Putao District to make record paddy output

Byline & photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win

A thriving paddy field near the entrance to Putao Township in Kachin State.

It was on 26 September 2009, I was on board the airplane flying at an altitude of 16,000 feet to Putao in the northernmost part of Myanmar which is famous for snow-capped mountains.

At 12.20 pm, I, from the plane, had a wonderful view of green paddy fields on a large plain amidst mountain ranges. Upon arrival at the airport lounge, I received a warm welcome from Head of Putao District Myanmar Police Force Police Capt Tun Naing and Head of District General Administration Department U Ye Lin Aung. They then took me to the office of the District Peace and Development Council.

Chairman of District PDC U Khin Maung Win told me, “We are working hard to shape our district into a tea land. And we grow more and more acres of summer and monsoon paddy to produce surplus rice.”

Putao District is composed of Putao, Machanbaw, Nawngmon, Khaunglanphu, Sumprabum, and Pannandin townships. Standing at an altitude of 1429 feet, Putao Township has 10 wards, 14 village-tracts of 112 villages with an area of 2105.46 square miles. It is home to 10,997 households or more than 53,000 people.

In 2008-2009, it put 27,408 acres under monsoon paddy and 118 acres under summer paddy. So far in 2009-2010, it has grown 28,307 acres of monsoon paddy. The monsoon paddy per acre yield was 57.91 baskets, and summer paddy per acre yield, 45.98 baskets. (See page 7)
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Thursday, 15 October, 2009**

**Take part in Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions with national spirit**

Holding Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions can enhance the dignity of the nation and strengthen moral fibre of the people. The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions is going to be held soon.

The four objectives of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are:

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Uplift of dynamism of genuine patriotic spirit based on national unity
4. Emergence of new generations who will preserve and safeguard national character

Myanmar national character such as politeness, refinement, honesty, integrity, respect for customs and traditions and preservation of lineage will become firmer by holding Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions.

Throughout the long history of the nation, our ancestors have tried to preserve and safeguard their national culture. Thanks to their efforts, we now possess a huge edifice of national culture as heritage.

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions not only enable Myanmar traditional fine arts to thrive but also expose Myanmar national attributes deeply buried in Myanmar traditional fine arts.

We would like to call on all artistes to take part in Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions with full respect for their national culture and national spirit in order that Myanmar traditional fine arts will thrive for ever.

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**MIT to take part in Myanmar ICT Exhibition**

YANGON, 14 Oct—Myanmar Information Technology Pte Ltd (MIT) will exhibit its software systems at booth J5 in Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2009 to be held in Tatmadaw Convention hall on 15 October.

Enterprise Accounting System used in firms, computer accounting system for pharmaceutical companies, MultiPOS system used in supermarkets and mini markets, R-POS system for restaurants, Fingerprint software system with which clock-in and clock-off, late arrival, and faults can be registered, IT/HS software systems (Management system for hospital and clinic) which can print out diagnosis, treatment, records of patients and health staff to inform the Department and officials. —MNA

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**Forestry Minister visits plywood factory and sawmills in Pathein**

YANGON, 14 Oct—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visited plywood factory of Wood- based Product Division No.4 of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Pathein on 12 October. The factory produces plywood for home and foreign markets.

The minister then went to No.13 sawmill and No.18 sawmill of Domestic Sales and Sawmill Division and gave instructions on fire safety measures and inspected production process and sawn timber.

The minister met with staff of Ministry of Forestry in Pathein at the Assistant General Manager’s office of Domestic Sales and Sawmill Division. —MNA

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**Meeting on review of preventive and control measures against A (H1N1) held**

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A meeting to review preventive and control measures against A (H1N1) was held at the meeting hall of Mandalay General Hospital on 10 October, attended by Secretary of Central Committee for Communicable Disease Control Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, the secretary of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council and members of division health committee, the medical superintendent of Mandalay People’s Hospital and medical superintendents of central level hospitals in the division, the rector of University of Medicine (Mandalay) and professors/heads of departments, the head of Mandalay Division Health Department and officials.

In his speech, the deputy minister urged health staff to inform the public about preventive and control measures against A (H1N1) on a wider scale after reading educative pamphlets on prevention and control of A (H1N1), guidelines for those who had returned from abroad and educative pamphlets for students and youths.

Regarding the vaccines, plans are under way to get human flu vaccines and preventive measures are to be continued, he added.

Deputy Director (Communicable disease) Dr Than Htain Win of the Health Department re-counted outbreak of disease and experiences on preventive measures being carried out in Yangon Division. Head of Mandalay Division Health Department Dr Khin Maung Tun explained preventive measures being carried out in Mandalay Division and Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win of Mandalay People’s Hospital, preparedness of Mandalay People’s Hospital and other central level hospitals.

Then those present took part in discussions.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the deputy minister. —MNA

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**People’s Desire**

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy
Ten killed in Iraq bombings

BAQUBA, 14 Oct—Ten people were killed, including two Iraqi soldiers and the leader of a Sunni Arab militia allied with the United States, in bombings across Iraq on Tuesday.

Fourteen others were wounded in the attacks in the village of Buhruz, northeast of Baghdad, and the northern oil hub of Kirkuk, security and medical officials said.

In the deadliest incident, a suicide bomber exploded a belt-full of explosives in a coffee shop in Buhruz, 15 kilometres south of Baquba in Diyala Province, killing eight people and leaving 10 others injured.

“We received eight bodies, and 10 other people were wounded,” Dr Ahmed Alwan of Baquba General Hospital told AFP, adding the casualties were men.

Water shortages causes 100,000 to flee homes in Iraq

PARIS, 14 Oct—More than 100,000 people in northern Iraq have abandoned their homes since 2005 because of water stress, after drought and over-extraction of groundwater caused the collapse of an ancient water system, UNESCO said on Tuesday.

“Drought and excessive well pumping have drawn down aquifer levels in the region, causing a dramatic decline of water flow in ancient underground aqueducts” known as karez, the UN agency said.

The karez system, designed in ancient Persia to cope with an arid climate, is a man-made underground system that for centuries has provided Iraqis with drinking water and irrigation needs.

A single karez is able to provide water for nearly 9,000 individuals and 200 hectares (500 acres) of farm land, the UN agency said in a press release.

The system, already badly affected by political turmoil and neglect, has been dealt a devastating blow by over-pumping of aquifers by modern wells at a time of drought, UNESCO said.—INTERNET

40 Taleban militants surrendered to Afghan gov’t in West

KABUL, 14 Oct—Authorities in west Afghanistan’s Herat Province said on Tuesday that 40 Taleban fighters had joined the government since Monday.

“Forty rebels have surrendered their arms and resumed their normal lives in Gazor district,” senior military commander in the province General Jalander Shah Behnam told Xinhua.

He also asserted that the operation would continue until they provided full security to the locals.

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 14 Oct—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 32,304 Afghan people were killed and 37,934 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 14 October.

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Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 14 Oct—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Internet
Cuba solicits worldwide support against US embargo

HAVANA, 14 Oct—The National Assembly of People’s Power, Cuba’s parliament, called for worldwide support on Tuesday to pressure the United States into lifting its economic, commercial and financial embargo against the country.

In a statement published by local press, the International Affairs Commission of the Assembly appealed to governments of all countries for their support of a UN resolution that demands the United States lift its embargo which has been in place since 1962.

The document will be discussed at the UN General Assembly on 28 Oct.

The economic embargo “violates the international law, contravenes the principles of the UN Charter, is an act of aggression and threat, and implies an outrage against the right of people to live in peace,” the statement said.

The Cuban Assembly noted that 10 months after US President Barack Obama took office, the embargo still remained “untouched.”

According to the Cuban authorities, the embargo had cost Cuba billions of US dollars in losses.

Xinhua

Iran dismisses Western sanction threats over nuclear programme

TEHRAN, 14 Oct—A member of Iranian parliament’s National Security and Foreign Policy Commission dismissed on Tuesday the significance of Western sanction threats over its disputed nuclear programme, the semi-official Fars news agency reported.

“The word sanction is neither worrisome nor alarming to the Iranian nation,” Kazzem Jalali was quoted as saying.

He made the remarks on the sidelines of an open session of the parliament, referring to the British government’s fresh sanction threats over Iran’s Bank Mellat and the Islamic Republic Ports and Shipping Organization, the report said.

Xinhua

China and Russia sign missile notification pact

BEIJING, 14 Oct—China and Russia signed a pact to notify each other of ballistic missile launch plans during Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin’s visit this week to Beijing, Chinese media said on Wednesday.

The accord, although overshadowed by promises of $3.5 billion in deals and oil and gas supply accords, is a small step toward establishing further trust between the two former Communist allies, who have been in a wary detente since falling out in the late 1950s.

“It shows the special relationship with the two countries, as the launches of ballistic missiles are core State secrets rarely disclosed to other countries,” Li Daguang, a military expert at China’s National Defence University, was quoted as saying by the Global Times, English edition.

The US and Russia agreed in 1971, during the Cold War, to notify each other of ballistic missile launches extending beyond their territories, and expanded on that in 2000.

Chinese media said on Tuesday that the Sino-Russian accord differed from the US-Russian “offensive agreement,” but did not elaborate.

Internet

Philippine policemen help transfer a child to the other end of the cut-off highway in the town of Tuba, in Benguet Province near Baguio City, north of Manila, on 12 October. —INTERNET

Jordan begins site assessment of first nuclear plant

AMMAN, 14 Oct—Jordan’s Atomic Energy Commission announced on Tuesday the launch of the site feasibility study for the Kingdom’s first nuclear power plant.

By January, it will be clear if the location is feasible to go ahead with the required procedures to establish the nuclear plant, head of the Commission Khalid Touqan said on Tuesday at a meeting with concerned agencies and representatives of the companies implementing the study.

The two-year study entails evaluating the geological stability, geophysics, soil characteristics and risk management of the proposed site of the plant, located about 12 km to the east of the Aqaba coastline. The first three months of the study will be devoted to checking on the suitability of the site. —Xinhua

New Int’l convention needed to stop organ trafficking

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Oct—A new, binding international treaty is needed to prevent trafficking in organs, tissues and cells (OTC), protect victims and prosecute offenders, according to a joint study launched on Tuesday by the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

The study calls for the prohibition of financial gain from the human body or its parts as the basis of all legislation on organ transplants, adding that organ donation should be promoted to increase availability, with preference given to OTC donation from the deceased.

Militants and a soldier lightly injured in the clash at a checkpoint in the south of the country, near the border with Yemen, said ministry spokesman Brig Gen Mansour al-Turki.

The shootout was the first known confrontation between authorities and al-Qaeda since a suicide bomber injured Assistant Interior Minister Prince Mohammed bin Nayef in the western seaport of Jiddah on 27 Aug. The attacker was a member of the Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. —Internet

INTERNET

An iceberg carved from a glacier floats in the Jacobshavn fjord in south-west Greenland in this undated handout photograph released on 20 September, 2006. —INTERNET

A view of a deforested area on the border of Xingu river, 140 kms from Anapu city in the Amazon rain forest, northern Brazil in 2005. President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Tuesday he will offer to reduce the pace of deforestation in Brazil’s Amazon rain forest by 80 percent by 2020 when he attends December’s global climate talks in Copenhagen. —INTERNET

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French unemployment to rise in 2010

PARIS, 14 Oct.—The unemployment rate in France would keep rising in 2010, Prime Minister Francois Fillon said on Tuesday. “At least for part of 2010, we will see an increase in unemployment,” Fillon said. “We know that the decrease of unemployment needs an economic growth of between 1.5 percent and 2 percent.” Fillon told French radio RTL France’s budget plan predicts a tiny 0.7 percent growth for 2010 following a decrease of 2.25 percent in 2009.

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) announced on Monday that the unemployment rate in the OECD advanced economies reached 8.6 percent in August, with France’s at 9.9 percent.—Xinhua

OPEC predicts increased global demand for crude oil in 2010

VIENNA, 14 Oct.—The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has predicted for next year an increase in global demand for crude oil and the demand increase will be driven by a global economic recovery. The 12-nation cartel said in its latest monthly report, available on Tuesday, that the 2010 world demand for crude would be 84.93 million barrels per day for an increase of 0.83 percent.

The increase would mainly be driven by a global economic recovery. OPEC said in its report which forecast global economic growth to grow by 2.7 percent in 2010 as compared with a decline by 1.2 percent this year.

The cartel expected that the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development member countries would expect an average economic growth of 1.0 percent while the US economy is expected to grow by 1.3 percent. Both the OECD and US economies posted negative growths this year of 3.9 percent and 2.7 percent respectively.—Xinhua

Bolivia, Chile reach agreement on agriculture, forestry

LA PAZ, 14 Oct.—Bolivia and Chile on Tuesday reached a cooperation agreement on agriculture and forestry in a bid to boost their competitiveness in the two sectors.

“This work will allow us to boost the strength of each nation,” Chilean Agriculture Minister Marigen Hornkohl said in a statement.

Hornkohl said the agreement would improve the two countries’ knowledge and technologies in agriculture and forestry.—Xinhua

Argentina, China seek infrastructure cooperation

BUENOS AIRES, 14 Oct.—The Cooperation Forum on Infrastructure between China and Argentina began here on Tuesday, aiming to increase bilateral cooperation in the field.

During the inauguration ceremony, director of International Economy Negotiation of the Argentine Foreign Ministry Nestor Stancanelli said the forum was “meaningful because China and Argentina have a strategic relation” and wide-range cooperation in economic, social and cultural sectors.

Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Chen Jian, who attended the ceremony, urged Argentine businessmen to strengthen ties with their Chinese counterparts to reinforce mutual exchange, which will bring concrete benefits to both countries.—Xinhua

Microcredit programme, S Korea’s experiment for helping low income earners

SEOUL, 14 Oct.—South Korea’s “business-friendly” government is strengthening support for its low-income citizens by devising its own measure of providing help. The South Korean government, through pushing for a policy that has both welfare and business-like dimensions, is widening economic opportunities for low-income households, who have once been denied access to capital by formal financial markets.

“The project is an exemplary case in that it is the first time large business groups provided direct financing support to small- and medium-sized businesses,” President Lee said. Although the government took the initiative in launching the Misol Foundation, it plans to leave the remaining task, such as its funding and operation, to private organizations, the FSC said.

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US to strengthen trade relations with India

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct.—The US government is ready to strengthen bilateral trade relations with India and make progress for the World Trade Organization’s Doha round agenda, US Trade Representative Ron Kirk said on Tuesday.

Kirk and Indian Commerce Minister Anand Sharma met on Tuesday in Washington to discuss a range of issues for the US-India Trade Policy Forum (TPF) meeting in India scheduled for 26 Oct. “India is one of the largest and one of the most important trade partner for the US. In 2008, the total volume of goods and service being traded between India and the US totalled 41 billion dollars.”

Kirk said: “I know that is an impressive number, we believe it can and should be higher.”

“By improved market access to India, we can create new jobs here in America,” Kirk added.

The TPF is the main policy tool for the bilateral trade agenda, and the United States and India are working together to create greater opportunities for trade and investment.—Xinhua

Visitors watch the artworks exhibited at the ongoing 11th Art Design Exhibition of the National Art Exposition in Shenzhen, south China’s Guangdong Province. A total of 460 pieces in the categories of industrial, graphic and finery designing were displayed in the exhibition.—Xinhua

People are attracted by the delicious food during the 8th France Week in Shanghai, east China, 12 Oct, 2009. The 7-day France Week in Shanghai displayed automobile, wine, food, fashion design, tourism and culture with France characters.—Xinhua

Six people, including the pilot, all survived and were rescued after their light plane plunged into the sea near the French island of Corsica on 12 Oct, 2009.
Israel. air strike on Gaza tunnels wounds three

GAZA, 14 Oct—Israeli warplanes attacked two smuggling tunnels along the Gaza Strip border with Egypt on Wednesday, wounding three tunnellers, Palestinian medical sources and the Israeli army said.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said the attack came in response to a rocket fired by Gaza militants. Israeli defense officials have credited Hamas, which controls the coastal enclaves, with responsibility for firing rockets that have battered homes and injured civilians in southern Israel in recent days.

Three Palestinians were wounded in Saturday’s attack, UN officials said.

A statement from the Israeli army said: “We look at the Gaza Strip tunnels as a threat and we will continue to take steps to neutralize them.”

The attack came as the latest in a series of rocket attacks by militants in the Gaza Strip, which have intensified since the Israeli military launched an offensive on Oct. 8.

Israel has accused Hamas of using the tunnels to smuggle weapons and fighters, and has threatened to attack them.

The UN has called for a ceasefire, but both sides continue to exchange fire.

Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu has said that the attack on the tunnels was a step towards a peace deal with Hamas, but Palestinian officials have rejected the idea.

The Israeli military has said it has started a “targeted killing” operation in the Gaza Strip, with more than 400 military operations on Wednesday.

The UN has warned that the conflict is escalating, and has called for an immediate ceasefire.

On Wednesday, Israeli forces launched an operation that killed at least 12 Palestinians, including six children, and wounded dozens more.

The UN has also condemned the Israeli attacks, and has called for an immediate end to hostilities.

The international community has called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict, but both sides continue to accuse each other of violating international law.

In a statement, the UN said: “We urge all parties to the conflict to refrain from further violence and to engage in meaningful dialogue aimed at achieving a just and lasting peace.”

The UN has also called for an independent investigation into the Israeli attacks on Wednesday.

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Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee publishes 20th anniversary magazine

YANGON, 14 Oct—The Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee has published a magazine to mark its 20th founding anniversary.

The 20th anniversary magazine has covered the collection of traffic rules at home and abroad. The 20th anniversary of the committee falls on 20 October, 2009. As part of efforts for road safety, the committee has educated the people on traffic rules and has taken road safety, the committee has educated the people on traffic rules and has taken road safety measures for 20 years. It also covers poems composed by poets Myinnu Maung Naing Moe, Zaw Min Min Oo, Naung, Maung Hay Mar, Thura Zaw, Aphyaut Myay Maung Sowe Mon, Tekkatho San Tin Naing and other poets; cartoons painted by cartoonists Ngwe Kyi, Tin Aung Ni, Thit Htut, Shwe Min Tha, Myay Zar, Min Oo and other cartoonists; articles (Translation) translated by Sayagyi Hlay Maung, Maung Myint Kyaw, Maung Nyitkyaw and Maung Kaung Yin; articles presented by Tekkatho Tin Kha, Chit Naing (Psychology), Maung Su Shin, Myint Thein Aung, Tekkatho Thinkha, Hla Tun (Twantay), Maung Khai Khan (National Literature Award), Maung Maung Myint Aye, Myat Khine, Hein Latt, Nyunt Han (Kyutaw), Police Col Win Khaung, Maung Maung Wint Wah and other writers; and novels written by Letwinthar Saw Chit, Ma Sandar, Khin Maung Tun (Lanmadaw), Monotha Kyaw Win, Tekkatho Sein Tin, Ma Hnin Phway, Win Htut, Maung Nyein Thu (Kyoopinkok), Hmawwin Kyi Myat, Mya Mya Hlaing, Maung Soe Hlaik (Thoneze) and other authors.

The magazine published by Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee is available at the committee office (Wireless and Traffic Police Office) on 51st street in Pazundaung Township (Tel: 291284, 291285) and 298651).

MMA to hold “Continuing Professional Development Forum”

YANGON, 14 Oct—General Practitioners’ Society of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) will hold “Continuing Professional Development Forum” in pursuit of the constant development of family health care medicines at the hall (B) of MMA here from 12 noon to 3 pm on 16 October.

Research papers on family health care will be read out and the interview programme on “Q&A on Pre-hospital Management of Common Medicinal Emergencies” also includes at the forum. Doctors are invited to attend the forum.

MMA

Tabacco kills
Outstanding students from School for the Blind honoured

YANGON, 14 Oct — Outstanding students from the School for the Blind in Kyimyindaing Township were honoured today. Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented prizes and cash awards to the students.

Director-General U Soe Kyi awarded U Mya Khaiing from the Social Welfare Department who won two gold medals in the swimming contests of the V SEA Games for the disabled persons and Ma Theint Thu Thu Lin from the school for the disabled who won three gold medals in V SEA games for the disabled persons. — MNA

Free eye care and surgical operations performed in Kyaukpadaung Township

YANGON, 14 Oct — Under the supervision of Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, the Ministry of Health and social organizations of Kyaukpadaung Township jointly performed the free treatment to the patients with eye complaints of Kyaukpadaung Township at the township people’s hospital from 10 to 13 October. The eye surgery team comprised Dr Nilu Thein, eye specialists Dr Khin Ohn Myint, Dr Nu Nu Yin, Dr Thein Htut, Dr Aung Moe Tun, Dr Thida Myint, Dr Chaw Wai Lwin, Dr Khin Myat Soe, Dr Shwe Wah Aye, Dr Ohnma Zin, Dr Ko Ko Lin, Dr May Ko Ko Thet, Dr Yu Yu Thein, Dr Zay Z Kyaw, Dr Wai Nwe Win, Dr Zin May Tun, Dr Ei Kay Thwe Han, Dr Thein Win (1), Dr Thein Win (2), Dr Yin Nwe Win, Dr Zin Mar Kyi, Dr Myo Min Win, Dr Aung Ko Ko Htet, 12 nurses and four opticians led by Professor Dr U Tin Win of Yangon and U Than Htak of Alcon Co.

The eye specialist team gave free eye care services to 5175 patients with eye complaints at Kyaukpadaung Township Hospital and did 521 operations on cataract patients, 28 operations on minor surgery, four operations on in-born cataract patients and two operations for out of alignment. Free eyeglasses were presented to 2362 persons.

Acting Medical Superintendent Dr Then Naing, health staff, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Myint Thein and officials, social organization members, officials of IBTC and staff provided necessary assistance for the surgery tasks.

Talks on advanced milling process given

YANGON, 14 Oct — Jointly conducted by the Myanmar Rice Millers’ Association and Satake Corporation of Japan, talks on advanced process of rice milling took place at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry here yesterday.

Mr Kaoru Kawate from Asia Business Division gave talks on modern rice milling process.

Before the talks Chairman of MRMA U Tin Win extended greetings and General Secretary U Thaung Win explained the purpose of the talks.

After the talks, private companies and rice millers held a meeting with Satake Corporation. — MNA

Eye specialists giving educative talks to patients with eye complaints from Kyaukpadaung Township on dos and don’ts and eye care. — MNA

Eye specialists performing operations on patients with eye complaints from Kyaukpadaung Township. — MNA

Yesterday morning, the ceremony to mark successful completion of free eye surgical operations was held at the pandal of the hospital, with an address by Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun. Professor Dr U Tin Win explained the free eye surgical operations. Managing Director U Tin Oo of IBTC explained the purpose of the eye care. A patient spoke words of thanks.

The minister, wife and officials presented sunglasses and eye drops to the patients and officials gave talks on eye care knowledge. International Beverages Trading Co Ltd donated medicines and cash for the free eye care services. — MNA
Indian goodwill delegation visits Bagan, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—The visiting 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, accompanied by Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn of Ministry of Defence and wife, Indian Military Attaché Col Manoju Mukund Noravane and wife and Myanmar Military Attaché Col Nay Win left Nay Pyi Taw for NyaungU by air yesterday.

The delegation paid homage to Shwezigon and Ananda pagodas in Bagan and visited Bagan Archaeological Museum, and U Ba Nyein lacquerware industry. In the evening, the delegation visited Myan SanKyaw Golden Palace and observed U Sein Myint gold embroidery in Mandalay.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and wife hosted a dinner in the evening, the delegation visited the Indian General and wife.

MNA

Thai-made products on sale

Deputy Minister for Commerce of Thailand Mr Alongkorn Ponlaboot and officials from Ga Mone Pwint Group of Companies open sales of Thai-made products. —MNA

Third donation ceremony of Pyay GTI engineers on 25 Oct

YANGON, 14 Oct—Old students of Pyay GTI will hold its third donation ceremony at Shweyaungmyin Yeiktha in Kanbe model village, Twantay Township here on 25 October (Sunday). —MNA

Pyay BEHS No. 1 to pay respects to old teachers

YANGON, 14 Oct—The old students of No. 1 Basic Education High School (Pyay) will hold the 37th respect-paying ceremony to old teachers at Aung Thaw Hall of the school on 1st November morning. It is learnt that teachers who had retired and old students have been invited to attend the ceremony.

The people wishing to make donation to the ceremony may contact U Saw Myint (ph: 053-21919 and 053-25762), Daw Khin Than Swe (053-24113), U Kyi Soe Oo (095313104), U Tin Win (053-21203), U Hla Hla (095311402), U Thein Zaw (095311869), U Ba Win (095310927), U Maung Maung Kyi (01-254782), U Khin Maung Ni (01-281149), Dr. Htein Win (095116049) and Daw May Thet Lwin (095156863). —MNA

President U Nyunt Win of MCF makes speech at the opening of inter-school new recruit cricket Tournament 2009. —MCF

Inter-School New Recruit Cricket Tournament kicks off

YANGON, 14 Oct—Organized by Myanmar Cricket Federation, the Inter-School New Recruit Cricket Tournament 2009 was opened at the sports ground of No. 4 Basic Education High School in Aunglawn Township this morning.

It was attended by President of MCFU Nyunt Win, General Secretary U Kyi Min and executives, patrons of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation and guests.

MCF President U Nyunt Win delivered an address at the opening ceremony and opened the tournament.

Then, the athletes of 21 men’s and 11 women’s contending teams took the four oaths.
Thingangyun BEHS No 2 and Minggala Thingangyun BEHS No. 3 met in the competition.
The tournament will last up to 21 October. —MNA
Commander inspects development tasks in Mawlamyinegyun Township

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe inspected the construction the 100-bed hospital in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 30 September.

Afterwards, the commander inspected the construction of Rasudine Bridge No-2 on the Maubin-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun Road and Hilaythein Bridge on Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinebon-Pyinsalu Road.

The commander inspected the harvesting of rice at Mwaydaw Shansu Village in Myaungmya Township and met with local farmers. MNA

Taungdwingyi: a pleasant town in central Myanmar

_U Maung Win Executive Officer (Assistant Director) of Township DAC._

In an interview, Assistant Director Executive Officer U Maung Win of Township Development Affairs Committee said, “There are 10 wards in urban area, 71 village-tracts in rural region and 275 villages in Taungdwingyi Township. Township DAC is carrying on 30-year project in constructing urban, town-village and inter-village roads and has reached the goal two years ahead of schedule in supplying pure drinking water 10-year project.”

“The township DAC is keeping clean and secure of two urban markets and seven rural markets. There is a committee for fire prevention of the markets working in cooperation with departmental personnel, townselders and public. The committee has its own fire engines” he added.

I also studied the utilization of the roads, landscaping and growing flowering plants besides the road together Senior Assistant Engineer (MP) U Win Naing and Junior Engineer (2) U Nyi Nyi Tun. We visited Thayetsu inter-village gravel road and had a chance to interview a local riding a motorcycle on the road.

“There was an earth road in the past. It was hard even to walk on the road in the rainy season. But it becomes a gravel road now. So, we can use the road in any seasons,” a resident of Maungtaing ward (2) Ko Zeya Thura said.

The township DAC is striving for the development of road network in urban and rural regions with tax collected.

We, Kyemon news crew, proceeded to the tube well of in Maungtaing ward (1). “The Municipal took responsibility in township water supply before 1948. In the years 1987-1990, Japan U.W.S.P established 10 artesian wells as part of the Nine Town project. But no water was pumped out from six wells in about 1993-1996. There had already been three wells before the project. So, we are now supplying water from eight wells including the extended one in 2005-2006.”, explained Engineer U Win Naing.

“Water from these eight wells are collected in a 200,000-gallon reservoir and provided to the downtown area through Gravity Flow System. Now, we are supplying water to 1852 taps for home, 90 public taps and public tanks and we have planned to extend the supply.” Junior Engineer (2) U Nyi Nyi Tun added.

On our return, we were calling back our memories about the development of Taungdwingyi Township in our own thoughts. ******

_Translation: HKA (Kyemon 14-10-2009)
Unemployment rises to 2.47 million

LONDON, 14 Oct—The number of Britons claiming jobless benefit rose by its smallest amount in almost 1-1/2 years in September, according to official data, in a sign the worst of the job-shedding due to the recession may be over.

But lay-offs are likely to last throughout 2010, which could prove awkward for Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who must fight an election by next summer, and for any new administration which may have to cut public sector jobs to shore up state finances.

The Office for National Statistics said claimant count unemployment rose by 20,800 last month, the smallest rise since May 2008. That took the rate to a 12-month low of 2.47 percent, below forecasts for a 25,000 gain and the smallest increase this year as firms struggled to meet peak summer orders and for any new administration which may have to cut public sector jobs to shore up state finances.


Two city workers walk through Paternoster Square near London’s Stock Exchange in the financial district of London on 6 Oct, 2005. Internet

Nearly 1,000 Chinese kids poisoned by metal plants

BEIJING, 14 Oct—Nearly 1,000 children living in a major Chinese lead smelting base have excessive levels of heavy metal in their blood, state media said on Tuesday, as environmentalists called on firms to detail their pollution. The country’s biggest smelter has acknowledged some responsibility in the poisoning in central Henan Province, and all children whose homes were within a kilometre of metal plants have been moved, the official Xinhua agency said.

“We do bear responsibility for the pollution”, Xinhua quoted Yang Anguo, board chairman of Yuguang Gold and Lead as saying. “Some pollution has accumulated over the past 20 years or more and the plant is too near homes.”

Health officials in Jiyuan city decided to test children under 14 after a series of other scandals in metal producing areas of Shaanxi Province.

Of 2,743 who were checked, more than one-third had excessive lead in their blood. The city government has suspended production at 32 of the 35 lead plants, and on the most polluting production lines at the three major plants, Xinhua said.

A surfer carrying his board walks out of the ocean as a cloud is lit by the setting sun at Sydney’s Manly Beach on 24 Oct, 2006. Internet

Father held on suspicion of murdering his two kids

LONDON, 14 Oct—A 37-year-old father has been arrested on suspicion of murdering his two-year-old son and his four-year-old daughter at a house in Manchester. Police said the children were discovered unconscious at a house in Whalley Range, some two miles south of the city centre, early on Wednesday.

The two children were taken to hospital but pronounced dead a short time later, they added. “We are waiting for the post-mortem results, though it appears to be the case that they were strangled.”

A spokesperson for Greater Manchester Police said. No other details were made available on the circumstances of the deaths. Internet

Pacific Ocean temps exceed El Nino levels

SYDNEY, 14 Oct—Central and eastern Pacific Ocean temperatures are exceeding El Nino levels and will remain at levels typical of an El Nino weather event until early 2010, Australia’s Bureau of Meteorology said on Wednesday. “The tropical Pacific Ocean sea surface remains warmer than average and exceeds El Nino thresholds in central to eastern regions,” said the bureau in its fortnightly ENSO El Nino report.

“We are concerned that this will remain a major risk,” said the bureau. “Despite this, rainfall patterns over eastern Australia for the past three months are broadly in keeping with the impact of an El Nino event.”

The Southern Oscillation Index (SOI), a major indicator of drought-bringing El Nino weather pattern, stood at plus one for the 30 days to October 10, from plus three previously, the bureau said on Tuesday.

A surfer carrying his board walks out of the ocean as a cloud is lit by the setting sun at Sydney’s Manly Beach on 24 Oct, 2006. Internet

Singapore launches initiative to transform learning through games

SINGAPORE, 14 Oct—Singapore’s Media Development Authority (MDA) said on Wednesday that it will support the development of 24 game titles over the next three years to aid effective learning. According to a MDA statement, six million Singapore dollars (4.19 million U.S. dollars) will be put aside for this initiative, to aid effective learning in not only traditional school-based learning, but also other domains such as defense and health care.

MDA said that a resource center will be set up to facilitate the growth of this niche sector. To be ready mid next year, the resource center will guide the development and building of games titles by providing developers with access to toolkits, platforms and facilities to accelerate the project development efforts.

The move to promote the use of games in the learning sphere comes against the backdrop of growth in the overall games industry.

The global games sector is expected to grow to 48.9 billion Singapore dollars (34.19 billion U.S. dollars) with a compound annual growth rate of 9.1 percent during the last five year period.

Another change driven by the Media in Learning initiative is in the transformation of the business model to a large-scale distribution model, which will enable Singapore-made learning games to reach a global audience in the most effective way. Xinhua

A cyclist mounts his bike as he heads towards Sydney’s central business district on 14 Oct, 2009. Hundreds of Sydney residents participated in Ride-to-Work day on Wednesday, supported by the city’s council, who plan to increase cycling in the city by 50 percent by 2017. Internet

The Unter den Linden boulevard is illuminated during a light rehearsal for the upcoming Festival of Lights in Berlin, on 13 Oct, 2009. Internet
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MCP VILLACH VOY NO (003)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MCP VILLACH VOY NO (003) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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AGENT FOR: MS INTERASIA LINES

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIANA BREEZE VOY NO (5) are hereby notified by that the vessels will be arriving on 15.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.2 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Nokia netbook to be $300 with AT&T contract

BEIJING, 14 Oct—Nokia Corp says its first 3G-capable netbook will cost $300 US dollars in the United States market with a two-year wireless broadband contract from AT&T Inc.

Nokia’s netbook, the Booklet 3G, will be on sale at Best Buy stores and online on 22 Oct when Windows 7 launches.

To get the discounted price, consumers have to sign a two-year contract for AT&T’s wireless connection plan, which will cost 60 dollars plus taxes each month. The netbook will also be sold at Best Buy for 599 dollars without the AT&T contract.

The netbook, which has a 10-inch screen and weighs 1.25 kilograms, will run Microsoft’s Windows 7 operating system. Among its features, the Booklet will have an aluminium cover, a GPS navigation chip and a 12-hour battery life.

The netbook market is hot recently; more than 20 million netbooks are expected to be sold worldwide by the end of this year.

“We connected the world’s first billion people through the cell phone. And the next billion will be connected via computing devices like a PC,” said John Hwang, general manager of connected computers at Nokia.——Xinhua

Road accidents claim 88 lives in Brazil during long holiday

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 Oct—A total of 88 people died in motor vehicle accidents on Brazil’s federal roads during the latest long holiday Friday through Monday. Federal Highway Police said on Tuesday.

The number of deaths was down 10 percent compared to the previous long holiday in early September. According to the Federal Highway Police, there were 2,217 accidents on federal roads from Friday to Monday, down 4.8 percent from the previous long holiday. A total of 1,389 people were injured, down 6.5 percent.

Southeastern Minas Gerais state ranked first with 352 road accidents, 21 deaths and 271 injuries. The state has the biggest highway network in Brazil. According to the Federal Highway Police, bad weather conditions contributed to the high number of accidents. In Minas Gerais state, 70 percent of the accidents took place on Friday and Saturday, when it was raining.

The Federal Highway Police said some 13,000 breathalyzer tests were carried out during the long holiday, up 20 percent from the previous one. A total of 215 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Xinhua

Israel leads in cancer survival rate

JERUSALEM, 14 Oct—The Israel Cancer Association (ICA) said Tuesday that the survival rate of cancer patients in Israel is among the highest in the world.

The ICA revealed data of its activities in conjunction with Israeli Health Ministry and national health services during a press conference, ahead of a nationalwide donation campaign to be held next Monday.

According to the data, 61.4 percent of Jewish men and 67.3 percent of Jewish women survive at least five years from the moment they are diagnosed as being sick with cancer. In the Israeli-Arab sector, 50.7 percent of men and 64.9 percent of women survive at least five years.

Macha Barhana, who maintains records of cancer patients in Israel in the Health Ministry, was quoted as saying that Israel is positioned higher than the United States, Finland, Italy, Norway and other countries regarding such rate.——Xinhua

Agriculture has to increase production by 70%

ROME, 14 Oct—In order to meet the world’s rising food demand, agriculture has “no choice” but to increase its production by 70 percent in 2050, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Director-general Jacques Diouf has said at a two-day High-Level Expert Forum on How to Feed the World in 2050, which concluded here on Tuesday.

Diouf urged concrete and rapid measures from governments and institutions since food emergency was an issue that could not be any further delayed.

The Rome-based agency hosted on 12-13 Oct an international panel gathering more than 300 academic, nongovernmental and private sector representatives from both developing and developed countries. Talks focused on finding solutions to world famine and food emergency in 2050. According to papers presented to the forum, the world’s population is expected to soar by 34 percent and reach 9.1 billion by 2050. The population growth would take place entirely in developing countries.——Xinhua

Three foreign tourists die in hot-air balloon crash in S China

NANNING, 14 Oct—Three foreign tourists were killed early on Wednesday when a hot-air balloon crashed in Guilin, south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, local officials said.

Five people were aboard the balloon when they lost control and it crashed at around 9 am over Maling Township.

Three people died at the scene and the conditions of the other two are still unknown, said officials with the Communist Party of China (CPC) Guilin Municipal committee.

The nationalities and identities of the dead are not yet available.

No details are available.——Xinhua

Discover Blood
Starting to see an expected resurgence of H1N1, with tries like the United States, Mexico and Britain are creeping up, and patients with upper respiratory tract infections hit more than 13,000 for the past two weeks, up from 11,000 early last month, local newspaper The Straits Times reported.

With the northern hemisphere winter nearing, countries like the United States, Mexico and Britain are starting to see an expected resurgence of H1N1, with cases climbing rapidly. —Xinhua

Singapore sees signs of second wave of A/H1N1

SINGAPORE, 14 Oct—There are emerging signs that a second wave of A/H1N1 is gathering in Singapore, local media reported on Wednesday.

Though the number of people in hospital for A/H1N1 is down to six, local polyclinic attendances are creeping up, and patients with upper respiratory tract infections hit more than 13,000 for the past two weeks, up from 11,000 early last month, local newspaper The Straits Times reported.

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Vietnam's A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 10,048

HANOI, 14 Oct—Vietnam confirmed 17 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza, bringing the total number of flu patients in the country to 10,048, said a report on the website of the Ministry of Health on Wednesday.

Of the total, 9,412 patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals. The rest are being quarantined and treated, said the ministry.

So far, Vietnam has reported 23 deaths of A/H1N1 influenza since the first case was confirmed in the country. —Xinhua

Israel's A/H1N1-related deaths reach 32

JERUSALEM, 14 Oct—Israel on Tuesday announced its latest fatal case related to the A/H1N1 virus, bringing the total number of death toll claimed by the global pandemic in the country to 32.

The new victim, who died on Sunday in Jerusalem's Sha'are Zedek Hospital, was a 69-year-old man who also suffered from other chronic illnesses, local daily The Jerusalem Post quoted Israeli Health Ministry as saying.

However, the ministry said that the H1N1 virus could not be ruled out as the cause of his death, and was therefore counting the man as Israel's 32nd A/H1N1 fatality.

Some 3,000 A/H1N1 cases have so far been confirmed across the nation with a population of about 7 million, and most of them have recovered. —Xinhua

How aspirin lowers cancer risk is unknown

NEW YORK, 14 Oct—Aspirin may reduce the recurrence of colorectal polyps but how that happens is still a mystery, US researchers say.

The study, reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, tested the hypothesis aspirin affects cancer by affecting inflammation markers.

Researchers at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, led by Gloria Ho, found changes of five inflammation markers — C-reactive protein, interleukin 6, tumor necrosis factor, soluble TNF receptor type II and IL-1 receptor antagonist — are not associated with adenoma recurrence. Adenomas are benign tumors that over time may progress to become malignant.

Inflammation markers do not appear to be involved with aspirin's preventative effect on colorectal adenomas, the researchers say.

The researchers looked at inflammation marker changes in 884 subjects divided into three aspirin groups — including an aspirin placebo group and two folate groups including a folate acid placebo group.

Dietary folate acid — a B vitamin — has also been linked with less colorectal cancers. —Internet

Model predicts hurricane power outages

BALTIMORE, 14 Oct—US and South Korean scientists say they’ve created a statistical program that can predict potential power outages in advance of hurricanes and other storms.

“Hurricanes have caused severe damage to electric power systems throughout the world, and electric power is critical to post-hurricane disaster response, as well as to long-term recovery for impacted areas,” study co-author Seth Guikema of Johns Hopkins University said. “Effectively predicting and managing power outage risk can dramatically improve the resilience of infrastructure systems and speed up restoration of electric power.”

The programme is based on data from power outages following Hurricanes Katrina (10,105 outages), Ivan (13,568 outages), Dennis (4,840 outages) and other events in the Gulf Coast region since the mid-1990s, the researchers said.

The researchers said their new modeling approach takes into account more environmental and power system infrastructure factors than previous analyses, providing “more accurate predictions of the number of power outages in each geographic area of a utility company’s service area and a better understanding of the response of the utility company’s system.”

The study that included Seung-Ryong Han of Korea University and Steven Quiring of Texas A&M appears in the journal Risk Analysis. —Internet

Dogs give clues to human cancer treatment

BETHESDA, 14 Oct—Studying cancer in pet dogs is helping US researchers find new treatments for human patients, the researchers reported. A study, published in PLoS Medicine, says many pet owners are willing to have their dogs take part in clinical trials.

Study leader Dr Chand Khamma and colleagues at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md, found a pet owner’s decision to pursue an experimental therapy is influenced by a number of factors — including the possible risks and benefits of the experimental therapy and reduced costs for care provided by the investigational trial. “Many pet owners are motivated by the opportunity to contribute to the advancement of cancer treatment for future human and canine patients,” the study authors say in a statement.

The authors note that looking at naturally occurring cancer biology and treatment in animals, known as comparative oncology, is not a new concept. In the last 30 years, they say this approach has had several phases.

In the last 30 years, they say this approach has had advanced treatment of several cancers including osteosarcoma — a bone cancer — and melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. —Internet

A general view of the Expo Boulevard at the World Expo site in Shanghai on 10 Oct, 2009. The construction of the Expo Boulevard, a large, integrated commercial and traffic complex, has entered the stage of “fine decoration.” —XINHUA

Breast cancer breath test developed

ATLANTA, 14 Oct—US scientists say they are working to determine whether breast cancer can be detected by using a breath test.

Researchers from the Georgia Tech Research Institute and Emory Winship Cancer Center found in a pilot study that nearly 80 percent of women who had Stage II, III or IV breast cancer registered positive on the breath test, while 70 percent to 80 percent of those who did not came up as negative, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on Tuesday.

“The technology of breath analysis has been around for decades, but the opportunity to develop a small hand-held collection/interpretation device available in physicians’ offices is why we are continuing to move forward with this research for breast and potentially other cancer detection,” Dr Sheryl Gabram-Mendola of the Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence told the newspaper. —Internet

View of wind generators set up in a wind farm in Denmark in June 2009. Germany will help Bosnia to develop its energy sector and improve environmental standards with financing worth 60 million euros (89 million dollars), the German embassy announced on Tuesday. —INTERNET

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**SPORTS**

**Chelsea hand Alex new four-year deal**

**London, 14 Oct**—The spate of new contracts for Chelsea’s new squad continued Wednesday with Brazilian centreback Alex signing a new four-year deal at the English Premier League leaders. The 27-year-old has been sidelined recently following surgery on his groin but resumed full training this week. “I am very happy to start again to train and feel no pain, and to sign for four more years,” Alex said.

The defender is also targeting a return to the Brazil side in the run-up to next year’s World Cup finals in South Africa.

“To go back into the national team is important to me,” he added. “Also the Chelsea team started very well this season, is at the top, and this season to win the Premier League is important to me. Now I want to play.”

**Tennis ace Roddick retires in first-set knee injury drama**

**Shanghai, 14 Oct**—A bad season continued Tuesday for Andy Roddick as the American was forced to retire after injuring his knee in a second-round match at the Shanghai Masters.

Swiss Stan Wawrinka advanced 3-4 after Roddick — next in the qualifying queue for a place in the eight-man World Tour Finals in London in November — hurt his knee in the first game and immediately went to his chair.

The fourth seed was joined by ATP trainer Michael Novotny and a doctor, with Roddick stretching out on his stomach for treatment before giving up and shaking hands after 36 minutes on court.

**Pennetta keeps in contention for WTA Championships**

**London, 14 Oct**—Flavia Pennetta kept herself in contention for a place in the WTA Championships to be held in Doha later this month when she defeated American Meghann Shaughnessy 6-1, 6-1 in the first round of the WTA event here on Tuesday.

Seven of the eight places for the season-ending spectacular have been filled, with Jelena Jankovic, Vera Zvonareva, Agnieszka Radwanska and Marion Bartoli all striving with Pennetta to claim the final spot.

**Mirza reaches Japan Open WTA quarter-finals**

India’s Sania Mirza and India’s Sania Mirza Osaka, 14 Oct—India’s Sania Mirza became the first player to reach the quarter-finals of the Japan Open Wednesday, beating Viktoriya Kutuzova of Ukraine in straight sets.

**Hewitt calls for change in Tennis Australia**

**Melbourne, 14 Oct**—Two-time Grand Slam champion Lleyton Hewitt has called for change in the administration of Tennis Australia to arrest what he sees as a decline in the sport.

The former world number wrote on his website that Australian tennis was falling behind many nations and is losing out to other sports in the country.

“The current administration has called for ‘talking things up’, wanting complete total control of tennis in Australia, but the loser at the moment is the game of tennis,” Hewitt wrote.

“And that is what is continually being discussed within the tennis community.”

Hewitt is supporting former Australian Open tournament director Paul McNamee’s bid to become TA president later this month.

**Queiroz ‘respects’ Real stance on injured Ronaldo**

**Lisbon, 14 Oct**—Portugal coach Carlos Queiroz says he “respects” Real Madrid’s decision to prevent injured star Cristiano Ronaldo from travelling to watch his country’s final World Cup qualifier against Malta.

“If that is their decision it will be based on medical advice and we must respect that,” Queiroz said on Tuesday.

“It’s probably because Real Madrid want to guarantee continuity in his treatment.”

Queiroz added that he had not been officially told by the Spanish club that Ronaldo had been banned from attending the match, which Portugal must win to secure a place in the play-offs for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. Ronaldo, the reigning European and World Player of the Year, sprained his ankle during Real’s Champions League group stage win at home to Marseille last month.

**Brazil in U20 World Cup final**

**Cairo, 14 Oct**—Brazil overcame Costa Rica 1-0 on Tuesday to reach the FIFA U-20 World Cup final. The first half ended with a goalless draw despite efforts from both sides.

During the second half, both teams tried hard to score until Brazil forward Alan Kardec found the net at the 67th minute through a powerful shot. After the goal, Costa Rica tried to equalize but the Brazilians denied all their attempts.

The match witnessed a large number of yellow cards. The two teams were yellow carded five times each.

Brazil is to meet Ghana in Friday’s final.

**Adiyiah takes Ghana to U20 World Cup final**

**Cairo, 14 Oct**—Ghana stunned Hungary 3-2 on Tuesday to reach the final of FIFA U-20 World Cup.

Ghana forward Dominic Adiyiah scored twice to put his team ahead. Ten minutes into the match, Adiyiah scored his first goal, and then he added his second at the 31st minute to end the first half 2-0 for Ghana.

During the second half, Hungary tried hard to end its drought until forward Marko Futacs scored the first goal for Hungary at the 73rd minute. At the 81st minute, Ghana midfielder Quansa scored the third goal for his team.

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Dell CEO expects IT spending bounce

Dell Inc. Chief Executive Officer Michael Dell said during his keynote address at Oracle OpenWorld in San Francisco, California, on 13 Oct., 2009 — Internet

SANTA CLARA, 14 Oct—Dell Inc Chief Executive Michael Dell said the business climate was improving and repeated his expectation for a “powerful” hardware refresh cycle beginning next year. While noting that there are still obstacles to the recovery, Dell sounded optimistic about the upcoming year as the tech sector makes its way out of a crushing recession that has severely impacted end-demand.

“It’s getting a bit better incrementally … but I think there are still challenges out there,” Dell told business executives on Tuesday at a forum in Santa Clara, in the heart of Silicon Valley. “The U.S. is doing a bit better than Europe; Europe’s probably six to nine months behind the U.S.”

Dell expects companies to begin upgrading aging equipment starting in early 2010 and said the server refresh cycle was already underway and stronger than expected, thanks to Intel’s new Nehalem processor.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (15-10-2009) (Thursday)

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas

**WEATHER**

**Wednesday, 14th October, 2009**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
- During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Division, rain or thunder showers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division scattered in Rakhine and Kayin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.38) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinma) (0.20) inch, Ngathangyone (3.90) inches, Hinthada (3.30) inches, Loliem (2.76) inches, Piyoppy (2.63) inches, Maubin (2.17) inches, Pathein (1.93) inches, Mandalay and Yangon (Central) (1.46) inches each, Chauk (1.26) inches and Aunglan (0.67) inch.
- Maximum temperature on 13-10-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 14-10-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 14-10-2009 was 89%. Total sun shine hours on 13-10-2009 was (2.2) hours approx.
- Rainfall on 13-10-2009 was (0.63) inch at Mngalingadon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.46) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (110.83) inches at Mngalingadon, (120.79) inches at Kaba-Aye and (127.72) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (13:15) hours. MST on 13-10-2009.

Bay influence: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, Southeast and East Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special Feature: According to the observation at (12:30) hours MST today, the tropical storm “PARMA” over the South China Sea (Gulf of Tonkin) is centered at about (80) miles Southeast of Hanoi (Vietnam). It is forecast to cross North Coast of Vietnam and weaken during the next (24) hours.

Forecast valid until evening of 15th October 2009:
- Rain or thunder showers will be widespread in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough Sea are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Rakhine state.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-10-2009: Isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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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
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- 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
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Taungdwingyi: a pleasant town in central Myanmar

When I arrived in Taungdwingyi after two decades, it was really different. The high tower of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, new auto-exchange, neat departmental buildings and schools reflect the development of the town. The town also revealed the beauty with shade trees and colourful flowers alongside the smooth tarred road.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Zaw Htay Aung and I paid a visit to the auto-exchange of MPT. We learned that auto-exchange communications in Taungdwingyi was established with 500 DRX auto-telephones since 7 July 1996 and then extended with 500 KY 1000 x M auto-telephones on 1 March 2004.

Comfort Food: Chocolate, water reduce pain response to heat

CHICAGO, 14 Oct — People often eat food to feel better, but researchers have found that eating chocolate or drinking water can blunt pain, reducing a rat’s response to a hot stimulus. This natural form of pain relief may help animals in the wild avoid distraction while eating scarce food, but in modern humans with readily available food, the effect may contribute to overeating and obesity.

The study, published in the Journal of Neuroscience by authors Peggy Mason, PhD, professor of neurobiology, and Hayley Foo, PhD, research associate professor of neurobiology at the University of Chicago, is the first to demonstrate that this powerful painkilling effect occurs while the animals are ingesting food or liquid even in the absence of appetite.

In the experiments, rats were given either a chocolate chip to eat or had sugar water or regular water infused directly into their mouth. As the rat swallowed the chocolate or fluid, a light-bulb beneath the cage was switched on, providing a heat stimulus that normally caused the animal to lift its paw off the floor. — Internet