Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister General Thein Sein, who had returned from Tokyo of Japan after attending the 1st Mekong-Japan Summit, at Nay Pyi Taw airport this morning.

Together with the Senior General were Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, departmental heads, Charge d’affaires ai Mr Kazuyuki Takeuchi of Japanese embassy and officials.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and departmental heads also came back on the same flight.—MNA

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Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein on PM’s return from Japan
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* 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

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts the cash donated by well-wishers for respect paying ceremony to doyen literati in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day of 1371 ME of MWJA at Central Printing Press of PPE.—MNA

Basic Education ISD U-16 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament opens

YANGON, 9Nov—The Basic Education ISD U-16 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament opened in Aung San Gymnasium, here, this morning.

Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu made a speech on the occasion and formally opened the tournament.

After being greeted by the director-general and officials, contending teams recited the sports oaths and then left the sports ground.

With the performance of the vocalists, contending teams played the basketball matches.

The tournament will end on 16 November.

Director-General U Aye Kyu makes a speech at the opening ceremony of the Basic Education ISD U-16 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament.—MNA

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**All this needs to be known**

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
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* Do not be softened whenever appeared

**Information Minister attends ceremony to donate cash for respect paying ceremony to doyen literati**

YANGON, 9Nov—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to donate cash for respect paying ceremony to doyen literati in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day of 1371 ME of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at Central Printing Press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise yesterday morning and accepted the cash donated.

The ceremony was attended by departmental heads, chairman and CEC members of MWJA, chairpersons and responsible persons of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanma Music Asiayon, wellwishers and staff of Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the ministry.

First, Chairman U Hla Myaung (Ko Saung) of MWA extended greetings. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented K 3,930,000 donated by the State Peace and Development Council, K 0.5 million by Mandalay City Development Committee, K 0.3 million each by Myanmar Women’s Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and Myanma Music Asiayon, K 0.1 million by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, K 1,310,000 by U Maung Maung Aye (Alinka Wittyi—Literature and Arts), K 917,000 by Dr Daw Khin Khin Yi (Shine Hope Co), K 0.7 million by Dr Tin Tun Oh-Daw Khin Moe Moe (Swesone) Col Thet Tun (Redy-Daw Tho Thu Nwe) donated K 0.3 million, U Tin Soc (Thegadaw) and family K 0.3 million, Dr Tha Tun Oh K 0.2 million (Today Publishing House) K 0.2 million, Col Aung Nyen (Reid)-Daw San San Lin and family K 0.1 million, which were accepted by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television. Managing-Director U Aung Nyen accepted K 0.1 million each donated by U Chit Naing (Psychology), Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Myanma Maung Nong Moo)-Daw Khin Aye Mu and U Kyaw Win (Manutha Khin Win), U Khin Maung Thant (Zan Zan), Physonic Aung Zayar Min (Aung Zayar Min), and Dr Yin Min Oo (University of Medicine) of Mieinshin Publishing House donated K 0.1 million each which were accepted by managing-Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Pictures Enterprise. U Khant Sithu (Actor), Pabedan Township Writers and Journalists’ Association, and Mingalar Taungnyunt Township Writers and Journalists’ Association presented K 0.1 million each through Director-General U Ye Htut of Informations and Public Relations Department.

Next, wellwishers presented cash, foodstuff, medicines, calendars, and publications. A total of 58 wellwishers donated K 21,808,200 in cash and K 900,000 worth donations totaling K 22,708,200. Afterwards, Chairman of fund raising work committee for paying respect to doyen literati Vice chairman -1 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) expressed gratitude. After the ceremony, the minister greeted officials and wellwishers.—MNA
**Bomb attack kills three in Pakistan**

**PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 9 Nov**—A suspected suicide bomb attack at a Pakistan police checkpoint on the ring road of northwest city Peshawar killed three people and wounded another five on Monday, police said.

“It was a suspected suicide attack. Three people were killed, five wounded,” police official Mohammad Karim said. Doctor Zafar Iqbal at the city’s main government-run Lady Reading Hospital confirmed that medics received two dead bodies and six wounded. Monday’s attack came one day after a suicide bomber killed 14 people in a crowded cattle market in Peshawar.—**Internet**

**Saudis take mountain from Yemen rebels**

**SAN‘A‘ (Yemen), 9 Nov**—Saudi Arabian forces seized a strategic mountain straddling the border with Yemen and cleared it of Shiite rebels after five days of fighting that have left three Saudi soldiers dead, a Saudi defence official said on Sunday.

Meanwhile, rebels said they shot down a Yemeni fighter jet. While Yemen acknowledged the crash, it attributed it to a “technical error.”

Saudi forces began shelling and bombing rebel positions last week, dramatically escalating a five-year conflict between Yemen’s weak central government and rebels in the north of the impoverished country.

The Saudi government cooperates with Yemen to fight the Shiite rebels, known as Hawthis, out of fears that extremism and instability in Yemen could spill into its country, the world’s largest oil exporter.—**Internet**

**Colombia seeks UN help, Chavez ready for ‘war’**

**BOGOTA, 9 Nov**—Colombia has said it will seek UN help after Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez instructed his military to ready “for war.”

“Faced with these threats of war by the government of Venezuela, the government of Colombia is weighing heading to the Organization of American States and UN Security Council,” said a statement from President Alvaro Uribe, read out by his spokesman Cesar Velaquez.

“Colombia has not made nor will it make any bellicose move toward the international community, (and) even less so toward fellow Latin American nations,” the statement said.

“The only thing we are interested in is defeating terrorism related to drug trafficking, which has been so unfair to Colombians for so many years.”

Colombia, the statement added, “remains ready for frank dialogue, achieving greater understanding and to the rules of international law.”

Hours earlier, Chavez urged his military leaders to prepare “for war” and to ready citizens to “defend the homeland,” as tensions continue to mount over fractious ties with neighbouring Colombia.—**Internet**

**South Sudan faces famine danger after poor rains**

**BOR (Sudan), 9 Nov**—South Sudan could face famine following low rainfall and a surge in tribal conflicts, the United Nations Children’s Agency UNICEF said on Sunday.

UN officials earlier this year said at least 1.2 million people in the underdeveloped region could be left without enough food after a poor start to the rainy season.

On Sunday senior UNICEF staff said there were now fears of an even greater emergency after poor rainfall at the end of the rainy season in October and the beginning of November.

“There the crisis is going to hit very hard, we’re just seeing the beginning of it at the moment,” UNICEF’s deputy executive director Hilde Johnson told journalists on a visit to the south’s oil-producing Jonglei state.

“If we are not able to handle the situation well ... we can expect very, very significant levels (of hunger) which can border on the red flag emergency which becomes a famine,” she said.—**Internet**

**Two American pilots die in Iraq**

**BAGHDAD, 9 Nov**—The US military says two American pilots have died in a helicopter crash in Iraq.

A military statement says the two pilots were killed on Sunday, during a “hard landing” in the Salahaddin province north of Baghdad. There were no further details in the statement, which was released on Monday.

The names of the pilots are being withheld until the military can notify family members. The statement said the incident is under investigation. The deaths raise to at least 4,361 the number of US military personnel who have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.
Vietnam's export of footwear down in value in first ten months

HANOI, 9 Nov—Vietnam earned 3.21 billion US dollars from exporting footwear in the first ten months of this year, down 16 percent year-on-year, according to the information centre of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on Monday.

With this figure, Vietnam is hardly to reach the target of raking in 4.77 billion US dollars from exporting footwear this year, said the centre.

In the first ten months, Vietnam produced 269.1 million pairs of footwear, nearly equal to the number of footwear manufactured during the same period last year.

Xinhua

‘Made in China’ now made in Egypt

PORT SAID, 9 Nov—With cheap labour, investment incentives and unrestricted exports, one Chinese textile group has turned to Egypt as an ideal location to produce its ready-made garments, beating stiff competition at home.—INTERNET

Oil rises above $78 on US hurricane, weaker dollar

SINGAPORE, 9 Nov—Oil prices broke above $78 a barrel on Monday in Asia as Hurricane Ida threatened oil installations in the Gulf of Mexico.

Benchmark crude for December delivery was up 94 cents to $78.37 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Ida, the first Atlantic hurricane to approach the United States this year, headed toward the Gulf Coast on Monday with 105 mph (169 kph) winds, and could make landfall as early as on Tuesday. Crude was also boosted by a falling US dollar, which has moved inversely to oil for months as investors buy commodities as a hedge against inflation and a weaker US currency.

Oil rose to $82 last month, its 2009 high, from $32 in December. The euro rose to $1.4929 in Asian trading on Monday from $1.4885 on Friday while the dollar was steady near 90 yen.

Crude fell $2.19 to settle at $77.43 on Friday after the Labour Department said the unemployment rate jumped more than expected in October to 10.2 percent, the highest since 1983.

The dismal jobless data stoked concerns that US consumer demand will remain sluggish despite an overall economic recovery.—INTERNET

Japan Airlines executives to forgo pay in December

Tokyo, 9 Nov—Japan Airlines (JAL) said on Monday its executives would receive no pay in December as the struggling carrier needs to cut costs in the face of massive losses.

The move will affect JAL president Haruka Nishimatsu and some 70 other company officials, a spokesman for the airline said.

JAL also wants to skip payment of customary winter bonuses to 17,000 non-executive employees although a formal decision has not been made yet, he said.

“Since we have asked for public money, we must strive to cut costs,” the spokesman said.

Debt-laden JAL, Asia’s biggest carrier, is trying to rehabilitate with the support of a state-backed corporate turnaround body. It plans to cut thousands more jobs and scrap loss-making routes.

Unlike their US peers, Japanese executives have largely avoided a row over excessive corporate pay during the economic downturn by cutting their own pay and making other financial sacrifices.

Nishimatsu is known for taking the bus to work with regular commuters and lining up with other employees for lunch in the company cafeteria.—INTERNET

Nigeria banks on River Niger to boost commerce, navigation

LOKOJA, 9 Nov—After decades of delay and wrangling by resisting riverine communities, Nigeria has launched a multi-million-dollar dredging exercise to boost navigation and commerce on the Niger River.

Plans are to deepen the river channel and stabilise its banks along a stretch of 572 kilometres (376 miles) as to allow passage of large vessels and open up inland ports.

“The goal is to activate the navigational channels of the river which once served as a bubbling colonial trading route,” project supervisor Joshua Aruguje told AFP.

But activists are worried about the damage to the ecosystem of the host communities along the stretch where the dredging will take place.

Inaugurating the project in September President Umaru Yar’Adua said that when completed, it would “ensure all-year-round navigability of the River Niger.”

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“Made in China” now made in Egypt.

The Chinese-owned Nile Textile Group has set up shop in the Port Said free zone, overlooking the north entrance of the Suez Canal, and developed an industrial estate now hiring 600 workers, 20 percent of which are Chinese and the rest Egyptian.

Cheap raw materials and favourable export conditions have given the company easy access to foreign markets.

It’s a bargain for the Nile Textile Group, which imports 60 percent of its basic products tax free and then sends them outside Egypt, mainly to the United States.

Most of their cut-price clothes are now labelled “Made in Egypt” rather than “Made in China”.

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Over 300 orphans, helpless children in west Nepal

KATHMANDU, 9 Nov—More than 300 orphans and helpless children in Nepal's west Jajarkot district are left neglected, local media reported on Monday.

The orphans and children there lost their parents due to the cholera and diarrhoea epidemic some months ago. “They didn’t have their parents and they had not received appropriate help so far. Their situation is getting worse day by day.” Local newspaper The Rising Nepal cited Krishnahari Subedi, head of the District Public Health Office (DPHO) of Jajarkot as saying.

Many students had left school and started doing menial works, or doing household chores in their neighbour’s houses.

China gives loans to Ethiopia’s first expressway

ADDIS ABABA, 9 Nov—China on Sunday signed a 349-million-US dollar loan agreement with Ethiopia to help build the country’s first expressway.

The 79-km expressway will link Ethiopia’s capital Addis Ababa with the country’s second largest city of Nazaret. It will have a 12-meter width and is expected to make easy traffic flow in the area.

Under the agreement, the Export-Import Bank of China will provide loans to the expressway, which will be built by China Road and Bridge Corporation. Construction of the road will be launched early 2010 and is expected to be completed in 2014.

China, Brazil vow to enhance media cooperation

BRASILIA, 9 Nov—China hoped to enhance media exchanges with Brazil in a bid to facilitate strategic partnership between the two developing countries, said a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Monday. Liu Yunshan, head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, made the remarks when meeting with Brazil’s communication minister Franklin Martins in Beijing.

China and Brazil have advanced their cooperation in such areas as trade, culture, education, technology and media in a steady manner, said Liu.

Martins said he wants to know more about China through the visit that is aimed at promoting media exchanges between the two countries.

Cambodia celebrates 56th anniversary of Independence Day

PHNOM PENH, 9 Nov—Cambodia on Monday kicked off its three-day celebration of the 56th anniversary of Independence Day in capital Phnom Penh with thousands of people attending the ceremony.

King Norodom Sihamoni presided over the ceremony of celebration with lighting the victory flame which will burn for the duration of three days. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, the Senate President Chea Sim and other government senior officials, as well as diplomatic corps, students, police and military also attended the ceremony held at the Independence Monument.

This year’s celebration was held one day earlier in order to having a time for many people from each ministry to present their memorial wreaths. “We’ve done this because we don’t want to make things too complicated for the King’s day. We don’t want to bother the King on the day he lights the victory flame,” said Chea Kean, deputy secretary general of National Committee for Festivals.

Chea Kean, however, said earlier that this year, there will be no military parade even though the 9 November is also the 56th anniversary of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.

Tokyo to bid for 2020 Summer Olympics

KYOTO, 9 Nov—Tokyo will bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympic Games, Kyodo News reported on Monday, quoting Tokyo Gov. Shintaro Ishihara.

The Japanese capital has just lost to Rio de Janeiro to host the 2016 Summer Olympics. Ishihara’s remarks came after the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, hit by atomic bombs during World War II, said last month they will seek to jointly host the 2020 summer games, though the Olympic Charter states only one city can host the Olympics.

A foreign woman and her child take part in the “family run” activity of the 2009 Hangzhou International Marathon in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 8 Nov, 2009.—Xinhua

File photo of a Chinese energy giant CNOOC plant in Daya Bay, in southern China. China has dangled a near open cheque book to Africa’s major oil producers in a bid to guarantee supplies for decades to come. INTERNET

Major topics at APEC Singapore 2009

SINGAPORE, 9 Nov—The world’s business and political leaders currently converge in Singapore for the week-long APEC meetings to explore ways to promote economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment across the Asia-Pacific region.

The main topics for the APEC meetings, themed “Sustaining Growth, Connecting the Region” this year, are as follows.

Key business leaders of the Asia Pacific region have agreed that it is now time for the APEC to take more decisive actions towards establishing a Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP) in view of the financial crisis and the stalled Doha Round negotiations.

The business industry expresses caution about signs of the economic recovery and urges political leaders to take steps to ensure that this is sustained.

They believe that this can be done if economies resist protectionism, promote global demand rather than just domestic demand and that they take the opportunity to undertake economic reforms. And that setting a firm time frame for bringing an FTAAP into reality would send a very strong signal about APEC’s commitment to accelerating the integration of their economies.

APEC economies account for approximately 60 percent of world energy consumption.

Climate change impacts both individuals and economies at large, with developing nations experiencing the most adverse effects. In addition, climate change is believed to contribute to the increasing number of natural disasters, about 70 percent of which occur in the Asia-Pacific region.
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The Somali prime minister vessel, a source close to the Somali prime minister said on Sunday.

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The source spoke after a meeting between the Spanish envoy to Kenya and Somaliland Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Sharmarke in the Kenyan capital. A second meeting is to be held on Monday to work out a strategy for freeing the hostages, the source added.

Somalia sees end to Spain hostage crisis in three weeks

MOGADISHU, 9 Nov—Somalia’s government expects a settlement in about three weeks with pirates holding hostage 36 crew of a Spanish fishing vessel, a source close to the Somali prime minister said on Sunday.

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S Korea’s producer prices fall for 6th month in Oct

SEOUL, 9 Nov—South Korea saw a fall in producer prices for a sixth straight month in October mainly due to cheaper oil prices and strengthening local currency, the central bank said on Monday.

According to the Bank of Korea (BOK), the producer price index, a barometer of future consumer inflation, marked an on-year decline of 3.1 percent in October, compared with a 2.6 percent on-year fall in the previous month. Meanwhile, the index dropped 0.8 percent in last month compared with September, marking the first monthly decline since June, the BOK said.

The continued on-year fall in October was contributed to the lower costs for oil which pulled up last year’s producer prices by peaking at 147 US dollars per barrel, and stronger local currency against US dollars, which rose an average of about 13 percent on-year versus the dollar in October, the BOK said.

South Korea, the world’s fifth-largest crude buyer, relies entirely on imports for its oil needs. The BOK is expected to freeze the nation’s key rate at a record low of 2 percent for the ninth consecutive month during a monthly rate-setting meeting on Thursday.

Korean companies prepare for slow economic growth

SOUTH KOREA, 9 Nov—Korean companies need to prepare for slower economic growth, but said that slower growth in the nation and other countries in Asia will still be better than other regions of the world.

He said that Singapore is placed at the junction of three big economies that are not export-dependent, namely China, India and Indonesia, whose domestic consumption and investments have enabled their economies to continue achieving positive growth despite a slowdown in exports. “The rest of East and Southeast Asia have the benefit of the overflow effect from China, India and, to a lesser extent, Indonesia. Furthermore, we have free trade agreements with China and India that will give us an advantage over other regions,” Lee said.

Major, 92, wins fifth term

A 92-year-old mayor just elected to a fifth term is older than the Pennsylvania town he represents.

In Coatesville, C. Kennedy of South Coatesville is not the oldest mayor in the United States, an honor believed to be held by Dorothy Gechen, the 101-year-old mayor of Ocean Breeze, Fla.

Kennedy, a Democrat, won 85-59.

Four years ago, when he sought a fourth term, he was unopposed.

C. South Coatesville was incorporated in 1921, when Kennedy was 4 years old.

The population has risen above 1,000 since the 2000 Census, when it was 997.

Despite its small size, South Coatesville, a suburb of Philadelphia, has its problems.

Kennedy said he is on the lookout for grants that will help him avoid raising taxes.

“They had a little celebration down in Thorndale, but I didn’t go,” he said.

‘Dead’ man attends own funeral

Stunned relatives tried to jump out a window when a man presumed dead showed up at his own funeral in southern Brazil, officials said.

“My 10 years in this business, I have never witnessed a scene like this,” said Nataneal Honorato, manager of the funeral home in Brazil’s Parana state.

Ademir Jorge Goncalves, 59, a bricklayer, was identified as the victim of a car crash and his funeral scheduled for 2 Nov, a religious holiday known as the Day of the Dead, CNN reported.

Goncalves, however, wasn’t dead.

He’d spent the night drinking at a bar near the site of the crash, but wasn’t the victim.

When he learned of the mix-up, he went to the Funeraria Rainha das Colinas funeral home and walked in on his grieving family, some of whom tried to jump out a window when they saw him.

Loch Ness monster hunter Rines dies at 87

Attorney Robert H Rines, known for spending decades chasing the Loch Ness monster, died in Boston at the age of 87, his wife, Joanne Hayes-Rines, said.

The New York Times said on Sunday that Rines founded the Franklin Pierce Law Centre and held more than 800 patent patents, it was his passionate search for the rumored creature that earned him widespread notoriety.

While spending more than 25 years searching for the Scottish monster, Rines came to suspect the fabled creature may have died. Not to be deterred, Rines moved forward in hopes of finding the skeleton of the Loch Ness beast.

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An Indian Army soldier crashes with his motorcycle through fluorescent tubes during “Army Mela 2009” celebrations at Shalugara army base on the outskirts of the eastern Indian city of Siliguri on 7 November, 2009.
NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and Prime Ministers of the Mekong region countries attending the First Summit Meeting between Japan and the Mekong Region Countries met with Mr. Satsuki Eda, President of the House of Councillors of Japan in Tokyo on 6 November. Present at the meeting were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and members of the Japanese Upper House.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and Prime Ministers of the Mekong region countries call on Japan’s Upper House President Mr. Satsuki Eda.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with Prime Ministers of the Mekong region countries, President of Japan Business Federation and Chairman of Japan Merchants’ Association pose for documentary photo.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein extending greetings at luncheon at IMPERIAL Hotel.

MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends luncheon in Tokyo, Japan

Next, President of Japan Business Federation Mr. Mitarai extended greetings. Afterwards, Cambodian Prime Minister, Laotian Prime Minister, Myanmar Prime Minister, Thai Prime Minister and Vietnamese Prime Minister extended greetings mentioning boosting economic cooperation between their countries and Japan and, Mekong Region Countries and Japan.

Also present at the luncheon were ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam and representatives of private sectors from Japan and Mekong Region Countries.—MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar attended dinner hosted by Japanese Prime Minister HE Mr. Yukio Hatoyama at the State House, Tokyo, Japan at 7.30 pm on 6 November. Present at the dinner were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Bouasone Bounphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, ministers, deputy ministers and high ranking officials of Mekong Region countries. The Japanese Prime Minister warmly welcomed heads of Government from Mekong Region countries arriving to attend the dinner. Before the dinner, the Japanese Prime Minister extended greetings and made a speech, saying that friendship between Japan and Mekong Region countries has existed since 400 years ago. He believes that trust can be built through the friendship. To develop Mekong Basin is greatly important. He considers that friendship will further strengthen by sending youth between Japan and Mekong Region countries. He also said that he was very pleased host the summit. On behalf of Mekong Region countries, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen expressed thanks. Next, the Japanese Prime Minister hosted dinner to those present.—MNA

PM General Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Japanese Prime Minister

Prime Minister General Thein Sein has photo taken together with PMs of Mekong region countries and Japanese PM H.E. Mr. Yukio Hatoyama.—MNA

Japanese Crown Prince grants audience to PMs of Mekong Region countries

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar and Prime Ministers of Mekong regional countries attending the First Mekong-Japan Summit called on Japanese HIH Crown Prince Naruhito at Crown Prince’s Palace in Tokyo at 2.30 pm on 6 November. Present at the call were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Bouasone Bounphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung. Next, the Japanese Prince and visiting Prime Ministers posed for a documentary photo. —MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with PMs of Mekong region countries and Japanese HIH Crown Prince Naruhito poses for documentary photo at Crown Prince’s Palace.—MNA

Special Appellate Bench sits at Nay Pyi Taw Supreme Court

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Lat, judges U San Tint Yi and U Sein Hlaing of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) sitting at court room No (1) of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgments on 10 special criminal cases and heard five special appeal criminal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, this morning. —MNA

Those from US and British embassies visited NLD (Headquarters) 27 times in October

YANGON, 9 Nov—The National League for Democracy (Headquarters) has kept in touch with the US and British embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it. Those from US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine street here 27 times in October 2009. During their visits, they met with CEC members of the party and gave small and large envelopes and parcels to the latter. —MNA
**PMs of Mekong region countries meet Speaker of Japanese House of Representatives**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and prime ministers of the Mekong region countries attending the First Summit Meeting between Japan and the Mekong Region Countries met with the Speaker of the Japanese House of Representatives Mr. Takahiro Yokomichi in Tokyo at 3.30 pm on 6 November.

Present at the meeting were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and members of the Japanese House of Representatives.

**Software Engineering On-the-Job Training Course to be opened**

YANGON, 9 Nov—KMD Computer Centre will conduct Software Engineering On-the-Job Training Course for those who want to become proficient Software Designer and Software Development.

The course intended to teach basic techniques of Software Engineering and to overcome difficulties to be met on actual job by Myanmar youths.

They may enjoy the career opportunities as the programmer, system analyst or software engineer.

The trainees will be able to study new programming software and technologies themselves after studying how to implement the software through lectures and practical lessons.

The 4-month course will open this month and the seat is limited. So, those interested may contact KMD Computer Centre, No (550-552), Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township and dial 249255, 381035, 381776 and 700895.—MNA
Prime Minister arrives Tokyo of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov.—At the invitation of the Japanese Government, Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Director-General Col Thant Shun of Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department of MOFA, and departmental heads left here for Japan by air on 5 November to attend the 1st Mekong-Japan summit to be held in Tokyo of Japan.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok of Thailand at 9:35 pm local time. They were welcomed by Ambassador to Thailand U Hla Aung Thein, Military Attaché Col Win Maung and staff of the embassy.

Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Mr. Suthep Thuagsuban greeted the Prime Minister and party at the lounge where the Prime Minister and party stopped for a while.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Japan by air and arrived at Narita International Airport in Tokyo of Japan the next morning. They were welcomed there by Ambassador to Mekong-Japan Summit Mr Kiyoshi Araki and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Hla Myint, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tun Tun and personnel of the embassy.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party left the airport for New Otani Hotel and they were greeted by family of embassy staff.—MNA

The future of the youth of today rests on the education system

Special Refresher Course No (70) for Basic Education Teachers opened

YANGON, 9 Nov.—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) opened Special Refresher Course No (70) for Basic Education Teachers at its Nawarat Hall in Hlegu Township, here, this morning.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an address on behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thaung Tun, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, heads of department, the rector, the pro-rector, deans and trainees.

In his speech, Minister U Thaung said that the government is working hard to proportionately improve basic and higher education sectors in pursuance of the Myanmar education goal of generating an education system that guarantees a lifelong learning society capable of facing challenges of the Age of Knowledge.

With the aim of ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union, the government has improved economic, health and educational infrastructures to a certain degree for economic growth of all regions of the Union, smooth transport between one region and another, and better health care to local people. It is still establishing infrastructural buildings.

As to the basic education sector, the government has equipped the schools in rural areas including border areas with multimedia classrooms. So, those regions have kept abreast of urban areas in terms of education.

The future of the youth of today rests on the education system. So, teachers are responsible for nurturing their students into reliable intellectuals and intelligentsia. Today, the advancement of things is so rapid that teachers should no longer be complacent about their attributes of interest, goodwill and sacrifice. They have to exert the lifelong learning and innovations by improving their professional skills with new ideas in the interests of their students and their own.

The government upgraded teacher training institutions and schools to education colleges in its bid to improve teaching skills. From 1998 to date, the government has appointed those who have completed pre-teachership training courses at the two education universities and 20 education colleges. And it is sharpening the abilities of the appointed teachers. From 2006-2007 academic year to 2007-2008 academic year, refresher courses on subjects at the basic education level were conducted to improve the teaching skills of basic education teachers.

In 2007-2008 academic year, refresher courses on subjects were organized to train senior assistant teachers with a view to systematically teaching basic education high school students subjects in accordance with the newly-upgraded international level syllabuses. (See page 11)
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In addition, teaching training courses are conducted to train honours degrees and M.A degrees holders, and trainees who have completed the courses are appointed as senior assistant teachers. Of faculty members, qualified ones are appointed as principals of basic education high schools after they have completed refresher courses on school management. That is designed to help improve teaching skills at the high school level, and bring about a growing number of outstanding students subject-wise.

Teachers are to complete all the curricula prescribed by the Ministry of Education in an academic year so as to improve the educational qualifications of the students. Those responsible are to find out whether subjects are taught in accordance with the syllabuses, curricula are completed, and students get on with their studies in basic education schools.

Student will become responsible and reliable citizens with a sense of serving the interests of the country and the people only if teachers are versed in respective subjects, and they inculcate students with a sense of self-discipline, adhering to the rules and regulations of their communities, and the law of the State, nationalistic fervour, and preserving the own linage.

Today, high education standard is a driving force for development of the nation and the people concerned. And the spirit of national unity and Union Spirit are essential for ensuring perpetual existence of the Union. With this context in view, teachers are to shoulder educational responsibilities with a sense of national duty for the brighter future of the nation and the people, and ensuring that the Union exists as long as the world does.

In conclusion, he urged the trainees to study hard with national, social and administrative points of views in order to gain knowledge of national level projects including the national education plan to achieve the Myanmar education goal.

Altogether 1,500 trainees form basic education schools in lower Myanmar are attending the five-week course.—MNA

Information Minister receives Singaporean guests

YANGON, 9 NOV — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Chief Executive Officer Mr Woon Tai Ho and Director Mr Wong Choo Han of Green Orange Pte Ltd of the Republic of Singapore at the meeting hall of Myanmar Radio and Television this morning.

On the occasion, they discussed matters on broadcasting MRTV-3. Also present were Director-General of Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay, Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and officials concerned.—MNA

21st conference of ophthalmologists

YANGON, 9 NOV — An opening ceremony of the 21st conference of ophthalmologists was held at Chatrium Hotel here today.

The ceremony was attended by professors from the medical universities, medical superintendents, invited ophthalmologists at home and from foreign countries and guests. Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing and Chairman of Myanmar Ophthalmologists Association Prof Dr U Kan Nyunt delivered addresses at the ceremony.

Afterwards, guests visited booths of medical companies. The conference will last tomorrow and a total of 24 papers will be read out during the conference. — MNA

Tobacco kills

YANGON, 9 NOV — A stake-driving ceremony for construction of a school building of Pyapontaman Village Basic Education High School (Branch) in Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Division, donated by Myanmar Red Cross Society and Japan Red Cross Society took place this morning.

MRCS Chairman Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe and Director Mr Naoki Ko KAWA of JRCS explained purpose of construction of the school building. The school building is 90 feet long and 30 feet wide and it cost over K 54.5 million.

Chairman of MRCS Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe and officials driving stakes.

MNA
Freezing rain hits Beijing and neighbouring regions

Beijing, 9 Nov—Freezing rain and sleet hit Beijing’s downtown area on Monday.

Ice droplets about 2 to 5 mm in diameter were reported falling across the city.

The capital’s meteorological station said the icy rain would be followed by snow on Monday evening, and the sleet would continue to Thursday.

Zhang Mingying, senior engineer with the station, said sleet in Beijing was rare in November, and the average temperature this week was about six degrees Celsius below average for the time of year.

December was the usual month for icy weather, he said.

Beijing residents are not familiar with frozen rain.

A man surnamed Wei said he thought it was hail.

“The ice battered my car window as I was driving along Chang’an Avenue. I was surprised,” he said.

“It hit the windows of my home loudly, and I was surprised it was not rain but ice,” said a resident of Wanqing community in eastern Beijing.

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Kuala Lumpur, 9 Nov—The Malaysian government will strive to create job opportunities and develop industries on the outskirts of urban areas to ease congestion, a Malaysian official said here on Monday.

Malaysian Housing and Local Government Minister Kong Chik Ha told a press conference after opening the World Habitat Day 2009 and World Town Planning Day 2009 that the move would lower the urbanization rate in the country.

Kong said that Malaysia’s urbanization rate had risen from 55.1 per cent in 1995 to 61.8 per cent in 2000 and was expected to hit 75 percent in 2020, bringing along various challenges to the Malaysian government.

Following the suburban-to-urban migration, Kong said the Malaysian government would have to deal with issues such as urban congestion, environment pollution and economy instability.

While the migration of people could not be stopped, the Malaysian government would also have to ensure that sufficient infrastructure was provided for the well-being of the urban residents, added Kong.

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Xinhua

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Xinhua
Sony offers free movie to TV, Blu-ray player buyers

BEIJING, 9 Nov—Sony Corp is offering a movie called “Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs” for free to US TV and Blu-ray player buyers.

People who buy the equipment will be able to watch the movie on any 24-hour window from 8 Dec. until it is released on DVD and Blu-ray disc on 5 Jan. Sony hopes to highlight how that movies are increasingly becoming available on TVs that connect directly to the Internet as the entertainment industry strives to come up with new business models.

“Whatever we’re doing is game-changing for TV,” said Robert Jacobs, senior business development manager for Sony Electronics Inc.

Last year, Sony streamed “Hancock” to Bravia TV owners for two weeks before the movie’s DVD release.

Those services, however, don’t provide the early-release jump Sony is trying with “Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs,” which comes from the Sony Pictures movie studio.

What kids drink at five could affect weight at 15

BEIJING, 9 Nov—Parents may be setting their daughters up for weight problems simply by allowing them to drink two or more sweetened drinks daily while young, study findings hint.

Higher sweetened beverage intake, such as sodas and fruit sports drinks, at age 5 years was linked to more body fat during the following 10 years, Dr Laura Fiorito at The Pennsylvania State University in University Park said.

Higher body fat during the teen years has been tied to long-term overweight and other health problems such as diabetes and later heart disease, Fiorito and colleagues note in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Fiorito’s team looked at what 166 non-Hispanic white girls drank between the ages of 5 and 15. They also measured their weight, height, and body fat. Body fat and weight did not vary depending on how much milk or juice made from 100 percent fruit the girls drank.

By contrast, after allowing for other factors tied to weight and body fat levels, girls who drank two or more sweetened drinks daily had higher percentages of body fat, weighed more, and were more likely to be overweight than girls who drank lesser amounts of such beverages.

Bangladesh death toll of A/H1N1 flu rises to six

DHAKA, 9 Nov—The Bangladesh Health Ministry said on Sunday that the A/H1N1 flu death toll in the South Asian country so far rose to 6, and that the number of infected patients is 800.

Head of the country’s Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) under the Health Ministry Mahmudur Rahman told Xinhua on Sunday, “Three people died until the first week of October while three others died in the past one month.”

Of the six dead, he said most of them live outside capital Dhaka. A laboratory test has confirmed that they were infected with A/H1N1 virus. Rahman, however, said the number of A/H1N1 virus infected cases stood at 800 until Sunday, which was 680 on 11 Oct.

S China Agricultural University celebrates 100th founding anniversary

GUANGZHOU, 9 Nov—Three senior Chinese officials on Sunday sent congratulation letters to South China Agricultural University, a prestigious university in south China’s Guangdong Province, for the celebration of its 100th founding anniversary.

Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu said in the letter that the university had worked hard for the promotion of the country’s agriculture development over the past 100 years since the university was established.

“The university should make innovations while carrying on its good traditions in building the first-class university, and make further contributions for the promotion of agricultural modernization with Chinese characteristics,” Hui said. State Councilor Liu Yandong said in the letter that the university has made great progress in fields of education, science researches and social services.

Two killed by strong central Indonesian quake

JAKARTA, 9 Nov—A strong undersea earthquake killed two people and damaged buildings on the remote island of Sumbawa in central Indonesia, officials said on Monday.

At least 20 people were hospitalized on the island after the 6.7-magnitude temblor, many of them with broken bones, said Rusnan Pakuha, the Head of the Health Ministry’s crisis centre.

He said at least 40 people were injured.

The quake struck at 3:41 am local time (1941 GMT) near a small island chain just east of the Lombok resort island. It had a depth of 11 miles (17.7 kilometres) and the epicentre was about 830 miles (1,335 kilometres) east of the Indonesian capital, Jakarta.

Two people were killed in a part of Sumbawa called Ambalawe, local governement spokesman Abdul Wahab Usman said.

“They were hit by a collapsing building,” Usman said. “There are believed to be many injuries, but we are still checking.”

El Salvador floods, mudslides kill 124, 60 missing

VERAPAZ, 9 Nov—Mud and boulders loosened by heavy rains swept down a volcano and partly buried a small town on Sunday, swallowing up homes as flooding and landslides across El Salvador killed at least 124 people, authorities said.

Hundreds of soldiers, police and residents dug through rock and debris in Verapaz looking for another 60 people missing from the mudslide, which struck before dawn on Sunday while residents were still in their beds.

Matias Mendoza, 26, was at home with his wife Claudia and their year-old son, Franklin, when the earth began moving. “It was about two in the morning when the rain started coming down harder, and the earth started shaking,” Mendoza recalled. “I warned my wife and grabbed my son, and all of a sudden we heard a sound. The next thing I knew I was standing next to the walls of my house.”

A few minutes later, I found my wife and my son in the middle of the rubble, and, thank God, we’re alive,” said Mendoza, who suffered cuts on his cheek that emergency workers stitched up.
**SPORTS**

**Terry’s header gives Chelsea win over Man United**

**London, 9 Nov**—In a sizzling encounter at the Premier League, Chelsea skipper John Terry headed home the decisive goal to hold off defending champions Manchester United 1-0 at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Chelsea now lead the standings with a five-point advantage over Arsenal and Man. U, who are second and third respectively with the same points.

Both Chelsea and Man. U played defense from the start, stifling each other for quite a while since the start. Then well-organized Chelsea attacked more in the first half especially when Nicolas Anelka fired unexpectedly from the right flank on 28 minutes. But the Frenchman’s effort just was melted down in easy by the 39-year-old Edwin Van der Sar, who made another fantastic one-hand stop to the French striker’s curl four minutes later.—Xinhua

**Subbed Inter held by battling Roma**

**Rome, 9 Nov**—Inter Milan’s lead at the top of Serie A was cut to five points after their five-game winning streak came to an end following a 1-1 draw against Roma on Sunday.

A subdued Inter went behind early on to Mirko Vucinic’s header as Roma had the better of the opening period.

Inter coach Jose Mourinho threw caution to the wind at half-time, lining his side with four attackers, but despite Samuel Eto’o’s 48th-minute equaliser, there was no grandstand finish for the tired-looking champions.

With Juventus and AC Milan both winning, the race for the scudetto is very much back on, while Roma, on 15 points, moved up a place to 13e. Roma began purposefully and should have taken the lead after two minutes.—Internet

**Federer upset by Djokovic at Basel ATP final**

**Geneva, 9 Nov**—World No. 1 Roger Federer suffered upset to No. 3 Novak Djokovic and missed out on a fourth successive Swiss Indoors title in his hometown of Basel on Sunday.

The Swiss just returned from a six-week absence in their final match at the Swiss Indoors ATP tennis tournament in Basel on 8 Nov, 2009.—Xinhua

**Another double during England’s defeat in Ukraine last month.**

**Hamburg go second despite Stajner’s late penalty**

**Berlin, 9 Nov**—Hamburg bagged a share of second spot in the Bundesliga on Sunday despite Czech Republic striker Ji? Stajner netting a late penalty for Hanover to share the points in a 2-2 draw.

Hamburg were cruising to a 2-1 win to close the gap behind leaders Leverkusen, who beat Eintracht Frankfurt 4-0 on Friday, before Stajner was hauled down with just five minutes left.

The 33-year-old made no mistake with his shot and drilled it past Hamburg goalkeeper Frank Rost to put his side ninth while Hamburg are now three points behind Leverkusen.

The northerners share second spot with neighbours Werder Bremen, who drew 1-1 at home to Dortmund and Argentine Lukas Barrios equalised Mesut Ozil’s opener for Werder.—Internet

**M’Bia’s injury-time goal for Marseille as Bordeaux slip up**

**Marseille, 9 Nov**—Substitute Frederic Kanoute heads the ball during a Spanish league football match against Villarreal at Sanchez Pijuan stadium in Seville.—Internet

**Kanoute keeps Sevilla in touch with Barcelona**

**Barcelona, 9 Nov**—Substitute Frederic Kanoute headed the winner for Sevilla who overcame a resurgent Villarreal 3-2 to keep themselves in touch with Barcelona at the top of the Spanish league on Sunday.

Villarreal proved tough competition though and responded to Luis Fabiano’s opener after nine minutes with goals from Robert Pires and David Fuster.

Fabiano equalised almost immediately and then Kanoute, still not fully fit and starting the game on the bench, scored a crucial winner to maintain the four-point distance from the champions.

Sevilla coach Manolo Jimenez felt his team’s work was not as sharp as they should have been after playing in the Champions League in midweek.

“We can have no excuses about playing in three competitions and it is now that we have to show how strong we are. We need to be able to change the chip quickly and be concentrated,” he said.

**Capello avoids Benitez row by resting Gerrard**

**London, 9 Nov**—England coach Fabio Capello avoided a row with Liver-pool boss Rafael Benitez as he left Steven Gerrard out of his squad for Saturday’s friendly against Bra-zil in Dooh. Benitez had made it clear on Sunday that he didn’t think Gerrard should be selected as the Liverpool captain has missed several matches with a groin injury suffered during England’s defeat in Ukraine last month.

Gerrard could play some part of Liverpool’s Premier League match against Birmingham on Monday, but Capello has placated Benitez by leaving the star out of the trip to Qatar. Despite injuries to Emile Heskey and Carlton Cole, there was still no place for Manchester United striker Michael Owen once again as Capello recalled Darren Bent.—Internet

**Youzhny takes Valencia title**

**Valencia, 9 No**—British top seed Andy Murray defeated Russia’s Mikhail Youzhny 6-3, 6-2 on Sunday to win the Valencia ATP title and capture his sixth trophy of the season.

The world number four, playing his first tournament following a six-week break to rest a wrist injury, took just 69 minutes to see off the unseeded Russian and wrap-up the 14th title of his career. Murray broke Youzhny’s serve twice in the 35-minute first set, despite being broken in the seventh game.

In the 54-second second set, Murray didn’t give Youzhny an opportunity to bounce back as he raced into a 4-0 lead after 18 minutes.

Youzhny, who put out second seeded compatriot Nikolay Davydenko in the semi-finals, was unable to halt the Murray charge as the Scot improved to a 63-9 match record on the season.—Internet
Heavy rains relieve E China province from drought

NANCHANG, 9 Nov—The prolonged drought that has plagued east China’s Jiangxi Province for two months is relieved by heavy rains on Monday.

A total of 252 townships had over 15 mm rainfalls, among which 82 townships experienced heavy rains and 4 others were hit by rainstorms, said Xu Bin, deputy director of Jiangxi Provincial Meteorological Observatory. The rain will keep falling for the next three days, causing a temperature drop of 8 to 10 degrees Celsius, Xu said.

A total of 34 weather rockets were launched for artificial precipitation in 20 counties, enhancing the rainfall over an area of 10.2 thousand square kilometers, according to a statement from the provincial artificial weather modification office.

Xinhua

**WEATHER**

**Monday, 9th November, 2009**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Chin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (6°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Shan and Chin States, lower Sagaing Division, (3°C) above November average temperatures in Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature were Haka (4°C) and Loilem (5°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.59) inch, Dawei (0.23) inch and Mindat (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-11-2009 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 9-11-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9 -11-2009 was 61%. Total sun shine hours on 8-11-2009 was (9.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-11-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.06) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 8-11-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and West Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10th November 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar area.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

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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

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■ We favour development
■ We oppose unrest and violence
■ Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 1st Mekong-Japan Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, on 6 November evening, attended the 1st Mekong-Japan Summit at the Japanese Prime Minister’s office in Tokyo of Japan.

The summit was attended by Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Japan Mr Yukio Hatoyama, Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ministers, deputy ministers, and senior officials from Cambodia, Japan, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

Japanese PM and PMs of Mekong Region countries had documentary photos taken before the summit. Next, PMs of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam exchanged views on development of regional infrastructures and human resources, environmental conservation and climate change, promotion of trade and investment, disaster management, promotion of tourism industry, further cementing of Mekong-Japan friendship and mutual cooperation between Mekong countries and Japan. The first day session of the summit came to an end at 7 pm.—MNA