launched the WTO case on 31 July, saying anti-dumping measures taken by the EU against the import of Chinese iron or steel fasteners violate WTO trade regulations.

Pursuant to the WTO’s dispute settlement procedure, China and the EU conducted consultations on the dispute in Geneva on 14 Sept, but the consultations failed to lead to a satisfactory resolution of the matter, according to the Chinese mission statement. “The Chinese government opposes firmly to any abuse of trade remedy measures and any promotion of trade protectionism,” the statement quoted an unnamed official of the Ministry of Commerce as saying.

China, Russia bolster ties with $3.5 billion in deals

Beijing, 13 Oct—Russia and China looked to steady their close but increasingly imbalanced relationship on Tuesday when visiting Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin ushered through trade deals said to be worth $3.5 billion.

Putin’s talks in Beijing with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao are also likely to cover the international hotspots on which both governments share many views.

But with China’s economy steaming ahead while Russia has lagged during the global downturn, the two big neighbours appear focused on shoring up trade, energy and political ties.—Internet

S Korea seeks low-CO2 thermal power plant construction

Seoul, 13 Oct—South Korea plans to develop technology to build a thermal power plant in a bid to reduce its carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 2020, the government said on Tuesday.

According to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, the government will push for extensive research and development into so-called carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology in the coming years, which it believes can cut down on CO2 levels by more than 90 percent by the target year.

The technology is likely to be used by thermal power plants along with steel mills and oil refineries that release a lot of greenhouse gases, an official at the ministry said. According to the official, Seoul also plans to establish a consortium to build a pilot 500-megawatt power plant that could gauge the feasibility of CCS in actual working conditions by 2015.

China’s billionaires rise to 130

BEIJING, 13 Oct—Car battery tycoon Wang Chuanfu topped a new list of China’s 1,000 richest people released on Tuesday, which has 130 dollar billionaires in an emphatic declaration of the Asian giant’s economic arrival.

Most of the super-wealthy on the Hurun Rich List, unlike Wang, made their fortunes in the property and stock markets—the focus of Beijing’s massive government stimulus efforts over the past year.

“China’s wealth is growing at breakneck speed,” Rupert Hoogewerf, the founder of the Shanghai-based Hurun Report which publishes the annual list, told a press conference.

“You can double the real number of billionaires in China to 260. There are still a large number of billionaires off the radar screens, managing to build up substantial wealth away from the public spotlight from property, the stock market and investments.”

US recession over, unemployment seen at 10 percent

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct—The worst US recession since the Great Depression has ended, but weak household spending as the labour market struggles to create jobs will slow the pace of the economy’s recovery, according to a survey released on Monday.

The survey of 44 professional forecasters released by the National Association for Business Economics, also known as the NABE, found that 80 percent of the respondents believed the economy was growing again after four straight quarters of declines.

“The great recession is over,” NABE President-Elect Lynn Reaser said.

“The vast majority of business economists believe that the recession has ended, but that the economic recovery is likely to be more moderate than those typically experienced following steep declines.”

Recessions in the United States are dated by the National Bureau of Economic Research.
FAO says climate change to reduce food output up to 30 percent by 2050

ROME, 13 Oct—In 2050 climate change will decrease food and agricultural production by up to 30 percent in parts of developing countries, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) director-general Jacques Diouf said on Monday. Opening the High-Level Expert Forum on world hunger, which is being held here from Monday to Tuesday, Diouf warned that climate change is bound to have a negative effect on the economy of poor and developing countries.

Noting climate change would reduce water availability and lead to an increase in weed, animal pests and diseases, the FAO chief said the combined effects of climate change could reduce potential output by up to 30 percent in Africa and up to 21 percent in Asia by 2050. The Rome-based agency is hosting the international panel grouping more than 300 academic, non-governmental and private sector representatives from developing and developed countries. Talks focus on finding solutions to tackle world famine and food emergency in 2050.

Indonesia, Timor Leste agree to set borderline to settle territory disputes

JAKARTA, 13 Oct—Indonesia and Timor Leste are trying to workout disputes over their territory by agreeing on an exact border between the two nations, the Jakarta Globe reported here on Tuesday. “We are now in the process of finalizing border lines between Indonesia and Timor Leste,” Saut Situmorang, Home Affairs Ministry spokesman said.

A government team was delineating borders along several coordinates based on historical international borders agreement, he added.

Saut said that the two neighbouring countries would set up border posts which can only be passed legally by citizens of both countries as soon as possible.

Singapore launches consortium to promote medical technology

SINGAPORE, 13 Oct—The medical technology industry in Singapore targets to achieve 5 billion Singapore dollars (3.58 billion US dollars) in manufacturing output by 2015, a Singapore official said on Tuesday.

The new area of growth doubled its manufacturing output from 1.5 billion Singapore dollars (1.05 billion US dollars) in 2000 to about 3 billion Singapore dollars (2.09 billion US dollars) in 2008, Singapore’s Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education S Iswaran said at the launch of the MedTech manufacturing consortium.

The MedTech manufacturing consortium, which aims to accelerate the growth of medical technology in Singapore, will play an instrumental role to equip participants with the necessary skills-set, knowledge, industry network and technical consultation, Iswaran said, as the various government agencies and industry associations are brought together to tackle the broad challenges faced by the local manufacturing industry.

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MOGADISHU, 13 Oct—The French navy force patrolling Somalia’s pirate-invested coast on Monday handed over five suspected pirates to the local authorities in Somalia’s northeastern semi-autonomous region of Puntland, police said.

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Photo taken on 12 Oct, 2009 shows the floral drawing plane Volunteer of World Expo 2010 during an unveiling ceremony to mark the 200-day countdown to the World Expo 2010, on the tarmac of Hongqiao Airport, in Shanghai, east China. —XINHUA

Huge Shanshui paintings, Chinese traditional painting style depicting scenery or natural landscapes, created by Chinese painter Xu Longsen are hanged at the atrium of the Justice Palace during the exhibition “On Top of A Thousand Mountains” in Brussels, capital of Belgium on 11 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA
Worker dies in Philly after 125-foot fall

PHILADELPHIA, 13 Oct—A tall construction lift toppled over and struck a downtown Philadelphia apartment building on Monday, killing a construction worker who fell 125 feet.

Investigators want to know whether James Wilson, 40, of Glassboro, NJ, was strapped into the bucket of the boom lift as he worked on a church roof. He may have free-fallen to the ground, they said.

"It doesn’t appear that he was secured properly. We would expect that he was tethered in," Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said. "We’re trying to find out if that’s the case."

The vehicle apparently tipped over when it rode over a sidewalk grate, causing the grate to give way, Ayers said.

Japan’s sales of used cars rise in September

TOKYO, 13 Oct—Sales of second-hand cars in Japan rose in September by around 13,000 units when compared with the previous month, but continued to live up to sales in previous years, signaling that the economy is still struggling, said a trade body on Tuesday.

According to statistics released by the Japanese Automobile Dealers Association, some 297,784 second-hand vehicles were sold in Japan in September, compared with 274,574 in the previous month.

Year on year, however, the figure was much lower than 342,392 units in 2008. Japan has not posted a year-on-year rise in second-hand car sales since January.

The total number of second-hand cars sold between April and September also suffered a drop, down to 1,915,934 units from 2,067,091 a year earlier.—Xinhua

T-Mobile-Sidekick US users face personal data loss

NEW YORK, 13 Oct—Users of Microsoft Corp’s Sidekick mobile phone may have permanently lost data such as contacts, photos and calendar entries due to the failure of a Microsoft server computer.

-T-Mobile USA, a unit of Deutsche Telekom, said in a notice available on its website on Monday that its customers who do have such data stored locally on their Sidekick devices will “almost certainly” have lost the data. It also advised customers against resetting a Sidekick by removing the battery or letting the battery drain as this would still result in the loss of any personal content stored on the device made by Danger, a company Microsoft bought in 2008.

When operating normally, the Sidekick retrieves data from Microsoft servers after an event such as a phone reset. “Personal information stored on your device such as contacts, calendar entries, to-do lists or photos that is no longer on your Sidekick almost certainly has been lost as a result of a server failure at Microsoft/Danger,” a Microsoft unit, the company said.

-T-Mobile USA said in the statement dated 10 October that it would update customers again on Monday. T-Mobile USA spokesperson Cara Walker noted that only a minority of the company’s Sidekick customers have lost data due to the outage.—Internet

Singapore, US institutes to develop green electronics

SINGAPORE, 13 Oct—University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) and the Institute of Microelectronics (IME) of Singapore have reached an agreement on “green” electronics research collaboration.

According to a statement by Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) on Tuesday, the agreement focused on developing ultra-efficient nano-scale transistors and exploring their circuit-level functionality.

The collaborative research targets design, modeling, fabrication, and characterization of an emerging category of “green” nano-scale devices with ultra-low leakage. UC Santa Barbara is a global leader in bioengineering, chemical and computational engineering, materials science, nanotechnology and physics while the IME is a research institute of the Science and Engineering Research Council of A*STAR. Singapore’s lead research agency.

Peking University’s “academic campus cat” favors philosophy and art courses

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The lobster, nicknamed Lionel, was discovered inside the mine after divers alerted the Navy to the 600-pound German explosive off the coast of Swanage, England, the Daily Telegraph reported.

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War and Peace

Throughout the world history are a large number of wars and battles. The First World War and the Second World War that broke out in the 20th century cost millions of lives of people and ravaged a great deal of property. Having witnessed the world wars, people of the 20th century hated wars to the marrow and tried to prevent possible future wars.

Nevertheless, regional and aggressive wars have been occurring continuously one after another since then. The world still witnesses sounds of air attacks, artillery fire, gunfire and suicide bomb attacks daily. Due to the state-of-the-art media, people can watch everyday news about battles on TV, and view the conditions of battlefields on covers of international news journals.

Wars do not yield any fruitful results. People by nature love peace. The longer a war, the greater loss of property and lives people suffer. Can people avert wars despite their knowledge of evil consequences of wars?

Ex-battlefield

In the World War II, Myanmar was a battlefield two times: while Japanese troops invaded the nation and while the Burma Patriotic Army together with the people were driving Fasics troops out of the nation's soil. The people and the Burma Independence Army launched a war against the British government that colonized the whole Myanmar for 62 years. The people, to free the uncrowned and patriotic politicians in synchronization wagged the Anti-Fascist Resistance to drive out japanese invaders.

Myanmar people did not choose wars. In the three Anglo-Myanmar Wars that took place in 1824, 1852 and 1885, Myanmar were not in favour of the wars, and they knew well the great gap of armed power. However, it was the British colonialists that claimed they would be satisfied only if they occupied Myanmar. So, Myanmar people had no choice but to repulse the attacks of the British colonialists.

Myanmar people launched wars against Fasics invaders and British colonialists to achieve the political goal: they could work for the welfare of the nation only if the nation regained independence and sovereignty, not because they were bloodthirsty.

Due to the sacrificing sense of the people and Tatmadaw members, the nation managed to throw off the yokes of the Fascists and the British colonialists and hoist the State Flag again.

So far, independence and sovereignty have been maintained and protected for nearly 62 years against varieties of threats posed by internal and external subversives. Being born to the people, Tatmadaw members have safeguarded the nation’s independence and sovereignty with lion heart.

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Young Tatmadaw members have become mature.

War Veterans

Old Tatmadaw members are now at their ripe old age. The Tatmadaw must be always young and active with high performance. Therefore, I retired from the Tatmadaw at the age of 49. And I retired as a government staff member at the age of 60. I wish more dynamic and younger generations a success in taking over the duties from their seniors. Only then will it be possible for the nation to catch up with international community. In my capacity as a war veteran, I shouldered duties everywhere I was posted for 11 years.

I served for the department I was assigned duties. I went to the town that I was posted to and stayed there. I discharged all the duties assigned to me, so I was awarded the Good Service Medal. And I was given an award of fair amount of money for my performing duties for about 30 years. However, the cash award was the award with sentimental value, as for me.

War veterans are never coveted in public. In general, they are not too extravagant with dresses. They have faced and braved consequences of wars for years, so they lead a mature life.

They are resistant enough to vicissitudes. Maybe, war veterans are poor, but they lead a peaceful life. They are not opportunists. They do not feel discouraged for their needy life as the motherland has not been a developed one yet. War veterans have a strong sense of altruistic spirit.

War Veterans Organization makes arrangements for war veterans to get cash assistance when they are over 75 years old. It also provides cash awards for members’ children who are outstanding in their education. There is care and assistance for fallen soldiers and disabled soldiers who lost their limbs in action.

There have been lots of fallen soldiers as they had to fight against the foreign intruders as well as internal armed insurgents, day and night in all places, hilly regions, plains and jungles. Some member of those who died of malaria or gastric ulcer is not small either.

There are war veterans who lost their limbs or were blind or hard of hearing because of the enemies or the battle status. Usually, they had to struggle much. There are very few rich war veterans. No problem. Despite being poor, they are loyal. They are loyal to their nation and people and safeguard Our Three Main National Causes. War veterans live among the people in all parts of the nation.

For war veterans, they did not shoulder defence duties to make a living. But they fought wars with national outlook holding the belief that the nation will develop only when peace and security prevails. So they keep track of politics although they do not take interest in it. They read a newspaper every day. They have a national political conviction.

There is a latent fear, which is always alert for performing national defence duties. And it is made up of war veterans. There are 304 township war veterans organizing committees. They are a reserve force of the State. They are old in age but high in spirits.

Myanmar War Veterans Organization is systematically formed at various levels. The Head of State takes interest in and gives special consideration to MWVO’s work programmes, activities and developments. He occasionally gives guidance.

The objectives of MWVO are:

1. To participate in State defence and security duties under the leadership of the Tatmadaw
2. To render help to each other’s members and families
3. To cooperate with congenial associations in nation-building tasks

MWVO Central Organizing Committee held conferences in 2001 and 2005 and adopted future work programmes, passed and approved resolutions and put them on record. It has worked hard for the wellbeing of the State, the people and the members and for solving the problems of the members’ families.

Myanmar War Veterans Organization conference was held in October 2009. It was attended by about 400 members from states and divisions. War veterans have to expedite region-wise organizational tasks when necessary under the leadership of the Tatmadaw as they have military experience and outlook in our country, which has adopted people’s militia strategy. They are a valuable resource.

They have to organize the people to know and respect the duties of citizens prescribed in the constitution (2008) overwhelmingly approved by the people. National politics is fundamental.

MWVO members will have to cooperate in successful holding of free and fair elections in various townships in 2010. The Tatmadaw government will make systematic arrangements to hold free and fair elections. The people strongly believe in them. The people trust the Tatmadaw as it has been acting in a just and correct way throughout history. There is nothing special to mention about it.

As the conference (2009) of Myanmar War Veterans Organization was held at a time when the nation is in transition to a new system, I assume that it bodes well for a brighter future of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San host dinner...

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Before and during dinner, artistes accompanied by Myanma Athan Modern Music Band entertained the guests with songs. After dinner, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army and wife exchanged gifts. The Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army and wife cordially greeted artistes who performed entertainment. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San greet Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and wife at Bayintnaung Yeiktha.— MNA

Mrs. Kirti Kapoor, wife of Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army, and party tour Nay Pyi Taw


They were welcomed by the president of MMCWA and members.

The MMCWA president extended greetings and the secretary gave accounts of the association.

Next, Mrs. Kirti Kapoor asked about the association, and the president and Mrs. Kirti Kapoor exchanged gifts.

Next, Mrs. Kirti Kapoor put a signature on the visitors’ book and viewed documentary photos on the activities of MMCWA.

Afterwards, Mrs. Kirti Kapoor and party visited Mitta Hsanyay clinic and Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.

They also visited Herbal Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) of Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health and Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2009-Oct to be held

YANGON, 13 Oct—Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2009-Oct will be held with the aim of developing information and telecommunication technologies, boosting demand for Myanmar ICT market and spreading ICT technologies among the people at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wizara Road from 15 to 18 October.

Seventy companies will exhibit 157 booths at the exhibition. Those interested can buy computers and accessories, latest electronic and communication items, techniques and application software at a place. Myanmar Computer Federation holds ICT Exhibitions twice a year. Miss ICT pageant will be held along with the exhibition. The winner of Miss ICT is to take part in the drive for development of ICT.

Moreover, Myanmar Computer Federation will present prizes of Best Mobile Application, Best Website, Best Student Project (Primary, Middle, High school) and Best Educational Courseware.

Diplomatic golfing day held in RMG&C club

YANGON, 13 Oct—Diplomatic golfing day of ambassadors and military attachés in Myanmar took place at Royal Mingaladon Golf and Country Club here this afternoon.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department, officials, ambassadors and military attachés of foreign embassies, and guests were present. Next, prizes were presented to the winners and, Singaporean Ambassador Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong and U San Tun of the club expressed thanks. It was sponsored by Zay Gabar Co Ltd (Royal Mingaladon Golf and Country Club).— MNA
Special Refresher Course No. 35 for Basic Education Teachers concludes

YANGON, 13 Oct— The Special Refresher Course No. 35 for Basic Education Teachers organized by Civil Service Selection and Training Board (Upper Myanmar) concluded at Yadana Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in Pyin Oo Lwin township, Mandalay Division yesterday morning.

On behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary of the State Peace and Development Council General Thihla Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made a speech on the occasion, saying that basic education teachers are to sharpen the abilities of new generation youth to become qualified students who will discharge duties in all fields of the future State. They need to cultivate the spirit, outlook and behavior of the students since their childhood in line with the vision of the State. The students are to be taught to respect school rules, disciplines of the community and laws of the country. It is necessary to train the students to value cultural traditions and mutual respects. The future State is to be built based on education sector constantly nurturing human resources. The education system guaranteeing for long-term is to be established. The government is implementing five years short term projects for the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan. In building a new peaceful modern developed nation, if it can be built on the firm foundation of education, it will last longer. Efforts are to be made for becoming good education service personnel in Myanmar education history.

Next, Minister U Thaung presented best trainee awards to trainee No E-156 Junior Assistant Teacher U Zar Nu Aung of Khawel village affiliated Basic Education Middle School of Mawlaik Township of Sagay Division and trainee No A-67 SAT Daw Wah Wah Lwan of Manganpauk village BEHS of Mongyayung of Shan State (East), awards for diligence to trainee No E-107 of schoolhead U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin of Ye Htut village No. 99 BEPS of Pathinety Township of Mandalay Division and trainee No. 44 PAT Daw Lwin Lwin Mar of No.16 Post Primary School of Pyigyiadung Township of Mandalay Division and trainee No.193 JAT Daw Kar Me Loak of No.12 BEHS of Chanayathazan Township of Mandalay Division and model hostel awards to hostel 2 of man trainees and hostel 4 of woman trainee, and certificates to the trainees through company leaders.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, members of CSSTB, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt of (Upper Myanmar), heads of department, the rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar), pro-rectors, deans and trainees.

Minister U Thaung presents award to a trainee.—MNA

Health Minister visits Yangon General Hospital

YANGON, 13 Oct— Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint accompanied by directors-general and officials visited Yangon General Hospital on 11 October. Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha and the heads/professors conducted them round the hospital.

The minister inspected patient wards and departments in the hospital and left necessary instructions. MNA

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint inspecting Yangon General Hospital.—MNA

Courses of training school for national youths in border areas conclude

YANGON, 13 Oct— Course No.6 of the technical training school for national youths in border areas of the Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Laukkai concluded at the school on 25 September. Brig-Gen Hla Myint gave a concluding speech. A total of 20 trainees completed the course.

Similarly, 19 trainees completed the course at the training school in Panhsan and 30 trainees at the training school in Mongla.

The courses lasted 16 weeks from 8 June to 25 September. MNA

Minister inspects construction works

NAV PITTAW, 13 Oct—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected progress in construction of under pass at Kukwe-Pyinsi-Sagar-Inn Awaing road section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, arrival of steel frames and worksite of construction of 180-foot long Thamin Hlwyoe creek bridge on 11 October.

Next, the minister looked into progress in laying of concrete, construction of 360-foot long Gondawyoe creek bridge and works being carried out along Kukwe-Pyinsi-Sagar-Inn Awaing road and gave necessary instructions.

There will be 44 large and small bridges, 230 box culverts and eight under passes on Kukwe-Pyinsi-Sagar-Inn Awaing road section being implemented by Road Construction Project Special Group (13) of Public Works and Bridge Construction Project Special Group of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.—MNA

IT survey to be carried out at ICT Exhibition-2009

YANGON, 13 Oct— Myanmar Computer Professionals Association will carry out IT survey to find out the condition of use of computers and internet access and to assess the development of IT in Myanmar.

Jointly conducted by MCPA and Novel Light Media, IT Survey will be carried out at the Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2009 at the Tatmadaw Hall here as from 15 October. Visitors to the exhibition are urged to get IT Survey Sheet and to answer the questions on the sheet.

Over 30 lucky draws including a laptop computer worth US$650, a desktop computer worth US$450 and a computer worth US$300 will be picked up for the respondents of the survey.

Those companies wishing to sponsor the presentation ceremony for the lucky draw programme may contact Novel Light Media, Ph 391186.—MNA
A visit to Tangyan where Wulong tea grows

Byline & Photos Tin Htwe (MNA)

There are 102,337 acres of forest reserve and 340,808 acres of protected forests in Tangyan where pine, Shorea obtusa, basil and various kinds of bamboos grow with wildlife such as samburs, barking deer, boars, mountain goats, monkeys and monitor lizards inhabit.

The minimum temperature of Tangyan is 4 degree centigrade, maximum temperature 27.28 degree centigrade and average rainfall is 74.54 inches per year. The major roads in Tangyan are Tangyan-Lashio (Tarred road) - 83 miles, Tangyan-Pansan (Tarred road)-115 miles, Tangyan-Monghaung (Tarred road) - 55 miles, Tangyan-Mongye (Tarred road) - 33 miles. The major bridges are 600-feet long Takawark suspension bridge on Tangyan-Pansan road, 196-feet long Mengpek bridge on Tangyan-Lashio road, Napan creek-crossing bridge on Tanyan-Mongkaung road and 100-feet long Mankek suspension bridge on Tangyan-Lashio road.

With regard to education sector of Tangyan, the township has three Basic Education High Schools, two BEHSs (branch), four Basic Education Middle Schools, two BEMSs (branch), 89 Basic Education Primary Schools and seven Post Primary Schools.

In health sector, Tangyan has one 25-bed hospital, eight rural healthcare centres, one Maternal and Child healthcare centre, one leprosy, malaria and TB centre, and two station hospitals.

By the time we left Tangyan, land of Wulong tea, we saw the fascinating views of endless tea plantations under the sun light as the clouds began scattering.

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Russia-China cooperation important cornerstone of world stability, says Putin

BEIJING, 13 Oct—Russia-China cooperation is one of the most important cornerstones of the world stability, said Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin here on Tuesday.

Putin told Chinese press that such cooperation played important role in solving series of international sensitive issues and in safeguarding world peace and development.

Both Russia and China adhere to peaceful foreign policy, and the two nations do not drift into overseas war or station overseas troops, he noted.

“Our coordination on major international issues helps some impulsive countries keep calm,” Putin said, adding that some important issues, such as the environmental protection, would not be solved at all without Russia-China agreement.

Putin said his country is fully aware of this situation, and values the cooperation with China.

“We are satisfied with our cooperation in the international arena in recent years,” he said.

The UN Security Council is a major platform for the two nations to conduct international cooperation. Russia and China, both as permanent members of the Security Council, have made great efforts to jointly safeguard world security, he noted.

Putin also hailed the function of other cooperation platforms for solving various kinds of problems, including the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the recent Group of 20 industrialized nations (G20), and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

Strong earthquake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 Oct—A 6.2 magnitude quake took place in Indonesia’s eastern region on Tuesday at 8:38 Jakarta time (1138 GMT), Indonesian meteorology and geophysics agency reported here on Tuesday.

The epicenter of the quake was located at 252 km northeast of Ternate in Maluku and 299 km from Tahunah in North Sulawesi province and at a depth of 18 km. The agency said no tsunami threat was issued.

Indonesia, home to over 230 million people, sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone called “the Pacific Ring of Fire,” where two continental plates meet, causing frequent seismic and volcanic movements.

Frankfurt book fair opens to “define future book world”

FRANKFURT (GERMANY), 13 Oct—The renowned Frankfurt Book Fair opened its 2009 edition on Tuesday, saying its goal was to “define the future landscape of the book world.”

The fair, to last till Sunday, has drawn more than 400,000 titles of books from more than 100 countries and attracted 180,000 book sellers and dealers. Of the books on display, 120,000 are new releases.

This year’s fair also hosted the largest gathering of children’s book specialists and the largest collection of cookery books.

The Frankfurt Book Fair has added for the first time as diversity a Creative Industries and a Gourmet Gallery showcase to provide visitors with greater variety.

Dr. Gottfried Honnefelder, president of the German Publishers & Booksellers Association, said this year’s fair would define the future landscape of the book world.

Honnefelder said the main topics of discussion at the book fair would center on copyrights, open access, the Google Book Settlement and copy protection.

At least one ship breaker killed in gas explosion in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 13 Oct—A ship breaker died and two others were seriously injured at Sitakundu in Bangladesh’s southeastern Chittagong port city, some 242 km away from capital Dhaka, due to a gas explosion Tuesday morning, local police said.

Chief of Sitakundu Police Station Nazmul Islam told Xinhua, saying “It was investigated whether the incident was simply an accident or anything else.” However, local leading English newspaper The Daily Star reported that three ship breakers were killed after they suffered from serious injuries in the gas explosion. According to local media report, a total of 18 workers were killed in 2006 and 2007 while 15 were killed in 2008.

US drone crashes in E Afghanistan

KHHOST, (AFGHANISTAN), 13 Oct—A pilotless plane with the US-led Coalition Forces crashed in Sabari district of Kohst province in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, said the Coalition press office in the region.

However, the press office, set in the provincial capital Khokst city, denied the drone was shot down by militants, putting technical problem behind the incident.

The drones are often used by coalition forces to attack Taliban militants in remote areas of the country. Meanwhile, Taliban militants fighting Afghan, NATO and U.S. forces have claimed that the drone was shot down by their men.

This is the second unmanned plane crash in the post-Taliban country over the past one year, a NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) drone crashed in northern Kunduz province last Saturday.

Unemployment looms over Finnish shipyards

“...the mood at the shipyard is pretty low. Some people are more worried than others,” said workers’ union representative Jari Aalio. “We will try to hang on to our staff, but it is certain that some will disappear,” leaving for other jobs or retiring as lay-offs loom, he said. Shipyards in Finland and elsewhere are suffering from the global economic turmoil, which has prompted cruiselines and shipping companies to postpone decisions on new ship orders.

“Since autumn 2008, for over a year now, nobody has ordered new cruise ships.” Teppo Raits, director of the STX shipyard in Turku, told AFT. About 300 of his workers are currently laid off temporarily and that number is expected to rise in coming months.

Yao Ming enlisted as China anti-smoking ambassador

Beijing, 13 Oct.—Basketball star Yao Ming has joined up with the wife of China’s vice president to lead an anti-tobacco campaign in the country with the world’s largest number of smokers, state media said on Tuesday.

The NBA All-Star Houston Rockets centre was named as an ambassador to the Chinese Association on Tobacco Control and is expected to appear in public service announcements urging people not to smoke. Xinhua news agency said. Also named was pop singer Peng Liyuan, the wife of Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping, the report said.

About 350 million Chinese, or nearly 27 percent of the country’s population, smoke cigarettes, with the nation consuming up to one-third of the tobacco products sold annually worldwide, said the report, citing the association.

Up to one million Chinese die every year from lung cancer or cardiovascular diseases directly linked to tobacco consumption, it said.

Explosion rips through Hezbollah member’s home

Beirut, 13 Oct.—An explosion ripped through the garage of a Hezbollah member’s home in southern Lebanon on Monday, and security officials said the building might have been used to store weapons. One senior security official said the blast killed one person, but the other officials could not confirm that. The Hezbollah militant group that holds sway in the south said no one was killed but one person was wounded.

The explosion occurred in the village of Tayr Filsay near the port city of Tyre, about six miles (10 kilometers) from the border with Israel, said the security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations.

Photographers allowed inside the two-story home said it appeared to have been under construction and that its garage appeared to be blackened by a fire. A July explosion in an abandoned building in another southern village was said to have been caused by a fire in a secret Hezbollah arms depot. The group said at the time that the building housed ammunition left over from Israeli attacks on Lebanon.

S Korea reports 15th A/H1N1 flu death case

Seoul, 13 Oct.—South Korea on Tuesday reported its 15th death case related to A/H1N1 flu.

According to the Ministry of Health and Welfare, a 67-year-old female patient, who has long suffered from breast cancer and diabetes, has died, raising the country’s death toll from the new virus to 15.

The patient was tested positive for the A/H1N1 virus earlier this month, and died of respiratory and circulatory diseases directly caused by the new virus on Oct 10, the ministry said.

A/H1N1 flu kills 30th patient in Hong Kong

Hong Kong, 13 Oct.—A 79-year-old male patient with a history of diabetes and high blood pressure died here on Sunday, not long after he was confirmed to have contracted the A/H1N1 flu, bringing the total number of A/H1N1-related deaths to 30 in the city, medical authorities announced on Monday.

According to a spokesman from the Hospital Authority, the man was admitted to the Princess Margaret Hospital on 3 Oct after developing flu-like symptoms. He was given Tamiflu and antibiotics on the same day. As his condition deteriorated on 5 Oct, he was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit for further treatment with ventilation.

Jordon’s first A/H1N1 flu fatality confirmed

Amman, 13 Oct.—Jordan’s health authorities confirmed on Monday its first death case of influenza A/H1N1.

The victim, a 26-year-old man, was admitted to the state-run Prince Hamzah Hospital late on Sunday after exhibiting symptoms of the A/H1N1 virus, a source, who asked not to be named, told Xinhua at the hospital.

In remarks to the Jordan’s official News Agency Petra, Jordan’s Health Minister Nayef Fayezi said the young man had suffered from unrelated health problems prior to his infection.
S Africa battles to curb TB spread

JOHANNESBURG, 13 Oct—Tuberculosis control in South Africa is among the worst in the world with infections tripling in the last decade, the country’s deputy health minister said on Monday.

“TB prevalence has increased almost threefold in the last 10 years. South Africa is amongst the 10 worst performing countries on TB control,” the SAPA news agency quoted deputy minister Molefi Sefularo as saying.

“This has left us anxious and concerned.” South Africa’s performance in fighting TB was worse than that of its neighbour Mozambique, despite having far better resources, Sefularo told a meeting of AIDS and TB specialists in Cape Town.

The World Health Organization estimates almost one percent or 461,000 South Africans develop TB annually, with government figures showing that the disease was the country’s leading natural cause of death in 2006.

Sefularo said South Africa’s current cure rate of about 65 percent was significantly better than the 51 percent it had in 2004, but was far below the WHO’s recommended cure rate of 85 percent.

“We are in danger of not meeting our Millennium Development Goals as a result of these poor outcomes,” he said.

The presence of multidrug resistant (MDR-TB) and extensively drug resistant (XDR-TB) strains combined with HIV posed major challenges, he said.—Internet

Excess weight super-sizes sleep risk

MADISON, 13 Oct—People who are overweight are at greater risk of having sleep-disordered-breathing and suffer greater consequences, US researchers said.

“We know that excess body weight is strongly related to more frequent breathing events — apneas and hypopneas — in persons with sleep-disordered-breathing,” lead author Paul E Peppard, assistant professor of population health sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said in a statement. “In this study, we wanted to go a step further and measure how much the excess weight contributes to the severity of individual breathing events.”

Peppard and colleagues recruited 750 adults from the Wisconsin Sleep Center study, an ongoing epidemiological investigation into sleep-disordered-breathing, to have their breathing, blood-oxygen levels and sleep analyzed.—Internet

Technique creates new bone for teenager

CINCINNATI, 13 Oct—A new technique used by surgeons and scientists at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center gave a teenager a new face, a pediatric plastic surgeon said.

The first-of-its-kind surgery combined donor bone, growth hormone and the patient’s own stem cells to create new heart muscles in a lab study. Duke University researchers say their achievement using mouse embryonic stem cells is a important first step toward growing a living “heart patch” to repair heart tissue damaged by disease.

The scientists said they used a novel mold of their own design to fashion a three-dimensional “patch” made up of heart muscle cells, known as cardiomyocytes. The new tissue exhibited the two most important attributes of heart muscle cells — the ability to contract and to conduct electrical impulses.

Researchers said they also found cardiomyocytes flourished only in the presence of a class of “helper” cells known as cardiac fibroblasts, which comprise as much as 60 percent of all cells present in a human heart.—Internet

New hope for high-risk child leukemia

VANCOUVER, 13 Oct—A new therapy is doubling survival rates for high-risk childhood Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Canadian researchers said.

The Phase 2 trial, published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, involved nearly 20 North American centers with a total of 92 patients ages 1-21.

“Adding continuous exposure to imatinib for two-and-a-half years made a big difference and increased the survival rates to 87 percent. The drug was well tolerated and it didn’t have any significant side effects,” study leader Dr Kirk Schultz of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver said in a statement.—Internet

Transplant patient given smoker’s lungs

CAMBRIDGE, 13 Oct—A 31-year-old British man died from lung cancer after receiving the lungs of a man who was a heavy smoker, officials in Cambridge, England, said.

Matthew Millington, 31, a corporal in the Queens Royal Lancers and an Iraqi war vet, needed the transplant to save him from an incurable respiratory condition, his father, Lester Millington, said. An inquest last week into his death found he died from complications of transplant surgery, a report his widow, Siobhan, said she found difficult to accept. “All Matthew wanted was another set of lungs. He said: ‘They have given me a dud pair, get me another set,’” she told The Times of London in a story published on Monday.—Internet

Scientists grow living ‘heart patch’

DURHAM, 13 Oct—US bioengineers say they have successfully mimicked the way embryonic stem cells develop into heart muscle in a lab study. Duke University researchers say their achievement using mouse embryonic stem cells is a important first step toward growing a living “heart patch” to repair heart tissue damaged by disease.

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South African patients of the Tuberculosis (TB) centre in Khayelitsha, on the south-western coast of South Africa, wait to see doctors in March. Control of the disease in South Africa is among the worst in the world with infections tripling in the last decade, the country’s deputy health minister has said. —INTERNET

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Russian gov’t agrees to form 2018 World Cup bidding commission

MOSCOW, 13 Oct—Russian government has approved the founding of a bidding commission for the 2018 World Cup, said the government website on Monday.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has endorsed relevant papers of the commission entitled “Russia-2018 bidding commission,” which will be chaired by First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov.

The ministry of Sports and Tourism will submit a personnel list of the commission to the government within two weeks.

The relevant papers also stipulated that the commission will formally submit its bid to FIFA, and the Russian Football Union is scheduled to sign bidding agreements with FIFA prior to 11 Dec this year.

Putin suggested the government from a World Cup bidding commission on 8 Oct at a government presidium meeting, saying that Russia is eligible to host the 2018 World Cup. He also pledged to build stadia in several cities to promote soccer games across Russia.

FIFA chief Joseph Blatter is to meet with Putin in Moscow on 14-15 Oct to ensure that the Russian bid will receive government support.

Kalou gets new Chelsea deal

LONDON, 13 Oct—Salomon Kalou has become the latest Chelsea star to agree a new long-term deal, with the Ivory Coast striker signing a contract that will keep him at Stamford Bridge until 2012.

Kalou is in his fourth year at Stamford Bridge and has made 93 starts, 66 substitute appearances and scored 31 goals for the club.

Blues boss Carlo Ancelotti predicted a bright future for the striker, who has followed Didier Drogba, John Terry, Ashley Cole, John Mikel Obi, Florent Malouda, Hilarion and Michael Mancienne in extending his stay in west London.

“I am very pleased that Salomon has signed a new contract with us as he is an important player for this club,” said Ancelotti.

Bayern’s Olic sidelined for six

MUNICH, 13 Oct—Bayern Munich striker Ivica Olic has been sidelined for around six weeks after picking up a calf injury while on international duty with Croatia, the Bundesliga giants said on Monday.

Bayern medical staff initially believed Olic would only be out for three weeks but the injury is worse than they feared.

As well as Olic, Bayern are missing other forward players: Dutchman Arjen Robben, who has recently undergone a knee operation and French midfielder Franck Ribery, who is suffering a recurrence of tendinitis in his left knee.

Bayern hope Ribery, a summer transfer target for Real Madrid, will return in two weeks.

After eight matches in the German top flight Bayern are in eighth place in two weeks.

Del Potro on standby for Kooyong Classic

MELBOURNE, 13 Oct—US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro has been named as an alternate player for the Kooyong Classic exhibition tournament here in January, organisers said on Tuesday.

Argentina’s Del Potro, 21, is on standby to play if world number one Roger Federer does not take up the eighth and final place in the draw for the January 13-16 warm-up tournament ahead of the Australian Open, organisers said.

“If Roger decides against playing at Kooyong, or another player withdraws before the tournament, Juan Martin will step into the field,” tournament director Colin Stubbs said.

“I am delighted that such strong back-up plans have been put in place.”

Other confirmed signings for the Kooyong Classic are Novak Djokovic, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Fernando Verdasco, Robin Soderling, Fernando Gonzalez, Tommy Haas and Marcos Baghdatis.

Italian league seeks 100m euros for TV rights

MONACO, 13 Oct—The Italian football league on Monday put out to tender the rights to televise its games outside the country for the next two years, looking for at least 100 million euros.

Officials announced that bids were to be submitted by November 2 to the “Lega Calcio” for first and second division games covering the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 seasons.

The package on offer has 380 Serie A and 462 Serie B matches and includes for the first time a game at midday on Sunday targeted at Asian audiences.

The tender follows the sale of the rights to air the same matches inside Italy to Rupert Murdoch’s Sky Italia and Mediaset Premium, owned by Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Speaking at the Sportel international sports rights meeting here, Lega Calcio officials said they hoped to find a single purchaser for all the international rights who would enjoy total control and maximum flexibility.

The successful bidder would be able to sell sub-licences country by country in line with the general conditions which include a minimum of two matches every week.

AC Milan likely to take Beckham in January

ROME, 13 Oct—AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani admitted on Monday that former England captain David Beckham would probably return to the Italian giants in January’s transfer window.

Beckham spent the second half of last season on loan at Milan before returning to his American club Los Angeles Galaxy at the end of the Serie A season.

He is known to be looking for another loan deal in January to allow him to play at the top European level so as to not scupper his chances of being a part of England coach Fabio Capello’s World Cup plans in South Africa next year.

Former England captain David Beckham

And speaking from an Italian Football League stand at a sports convention in Monte Carlo, Galliani said: “It’s very probable that Beckham will come to Milan on loan until June 30 but I won’t give any details while nothing has been signed.”—Internet

ATP schedule too taxing, warns Roddick

SHANGHAI, 13 Oct—Frustrated Andy Roddick said Monday the ATP was wearing out its top players, warning that a men’s tennis schedule without a proper off-season was asking for trouble.

The American, who is trying to recover form after losing early last week in Beijing, now has a fresh start at the Shangh hai Masters, beginning in the second round against Swiss Stan Wawrinka.

Speaking ahead of his opener at the Qi Zhong complex, Roddick said that the ATP could be heading for a clash with worn-out top players if something did not change in an 11-month calendar.

“It’s ridiculous to think you have a professional sport that doesn’t have a legitimate off-season to rest, get healthy, and then train,” said the three-time Wimbledon finalist.

Italian league seeks 100m euros for TV rights
Gerrard to miss England’s final World Cup qualifier

Gerrard suffered a groin injury during Saturday’s 1-0 defeat in Ukraine.

England boss Fabio Capello said: “He didn’t finish training because the pain was the same as yesterday (Monday). He’s going back to Liverpool.”

Gerrard’s absence means Capello is without two of his key creative stars as Manchester United forward Wayne Rooney withdrew on Sunday with a calf injury.—Xinhua

Whelan still a fan of Heskey

LONDON, 13 Oct—Wigan Athletic owner Dave Whelan is baffled as to why the 57-cap international striker to Aston Villa in order to come back to Liverpool.”

The Latics sold the England international yesterday (Monday). He’s coming to an end. The contract with Wigan was going back to Liverpool.

However, Heskey has found regular first-team football hard to come by of late and has hinted he may need to hinted he may need to go back to Liverpool. "It’s near if you wanna come”

Gerrard’s absence means Capello is without two of his key creative stars as Manchester United forward Wayne Rooney withdrew on Sunday with a calf injury.

Emile Heskey back to Wigan Athletic owner cement his place in Fabio Capello’s England squad that heads to South Africa next summer.

The 31-year-old has started just one Premier League game this season and Whelan is baffled as to why the 57-cap international is not a regular under manager Martin O’Neill.

Emile Heskey

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Wednesday, 14 October View on today

7:00 am
1. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
2. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
7:10 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:25 am
4. Morning News
7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
7:50 am
6. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
8:05 am
7. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
8:10 am
8. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
8:25 am
9. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
8:40 am
10. International News
8:45 am
11. Connect with English (Episode-14) (A Bad Day)
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Dance of National Races
4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme
4:30 pm
4. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
4:45 pm
5. Songs to Uphold National Spirit
4:50 pm
6. Classical Song
5:00 pm
7. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
5:15 pm
8. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
5:30 pm
9. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
5:40 pm
10. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
6:00 pm
11. Evening News
6:15 pm
12. Weather Report
6:20 pm
13. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
6:35 pm
14. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
7:00 pm
15. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
7:25 pm
16. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
7:40 pm
17. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
8:00 pm
18. News
19. International News
20. Weather Report
21. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
22. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
23. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
23. နှင့်မှ ရေးရွက်ပေးမည်။
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

A visit to Tangyan where Wulong tea grows

Byline & Photos Tin Htwe (MNA)

Although we left Lashio early in the morning for Tangyan, 80 miles far from Lashio, we arrived there only after 2 in the afternoon as we took a rest in Nan Baung and Hoya villages on Lashio-Tangyan Road.

As soon as we arrived at Tangyan, we went straight to high-yield tea plantations and tea factory of Ruby Garden Company in Kho-yaung village-tract accompanied by Deputy Staff Officer U Aung Phone Myint of General Administration Department, and Deputy Staff Officer U Sai Tun Kyaw of Information and Public Relations Department.

Wulong tea plantations of Ruby Garden are said to be thriving tea plantations in Shan State (North). Products of Wulong tea factory have a good demand in tea market due to its superior quality in scent, taste and packaging.

We then looked round the development of Tanyan. Despite the fact that Tanyan is not much wide in area, establishment of the township is rather systematic and roads are neat and clean. The designs of dwellings built of Phyone bricks are somewhat attractive as they are different from those in plain region.

Along with the stability of the region, there have emerged housing complexes, thus revealing high living standard of the locals.

Tanyan Township Development Affairs Committee has been carrying out tasks for beautifying the township. Tanyang-Hota earth road is in the course of construction and Naung Maing-Naung Pha road is being upgraded to gravel one and Kyansittha road in the township had been tarred in 2009-10 fiscal year.

The earth of Township is of gravel, haematite, clay and silt. Coal is found in Tanyan and ores, thin coal layer, tin and stone ores are also found along Thanlyin river and in the south of Tangyan.

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