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Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence enjoys performance of Magway Division in "Thakaung Yadana" drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The second session of the Drama Contest entitled "Thakaung Yadana" of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin yesterday. Drama troupe from Magway Division participated in the competitions.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife, and Deputy Minister U Pe Than and wife, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads, officials of the committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges (central), judges from States and Divisions, and enthusiasts.

Drama troupe of Magway Division is consist of Manager U Khin Maung Than, scriptwriter, director and pianist Sein Htay Win, leading actor Aung Ko Ko Min, leading actress Hnin Nu Wai and supporting artistes.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

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**

Three-lake waterfall commissioned at Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden

Opening ceremony of three-lake waterfall in Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—A ceremony to open the three-lake waterfall, newly-built by Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, was held in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden, here, this morning.

At the auspicious time, Secretary of Special Development Project Supervisory Committee Col Kan Chun, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Myo Aung and Chairman of IGE Construction Co U Nay Aung formally opened the waterfall.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt unveiled the signboard of the waterfall and sprinkled scented water on it.

The waterfall is 170 feet long and 22 feet high. A 12-foot-wide pavement is located at the foot of the waterfall. The water from the waterfall flows down over three steps of lakes that measure 184 feet by 94 feet each. The three-foot-wide pavements are divided between the lakes. Basketball boards are installed at the middle lake, and benches and lawns are placed around the lakes for the public recreation.

At present, one waterfall tunnel, one three-lake waterfall, one 6-acre main lake, three water fountains and one island with five penguins, 12 small water fountains with 15 multi-designed water fountains, one Nanmyint clock tower, the recreation centre for families, two viewpoint parks and one stone park are located in the compound of the Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden. In addition, one 8.26-acre main lake, one water fountain lake with five dolphins, five water fountain lakes with five multi-designed water fountains, one playground, one water globe, the musical water dancing, the water movies and the ground royal palace hall are located in the annex of the Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden. The water fountain garden is being decorated with one 180 feet by 5 feet steel suspension bridge, concrete lanes, buggies, car parking, recreation centres and flowery plants.

The newly-built three-lake waterfall, located near the waterfall tunnel, is being kept open from 5.30 pm to 8 pm daily and the opening time will be extended from 10 am to noon on Saturdays and Sundays.—*MNA*

Tatmadaw U-21 football tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The second round of the 25th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament 2009 continued at the sports ground in Taunggyi today.

At the contest, Southern Command and South-West Command ended with a goalless draw. Defence Services (Air) won over Camp Commandant's office of the Ministry of Defence with 2-1.

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PERSPECTIVES

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National duty of conserving biodiversity, the environment

Flora and fauna are biodiversity of a particular place. An area covered with woodlands is blessed with a temperate climate. Forests provide a large variety of products that are used to help fulfil the basic needs of human beings, and are natural habitats for flora and fauna.

Myanmar is one of the biodiversity-richest countries in Asia. According to a research on biodiversity, Myanmar is a colourful display of over 10,000 species of flora, over 800 species of orchid, over 400 species of reptiles, over 300 species of mammals, over 1000 species of birds and over 1000 species of butterflies.

Being home to numerous rare species of animals, Myanmar conserves natural habitats of animals into national gardens. In Hugaung Sanctuary, Inndawgyi Lake Sanctuary, Shwesettaw Sanctuary, Moeyungyi Sanctuary, and Alaungdaw Kassapa National Park, for instance, multifarious rare species of birds and animals are found.

Myanmar's golden deer, which is in the list of rare species of animals, is peculiar to Shwesettaw and Chatthin sanctuaries. Tigers are conserved in the forests of Hugaung valley region.

The Ministry of Forestry prioritizes conservation of the environment and mangrove forests that contribute towards the fulfillment of food and clothing of local residents. Mainmahla, Byonemwe and Kyunnyo islands in Ayeyawady Division are designated as ecological areas for native biodiversity. The nation's ecological system can be improved effectively by regenerating mangrove forests rich in tide, alluvial soil, and sediment, and improving the ecology.

To conserve biodiversity and the environment is the concern of the entire people. Therefore, the people have to continue conserving vegetation, rare species of animals and birds for sustainable development of the nation's biodiversity.

People's Desire

* **Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**
* **Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**
* **Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**
* **Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

Forestry Minister undertakes regional development tasks in Ingapu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 18 October inspected construction site of Ingapu Township library in Ayeyawady Division. In the afternoon, the minister attended opening ceremony of new school building of Basic Education Primary School in Shankaungpye village in Ingapu Township.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects wooden bridge on Zalokegyi village-to-village road in Myanaung Township.
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Officials opened the new school building. The minister and responsible persons sprinkled stone inscription with scented water.

The minister made a speech on the occasion and donated cash. After meeting with local people and townselders from three village-tracts at Dhammayon of Kayinku village in Ingapu Township, the minister fulfilled the requirements.

The minister inspected Ingapu Township people's Hospital and donated oxygen kits.

On 19 October, the minister inspected Zalokegyi village-to-village Bridge in Myanaung Township built by Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. It is broad crest type wooden bridge, which 250 feet long and 12 feet wide.

The minister inspected construction site of the new school building of BEPS in Htanbinkan village and donated construction materials.—*MNA*

Deputy Minister for Transport supervises regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, on 13 October, attended the opening of Bontha-Boakgon-Kaukkosu-Gonywa-Ywarhaung-Pyinsi inter-village road at Bontha village of Natogyi Township.

Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung attends opening of village-to-village road at Bontha village of Natogyi Township.—**MNA**

The deputy minister inspected the road and cordially greeted villagers. The earth road linking Bontha, Boakgon, Kaukkosu, Gonywa, Ywarhaung, Pyinsi villages is 5 miles long and is in the course of improvement to become all-season one.

The deputy minister then met with locals of Yathit village and Layson village and fulfilled the requirements of the villages.

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Winners awarded in Inter-School New Recruit Cricket Tournament

YANGON, 21 Oct—The final matches of Inter-School Novice Class Cricket Tournament 2009, organized by Myanmar Cricket Federation, took place at the sports ground of No. 4 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Township here this morning.

In the girls' event, Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS No. 3 beat Dagon EBHS No. 2 by 7 wickets. Mingaladon BEMS No. 6 and Kyimyindine BEHS No. 3 tied at the third position.

In the boys' event, Mingaladon BEMS No. 6 beat Tamway BEHS No. 2 by 57 runs. Kyimyindine BEHS No. 3 and Lanmadaw BEHS No. 1 tied at the third position. After the competitions, MCF President U Nyunt Win presented certificates of honour to Headmistress Dr Thet Thet San of Ahlon BEHS No. 4 and Headmaster U Aung Ko of Lanmadaw BEHS No. 1 who contributed to organizing the tournament.

Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 BED presents championship shield to Mingaladon Township No.6 BEMS boys' team.
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In the girls' contest, Best Batsman Award went to Thuza of Mingaladon BEMS No. 6, Best Bowler Award to Tin Zar Win of Kyimyindine BEHS No. 3 and Best All-Rounder Award to Hsu Mon Aung of Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS No. 3.

Likewise, Best Batsman Award went to Aung Bo Min of Mingaladon BEMS No. 6, Best Bowler Award to Tint Htoo Zaw Lwin of Tamway BEHS No. 2 and Best All-Rounder Award to Pyae Phyo Thet Paing of Ahlon BEHS No. 4.

President of MCF U Nyunt Win presented championship shield to Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS No. 3 girl's team while Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 BED gave championship shield to Mingaladon BEMS No. 6 boys' team.

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Civilian killed, 10 injured in bomb attack in Baghdad snack restaurant

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct—A civilian was killed and ten others injured in a bomb explosion inside a snack restaurant in southern Baghdad on Monday, a well-informed police source said.

The blast took place in the Shatt al-Arab restaurant in the Eshreen thoroughfare in Baiyaa neighbourhood around midday when a home-made bomb detonated, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The police believe that the bomb was left by a customer who sneaked out of the restaurant before the explosion.

The explosion almost totally destroyed the restaurant and caused damages to nearby civilian cars and shops, the source added.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the area to secure the scene while ambulances and civilian cars transported the victims to nearby hospital, the source added.

"Thank God, I had breakfast in the same restaurant. When the explosion occurred, I was at home." Samir Karam, 23, a college student told *Xinhua*.

Xinhua

Local shop owners inspect the damage from a bomb attached to a motorcycle exploded on Sunday near a popular cafe in the Azamiyah area of north Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

Five killed in Iraq violence

FALLUJAH, 21 Oct—Two bombings in Iraq on Tuesday killed five people, including four policemen, and wounded 16 others, police said.

In the worst attack, four people, including three policemen, were killed and 12 injured by a car bomb near the former insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, just west of Baghdad.

Two policemen were among the wounded.

"The explosion occurred in the morning close to a petrol station in Saklawiyah while police examined a suspect parked car," a police officer said of the town north of Fallujah.

Dr Ayman Qais at Fallujah hospital confirmed the toll.

Internet

A destroyed vehicle is towed from the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad, on 18 Oct, 2009. A bomb attached to a car killed one person and wounded three others in central Baghdad's Karrada district, police said.—INTERNET

Relatives of twelve year old Haidr al-Ubaidi, react, at his home in the Azamiyah area of north Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 Oct, 2009. Al-Ubaidi was killed when a bomb attached to a motorcycle exploded on Sunday near a popular cafe.—INTERNET

Afghan police bust kidnappers' gang, kill ring leader

KABUL, 21 Oct—Police in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan Province busted a gang of kidnappers after killing the leader, a statement of Interior Ministry said here on Sunday.

"The gang's leader Sibghatullah was killed in firefight with police and three of his armed men were arrested on Friday in Baghlan's provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri," the statement added.

It added that the gang had been involved in abducting for ransom, terrorist activities and harassing citizens in Afghan capital city Kabul and other provinces of Baghlan, Kapisa and Parwan.

One police constable was also killed during operation against the gang.

Three members of band were arrested recently in Kabul, the statement further said.—*Xinhua*

A victim of a car bomb attack lies in a hospital near Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, after receiving medical treatment on 20 Oct, 2009. A car bomb killed four people including two policemen and wounded nine civilians in a town outside of Falluja, police said.—INTERNET

Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 21 October reached 699,065 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1,260,939, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	699,065
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,260,939

Internet

In this photo taken on 19 Oct, 2009, burnt trucks are seen at the side where they were burnt by Taleban militants on main Ghazni- Kandahar highway in Ghazni, west of Kabul, Afghanistan. Taleban militants set fire to 15 trucks carrying supplies to a military base in eastern Ghazni province, according to local official Sahib Khan.—INTERNET

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

KABUL, 21 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.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32,307 Afghan people were killed and 37,960 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 21 October.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32,307
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	37,960

Internet

Roadside bomb kills US soldier in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct—The US military says an American solider has been killed and two others were wounded when a roadside bomb detonated near their vehicle in northern Iraq. The military says the Multi-National Division-North soldier was killed on Monday. Two others were wounded in the attack that occurred in Iraq's northern Ninevah Province. The military said in a statement on Tuesday the name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin and that the incident is under investigation.—*Internet*

Atom bomb testing blamed for more cancers

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct —Radioactive fallout from US atom bomb testing decades ago is responsible for more fatal cancer in Americans than previously estimated, a research group says.

The Radiation and Public Health Project said its research indicates many more Americans have died or will die of cancer due to exposure to fallout from atomic bomb testing between the 1940s and 1960s than the 15,000 figure the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention released in 2002. However, the group said it could not determine an exact number of testing-related cancer deaths.

The organization, which announced its research during a on Tuesday news conference, said it based its findings on an analysis of 85,000 baby teeth from people born during the 1950s and 1960s in the St Louis area.

The study found levels of radioactive strontium-90 from atomic bomb testing fallout in the baby teeth of those who later died of cancer is more than double the level in healthy people.

Internet

China makes efforts to rescue hijacked cargo ship

BEIJING, 21 Oct—China is making an "all-out" effort to rescue a cargo ship hijacked by Somali pirates, a government spokesman said on Tuesday.

The *De Xin Hai* ship and its 25 crew members were seized by pirates early on Monday in the Indian Ocean about 700 miles (1,100 kilometres) east of the lawless Somali coastline.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said China has launched a "contingency mechanism" in the wake of the hijacking and ordered missions abroad to verify developments and notify relevant countries.

It has also issued warnings to Chinese ships to stay away from the area "in case of accident or danger."

"We will continue to follow closely the developments and make all-out efforts to rescue the hijacked ship and personnel," he said, without elaborating on details.—*Internet*

BAA agrees sale of Britain's Gatwick airport

LONDON, 21 Oct—Airport operator BAA has agreed to sell Gatwick, Britain's second busiest airport, for 1.5 billion pounds (2.5 billion dollars, 1.6 billion euros), the *Financial Times* reported.

Citing people familiar with the matter, the *FT* reported on its website that the deal with Global Infrastructure Partners, which already own London City Airport, will likely be announced before markets open on Wednesday.

The Competition Commission approved details of the sale late Tuesday, it said.

In August last year, British regulators called for *BAA* to sell three of its seven airports in Britain — two in London and one in Scotland — in order to end a dominance they said hurts both passengers and airlines. A consortium led by Spanish construction group Ferrovial bought BAA in 2006 for 10.23 billion pounds (11.39 billion euros or 15.06 billion dollars).—*Internet*

***File photo shows a British Airways passenger plane comes in to land at Gatwick Airport. Airport operator BAA has agreed to sell Gatwick, Britain's second busiest airport, for 1.5 billion pounds (2.5 billion dollars, 1.6 billion euros), the Financial Times reported.—*INTERNET**

Private collections are seen at the exhibition of "Louis XIV, the Man and the King" at the Versailles Palace, west of Paris, on 19 Oct, 2009. The exhibition opened here on Monday revealing the little-known private and creative side of Louis XIV, the "Sun King" who remains one of France's most flamboyant monarchs.
XINHUA

***Japanese auto giant Nissan's new concept "Land Glider", an ultra light weight electric vehicle. Despite the success of the hybrid, car makers are still hedging their bets on new technology, with biofuels, clean diesel and fuel cells seen as potential alternative power sources.—*INTERNET**

Eight South Asian nations resist binding emission cuts

NEW DELHI, 21 Oct—Eight South Asian countries have agreed they can't be part of any climate change deal that sets legally binding limits on their emissions, an Indian official said on Tuesday.

India, Pakistan and six other nations will present a coordinated stance at a key global meeting in Copenhagen in December to stick with the Kyoto Protocol, agreed in 1997, Indian Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said after a two-day meeting of regional environment ministers.

The Kyoto Protocol was the first global agreement requiring modest reductions in emissions by industrialized countries.

The United States rejected it because it exempted such countries as India and China, both major polluters, from obligations. The Copenhagen meeting aims at approving a new climate treaty.

Developed countries, including the United States, want newly emerging economies to do their part in cutting emissions of such heat-trapping gases as carbon dioxide.

India, however, has previously said in blunt terms it won't accept legally binding limits on its emissions — a stance that could jeopardize efforts to reach a meaningful climate change accord.

Internet

LG Elec Q3 beats estimates on strong handsets, TV

SEOUL, 21 Oct —LG Electronics Inc (066570.KS) posted better-than-expected results thanks to strong sales of key handsets and TVs, but faces weakening earnings momentum.

The world's No 3 mobile phone maker is headed for a weaker fourth quarter on higher marketing costs and price competition for its bread-and-butter handsets and flat-screen TV sets.

LG, which trails Nokia (NOK1V.HE) and Sam-sung Electronics Co Ltd (005930.KS) in mobile phones, might be hit by a recovery in the won after the local currency's weakness helped LG weather the global crisis.

"A stronger won will definitely hit its overseas sales," said Chang Inwhan, CEO and fund manager at KTB Asset Management.—*Internet*

Serbia, Russia sign five cooperation agreements

BELGRADE, 21 Oct—Serbia and Russia signed on Tuesday five agreements at the Serbian Government Palace, the key part of the historic visit of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to Serbia.

An agreement on cooperation in the fields of humanitarian response to emergency situations, natural disasters and technological accidents, and removal of their consequences was signed by Serbian First Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Ivica Dacic and Russian Minister for Emergency Situations Sergei Shoigu.

Dacic and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov signed an agreement on cooperation between interior ministries of the two countries.

Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic and his Russian counterpart signed an agreement on cooperation in the areas of culture, science, sports and youth policy for the 2009-2011 period.—*Xinhua*

World's leading energy scientists call for reduced use of fossil fuels

STOCKHOLM, 21 Oct—World's leading energy scientists on Tuesday called for reduced use of fossil fuels, in the run-up to the UN Copenhagen Climate Change Conference to be held in December. They made the call in a statement issued at the end of the two-day Energy 2050, International Symposium on fossil-free energy options organized by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm.

"Time is of the essence for radical changes to the global energy system while life cycle analyses and ecological economics are essential prerequisites for future policy thinking," said the statement.

"Human energy activities must be developed so that land, water and air are not drastically affected. All future energy options should rely on sustainable fuel and construction materials which are in principle recyclable or durable," added the statement.

It also stressed that agriculture production should be used primarily for food while avoiding global deforestation and maintaining biodiversity.

The statement points out that electricity will have to become the major energy carrier in the future since most of the non-fossil energy sources provide electrical energy.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

People prepare to enter the Xinhua Bookstore in London, capital of Britain, on 20 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

Indonesia's Bali conducts coral restoration

JAKARTA, 21 Oct—Indonesia's Bali launched its first coral transplantation project in Nusa Dua on Tuesday in a bid to restore the coral reefs and boost marine tourism, a media reported here on Wednesday. The project invited tourists, fishermen's groups and several organizations to join the Adopt a Coral programme, by donating 25 US dollars for a fragment of transplanted coral, the *Jakarta Post* said.

The artificial submarine reef is a man-made construction, which is submerged to serve as a platform for transplanted reefs. The transplanted coral, made by growing small pieces of living coral on a biological substrate, was attached in an artificial submarine reef.—*Xinhua*

A staff worker checks articles in an ancient tomb in Xiangfan, central China's Hubei Province, on 20 Oct, 2009. The tomb dated back to 650 BC, the early Spring and Autumn Period (770 BC-476 BC), was discovered at Shengang Hi-tech Industrial Zone in Xiangfan City on 18 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

First Xinhua Bookstore opens in London

LONDON, 21 Oct—The *Xinhua* Bookstore, a decades-old, famous Chinese book selling chain store, formally opened its first outlet in north London on Tuesday, which is also the first of its kind all over Europe.

Xinhua Bookstore is an outstanding brand Chinese are proud of. At the opening ceremony of the London outlet, Wu Jiangjiang, president of the China National Publications Import & Export Corporation (CNPIEC), said: "*Xinhua* Bookstore (LONDON) aims to bring more Chinese books to the UK readers, help them know more about Chinese culture and society, and then develop the copyright trade, culture exchange and friendship between the two countries." "We have a Memorandum of Understanding ... to help ... (Chinese) publishing companies to access the UK market.

We have lots of interests of the publishing community in China," Wouter Schuite-maker, head of Asia-Pacific of Think London Group, told the reporters.

Xinhua

Archaeologists celebrate 80th anniversary of Peking Man' discovery

BEIJING, 21 Oct—Some 300 paleoanthropologists gathered in Beijing on Tuesday to mark the 80th anniversary of the discovery of the first complete skull of Peking Man, the homo erectus that lived near Beijing 700,000 years ago.

"This is the largest ever symposium on the discovery of the skull", said Gao Xing, deputy director and research fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Palaeoanthropology (IVPP), which organized the gathering. "Just like the Great Wall, the skull of Peking Man has become a national symbol of China," said Robin Dennell, a professor with the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom, "And the experts are gathering here because of it."

Peking Man was previously believed to have lived in Zhoukoudian Caves, in current suburban Fangshan District, about 400,000 to 500,000 years ago, but in March, Chinese scientists revealed they were actually 200,000 years older. The finding was published in London-based science journal *Nature*.—*Xinhua*

EU agricultural ministers reject GM corn importation

LUXEMBOURG, 21 Oct—European Union agricultural ministers failed here on Tuesday to approve the importation and use of genetically modified (GM) corn from the United States.

They did not reach an agreement at a meeting on a few proposals meant to seek approval of such foods.

Two varieties of corn engineered by US companies Monsanto and Pioneer were among the list rejected.

Agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel, who supported the approval of both strains, urged EU countries to abandon their traditional caution on GM food in the face of shortages of livestock feed products and an increasingly heavy dependence on food exports from the United States.

Xinhua

Longest bridge in Sri Lanka opened

COLOMBO, 21 Oct—Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse ceremonially opened the island's longest bridge on Tuesday in Kinniya, about 350 km northeastern from the capital Colombo, according to government officials.

This 398-meter-long bridge, constructed across the Kinniya lagoon, connects China Bay in Trincomallee, the capital of the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka and Kinniya, a rural village in the province. The bridge was constructed under the Negenahira Navodaya (Reawakening the East) development programme of the government launched after the Eastern Province was recaptured by the troops from the hands of the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam (LTTE) in 2007.

With a cost of 790 million rupees (6.9 million US dollars), the bridge was built with the financial assistance of Saudi Arabia, officials from the Presidential Secretariat said.—*Xinhua*

The Kinniya bridge is seen in this photo dated on 20 Oct, 2009. The 398-meter-long bridge was ceremonially opened by Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse on 20 Oct, 2009 in Kinniya, about 350 kilometres northeast of the capital Colombo.—XINHUA

S Korea, Vietnam vow to further strengthen ties

SEOUL, 21 Oct—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Minh Triet on Wednesday pledged to further strengthen the ties between the two nations, according to South Korea's presidential office Cheong Wa Dae.

Lee, currently on a three-nation Southeast Asian tour including Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand, held a summit with Triet earlier in the day in Hanoi, during which the two leaders agreed to upgrade the relationship between the two nations to a "strategic cooperative partnership."

They also agreed to establish a dialogue mechanism between the two countries' defence and foreign ministries to enhance cooperative security and political relations.

The two presidents called for closer economic cooperation to boost the bilateral trade, and agreed to launch a joint study before the end of the year on issues concerning a possible bilateral free trade agreement.

The two leaders also promised to work together closely in international forums, such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), to promote their mutual interests, the Cheong Wa Dae said. Vietnam will take the chair of ASEAN in 2010.—*Xinhua*

Vietnam's President Nguyen Minh Triet (2nd R) and his wife (1st R) pose for photos with President of the Republic of Korea Lee Myung-bak (2nd L) and his wife during a welcoming ceremony prior to their meeting in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 21 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

China luxury sales to rise 12 pct in 2009

BEIJING, 21 Oct—Sales of luxury goods in China are forecast to rise 12 percent this year, a global consulting firm said on Wednesday, bucking the downward trend seen in other major markets hit hard by the financial crisis.

Global sales of high-end products are expected to drop eight percent overall in 2009 to 153 billion euros (229 billion dollars), according to a study by Bain & Company emailed to *AFP*.

The United States and Japan, two of the world's largest markets for luxury goods, are due to see sales fall by 16 percent and 10 percent respectively, the report said.

But China will experience the opposite trend, the firm said, with research showing that 15 percent of an estimated 300 luxury store openings worldwide this year took place in the Asian giant.

"Aspirational luxury shoppers in Asia and other emerging markets are fuelling sales growth in 2009," Claudia D'Arpizio, a Milan-based partner at Bain, was quoted as saying in the study.—*Internet*

Scientists build a better fuel cell

CALGARY, 21 Oct—Canadian scientists say they have discovered a new material that can help increase the efficiency and decrease the cost of fuel cells.

University of Calgary chemists Jeff Hurd and Professor George Shimizu said they discovered a material that allows a fuel cell — known as a polymer electrolyte membrane fuel cell — to work at a higher temperature. That, they said, is extremely important in terms of increasing the efficiency and decreasing the cost of PEM fuel cells.

"This research will alter the way researchers have to this point perceived candidate materials for fuel cell applications," Shimizu said.

Internet

Exercise helps brain after radiation

CHICAGO, 21 Oct— Exercise may protect against both memory-loss and depressive mood after whole-brain radiation treatments, US researchers say.

The study, presented at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting in Chicago, found mice with access to an exercise wheel less likely to suffer a decline in erasable memory after radiation and less likely to show depressive-like behavior.

"It was remarkable that the irradiated, running mice were just like the normal, non-irradiated mice that didn't exercise," study leader Sarah Wong-Goodrich of Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC, said in a statement. The findings show how powerful exercise is and how many benefits it can provide, and even restore, after radiation, study researcher Lee Jones of the Duke Center for Cancer Survivorship said.

"Once a patient gets a doctor's clearance, I think exercise is a good thing during whole-brain radiation," Jones said. "I think telling patients to take it easy is the worst advice we can give, because we know they will become deconditioned physically, and this study shows exercise potentially could provide cognitive and psychological benefits."

Internet

Clothing colour key to UV protection

Some colours offer better protection against sun's ultraviolet rays, researchers in Spain say.

The study, scheduled to be published in November's Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research, finds cotton fabric dyed deep blue or red provided more sun protection than the same fabric dyed yellow.

Study leader Ascension Riva and colleagues at Universidad Politecnica de Cataluna in Terrassa, Spain, say fabric colour is one of the most important factors in determining how well clothing protects against UV radiation.

The researchers dyed cotton fabrics in a wide range of red, blue, and yellow shades and measured the ability of each colored sample to absorb UV light. Fabrics with darker or more intense colors tended to have better UV absorption. Deep blue shades offered the highest absorption, while yellow shades offered the least.

Japan's Samurai art on show in New York

The world's most comprehensive collection of armor, weaponry and art covering 700 years of Japan's fabled Samurai culture goes on exhibit this week at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"Art of the Samurai: Japanese Arms and Armor, 1156-1868" will open Wednesday, showcasing "214 masterpieces, including 34 national treasures, 64 important cultural properties, and six important art objects," the museum said in a statement.

Open until 10 January, the exhibit includes "armor, swords, sword fittings and mountings, archery and equestrian equipment, banners, surcoats... as well as painted screens and scrolls," some of which have never left Japan.

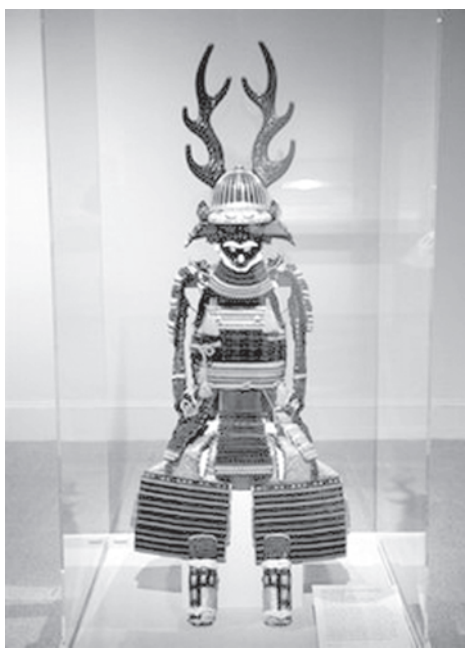
"This is the most comprehensive exhibition of Japanese arms and armor ever to take place in the world," including Japan, the museum boasted.

The Bushi or Samurai, Japan's military elite, for seven centuries dominated the politics, economy and society of their country.

The exhibition displays the evolution of the Samurai's "omote dogu," or exterior equipment.

Military hardware, especially swords and armor, were highly prized and used for display as well as the dress worn in battle.

In pursuit of their excellence, the Samurai would spend untold amounts and go to any extreme.



"Nimai-do" armor is seen on display at the exhibition "Art of the Samurai: Japanese Arms and Armor, 1156-1868" during a preview at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The exhibition brings together hundreds of objects that have never traveled outside Japan.

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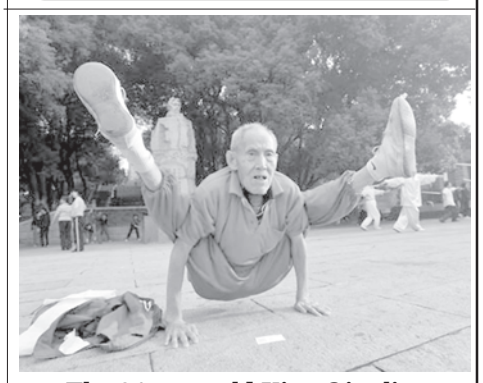

The 91-year-old Xiao Qinglian performs his stunt show of handstand with both legs over shoulder while picking up a coin with mouth by lowering his head to the ground, in a park of Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province. The nonagenarian man has kept on the extraordinary physical exercises over the past 27 years to keep body fit.

Mass town using goats as lawn mowers

Officials in Andover, Mass, say they are using goats to keep one of the town's public meadows trimmed, even as they trim a bit of government spending.

Bob Decelle, special projects manager for the Andover Conservation Commission, said by allowing six goats to eat their fill of the grass at a public meadow, the town is saving money and helping the environment, The Boston Globe reported.

"Everyone benefits," Decelle said. "The town benefits, the goats benefit, and the environment benefits."

Instead of using town funds to hire people to mow the 3-acre meadow with heavy equipment, the town has dairy goat club leader Lucy McKain bring the goats to the site each day for an all-natural buffet.

Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence and wife enjoy Drama performance of Magway Division. **(News on Page 1)**

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UMFCCI meets European Commission

***Vice-President U Win Aung of UMFCCI and party meet with Attache Cooperation Mr Carlo Marsico of Thai-based European Commission.*—UMFCCI**

YANGON, 20 Oct—Vice-President U Win Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, joint-secretary Dr Pwint San, Central Executive U Tun Aung, executives U Aung Zaw Oo, U Soe Than Min Din met with Attache Cooperation Mr Carlo Marsico of Thai-based European Commission at the office of the federation here on 13 September.

They held discussion on export of agricultural produces of Myanmar, measures for minimizing loss resulting from late harvest, cooperation between private businessmen and farmers and organization of agricultural educative talks and seminars to farmers.

MNA

Made In Thailand Festival at Gamone Pwint Shopping Mall

YANGON, 21 Oct—Made In Thailand Festival has been ongoing at Gamone Pwint Shopping Mall on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here since 13 October.

There, a wide range of garments, cosmetics, personal goods, household utensils and foodstuff are on sale at special discount.

It is the third Made In Thailand Festival that continues till 25 October. Any customer who buys goods worth at least 20,000 kyats is given a quick lucky draw ticket, and all the tickets are prize-winning ones including TV and household electrical appliances.

As a special programme, three of the tickets will be chosen by chance as three Yangon-Bangkok-Yangon return air tickets. Customers have to fill in coupons name, NRC number, address, and phone number, and put them into the lucky draw box.

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Third sale festival of Thai-made products in progress.

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Canvases of Toungoo artists on display

YANGON, 21 Oct—Eight local artists of Toungoo organized an art exhibition titled For You Art Group which commenced at the gallery in For You Digital Photo and Cyber Coffee building, at the junction of No.1 road and Phoekun road in Toungoo on 1 October.

Altogether 54 works of the artists, U Myint Sein, Thaik Oo, Soe Naing Lwin, Aung Myo, Hla Min, Kyaw Kyaw Khet, Than Tun, and Sai Than Tun will be on display till the end of this month.

The art exhibition is the first one of Toungoo and arrangements will be made for further exhibition of paintings, cartoons and photos according to Photographer Ko Ye Hteik Aung.—*NLM*

Opening of "For You Art Exhibition" in progress in Toungoo.

NLM

Workshop on Organic Aquaculture Production and Products Marketing held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—Jointly organized by Fishery Department and CFC, FAO and INFOFISH, Workshop on Organic Aquaculture Production and Products Marketing was held at Thiriannawa hall of MFF on Bayintnaung road in Insein Township here yesterday.

Chief Technical Advisory Services Mr Tarlochan Singh of INFOFISH explained the purpose of holding the workshop and Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fishery Department made an opening speech.

A total of 60—40 from Fishery Department and 20 from livestock entrepreneurs' companies attended the workshop.

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Notice to mariners issued

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—CNOOC Myanmar Limited will conduct drilling of three oil test wells at M-10 block of Mottama offshore from 1 November to 31 December.

The locations of the test wells are at north latitude 14 degrees, 2 minutes and 56.3495 seconds and east longitude 96 degrees, 28 minutes and 2.2933 seconds for Shwe Pyi Thit-4; north latitude 14 degrees, 0 minute and 12.8155 seconds and east longitude 96 degrees, 32 minutes and 24.9746 seconds for Shwe Pyi Thit-5 and north latitude 14 degrees, 0 minute and 29.2961 seconds and east longitude 96 degrees, 37 minutes and 1.8052 seconds for Shwe Pyi Thit-6.

The FD issued an announcement that all vessels are to stay away from four kilometers radius of the area in which the drilling will be conducted.

MNA

Kachin State takes part in "Thakaung Yadana" drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The first session of the fourth day of "Thakaung Yadana" drama contest of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin this evening. Drama troupe from Kachin State took part in the competitions.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, Minister for Co-operatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut and wife, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, departmental heads, officials of the committee and subcommittees, judges from States and Divisions, and enthusiasts.

Drama troupe of Kachin State staged the plots of an industrious and honest youth who exposed attempts to smuggle cultural heritage. He did so in cooperation with Tatmadaw, Police Forces, and members of social organizations.—*MNA*

***Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe enjoy performance of Kachin State.*—MNA**

17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The fourth day of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the designated venues here today.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, members of the leading committee, Secretary of Work Committee for Organizing the competitions Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department and work committee members, chairmen and members of subcommittees, members of the panel of judges (central), members of the panel of judges from states and divisions, managers and contestants.

A total of 12 contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' classical/modern song contest held at the auditorium of the University of Agriculture at 9 am. Higher education level men's classical/modern song contest took place at the same venue with the participation of 14 contestants.

In the afternoon, 13 contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 15-20) women's classical/modern song contest.

Basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' dancing contest was held at the convocation hall of the

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***Minister U Thaung and Attorney-General U Aye Maung enjoy contestants taking part in 17th MTCPAC.*—MNA**

***Contestants from states and divisions, managers and enthusiasts enjoy fourth day of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.*—MNA**

U Maung Oo (a) Zwegabin Maung of Kayin State and party take part in amateur level (second class) men's Dohbat contest.

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***Ma Khin Khin Cho of Kayin State takes part in basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' dancing contest.*—MNA**

***Ma Thiri Thant Zin of Ayeyawady Division takes part in higher education level women's xylophone contest.*—MNA**

17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural …

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University of Veterinary Science at 9 a.m. with the participation of 18 contestants. In the afternoon, 13 contestants competed in the higher education level men's dancing contest.

At No 7 Transit Centre, leader of panel of judges U Ye Dway and party supervised the participation of 7 contestants in the amateur level (second class) men's marionette contest and 8 contestants in the amateur level (second class) women's marionette contest.

At the lecture hall of the University of Agriculture, leader of panel of judges U Mya Sa Tin and party supervised the participation of 9 contestants in the amateur level (second class) men's xylophone contest and 6 contestants in the higher education level women's xylophone contest. At the hall of Agriculture Research Department, leader of panel of judges U Sein Ba Maw and party supervised the participation of 8 troupes in the amateur level (second class) men's Dohbat contest and 5 troupes in the basic education level (aged 15 -20) boys' Dohbat contest. At the hall of Forest Research Department, leader of panel of judges U Ni Ni and party supervised the participation of 7 contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' piano contest and 8 contestants in the amateur level (second class) men's piano contest.

At the hall of Agricultural Research Department, leader of panel of judge U Sein Sa Tin and party supervised the participation of 7 contestants in the basic education level (aged 10 -15) boys' orchestra troupe (single) contest and 7 contestants in the amateur level men's orchestra troupe (single) contest.—*MNA*

U Maung Maung of Mon State takes part in amateur level (second class) men's piano contest.
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***Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin enjoys contestants taking part in 17th MTCPAC.—*MNA**

***Ayeyawady Hline Min of Ayeyawady Division takes part in amateur level men's orchestra troupe (single) contest.—*MNA**

***Maung Zaw Nyi Nyi Oo of Sagaing Division takes part in amateur level (second class) men's marionette contest.—*MNA**

Five trainees of MFF leave for Israel

YANGON, 21 Oct—Under the joint arrangements of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation and the Embassy of Israel of Yangon, five trainees of MFF left here by air on 19 October evening to attend the 10-month on-job training fishery scholarship course to be opened in Israel.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Israeli Ambassador Mr Yaron Mayer and responsible persons of MFF.—*MNA*

Five trainees from MFF seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Israel.
MNA

Proverbs of 500 outstanding leaders published

YANGON, 21 Oct—A bilingual book entitled "Proverbs based on experience of 500 outstanding leaders", translation of the proverbs of successful men like leading pioneer Henry Ford by Maung Myint Kywe and Maung Maung Aye (MMA), is now in circulation.

The book highlights necessities for success such as industry, perseverance, optimism, and positive attitude under 63 topics. The book published by U Than Swe, Unity Publishing House No. 36, Hinthada Street, Sangyoung, Ph: 095130977 is sold retail for K 1000 per copy.

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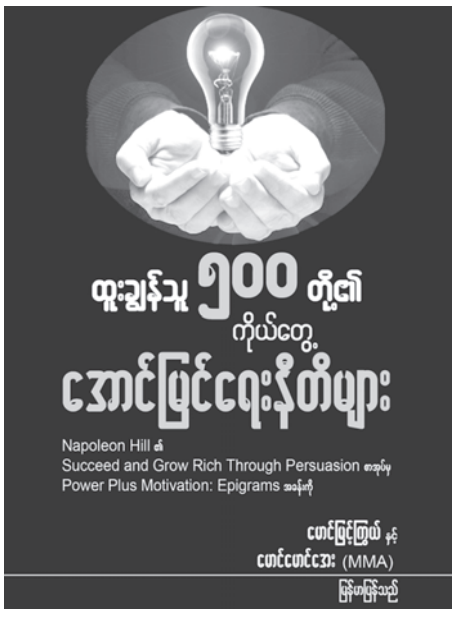

IT Professional & Education Discussion Forum on 24 Oct

YANGON, 21 Oct — IT Professional & Education Discussion Forum will be held at Parkroyal Hotel here on 24 October.

Three IT experts — U Aung Kyaw Hsan, a consultant of Crown Education, a Myanmar IT expert and an expert who graduated from the National University of Singapore and working in Singapore as an IT expert — will give talks on education on information technology and job opportunites in the IT field.

The two-hour forum will start at 10 am, and those wishing to attend the free forum may contact the Crown Education, Ph 211888, extension - 228/229.

Those present at the forum may discuss with three IT experts ways to getting international IT certificates and job opportunites.

MNA

Commander views thriving cotton plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin on 14 October looked into progress in construction of Nayaban Dam in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University of Agriculture and thriving Ngwegyi-6 long staple cotton plantations in Inbin Village of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township.

The commander met with cotton growers in Inbin Village and viewed pearl fertilizers, pesticides and cotton plantations.—*MNA*

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects progress in construction of Nayaban Dam in compound of Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University of Agriculture.

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Teaching Hospital (Magway)

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

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Natmauk, Myothit, Pwinbyu, Taungdwingyi, Sinbaungwe, Minhla, Minbu (Saku), Salin and outer townships of Mandalay Division come here for treatment."

In the outpatient ward, general treatment and dental treatment are given daily, and obstetric and gynecological treatment, eye treatment, and nose and throat treatment, once a week.

In response to my question, Daw Tin Hla, 81, said that she was from Pwinbyu Township; and that she was there for some treatment because she felt congested in the chest and tired easily.

I said, "Pwinbyu is very far from Magway, so I wonder why you choose this hospital for treatment." With a smile and a look at the medical superintendent, she replied, "I came here because I have learnt that the medical superintendent, and doctors and nurses and staff are all kind to the patients, and if necessary, they fulfill the requirements of needy patients."

U Myint Ko receiving treatment for hernia expressed his opinion, "Here, all the staff members, regardless of position, help each other in giving treatment. They are kind to the patients. Specialists take round checking every morning, so we patients are very satisfied with their kindness."

Daw Tin Hla.

A woman patient who had just given birth to a baby said, "I am Omega. I am 32. I am from Taungdwingyi. It is my firstborn baby, and I would have to receive an operation to give birth to it. So, I came here out of my way. And I had learnt that this hospital is well furnished, and there is no need to spend much to receive treatment. Now, I have given birth to a boy without any difficulties. Specialists gave me an operation for my birth. My baby and I are both in good health, so I will be discharged from hospital tomorrow."

Medical Superintendent Dr Than Oo of Teaching Hospital (Magway).

When we left the wards, Medical Superintendent Dr Than Oo said, "Our hospital is over seven miles from the urban areas. But people not only from Magway but also from surrounding towns and villages have become to rely on us due to the hard work of all staff members. So, local authorities are gearing up to build a railroad and some bus lines near here."

Now, the whole nation is seeing a growing number of hospitals like Teaching Hospital (Magway), thus giving better health care to the public.

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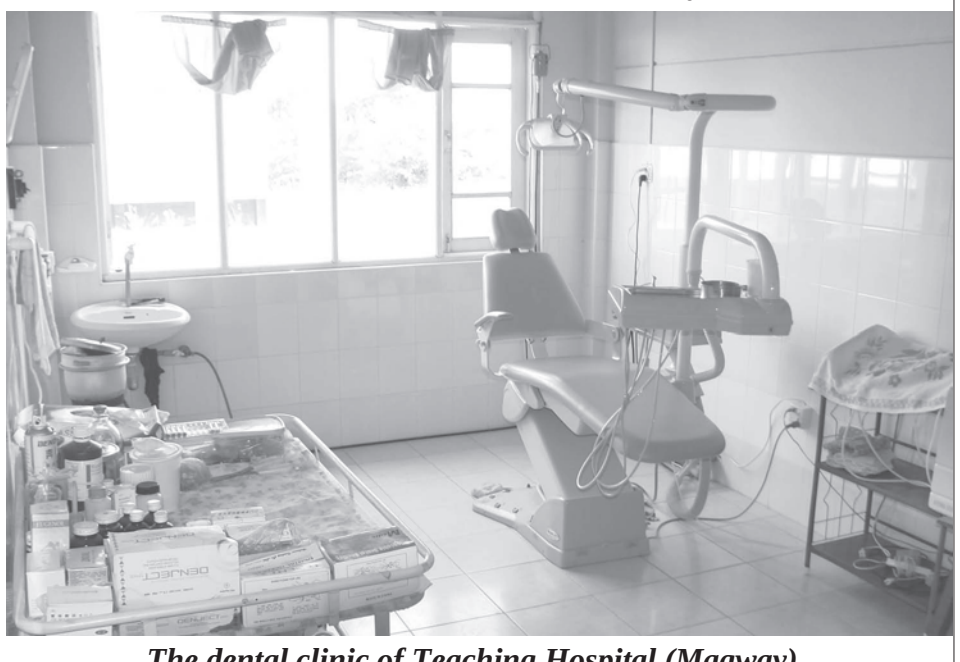
The operation theatre of Teaching Hospital (Magway).



The dental clinic of Teaching Hospital (Magway).

Sperm donor passes heart defect to offspring

BEIJING, 21 Oct—An American sperm donor, who has an undetected genetic mutation linked to a heart disease, passed on a potentially deadly condition to nine of his 24 offspring, one of whom died from heart failure at age 2, said a case report in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

According to Barry J. Maron, MD, of Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, the mutation, associated with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, was discovered only after one of the donor's biological children tested positive for it.

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy thickens the heart and makes it harder to pump blood. It affects about one in 500 people; many more likely have the genetic defect without symptoms, said study co-author Heidi Rehm of Harvard Medical School. The symptoms can include an irregular heartbeat and shortness of breath but many cases go undetected until sudden death. The children are now aged 7 to 16. Nine, including one born to the donor's own wife, have been tested positive for the heart mutation.

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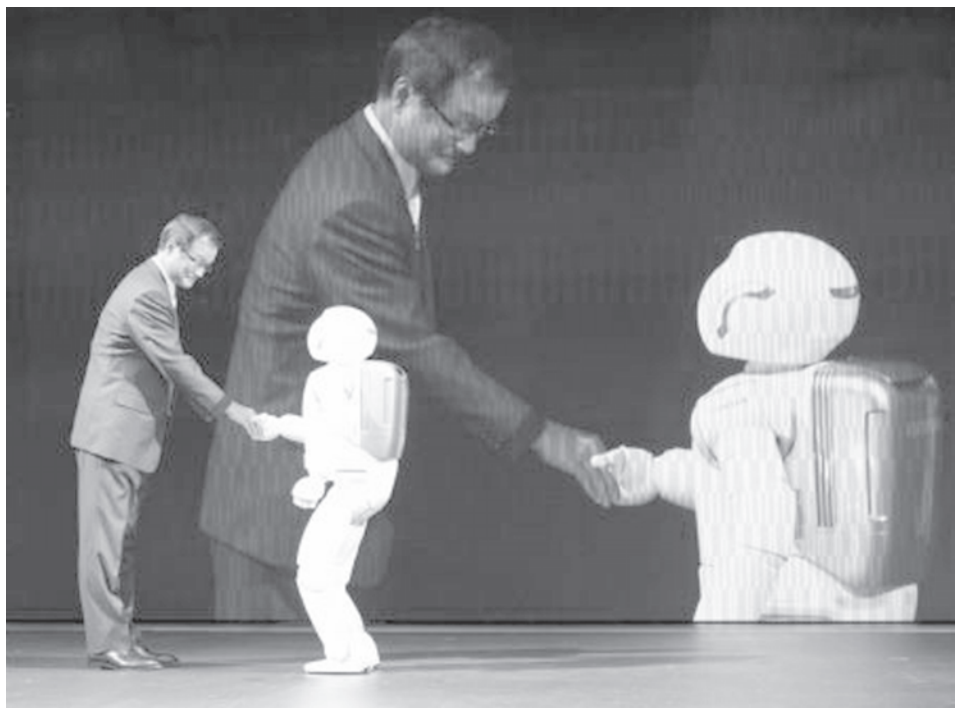

***Honda Motor Co Chief Executive Officer Takanobu Ito shakes hands with an Asimo humanoid robot during a Honda presentation at the 41st Tokyo Motor Show in Chiba, east of Tokyo, 21 October, 2009.—*INTERNET**

A model presents a creation during a silk fashion show in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, 20 Oct, 2009. The silk fashion show was held in Hangzhou on 20 Oct to display nearly 200 creations of more than 10 world-famous brands.
INTERNET

Singapore, India to enhance economic ties

SINGAPORE, 21 Oct—Bilateral trade between Singapore and India grew at a rate of 20 percent year-on-year to reach 28.8 billion Singapore dollars (20.13 billion U.S. dollars) in 2008, a Singapore official said on Wednesday. ,This has made India one of Singapore's fastest growing trade partners, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education S Iswaran said at the inaugural India Invest 2009, organized by the Singapore's Indian Chamber of Commerce. He also said that investment flows have seen exceptional growth, with Singapore's investments into India more than quadrupled since 2005.

However, notwithstanding these significant advancements, he said that there is a clear opportunity to take economic links between India and Singapore up several notches. One avenue is for Singapore to play a complementary role linked to India's plans to develop its infrastructure, he said, as the Indian government announced plans to boost investment in infrastructure to more than 9 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2014.—*Xinhua*

A/H1N1 flu confirmed in turkey flock in Canada

OTTAWA, 21 Oct—A turkey farm in Ontario Province has been confirmed infected with A/H1N1 flu, making Canada the second country to report such infection after Chile, health officials said on Tuesday.

Provincial Health Minister Deb Matthews said the outbreak affected a breeder's flock of turkeys. But the birds do not go into the food chain and therefore are not a concern for human health, according to a Canadian Press report.

She said the main concern is that the infection would spread through the flock. In April, Canada was the first country to report pigs' infection with the A/H1N1 flu virus, which has since been found in pig farms in other countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Zambia committed to fighting cervical cancer

LUSAKA, 21 Oct—A senior Zambian government official has said the government has embarked on cervical cancer prevention programs to help in the early treatment of the disease to reduce on deleterious outcomes, the Zambian News and Information Service (ZANIS) reported on Tuesday. Zambian Health Minister Kapembwa Simbao said early screening and detecting of cervical cancer in women would help in the early treatment of the disease, adding that the government has since setup a radiotherapy center where it will be conducting the screening services.

The Zambian Minister said in a speech on his behalf by his deputy Mwendoi Akakandelwa at the opening of a World Health Organization (WHO) regional meeting on cancer prevention and control in Lusaka that the radiotherapy center will be an important back up for the screening program, adding that it will in the long run be cost effective and help to reduce on the number of cancer patients.

Xinhua

Hijacked China ship shows pirates extending reach

BEIJING, 21 Oct—The hijacking of a Chinese coal ship in the Indian Ocean shows Somali pirates are extending their reach beyond the Gulf of Aden and the Somali coast, shippers said as traders worried that more coal ships could become targets.

The De Xin Hai, carrying about 76,000 tons of coal from South Africa to the port of Mundra, in Gujarat, India, was hijacked about 700 nautical miles off the east coast of Somalia on Monday, the European Union's counter-piracy force said. The ship could be brought to Haradheere, a pirate stronghold, or Hobyo, both on the central part of Somalia's Indian Ocean coastline, pirates told *Reuters*.

"This shows that the pirates are expanding their operations," said an official at the China Shipowners' Ass-ociation in Beijing. "The Indian Ocean is very big, and too hard to defend. The Gulf of Aden is a more limited area". Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu told reporters in Beijing that his government had "actively started rescue operations" for the ship, which has a crew of 25. He declined to give details but observers said they expected the issue to be resolved diplomatically.

MNA/Xinhua

The World Bank has said that six developing countries will join five western nations, including the United States and Britain, to combat climate change by better managing forestry resources.
INTERNET

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MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (343)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (343) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 22.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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

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Selection Meeting

The Chulia Muslim Jammat meeting will be held on 25-10-2009 (Sunday) at 10 a.m to select the trustee and appointment committee members.

-Request: due to short period advertisement took place once

(Invitees Only)

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Vietnam to host int'l exhibition on plastic, rubber industries

HANOI, 21 Oct—Vietnam will host an international exhibition on plastic and rubber industries from 22 to 25 Oct in Ho Chi Minh City, local newspaper the *Vietnam Investment Review* reported Wednesday.

The exhibition is expected to draw participation of over 200 local and foreign companies from more than 20 countries and regions, said the newspaper. The exhibition will display products in the plastic and rubber industries and introduce the latest and most advanced machines and equipments of the industries.—*Xinhua*

Kenyan rescuers retrieve 11 bodies from collapsed building

NAIROBI, 21 Oct–Venyan rescuers have retrieved 11 bodies as they are stepping up the search for about 20 builders trapped after a building collapsed on the outskirts of Nairobi over the weekend.

Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) Public Relations Manager Titus Munguo confirmed on Wednesday that three more bodies were retrieved on Tuesday night, bringing the number pulled from the wreckage in Kiambu town to 11.

"The rescuers retrieved three more bodies last night from the multi-storey building which was under construction in Kiambu town. They have retrieved 11 bodies so far," Monguo told *Xinhua* by telephone. The Red Cross official said more people are still trapped under the building and the rescue efforts are expected to go on throughout the day.

"The rescue teams continue digging into the rubble in search of people who were communicating to others outside. We expect to zero in where communications was coming from and expect to call the rescue efforts by the end of the day," said Mongou.

It is not clear what caused the building collapse in Kiambu, about 25 km northwest of the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

Xinhua

Sun Microsystems to cut 3,000 jobs

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Oct—Sun Microsystems Inc is planning to cut 3,000 jobs or about 10 percent of its workforce in the next 12 months, the company said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday.

In the filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, Sun Microsystems said its board has approved the layoff plan "in light of the delay in the closing of the acquisition of the company."

According to the filing, the job cuts will occur across the company's operations worldwide.

"The company expects to incur total charges ranging from 75 million US dollars to 125 million dollars over the next several quarters in connection with the Restructuring Plan, the majority of which relates to cash severance costs and is expected to be incurred in the second and third quarters of the fiscal year ending on 30 June, 2010," Sun Microsystems said.

The Silicon Valley server and software maker is now waiting for European regulators to approve its acquisition by Oracle Corp, the world's largest enterprise software company, in a deal worth 7.4 billion US dollars.

Xinhua

FAO to reform Committee on World Food Security

ROME, 21 Oct—Members of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Committee on World Food Security (CFS) agreed on Tuesday on a wide-ranging reform, aiming to make the CFS the foremost comprehensive international and intergovernmental platform dealing with food security and nutrition.

The reform envisages broader participation of UN organizations tackling food security issue such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Program (WFP) and the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis.

The CFS will also include other international organizations, civil society, non-governmental organizations, and private sector associations, FAO said.

Xinhua

Brazil defends new taxation on foreign investment

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Oct—A senior Brazilian presidential aide said Tuesday that the taxation on foreign investment would not cause investors to flee the country.

On Monday, Brazil announced a presidential decree to levy a 2-percent tax on foreign investment in the financial, public securities and fixed assets sectors. The decree would go into effect immediately.

"We are not taxing foreign direct investments. We are only taxing financial operations," said Dilma Vana Rousseff, who is Brazil's Chief of Staff.

In Brazil, the chief of staff is the highest-ranking member of the executive office and a senior aide to the president. Therefore, this position is generally regarded as the second most powerful in the country.

According to Rousseff, the new taxation was only one of the measures aimed at stopping the devaluation of the US dollar against the Brazilian real.

The dollar has seen a sharp decline in value in the past few months, which could end up damaging Brazilian exports.—*Xinhua*

A clown performs during the 14th Mexico International Clown Festival in Mexico City, Mexico, on 20 Oct, 2009. The 14th Mexico International Clown Festival kicked off on 19 Oct with the participation of some 500 clowns from Mexico, Peru, the United States, Honduras and Salvador. —XINHUA

Three S American nations promise to halt deforestation

BUENOS AIRES, 21 Oct —Three South American nations announced a joint plan Tuesday to establish protected zones in the vast Atlantic Forest as part of an effort to halt deforestation by 2020.

Speaking at the World Forestry Congress, representatives of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay said their governments are committed to achieving "net zero deforestation" — meaning their total amount of forest land would remain stable by that date. "We plan to maintain over 1 million hectares (3,860 square miles) of forest intact, which will protect the areas from being cleared for farming or any other industrial purposes," said Gov. Maurice Closs of the Argentine province of Misiones.

The Atlantic Forest, home to the famous Iguazu falls and numerous plant and animal species, is one of the most endangered rainforests in the world. Only about 7 percent of the once 500,000 square kilometers (193,000 square miles) of forest land remains and is fast disappearing largely because of land clearing for agriculture.

During the forestry meeting's session Monday, the World Wildlife Fund urged nations to commit to "net zero" programs as a way to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change.

Deforestation is responsible for almost 20 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, according to the WWF and the Conservation Society. *Internet*

Guests attend the Promotion of Shanghai World Expo 2010 in New York, on 19 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

Apple updates Mac computer lines

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Oct — Apple Inc on Tuesday unveiled a new lineup of desktop and notebook computers to make preparations for the upcoming holiday shopping season.The updates include two new iMac all-in-one desktop computers featuring bigger 21.5-inch and 27-inch wide screen displays in a new edge-to-edge glass design and seamless all aluminum enclosure.

The new iMacs, starting at 1,199 U.S. dollars, will be shipped with a new wireless Magic Mouse, billed by Apple as the world's first mouse featuring the company's multi-touch technology which has been used in iPhone and other products.

The Magic Mouse, which comes standard with the new iMac models, will also be available as a Mac accessory at 69 dollars, Apple said."The iMac is widely praised as the best desktop computer in the world and today we are making it even better," Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide product marketing, said in a statement.

Apple also introduced a new Mac mini, a desktop computer sold without a display and keyboard, which the company said is mightier.

Starting at 599 dollars, the new Mac mini is faster, offers more storage and comes standard with double the memory, the company noted.Apple's notebook computer line was also revamped with the launch of a new MacBook, which inherited technology and design features from the company's high-end MacBook Pro models but still starts at the price of 999 dollars.—*Internet*

The new Apple iMac in an image courtesy of the company. Apple refreshed its line of iMac all-in-one desktop computers in a new edge-to-edge glass design and aluminum enclosure. Its price is unchanged at $1,199.—INTERNET

Walking with cell phone can be erratic

BELLINGHAM, 21Oct— Cell phone users walk more slowly, change direction more frequently and are less likely to acknowledge other people, US researchers found.Ira E. Hyman Jr., S. Matthew Boss, Breanne M. Wise, Kira E. McKenzie and Jenna M. Caggiano of Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., investigated the effects of divided attention while walking.

People were classified based on whether they were walking while talking on a cell phone, listening to an MP3 player, walking without any electronics or walking as a pair.

In the first study, the researchers found that cell phone users walked more slowly, changed direction and were less likely to acknowledge others.—*Internet*

Photo taken on Oct 20, 2009 shows the interior of a Toyota's car during a news press of Toyota in Seoul, capital of South Korea.—INTERNET

Gene is linked with kidney aging

STANFORD, 21 Oct — US researchers say they have identified a gene that is associated with human kidney aging.

Scientists from Stanford University, the National Institute on Aging, the MedStar Research Institute and the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology said they used an approach that can be applied to any phenotype to help find other genetic associations.

In the new study led by Stanford researcher Stuart Kim, the scientists said they used genome-wide transcriptional profiling to determine 630 genes change expression with age in kidney tissue. Next, they determined that 101 of the age-regulated genes contain DNA variations among individuals that associate with gene expression level.

The 101 genes were tested for association with kidney aging in a combined analysis of two populations selected to study normal aging: the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging and the InCHIANTI Study.

One gene that encodes an extracellular matrix protein (MMP20) was revealed to be significantly associated with kidney aging, providing the first genetic link with kidney aging. Because data from both populations were combined in the analysis, the researchers stress their finding needs to be replicated in additional populations.—*Internet*

Iceland reports first fatal A/H1N1 flu case

STOCKHOLM, 21 Oct— The first fatal A/H1N1 flu case was reported in Iceland, according to reports reaching here from Reykjavik on Tuesday.

"An 18-year-old multi-handicapped girl, who was infected with the A/H1N1 virus, died Monday morning at Barnaspitali Hringsins children's hospital in Reykjavik. This is the first fatality due to the swine flu epidemic in Iceland," said Iceland's electronic newspaper *The Iceland Review.*

The report said the girl fell ill 11 days earlier and was admitted to hospital on Thursday. The treatment for the girl, both at home and at the hospital, had been very good and in keeping with the circumstances. The main reason of death is believed to be a long-term lung disease that the girl had suffered from.

Internet

Dominican Republic bird refuge opens

SANTO DOMINGO, 21 Oct — Dominican Republic officials say they have created a new refuge for birds, located on the northwest border of the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park.

The creation of the reserve extends protection in the region by 111 square miles, providing essential habitat protection for the globally threatened Bay-breasted Cuckoo and threatened resident and migratory birds that depend on the Island of Hispaniola, the American Bird Conservancy said.

The conservancy and its Dominican Republic partner, the Jaragua Group, prepared the proposal and conducted the biodiversity inventory work needed to justify the new area.

"With 30 endemic bird species, Hispaniola ranks high in global importance for bird conservation," said George Wallace, American Bird Conservancy's Vice President of Oceans and Islands. "With forests in Haiti virtually gone and an accelerated rate of forest loss in the Dominican Republic, many of these species face a bleak future — of the 30 species, 14 are ranked by (the International union for Conservation of Nature) as globally threatened."—*Internet*

SPORTS

Cristiano Ronaldo says Barcelona is better team than Real Madrid

MADRID, 21 Oct—Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo has admitted that he thinks rivals FC Barcelona is a better team than his own.

Speaking in the magazine France Football, Ronaldo confessed that the resigning Primera Liga and European Champion plays better football that his big spending outfit.

Real Madrid spent around 258 million Euros on new signings over the summer with players such as Ronaldo and Brazilian ace Kaka arriving at the Santiago Bernabeu.

However, Madrid has still not reached the level of fast flowing football Barcelona usually produces and currently trails the Catalan side in the BBVA Primera Liga. "It's true. Barcelona plays better football, but that is because it is more consolidated as a team," said the Portuguese striker, who was optimistic that would change in the future.

"Barcelona is a better team than we are today, but the real question is, 'who will be the best in the end?' We'll have to wait and see," he commented.

"We are still not playing as a team, we still have work to do on that front, but we are on the right track. There is a good team spirit and we will be in better form in a few months," he promised.—*Xinhua*

Defending champion Jankovic survives, Hanescu out

MOSCOW, 21 Oct—Defending champion Jelena Jankovic is into the second round of the WTA Kremlin Cup after a battling three-set defeat of Jaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan here on Tuesday.

In the ATP section Wayne Odesnik of the United States battled back from a set down to produce the biggest upset at the event so far ousting second seed Victor Hanescu of Romania 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

The second seeded Jankovic, who is seeking a place in the season-ending WTA championships at Doha, won 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 to record her second win over Shvedova, ranked 50th in the world, in three meetings.

"It was difficult for me to play here today as I was struggling not only my opponent but also an uncommon court," the Serb said.

"But it's normal as the first match at every event is always tough. Hope it will be more easy in the next rounds."

The rivals traded breaks throughout the opening set but Jankovic, who is currently ninth in the WTA rankings, was marginally more accurate and took a one-set lead in 37 minutes.—*Internet*

Defending champion Jelena Jankovic of Serbia

Belgian tennis star Henin set for Brisbane comeback

SYDNEY, 21 Oct—Belgium's seven-time Grand Slam winner Justine Henin confirmed she would make her comeback from a 15-month retirement at Australia's Brisbane International in January.

The former world number one's return to tournament tennis will pit her against compatriot and fellow ex-retiree Kim Clijsters, who won September's US Open just five weeks after ending a two-year hiatus.

"After a 15-month absence I am pleased to begin my second tennis career at the Brisbane International," the 27-year-old Henin said in a statement.

"It will be great to get back to playing competitive tennis again and with the strong field, the same court surface and a similar climate to Melbourne, it will be the perfect preparation leading into the Australian Open."—*Internet*

Belgium's world number one and seven-time Grand Slam winner Justine Henin (pictured on 7 October) has said she would make her comeback from retirement at Australia's January 2010 Brisbane International where she would square up against compatriot and fellow ex-retiree Kim Clijsters.—INTERNET

Barcelona, Liverpool lose in Champions League

Lyon's Argentinian midfielder Cesar Delgado celebrates after scoring the winning goal during their UEFA Champions League group E football match against Liverpool at Anfield, Liverpool. An injury-time goal from substitute Delgado clinched a dramatic 2-1 victory for Lyon.—INTERNET

Inter Milan's Dejan Stankovic (centre) scores past Dynamo Kiev's Yevgen Khacheridi (right) and goalkeeper Stanislav Bogush during their UEFA Champions League group stage match at San Siro stadium in Milan. Inter Milan's hopes of qualifying for the Champions League knock-out rounds suffered a blow as they were held to a 2-2 home draw.—INTERNET

LONDON, 21 Oct—Barcelona suffered a shock 2-1 defeat at home to Russian newcomers Rubin Kazan and Liverpool lost by the same score to visiting Lyon in the European Champions League on Tuesday.

Rubin Kazan, which are making debut at the Champions League, twice led at Camp Nou to beat a star-studded team containing Lionel Messi, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Andres Iniesta.

Adding to the high drama on the Matchday 3 in the group stage of the Champions League, Cesar Fabian Delgado scored in injury time at Anfield to hand Liverpool a fourth straight loss for the first time in 22 years.

Inter Milan trailed twice at home but the Italian champions salvaged a 2-2 draw with Dynamo Kiev through equalizers by Dejan Stankovic and Walter Samuel.

But Inter is now last in Group F after stretching its winless streak in Europe to six matches.

Elsewhere, Fiorentina won 4-3 at Debreceni and Arsenal drew 1-1at AZ Alkmaar.

Aleksandr Ryazantsev put Russian champions Rubin Kazan ahead after just 75 seconds by running onto a loose ball and smashing a shot beyond goalkeeper Victor Valdes.

Sevilla went five points clear at the top of Group G with a straightforward 3-1 win at Stuttgart, which only scored in the 74th at 3-0 down.

The Spanish team has a maximum nine points. Next is Unirea Urziceni, which benefited from two own goals to win 4-1 at Rangers. Rangers had led through a second-minute own goal by Ricardo Vilana, but the Romanian team fought back with Marius Bilasco and Pablo Brandan scoring either side of own goals by Kyle Lafferty and Lee McCulloch.

The win moved Unirea three points ahead of the Scottish champions in its first Champions League season.

Arsenal's lead in Group H was cut to a single point after Mendes da Silva scored in the third minute of injury time to earn AZ a draw.

Cesc Fabregas had put the Gunners ahead in the 36th from a pass by Robin van Persie but Mendes da Silva volleyed from close range to earn his team a second point of the season. Olympiakos beat Standard Liege 2-1 in the other game to move upto six points. —*Xinhua*

AZ's David Mendes da Silva (left) fights for the ball with Arsenal's Thomas Vermaelen during the Champions League match at DSB Stadium, Alkmaar, The Netherlands. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Unirea Urzicena's Marius Ion Bilasco (left) and George Galamaz celebrate the scoring of their 3rd goal against Rangers during their UEFA Champions League Group G match at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow. Unirea won 4-1.—INTERNET

Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (R) fights for the ball with Rubin Kazan's Russian defender Roman Sharonov (L) during the UEFA Champions League football match between Barcelona and Rubin Kazan at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barcelona suffered their first European defeat in 10 months falling to a shock 2-1 home loss.—INTERNET

A Frankfurt/Main health authority official holds up a vaccine (L) and an intensifier (R) against the swine flu virus in his hands. A row in Germany over a "two-tier" swine flu vaccination programme has prompted Chancellor Angela Merkel to say she'll get the jab meant for the public rather than one reserved for "essential workers".—INTERNET

Greater China region CIOs have less budget restrictions than peers

BEIJING, 21 Oct—A report released by IBM Corporation here Wednesday showed that Chief Information Officers (CIOs) in greater China region have less budget restrictions compared with global peers and are more aggressive in spending budget to create innovative plans.CIOs in greater China region are more active in innovation and turning visions into reality, said Bernard Elharrar, General Manager of Global Technology Services, IBM Greater China Group.

"However, CIOs in greater China region need to address deep gaps in outsourcing and standardizing business process," he added.

The report is on the basis of interviews with more than 2,500 CIOs of different-sized organizations in 19 industries from 78 countries around the globe, in a bid to understand their goals and challenges.

Xinhua

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TV Myanmar

Thursday, 22 October
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. မြတ်ဝုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am
5. Dance Variety

8:00 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am
7. Dance of National Races

8:20 am
8. အဲ့ဒီမှာစတွေ့တာပဲ"

8:25 am
9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:40 pm
10. International News

8:45 pm
11. Connect With English (Episode-22) (Guitar Lessons)

9:00 pm
12. Dance Variety

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Cute Little Dancers

4:25 pm
3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:40 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင့်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာ အထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

4:55 pm
5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm
6. Myanmar Smiles (Episode-4) (Hands of Buddhists That Carry On The Tradition of 1000 Years)

5:50 pm
7. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
8. Evening News

6:15 pm
9. Weather Report

6:20 pm
10. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "စျေးဝယ်နည်း" (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း) (ညီထက်၊ သူရလင်း၊ ယမင်းမြင့်သိန်း၊ ယုဇနပိုလ်မြင့်) (အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

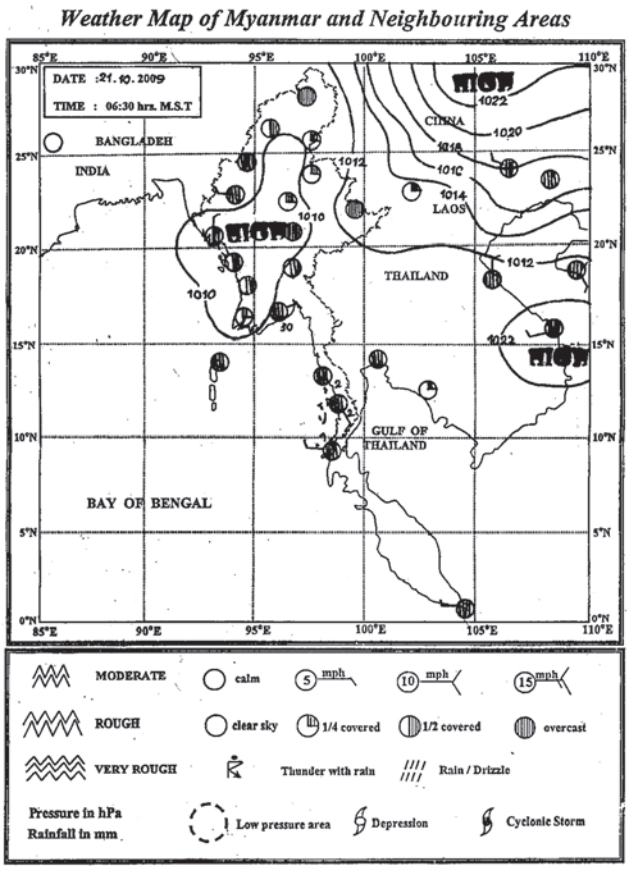
6:30 pm
11. တောင်ပိုင်းရှမ်းမှသုတဘာဏ် တိုက်တောင်ကြီးကိုယ်ပွားသတင်းစာတိုက်

6:40 pm
12. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့် ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလောင်းရိပ်" (အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၆၇)
19. လွင်မိုးခရီးသွားနေသည် "မြိတ်ကျွန်းစုများဆီသို့" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူခိုးဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်" (တတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 21st October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States, Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Mon State, scattered in Taninthayi Division and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.18)inches, Taunggyi and Gwa (0.63)inch each, Pyapon (0.44)inch, Loikaw, Mawlamyine, Ye and Mudon (0.20)inch each.

Maximum temperature on 20-10-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 21-10-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-10-2009 was 82%. Total sun shine hours on 20-10-2009 was (1.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-10-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, (1.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (110.83) inches at Mingaladon, (122.05) inches at Kaba-Aye and (128.35) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 20-10-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22nd October 2009: Rain or thundershower will be fairly widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Partly cloudy in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-10-2009: Partly cloudy.

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★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Teaching Hospital (Magway)

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

The Ministry of Health is establishing teaching hospitals in many regions as part of the plan for upgrading hospitals around the nation.

Apart from Division General Hospital (200-bed) in Magway, Magway Division has recently got a teaching hospital in the compound of the University of Medicine between Kanhla Village and Kanpya Village near Magway-Yenangyoung Road.

In less than two years, the teaching hospital earned a good reputation for its effective treatment with kindness to patients.

In an interview with Medical Superintendent Dr Than Oo of the teaching Hospital (Magway), about seven miles from the township, he said to the Kyemon, "Our hospital is not far from Magway University of Medicine. So, we someway help medical students with their studies. And our hospital is a reliable hospital for people in the township as well as from nearby regions."

Regarding academic matters, the hospital has the medical science department, surgical department, pathological department, anesthetic department, ophthalmologic department, dental department, orthopedic department, cerebral and neurosurgical department, ear, nose and throat department, and forensic medicine department.

In relation to treatment, the hospital has dental unit and rehabilitation unit in addition to medical ward, surgical ward, obstetric and gynecological ward, eye, nose and throat ward, psychiatric ward, pediatric ward, orthopedic ward, and cerebral and neurosurgical ward.

When we got to the ward outside which some patients were awaiting for their turns, the medical superintendent said, "They are outpatients. We give treatment to them with the interest of the hospital trust funds. So, not only people from Magway but also people from Chauk, Yenangyoung,

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Teaching Hospital (Magway).