**True patriotism**

- It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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**Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee meets**

YANGON, 28 Jan—Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee held a meeting at Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday afternoon, with an introductory speech by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Following the speech by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, departmental officials, chairmen of the management committees of the industrial zones, and industrialists reported on ongoing programmes and requirements. Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to their needs and assessed the reports.

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**Kyaukhtu in Yaw Region has been easily accessible by all transport means**

**Byline & Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)**

The Tatmadaw government has built a network of transport facilities covering the whole country. Kyaukhtu in Gangaw District is 78 miles from Pakokku. Being an exit to other regions and standing at an altitude of 1250 feet, Kyaukhtu is blessed with temperate climate pattern.

Assistant Director (Civil) U Tun Tun Aung of the Irrigation Department briefed us on the region’s transport getting smooth on account of the upgrading of earthen into tarred roads, and Yaypya Bridge and Ohndaw Bridge between Pakokku and Kyaukhtu.

Head of Kyaukhtu General Administration Department U Aung Lin said that Kyaukhtu used to be a large village in Saw Township, Gangaw District; that it was upgraded to a town under Notification dated 6 May 2004 of the Ministry of Home Affairs; that it was once known as Yaw Region; that in 397 Myanmar Era in the time of King Anawrahta, it was one of the 43 garrison towns; and that then, it had five names: Yawnaka Division, Ngayaw, Kyanbat, Kyakhat, and Yaw. (See page 8)

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**The TV retransmitting station under the Myanma Radio and Television in Kyaukhtu.**

Yaw and Saw in Yaw Region in central Myanmar are two famous towns in Myanmar. Saw and Kyaukhtu are in southern Yaw; Htilin, in central Yaw; and Gangaw, in northern Yaw. The district General Administration Department is in Gangaw. Due to the natural barriers to its transport, Yaw once lagged behind other regions in development.

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**The 590-foot-long Gonbo Bridge over the Yaw Creek facilitates development and transport of Kyaukhtu in Magway Division.**
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Friday, 29 January, 2010**

**Maintain tube wells and use water beneficially**

Water is the nature’s medicine. People in arid regions of Myanmar say they need no gold or silver but only water. This indicates the value of water. We need to drink enough water every day.

We need clean and safe water for our health. If we should drink unclean water, we can get various kinds of illness or diseases. If we use river or lake water for drinking purpose, we should boil it before drinking it.

The government is building dams and river water-pumping stations and implementing underground water projects where water is scarce. To make sure that there is sufficient supply of drinking water in rural areas, it is sinking a tube well for each village. Up to now, tube wells have been sunk for 8,042 villages in tropical regions, namely, Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Divisions and for 14,979 villages in other states and divisions.

There are some countries in the world that have to import drinking water. Myanmar is rich in aquatic and terrestrial resources. However, we should not take the existing water resources for granted but use them beneficially and without wasting them.

To supply sufficient drinking water to people in various regions, the government, well-wishers at home and abroad and social organizations are donating money generously for water supply projects.

As the government and well-wishers have been donating money for sinking tube wells, each and every village of 82 townships — 34 in Sagaing Division, 25 in Magway Division and 23 in Mandalay Division — have adequate supply of drinking water. We would like to call on the people in those regions to maintain the tube wells in order that they can use them in the long run.

**MR in Pathein links railway station with universities**

The opening of railway line which links from Pathein railway station to University of Computer Studies (Pathein) and Technological University was held at the station in Pathein on 25 January.

It was attended by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and senior officers of the command, principals and teachers and local people.

Next, the commander waved to students aboard the train.—MNA

**EP-1 Minister receives Chinese guests**

Minister Col Zaw Min received Chairman Mr. Feng Ke of Union Resources & Engineering Co Ltd of the People’s Republic of China and party at his office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, the directors-general, the managing director and officials and Vice-Chairman Mr. Guan Yukun.—MNA

**Press Conference on Housing & Building 2010 of IEMS Co Ltd in progress.**

Managing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe of IEMS Co Ltd held a press conference at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here yesterday, in connection with Housing & Building 2010 to be exhibited at U Wisara Road in Yangon from 5 to 8 February.

Managing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe of IEMS Co Ltd presented some points about the exhibition. Officials from TMW Enterprise Ltd, Champion Construction Materials, SHINE Construction Co Ltd, TWJS Co Ltd, Asia Metal Co Ltd, NAING Group Construction Co Ltd, Regency Material Trading Co and Lucky Bird Co Ltd made further clarification of the exhibition, and responded to the queries raised by the journalists.

Everyone may dial 09-48-831628 for more information.—MNA
Gunmen attack NATO trucks in Pakistan, 4 injured

ISLAMABAD, 28 Jan — Suspected militants in the Pakistani port city of Karachi attacked trucks carrying supplies for Western forces in Afghanistan early on Monday that injured four drivers, police said. Attacks on NATO supplies trucks are rare in Karachi but militants frequently attack oil tankers and supplies trucks in northwest and southwest of Pakistan. The United States relies on the route for an overwhelming proportion of its supplies for the war in Afghanistan.

Injured drivers told reporters that motorcyclists threw hand grenades on NATO supplies trucks and opened fire near the Northern Bypass locality in Karachi. The attack damaged trucks, police said. No group claimed responsibility for the attack. The attack raised fear that the militants have expanded attacks on NATO supplies vehicles to Karachi, the country’s commercial centre. A local mayor said that security of the NATO trucks is the responsibility of the security forces.

Up to 75 percent of the supplies for US-led Western forces in Afghanistan pass through Pakistan after being unloaded from ships at the port of Karachi. In 2009, the US struck deal with Russia for alternate route to supply items to NATO forces.

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Bomber dressed as Iraqi cop attacks police post

BAGHDAD, 28 Jan — The US military says a homicide bomber disguised as a policeman has attacked a police compound in northern Iraq, wounding an American soldier and three Iraqis. Maj. Joe Scrocca, a military spokesman, says the bomber was trying to enter the compound Wednesday in the northern town of Zumar, northwest of the city of Mosul, where he was spotted by Iraqi police.

He says the police opened fire on the bomber just before he detonated his explosives belt. The three Iraqis wounded are policemen. The attack came just hours after an al-Qaeda front group claimed it carried out bombings against Baghdad hotels earlier this week, boasting its homicide bombers breached extensive Iraqi security.

US, Russia close to new nuclear deal

MOSCOW, 28 Jan — Talks on a landmark treaty to cut Cold War nuclear arsenals are nearly complete, US President Barack Obama and his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev agreed in a telephone call on Wednesday. The call, which the Kremlin said was initiated by Washington, followed comments by Russian Foreign Ministry officials that negotiators from both countries were likely to agree on a successor to the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I) within weeks.

“The heads of state in detail and objectively discussed topical issues pertaining to Russian-US relations, including approaching signing, in the near future, a new treaty on strategic arms reduction,” official site kremlin.ru said. It said the call was conducted in a “constructive” spirit.

Forging a new pact is a key element of Obama’s efforts to mend relations with Russia, which plunged to post-Cold War lows after Russia’s war with pro-Western Georgia in August 2008.

Al-Qaeda claims series of Iraq hotel blasts

BAGHDAD, 28 Jan — A group in Iraq linked to al-Qaeda has claimed it carried out the deadly series of bombings in three Baghdad hotels on Monday. The group, the Islamic State of Iraq, has claimed responsibility for three previous waves of co-ordinated bombings in the Iraqi capital. At least 36 people were killed in the attacks, which targeted hotels used by reporters and security contractors.

The authenticity of the claim, posted on a website, could not be verified. “The knights of Baghdad descended on the heart of this wounded city and targeted another set of dens of evil,” Reuters reported the message on the website’s bulletin board as saying. The attacks were followed on Monday by a suicide bombing at the Interior Ministry building, which killed at least 17 people. No group has claimed responsibility for that attack.
Apple unveils iPad tablet device

SAN FRANCISCO, 28 Jan — Apple has put an end to weeks of speculation by unveiling its tablet device, which it has called the iPad. Steve Jobs, Apple’s chief executive unveiled the touchscreen device at an event in San Francisco. Mr Jobs described the tablet, which will cost between $499 and $829 in the US, as a “third category” between smartphones and laptops. The device, which looks like a large iPhone, can be used to watch films, play games and browse the web. The firm has also done a deal with publishers including Penguin, Macmillan and Harper Collins to allow e-books to be downloaded directly to the device through a new iBook Store. “You can download right onto your iPad,” said Mr Jobs. He also showed off magazines and newspapers on the device. He told an audience of journalists, analysts and industry peers that the device lets people “hold the whole web in your hands”. “What this device does is extraordinary. It is the best browsing experience you have ever had.”

The device has a 9.7-inch multi-touch display, allowing people to type directly onto the screen, as well as manipulate pictures and control the action in games with their fingers.

Toyota suspends sales of eight US models

TOKYO, 28 Jan — Toyota has said it will suspend sales of eight of its most popular US models after recalling 2.3 million cars last week over faulty accelerator pedals. The carmaker also said it would temporarily halt production of some models at some US plants at the beginning of February. “This action if necessary until a remedy is finalised,” it explained.

Last October, Toyota recalled 4.2 million cars in the US because of pedals getting lodged under floor mats. The sales suspension includes the 2007-2010 Camry and Tundra; the 2009-2010 RAV4, Corolla and Matrix; the 2005-2010 Avalon; the 2010 Highlander; and the 2008-2010 Sequoia. Shares in the carmaker fell 4.3% on Japan’s Nikkei index after the announcement.

GM unit Chevrolet unveils ambitious sales target

PARIS, 28 Jan — General Motors’ Chevrolet marque wants to more than double its European sales to one million vehicles within five years, the head of its European operations has said. “In the next five years, in 2015-2016, we intend to sell one million vehicles per year of Chevrolet in Europe,” Chevrolet Europe President Wayne Brannon told journalists on Wednesday.

The fourth largest automaker in the world with 4.5 million vehicles sold last year, its European sales skidded 16 percent last year to 426,000 vehicles, mostly due to falling sales in Russia, the company’s largest market on the continent.

Chana Automobile expects 2009 net profits to jump more than 42 fold

BEIJING, 28 Jan — Chana Automobile, a leading Chinese automaker which is also known as ChangAn, said on Thursday that it expected the company’s net profits in 2009 to jump by 42 to 46 fold from the previous year. In a statement filed to the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, Chana Automobile said its net profits in 2009 would be 1.05 billion to 1.15 billion yuan (154 to 168 million US dollars). Its earnings per share would rise to somewhere between 0.45 and 0.49 yuan, a lot higher than 0.01 yuan in 2008.

The company, based in Chongqing in southwest China, attributed soaring profits to Chinese government’s supportive policies in the auto industry and its own successes in cost control and branding strategy.

Chana sold 1.37 million units of vehicles in 2009, up 64.1 percent from a year earlier.

Chana Automobile opened at 11.89 yuan per share on Thursday, the same as the previous closing. It then rose to 12.29 yuan in the morning session.

PetroChina to participate in developing Hafalaya oilfield in Iraq

BEIJING, 28 Jan — A consortium led by the China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC), China’s largest oil company, won a bid to develop Halfaya oilfield in Iraq, CNPC said on Wednesday. Under the 20-year deal, CNPC, Total, Petroleum National Berhad (Petronas), and Iraq’s state-owned South Oil Co will jointly develop the 4.1 billion barrel Halfaya field.

According to an agreement initialed previously, the consortium will receive 1.4 US dollars of service fee from each barrel. The consortium plans to boost output from the current 3,100 barrels a day to 535,000 barrels. CNPC has 37.5 percent of the interests in the project.

Total and Petronas will take 18.75 percent each, leaving Iraq’s state-owned South Oil Co with the remaining 25 percent. It is the third important project that CNPC participated in Iraq after the Ahdab and Rumailia projects.
NASA to launch space shuttle Endeavour on seven Feb

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—US space shuttle Endeavour is targeted to begin a 13-day flight to the International Space Station with a 7 Feb launch from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, NASA said on Wednesday. The date was announced on Wednesday at the conclusion of a flight readiness review at Kennedy Space Centre, with the liftoff planned for 4:39 am EST (0939 GMT).

During the meeting, senior NASA and contractor managers assessed the risks associated with the mission and determined the shuttle’s equipment, support systems and procedures are ready.

The flight will begin the final year of Endeavour operations. Five shuttle missions are planned in 2010, with the last flight currently targeted for launch in September. NASA plans to concentrate on the next space flight programme, which has yet to be defined by US President Barack Obama. Endeavour’s mission, carrying six astronauts, will include three spacewalks and the delivery of the Tranquility node, the final module of the US portion of the space station. Tranquility will provide additional room for crew members and many of the space station’s life support and environmental control systems. Attached to the node is a cupola, which houses a robotic control station and has seven windows to provide a panoramic view of Earth, celestial objects and visiting spacecraft.

All US combat troops out of Iraq by end of August

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—US President Barack Obama said on Wednesday in his first State of the Union address that he is to have all of US combat troops out of Iraq by the end of this August. Obama said he promised to end the unpopular war as a presidential candidate in 2008, and that is what he is doing as President. “We will have all of our combat troops out of Iraq by the end of this August... make no mistake, this war is ending, and all of our troops are coming home.” he said. He also promised to support the Iraqi government as Iraqis hold crucial parliamentary elections in March. He said the administration will continue to partner with Iraqis to “promote regional peace and prosperity.” As the war in Iraq is winding down, Obama said the United States is increasing troop level in Afghanistan and training of Afghan Security Forces so they can begin to take the lead in July of 2011, so that US troops can begin to come home that time.

He acknowledged that “there will be difficult days ahead,” and the United States will help “reward good governance, reduce corruption” in Afghani-

Worst drought in 50 years hits southwest China, affects three million people

BEIJING, 28 Jan—More than three million people faced water shortage as a worst drought in 50 years hit parts of south and southwest China, according to local meteorological officials. The drought affected 2.91 million people and 1.48 million large livestock in Yunnan, while up to 57.5 percent of crops, or 21.24 million mu (about 142 hectares), in the southwestern province were also affected. Yunnan’s rainfall since last July was 207 millimetres lower than the perennial average, whereas the temperature was 1.7 degrees higher, said Ma Lianxian, chief forecaster of Yunnan Provincial Meteorological Department.

He said the provincial meteorological department issued a drought alert on Wednesday. In neighbouring Guizhou Province, where about 250,000 people suffered drinking water shortage, the government mobilized 61,000 people, 1,140 water transporting vehicles to tackle the problem, according to Guizhou Provincial Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters.

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Zhang Yimou’s new series show beauty of tea

BEIJING, 28 Jan—Whether you’re a fan of beautiful scenery, grand shows, or Zhang Yimou, we’ve got the thing for you. How about a sneak preview of the fifth installment of renowned director Zhang Yimou’s “Impression” series. The spectacle of “Impression Dahongpao” was presented recently at Wuyi Mountain and its rich tea culture.

“Impression Dahongpao”’s stage covers nearly one hectare. With a budget of 200 million yuan, or more than 29 million US dollars, the 70-minute show boasts a 360-degree angle setting and seating capacity of two thousand.

Nepali film festival to be held in Toronto

KATHMANDU, 28 Jan—A Nepali film festival will be held on 13 Feb in Toronto, Canada, according to a statement issued by the organizer Toronto Nepali Film Festival (TNFF) on Thursday.

The festival will witness ten extraordinary films which promise to highlight the untold cultural, personal and historic narratives of Nepal. “By showcasing this timely programme, TNFF intends to create an intercultural discourse by bringing diverse audiences under one roof,” the statement said. The film festival will include documentaries, fiction and animation.

S Korea to open “robot land” in Incheon by 2013

SEOUL, 28 Jan—A blueprint to construct a new multi-purpose “robot land” featuring educational and research facilities as well as an amusement park in the city of Incheon has been revealed, the South Korean government said on Thursday.

Incheon, roughly 40 km west of Seoul, plans to build the new complex by 2013, which will involve a graduate school and a research and development (R&D) centre focused on robot technology, including a theme park with about 340 robots, according to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy.

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Kids in tiger-shaped costumes perform their tiger dance at a party organized by Bozhou Electricity Supply Company in Bozhou, east China’s Anhui Province, on 26 Jan, 2010. — Xinhua

Shenzhen, 28 Jan—A robotic control station, a robotic control station, is a cupola, which houses a robotic control station and has seven windows to provide a panoramic view of Earth, celestial objects and visiting spacecraft.

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Peaks’ name change “not due to Avatar”

BEIJING, 28 Jan — In response to the increasing criticism on the renaming of its mountain peaks, tourism bureau officials in Zhangjiajie, Hunan Province, said the name was not changed due to the movie Avatar. “The civil spontaneous action to rename the peak just shows that Zhangjiajie is protecting its own authority and special value as a World Natural Heritage,” Ding Yunyong, director of the city’s tourism bureau, said on Wednesday.

Officials at the Yuananjie part of the Wulingyuan Scenic Area in Zhangjiajie on Monday changed the name of the “South Pillar of the Heaven” (also called the “Pillar between Heaven and Earth”) to “Hallelujah Mountain”. The quartz sandstone pillar is strikingly similar to the kind seen in the Hallelujah Mountains in Avatar, which this week became the first film to earn more than $100 million in China. However, the renaming has drawn intense criticism online. The “South Pillar of the Heaven”, about 150 metres above the ground at a height of 1,074 meters above sea level, is a famous scenic attraction. During a recent visit to China, the film’s director, James Cameron, said the floating peaks were modelled after Huangshan Mountain in Anhui Province.

China rediscovers the lost-friendly Chow Chow

BEIJING, 28 Jan — Many people are nervous the first time they see King Kong, a sturdy black dog that looks like a lion. But in fact, the dog belongs to an ancient breed that has a very soft personality inside that lion-like body.

Having just celebrated its third birthday, King Kong is the first purebred Chow Chow that was born in China to win in 2009 the specialty show organized by American Kennel Club (AKC), a registry of purebred dog pedigrees in the US, by a senior American coach since 2008, King Kong also ranked first in the all-breed competition last year through a series of acclaimed AKC events that include obedience, rally, agility and tracking.

“People congratulated me for the achievements of my dog in international events, but a lot of them don’t know that, actually, this rare and regal breed is originally from China,” said Yang Ling, the president of Chinese Chow Chow Club and the owner of King Kong.

India announces first manned space mission

BANGALORE, 28 Jan — India’s space agency has said it will launch its first manned mission to space in 2016. A senior official of the Indian Space Research Organization (Isro) in Bangalore said that two astronauts would take part. “We are preparing for the manned space flight,” Isro Chairman K Radhakrishnan told reporters. “We will design and develop the space module for the manned mission in the next four years,” he said.

Observers say India is emerging as a major player in the multi-billion dollar space market. In September it launched seven satellites in a single mission, nearly a month after the country’s inaugural mission was aborted. Iro says that it will soon shortlist two astronauts to train for the space flight. The manned mission will cost 124 billion rupees ($2,676,740,597).

Cyclone hits Samoa’s tsunami-battered region

WELLINGTON, 28 Jan — Samoa’s tsunami-battered region of Aleipata was being hit by the newly-formed Cyclone Nisha, the Samoa Meteorological Division said on Thursday. Thousands of people were still living in the open after tsunami occurred on 28 Sept, 2009, which killed 200 people in American Samoa, Samoa and Tonga. Nisha was bringing heavy rain to the area but there were currently no reports of injuries or death.

It was centred south east of Aleipata and is moving eastward toward American Samoa. Samoa Red Cross National Secretary Tautala Manaula said the area was experiencing wind and heavy rain from Nisha. She said everybody was now under some form of shelter. The cyclone had formed on Thursday morning and the authorities were advising them it was moving toward Tutuila, the main island of American Samoa which was also severely battered by the tsunami last year. The Hawaii-based Joint Typhoon Warning Centre said that the cyclone was expected to track across the Cook Islands over the next couple of days and head toward French Polynesia. They said it will intensify as it moves east.

Dinosaur had ginger feathers

A team of scientists from China and the UK has now revealed that the bristles of this 125 million-year-old dinosaur were in fact ginger-coloured feathers. The researchers say that the diminutive carnivore had a “Mohican” of feathers running along its head and back. It also had a striped tail. The team revealed details of the dinosaur’s coloured feathers in an article published on Nature’s website.

The team began by studying the fossilized remains of a bird, Confuciusornis, which also lived during the early cretaceous period. Confuciusornis’ feathers were preserved in extraordinarily complete fossils that were recently discovered in northern China. Using a powerful electronic microscope to look inside the feathers, researchers were able to see microscopic structures called melanosomes, which, in life, contain the pigment melanin.

“The ensemble of feathers was remarkably complete and all the的特点 were preserved,” Profesor Benton explained that differently shaped melanosomes produced different colours, with blacks or greys produced by “sausage-shaped” melanosomes, and reddish or “russet” shades found in spherical ones. “A ginger-haired person would have more spherical melanosomes, and a black-haired or grey-haired person would have more of the sausage-shaped structures,” said Professor Benton.

The scientists found both types of melanosome in Confuciusornis and decided to turn their attention to Sinosauropteryx, which is the most primitive feathered dinosaur yet found.

Toxic denture cream killed my husband, says widow

An American widow has launched a lawsuit alleging that her husband was killed by his dentures.

The family of Rodney Urbanek, 64, claim he died from deadly levels of zinc ingested from a toxic denture adhesive that he used for 14 years.

It is believed to be the first case in the United States of a death blamed on poisoning from denture cream. Mr Urbanek was healthy in early 2007, but became paralyzed after a few months later and confined to a wheelchair, according to the lawsuit filed against the US arm of GlaxoSmithKline.

He died from pneumonia in a nursing home in 2008. Edward Blizzard, the lawyer representing Mr Urbanek’s widow Gisela, 59, and daughter Deanne, 38, said: “The makers of these adhesives knew full well that high levels of zinc posed a serious threat to the health of their consumers, but did nothing.” A spokesman for GlaxoSmithKline insisted its product was safe, if used according to instructions.

He said: “Case reports mentioned in the media involved excessive use or misuse of denture adhesive on a chronic basis. When the product is used as directed, the amount of zinc that might be swallowed is not harmful.”

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This photo shows the floating Hallelujah Mountains in the film “Avatar” (left) and a mountain in China’s Zhangjiajie area. — Xinhua

This 29 Nov, 2009 file photo shows live greenery, trees and tropical plants which are among the features of Central Park, a football field sized promenade on board the world’s largest and newest cruise ship Oasis of the Seas docked at Port Everglades in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The Finnish built 225,382-ton ship owned by Royal Caribbean International has a capacity of 5,400 passengers and is set for its debut voyage in the Caribbean on 1 Dec, 2009. 15 decks house 4 main swimming pools, a park promenade, surf simulators, rock climbing, and miniature golf.

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Foreign heads of State/Government send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Jan—The following is messages of felicitations sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From Ms Gloria Macapagal Arroyo President of the Republic of the Philippines

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Philippine Government and the Filipino people, I wish to extend my warm greetings and felicitations on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar.

The cordial and friendly relations between the Philippines and Myanmar have deepened and strengthened through the years. The close ties between our nations and peoples are reflected in our cooperation at the bilateral level as well as interaction within ASEAN and other regional and international fora.

I wish to assure Your Excellency that the Philippines continues to support Myanmar in all its efforts towards building a united, peaceful and prosperous nation.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

From Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Malaysian King

Your Excellency,

On this auspicious occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, the Raja Permaisuri Agong joins us in extending Our heartfelt congratulations and sincere felicitations, to Your Excellency and the people of the Union of Myanmar.

We are confident that under Your Excellency’s able leadership, the Union of Myanmar will continue to enjoy peace, progress and prosperity. It is Our sincere hope that the warm and cordial ties between our two countries and peoples will be further strengthened in the years ahead for mutual growth and development.

We also wish to extend Our best wishes for Your Excellency’s continued good health and happiness.

From Dr H Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono President of the Republic of Indonesia

Your Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia join me in conveying our warmest greetings to you and to the Government and people of the Union of Myanmar.

Over the years, Indonesia and Myanmar have maintained strong ties of friendship and solidarity while cooperating closely on a bilateral basis and in the framework of ASEAN.

I look forward to many more years of close friendship and cooperation between our countries as we pursue common goals of national development and serve the cause of peace and stability as well as equitable prosperity in the ASEAN region.

Let me also seize this opportunity to once again assure you of Indonesia’s strong support for the efforts of your Government to promote national peace and security and to realize its Roadmap to Democracy in an inclusive, sustainable and credible way.

Please accept, Excellency, my personal best wishes to you and the renewed assurances of my highest esteem.—MNA

Indonesian Vice-President sends felicitations to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

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From Prof. Dr Boediono, M.Ec

Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Indonesia, I have the distinct pleasure to extend to you our warmest felicitations on the happy occasion of the commemoration of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Over the years, the friendly relations between Indonesia and Myanmar have unceasingly grown. I fervently hope that our two countries will continue to work together on a bilateral basis and in the framework of ASEAN.

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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Philippine Government and the Filipino people, I wish to extend my warm greetings and felicitations as the Union of Myanmar commemorates 62 years of Independence.

Through the years, the close and cordial relations between the peoples of the Philippines and Myanmar have deepened and strengthened. In the face of adversity, we stood together in solidarity and extended a helping hand to one another. The trying time that we have been through have demonstrated the support which our two countries and peoples impress upon each other.

I assure Your Excellency the Government and people of the Philippines will continue to support all efforts to promote the greater peace, progress and prosperity in Myanmar.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

From Mr Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Prime Minister of Malaysia

Your Excellency,

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes On behalf of the Government and the people of Malaysia to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of the Union of Myanmar, on the auspicious occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

It is my sincere hope for the existing friendly and cooperative ties between our two countries and peoples will continue to flourish in the coming years. I therefore look forward to continue working closely with Your Excellency towards strengthening our bilateral relations for mutual benefit.

From Dr H Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono President of the Republic of Indonesia

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia, I am pleased to extend to you and to the Government and people of the Union of Myanmar our warmest felicitations on the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Considering our close relations cooperation on a bilateral basis and in the framework of ASEAN for many decades now, I am confident that our friendship and cooperation will continue to grow and strengthen in the years ahead.

Let me also take this opportunity to reaffirm Indonesia’s unwavering support for your Government’s efforts to promote national peace and security and to realize its Roadmap to Democracy in an inclusive, sustainable and credible way.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration and my personal best wishes for your success in leading the people of Myanmar to new levels of achievement.—MNA
Kyaukhtu in Yaw Region has been easily accessible by all transport means

Byline & Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

He added that Kyaukhtu occupied a strategic location in transport and administration, so 21 government departments had been set up in it for all-round development of the region; that in the past only some 500 acres of farmlands could be supplied with irrigation water from the Yaw Creek and the Chi Creek through a 10-mile-long channel; that small dams and nine lakes benefited 2789 acres and 11 self-reliant dams and channels, 2079 acres of farmlands; and that the region generated hydropower with 38 turbines and 10 villages had 12 self-reliant generators.

He said that Kyaukhtu is composed of three wards, 29 villages and 43 villages with a population of over 33,000, 99 per cent of them were Burmese and many of the rest were Chin nationals; that its major business was agricultural farming; that it put 17,225 acres under monsoon paddy and 2778 acres, under summer paddy; and that then, the region has exercised the triple-cropping patterns of monsoon and summer paddy and cold season crops.

It has a 16-bed hospital, three health centres, 13 sub-health centres, a basic education high school, four high schools (branches), four middle schools, six post-primary schools, and 40 primary schools. In 2008-2009 academic year, its matriculation pass rate stood at 41.93 percent, Ma Phyu Sin Min stood at 10th position the whole Myanmar. Unlike in the past, Kyaukhtu now has seen several bus lines plying between Kyaukhtu and Pakokku, Mandalay, Gangaw, and Mindat in Chin State.

Three of the many bridges, large and small, the government has so far constructed in the region: Gonbo, Natho and Tapyin are above 180 feet long. With respect to the communication sector, Kyaukhtu has got a post office, a telegraph office, 20 CDMA phones, and a TV retransmitting station. Smooth transport is the driving force behind the drive for regional development. Kyaukhtu has seen a lot of changes on development thanks to the benevolent attitude the government has showed towards the people.
Oldest “colobine” anthropoid primates excavated

Anthropoid primates: lower teeth are unearthed near Htanbinchaung Village in Seikpyu Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Jan—In a survey carried out in Seikpyu, Myaing and Pauk townships in Magway Division and Magway Township in Magway Division from 20 November 2009 to 11 December 2009, a Myanmar-Japan team unearthed fossils of anthropoid primates: an upper front tooth near Htanbinchaung Village in Seikpyu Township; two lower front teeth in No (1) Gwebin Village, Seikpyu Township; 132 mammal fossils in Kyitchaung (11) around Bahn and Manyeegyan villages in Myaing Township; and 269 colobine group, and they are the oldest of its kind in East Asia. And they are in the same group found in Asia, Africa and South America. It is the first-ever discovery of its kind in Myanmar.—MNA

YANGON, 28 Jan—Kyaw Zeyer Trading Group Co Ltd organized the Panasonic Telecom & Imaging New Products Seminar-2010 at Park Royal Hotel, here, on 19 January. Managing Director Dr Naing Win of Kyaw Zeyer Trading Group Co Ltd and Business Head Mr Chew Aik Hung of Panasonic System Asia Pacific Singapore Office extended greetings.

New products of Panasonic were explained through latest technology for 2010, Panasonic Panaboard, and Pure IP PBX (TDE series). The company is distributing Panasonic branded telephone, cordless, fax, PABX and CCTV.

Contact No. 87, Pyay Road, Yangon (Ph: 216266), (216265) and (214094), E-mail: sales@panasonic.com.mm in Yangon; top floor of Mingala market between 30th and 73rd Streets (Ph: 02-61626 and 61621), Mandalay; Nay Pyi Taw Thabyagon market (Ph: 067-414171); and No. 20, Taungnyo Road, Nay Pyi Taw Pyimmana (Ph: 067-21588 and 21599) and Fax No. (956721577). MNA

Anawrahta Bridge spanning Ayeyawady River contributes toward regional progress

Anawrahta Bridge was commissioned into service on 4 April 2001 and links with Chauk Town on the east bank of Ayeyawady River and Seikpyu on the west bank. The bridge is 27 feet and 9 inches wide and each walkway, 5 feet and 10 inches. The main length is 4191 feet and the approach bridge, 984 feet. The upper structure is of steel girder and pillars of concrete crest type. It can withstand 60 tons of loads, said Daw San San Lwin (Junior Engineer-2, Civil and Public Works).

The people can go to Yangon via Chauk, Yananchaung, Magway, Taungduwingyi, Aunglan and Pyay in the east of Ayeyawady River and Chauk, Kyaukpyu, Meiktila, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw Pyimmana, Toungoo and Bago thanks to the construction of Anawrahta Bridge.

On the west bank of Ayeyawady River, the people can go to Pakokku via Seikpyu and Kamma, Rakhtine State via Salin, Pwintpyu, Minbu and Yangon via Pathetmonwaraod; Chin State, Mindat and Kanpetlet via Saw road and Monywa and Mandalay via Pakokku crossing Hsinphyushin Bridge.

With the better improved transportation, trading goods necessary for the region provide local employments for the local people and increase their income.

Now, the bridge is busy with motorbikes, trucks, passenger buses, private motor vehicles, three-wheeler motorbikes, horse-carts, bicycles and pedestrians.

“My name is U Aung Aung. I live in Ayethaya of Chauk Township. I am a horse-cart driver. I drive a horse-cart three or four runs a day. I earn over K 2,000 a day”, said a horse-cart driver U Aung Aung.

“My name is Daw Kyi Win and I work for an exchange office of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Chauk. I am about to visit my relatives in Seikpyu Township. Due to the construction of the bridge, I have chances of visiting my relatives from time to time and I thank the State for the construction of the bridge”, said a horse-cart passenger Daw Kyi Kyi Win.

“My name is U Min Naung and I live in Yawwa Khetthit of Seikpyu Township. I have been working as a three-wheeler motorbike driver for three years. I earn K 15,000 or 20,000 a day”, said U Min Naung, a three-wheeler motorbike driver.

Translation: WH

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Magnificent Anawrahta Bridge spanning Chauk and Seikpyu Townships in Magway Division.
The last month of Myanmar cold season “Heyman” is Tabodwe which roughly coincides with February. It is the eleventh month in Myanmar lunar calendar. In this month cold perhaps bids farewell by giving us its final chill. There are old Myanmar sayings about Tabodwe, of which the two are, “In Tabodwe we have running nose” and “In Tabodwe ripen plum fruits wide open”. Kon (Kumbha) in astrological term, Tabodwe’s symbol is a water bear. In the night sky, Maga asteris of four stars in the design of an iron hook in Leo shines astride with the Moon. In day time, the two timber trees Paak (Butea) and Lei or Letep (silk cotton tree, Bombex Malabaricum), the former bearing beautiful orange colour blooms in profusion and the latter scarlet flowers on its leafless branches against the background of clear blue sky make a perfect Nature’s painting.

Tabodwe is paraphrased in two meanings. Hta-bo means yoke. In this month farmers hang up their yokes because the harvest is over. “Ita-bu” means spadix of toddy palm from which the sap is tapped. “Twe” means to dangle down. It is the month in which toddy palm climbers press spadix to dangle down to tap the sap.

Two traditional festivals of this month are bonfire festival and Hamane (Myanmar delicacy) making and offering festival. Bonfire is made by burning scandal wood or similar fragrant woods in earthen brazier which is taken to Buddha temple to offer it to Buddha statues and images for warming. The origin of providing warmth to the Buddha can be traced to one event in the lifetime of Gotama Buddha. While residing in Puhayon monastery in Savartha, Lord Buddha, on one Tabodwe evening happened to be standing on a hill side. It was so cold that Lord Buddha kept his back in the warmth of sunrays. But when the sun set in, and as it was out in the open, the chill of the evening was too much for him, wearing only one robe. As the night advanced, cold intensified. So Lord Buddha put on the second robe to resist the chill of the evening was too much for him, wearing only one robe. As the night advanced, cold intensified. 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Four missing in helicopter crash

Divers were sent to the fjord to search for the people. — Internet

OSLO, 28 Jan — Rescuers are searching for four people in icy Norwegian waters after the helicopter they were flying in crashed. The civilian helicopter crashed in the Oslo fjord, just offshore from Horten, a town an hour south of Oslo in south-eastern Norway. The Norwegian Central Rescue had sent boats and divers to the site, a spokesman said.

It was unclear what caused the crash. Foggy weather had shrouded the area making the search difficult. Rescue centre spokesman Einar Knudsen said the Robinson-44 helicopter, one of two flying down the fjord towards Oslo after an afternoon flight, was owned by Midtnorsk Helicopter Service.

Asked about finding survivors, rescue official Stein Solberg told AFP news agency: “We are still hopeful until the contrary is proven.” Wreckage from the helicopter had already been spotted on the ice, he said. — Internet

Fiji faces drought risk

SUA, 28 Jan — Severe areas in the island nation of Fiji have been classified to be under “meteorological” drought, according to the weather office in Fiji on Thursday. A “meteorological drought” is declared if rainfall is well below expected levels for an extended period. More places in the Fiji Group could face a drought if the dry spell continues for the next few weeks.

To break the spell, Fiji Meteorology director Rajendra Prasad said a cyclone was needed. Prasad warned the dry spell could continue even when the island nation approaches the wet season. Areas under drought conditions include Navua, Korovou, Nausori, Labasa, Savusavu, Taveuni and Lakeba. Those at “warning” stage are Yasawa-i-rara, Viwa, Tavua, Vatukoula, Ba, Sigatoka, Suva, Dobailevu, Nabou-walu, Dreketi, Seagaqa, Udu Point and Kadavu.

In mid-October 2009, the weather office predicted the Southwest Pacific, including Fiji, would experience between eight and 11 cyclones in the 2009-2010 season. Prasad said a near-average number of tropical cyclones had been predicted for countries west of the DateLine, including Fiji, while a slightly higher risk of tropical cyclone activity was predicted for countries just east of the DateLine.

“On average two to three tropical cyclones pass through Fiji’s waters a season with one directly affecting land areas. There is a slightly higher chance of tropical cyclones passing through the northern and eastern parts of Fiji’s waters,” he said.

Three Colombian rebel dies in clash on Panama border

PANAMA CITY, 28 Jan — Panama’s national police force says three guerrillas from a Colombian rebel group have been killed in a confrontation along the sparsely populated frontier between the two countries. The Ministry of the Interior and Justice says police detected a small wooden boat carrying six armed men in the border province of Darien.

It says the men opened fire when told to stop early on Wednesday. Police returned fire, killing two men outright and mortally wounding a third. Two others were captured while and one escaped. The ministry identified the men as members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. — Internet

NATO strikes Afghan transit deal with Kazakhstan

LONDON, 28 Jan — On the eve of a conference here on Thursday on Afghanistan, NATO has signed an agreement with the Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan allowing transit through Kazakhstani of supplies for NATO and coalition forces.

The agreement allows for supplies to start moving by air from Europe to Afghaniistan “in the coming days,” according to a statement from NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

The agreements are important because they reduce the alliance’s use of routes from Pakistan into Afghaniistan that have been attacked by the Taleban. Meanwhile, a senior US official said on Wednesday in London that a separate July agreement between US President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev allowing flights of US military equipment through Russian airspace to Afghanistan, is set up but “running more slowly than we would have liked.” That agreement allows up to 4,000 flights a year. The US official said at least three flights have gone and that “technical issues” have been smoothed over. — Internet

Heavy rains kill 64 in Brazil’s Sao Paulo

BRASILIA, 28 Jan — Heavy rains have claimed 64 lives in Brazil’s southeastern state of Sao Paulo, the country’s Civil Defence said on Wednesday. A 45-year-old woman was the latest victim who was carried off by surface runoff.

Tuesday was the second rainiest day of January in the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil’s second largest, with 37 mm of rain, according to the Centre for Emergency Management (CGE). And January is the wettest month in the last 15 years, with 420.4 mm of rain. Sabesp, a water supply company in the state of Sao Paulo, reported that water reservoirs are almost full, and two reservoirs may overflow if heavy rains continue.

Dozen feared dead in Philippine military plane crash

MANILA, 28 Jan — About a dozen people, including a General, were feared to have been killed when a military plane crashed into a residential area in Cotabato city on Thursday morning, officials said. Major Gerardo Zamudio, the Air Force spokesman, told Xinhua over phone that eight officers and officials, including Maj Gen. Mario Bucio, were on board when it crashed into houses outside Cotabato Airport at around 11:35 a.m. (0335 GMT).

Witnesses and local officials in Cotabato told Xinhua that all passengers were feared dead while there is undetermined number of casualties on the ground.

Footages of local television show that concrete houses were destroyed and fire engulfed the crash site.

Cotabato Mayor Muslimine Sema said at least one local resident was confirmed dead when the plane crashed.

“It was flying in zigzag mode and crashed,” he told local media. — Xinhua
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (508) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 29.1.2010 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.  
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Earthquake strikes Timor-Leste  
JAKARTA, 28 Jan — A moderate earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale struck Timor-Leste on Thursday, the Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said. According to the US Geological Survey reported, the quake was at 5.1 magnitude. The quake rocked at 02:00 am Jakarta Time (1900 GMT Wednesday) with epicentre at 157 km southwest Dili the capital of Timor-Leste and with the depth at 529 km, the agency said.

Moderate quake rocks Java, Indonesia  
JAKARTA, 28 Jan — An earthquake with magnitude of 5.0 struck Central Java of Indonesia on Thursday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here. The quake jolted at 11:01 am Jakarta Time (0401 GMT) with the epicentre at 212 km southwest Cilacap of Central Java and in a depth of 10 km under sea bed, an official of the agency Anas Fauzi told Xinhua. Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called the “ Pacific Ring of fire.”

6.0-magnitude earthquake hits E Philippines  
MANILA, 28 Jan—An offshore earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richer Scale struck eastern Philippines early on Thursday morning, the government-run quake monitoring institute reported. There is no immediate report of casualties or damages.

The quake, tectonic in origin, occurred at 02:49 a.m. local time (1849 GMT Wednesday) and its centre was located in the sea, about 156 km east of Virac, Catanduanes Province with a depth of 31 km, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said. The archipelago sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire, the continental rim that surrounds the Pacific, and is frequently hit by earthquakes.

Frozen river : The frozen river Oder is seen from a bridge in Frankfurt/Oder, as the border river between Germany and Poland is covered with ice. — Internet
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US researcher develops dual vaccine against malaria, cholera

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—A University of Central Florida biomedical researcher has developed what promises to be the first low-cost dual vaccine against malaria and cholera, the University said on Tuesday in a Press release.

"I’m very encouraged because our technique works well and provides an affordable way to get vaccines to people who need them most and can least afford them," said lead scientist Henry Danielli.

Danielli’s team genetically engineered tobacco and lettuce plants to produce the vaccine. Researchers gave mice freeze-dried plant cells (orally or by injection) containing the vaccine. They then challenged the mice with either the cholera toxin or malarial parasite.

Untreated rodents contracted diseases quickly, but the mice who received the plant-grown vaccines showed long-lasting immunity for more than 300 days (equivalent to 50 human years).

Results from the US National Institutes of Health-funded research are published in this month’s Plant Biotechnology, the top-ranked journal in the field. Clinical trials are needed, and Danielli is hopeful that the results with mice will translate to humans. It could be yet another example of plants delivering life-saving medicines.—Xinhua

New way found to make blood vessel cells

NEW YORK, 28 Jan—US scientists say they’ve developed a technique to generate functional endothelial blood vessel cells from human embryonic and pluripotent stem cells.

The researchers at the Weill Cornell Medical College said endothelial cells form the interior “lining” of all blood vessels and are the main component of capillaries, the smallest and most abundant vessels. They said that, in the near future, it might be possible to inject such cells into humans to heal damaged organs and tissues.—Xinhua

Scientists study the Hobbit’s brain

CAMBRIDGE, 28 Jan—British scientists say they’ve determined the small brain of Homo floresiensis, a small-brained extinct hominid popularly known as “the Hobbit,” was normal.

The fossils of the hominids were discovered on the Indonesian island of Flores in 2003. Since then, controversy has centred on whether the Hobbits’ small brain was actually due to a pathological condition.

In the new study, researchers Nick Mundy and Stephen Montgomery of Cambridge University, and colleagues from Durham University, used previously published data from living and extinct species to reinterpret the hypothesis that the small brain of Homo floresiensis is not unusual in comparison to these other primates.

Along with other recent studies on the effects of “island dwarfism” in other mammals, these results support the hypothesis that the small brain of Homo floresiensis was adapted to local ecological conditions on Flores.

“Our results provide robust confirmation for the suggestion that strong evolutionary trends have governned the expansion of the primate brain,” Mundy said.

“We find that, under reasonable assumptions, the reduction in brain size during the evolution of Homo floresiensis is not unusual in comparison to these other primates.

“Along with other recent studies on the effects of ‘island dwarfism’ in other mammals, these results support the hypothesis that the small brain of Homo floresiensis was adapted to local ecological conditions on Flores.”

The study is reported in the journal BMC Biology.

Brain cancer has four subtypes

BETHESDA, 28 Jan—US scientists say the most common form of adult brain cancer — glioblastoma multiforme — is not a single disease, but four distinct molecular subtypes.

The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network scientists said they also found response to aggressive chemotherapy and radiation differed by subtype. Patients with one subtype treated with the strategy appeared to succumb to their disease at a rate approximately 50 percent slower than patients treated with less aggressive therapy. This effect was seen to a lesser degree in two of the subtypes and not at all in the fourth subtype.

Museum staff clean fossils in China in 2006. Scientists on Wednesday said they had identified true colours of a dinosaur for the first time, a feat that also explained what role feathers played in the evolution of birds.—Internet

Psychotherapy more effective than drugs

DENVER, 28 Jan—Psychodynamic psychotherapy, which focuses on the roots of emotional suffering, is effective for many mental health symptoms, US researchers say.

This type of therapy used self-reflection and self-examination. The use of the relationship between therapist and patient is intended to serve as a window into problematic relationship patterns in the patient’s life.

“The American public has been told that only newer, symptom-focused treatments like cognitive behaviour therapy or medication have scientific support,” study author Jonathan Shedler of the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine says in the statement.

“The actual scientific evidence shows that psychodynamic therapy is highly effective. The benefits are at least as large as those of other psychotherapies, and they last.”

Shedler reviewed eight meta-analyses comprising 160 studies of psychodynamic therapy, plus nine meta-analyses of other psychological treatments and antidepressant medications. He focused on effect size, which measures the amount of change produced by each treatment. An effect size of 0.80 is considered a large effect in psychological and medical research.
Kalnic helps Blackburn sink Wigan

BLACKBURN, 28 Jan—Blackburn pulled clear of the English Premier League relegation zone as Nikola Kalnic's late goal clinched a 2-1 win over Wigan on Wednesday. Sam Allardyce's side had slumped dangerously close to the relegation zone in recent weeks but this victory, which followed a league success against Fulham, has rocketed Rovers up to 11th place.

They took the lead through Morten Gamst Pedersen's first half strike and although Gary Caldwell equalised after the break, Croatia striker Kalnic popped up with his first league goal for Rovers before Fulham, 14 minutes to play at Ewood Park. With Chernogolov ruled out with a collateral injury, Wigan boss Roberto Martinez handed a league debut to Serbia goalkeeper Vladimir Stojkovic.— Internet

Serena Williams, Henin to meet in final

MILAN, 28 Jan—Defending champion Serena Williams has advanced to her fifth Australian Open final and will put her 100 percent record here on the line against Justine Henin, who is only two tournaments into her comeback from retirement. Both advanced over Chinese players on Thursday to set up a championship match involving two former Australian champions.

Top-ranked Williams wasted four match points before finishing off a 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) semifinal win with an ace against Li Na on Thursday, a day after her sister Venus lost to the Chinese player in the quarterfinals. Henin overwhemed 2008 Wimbledon semifinalist Zheng Jie 6-1, 6-0 in 51 minutes, the shortest match of this tournament and the most lopsided semifinal at the Australian Open since Chris Evert beat Andrea Jaeger by the same score in 1982.— Internet

Ronaldo scores first goal of 2010 with Corinthians

SÃO PAULO, 28 Jan—Corinthians' star striker, Ronaldo, scored his first goal of the 2010 season on Wednesday. In a 1-1 draw against Mirassol during the fourth round of the Sao Paulo state championship, Ronaldo made his first step towards scoring his forecasted 30 goals in 2010. In the 44th minute of play, off a stopped ball Tcheco passed a beautiful ball to a cutting Ronaldo.

Ronaldo then dominated the ball, sized up Mirassol’s goalkeeper Renato, and dribbled past the defender, walking the ball into the net and scoring his first goal of the 2010 season. However, after suffering a foul and feeling a sore right knee, Ronaldo left the game in the 67th minute.

Mirassol tied the match in the 58th minute of play when Ferreira crossed the ball to Gerson.

Gerson attempted a bicycle kick towards the Corinthians net, finding Ferreira who then headed the ball into the back up the net, tying the game.— Internet

Ferguson hails ‘world class’ Rooney as United silence City

MANCHESTER, 28 Jan—Ferguson paid tribute to a “world class” performance from Wayne Rooney after the England striker scored the injury-time winner that sent Manchester United into a League Cup final meeting with Aston Villa.

Rooney’s header secured a 3-1 victory over Manchester City at Old Trafford and a 4-3 aggregate final win for United, who have now reached the final of the competition a record seven times under their Scottish manager.

The game was as volatile as the first leg and, among a number of lingering issues, United appear likely to face an investigation by the Football Association after City forward Craig Bellamy was hit by a missile he prepared to take a corner.— Internet

Manchester City’s Micah Richards (right) vies with Manchester United’s Wayne Rooney during their Carling Cup semi-final second leg match at Old Trafford.

Woods heads Bloomberg BusinessWeek list

NEW YORK, 28 Jan—Tiger Woods tops the Bloomberg BusinessWeek list of most powerful athletes, with the companies saying he would have held the top spot even if his infidelity had become public earlier last year. The list released Wednesday is based on earning potential and was compiled with the assistance of CSE and Horrow Sports Ventures.

Led by the NBA’s Cleveland Cavaliers, second, followed by golfer Phil Mickelson, Albert Pujols of baseball’s St. Louis Cardinals, Peyton Manning of the NFL’s Indianapolis Colts, Dwayne Wade of the NBA’s Miami Heat, swimmer Michael Phelps, Adrain Peterson of the NFL’s Minnesota Vikings, the Cavaliers’ Shaquille O’Neal and cyclist Lance Armstrong.— Internet

Ancelotti relishes prospect of Drogba return

LONDON, 28 Jan—Carlo Ancelotti believes the return of Didier Drogba to the Chelsea squad this weekend will have a major impact on his side’s title hopes. Without Drogba, Ancelotti’s team still scored 16 goals in four unbeaten games, culminating in the 3-0 victory over Birmingham that moved them back to the top of the Premier league table.

Two goals from Frank Lampard and one from Florent Malouda completed the win that put Chelsea one point ahead of Manchester United and two ahead of Arsenal having played a game less than their two main rivals. He coming weekend will see the Blues travel to face Burnley where Ancelotti can once again call on the talents of Drogba who is now back from international duty at the Africa Cup of Nations.

And with United set to visit Arsenal 24 hours later, the Chelsea manager is confident his side could strengthen their position.— Internet

Chelsea’s Frank Lampard

Everton pile on the misery for Sunderland

LIVERPOOL, 28 Jan—Tim Cahill and Landon Donovan piled Everton’s 2-0 win over free-falling Sunderland as the Merseyside club’s revival gathered steam at Goodison Park on Wednesday.

Cahill’s seventh-minute header was quickly followed by Donovan’s first strike since his loan move from Los Angeles Galaxy and Sunderland never looked like recovering.

Steve Bruce’s strugglers, who went into the match with only one win in their previous 12 league matches, handed new signing Matthew Kilgallon a debut in defence and had influential midfielder Lee Cattermole back after more than a month out with a hamstring injury.

Everton recalled Leon Osman in place of Diniyar Bilyaletdinov and had injury victims Mikael Arteta, James Vaughan and Victor Anichebe, as well as loan signing Philippe Sedorius, on the bench.— Internet

Two-thirds of World Cup tickets already sold

JOHANNESBURG, 28 Jan—More than two-thirds of the three million tickets for the football World Cup have been sold, organizers said on Wednesday as they unveiled a scheme to make it easier for South Africans to buy tickets.

We are particularly happy with the results of ticket sales,” World Cup boss Danny Jordaan told reporters. “We are over the moon.”

Jordaan had voiced concerns that few local fans were buying tickets for the first ever World Cup on African soil, which kicks off on 11 June.

But he said about half the tickets sold so far have gone to South Africans, and announced a simplified sales regime for local fans in the coming months.

Among overseas fans, the United States led ticket sales, followed by Britain and Australia.

The next round of ticket sales will run from 9 February to 7 April.

Injuries threaten Arsenal’s crucial clash with United

BIRMINGHAM, 28 Jan—Wenger admits Arsenal must win on Sunday’s crucial Premier League showdown with Manchester United, but the Gunners boss fears injuries to Thomas Vermaelen and Eduardo could wreck his side’s hopes. enger knows a victory over Sir Alex Ferguson’s men at the Emirates Stadium is essential after Wednesday’s 0-0 draw at Aston Villa left his third placed team two points behind leaders Chelsea, who have a game in hand over their London rivals, and a point behind United.

The task of defeating the reigning champions has been made even harder after injuries to defender Vermaelen and Croatica forward Eduardo. Etmaal will have an x-ray on a suspected broken fibula on Thursday and could be out for several weeks, while Eduardo will miss the United game with a hamstring injury, enger said. “It keeps our run going and we are on a very strong run. If you put all the games together it maintains our positive vibe.” — Internet

Justine Henin of Belgium plays a shot to Zheng Jie of China during their Women’s singles semifinal match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia on 28 Jan, 2010. Internet

A South African man with an application form for the 2010 FIFA World Cup tickets in 2009. Internet

Internet
Cat becomes world’s 1st feline recipient of artificial knee

BEIJING, Jan 28 — Missy the cat in Britain has become the world’s first feline to have an artificial knee replacement. Vets found her close to death after undergoing pioneering new surgery to rebuild her limb and fit a specially made metal joint.

Dr. Noel Fitzpatrick, the vet who performed the operation at his clinic in Guildford, said: “It was a case of putting Missy to sleep forever or developing an artificial knee, which had never been done before. The 8-year-old family pet had been lying injured in a bush for two days with one hind leg broken in eight places and the other with a completely dislocated knee before she was found by her owners. “I heard a tiny little cry coming from the bush and I knew she was calling me,” said owner Louise Morris from Petworth, West Sussex, Britain.

The veterinary team had never performed such surgery before. “This case is unusual in that Missy is a house pet and not a racing greyhound, which is a more typical recipient of artificial knees,” Fitzpatrick explained.

“Vets tend to replace the knee in a horse or dog, and they may replace the whole leg, but Missy’s owners did not want that,” he said.

After treating Missy for nine months, Fitzpatrick successfully performed the surgery. The operation involved inserting a steel knee made of a unique material that is biocompatible with bones and ligaments.

Fitzpatrick said he was “delighted” with the outcome. “The operation was a success and she is progressing well,” he said.

“Missy has a long way to go before she is fully recovered, but she has already started to use her injured leg,” he added.

The operation took about five hours and included a 20-minute blood transfusion. Missy is now recovering at home with her owners.

The vets have named the operation “Missy’s Miracle,” and have started raising funds to help other animals like Missy.

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Tanintharyi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (7 °C) below January average temperatures in Chin State, (5 °C) below January average temperatures in Kachin State, (4 °C) below January average temperatures in Rakha State and upper Sagaing Division, (3 °C) above January average temperatures in Mon State, (3 °C) above January average temperatures in Tanintharyi Division about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were (0 °C) at Loilem (0 °C), Namsam (0 °C) and Heho (1 °C) each and Putao and An (3 °C) each.

Weather Outlook: For subsequent two days: Light rain is likely to be isolated in Tanintharyi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Mon and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Light rain is likely to be isolated in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-1-2010: Partly cloudy.
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Anawrahta Bridge spanning Ayeyawady River contributes toward regional progress

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The Ministry of Construction is building Union highways, inter-division roads, inter-state roads, inter-district roads, inter-township roads and inter-village roads all over of the country to be able to improve transport facilities.

In doing so, rivers and creeks are natural barriers on which bridges large and small have been built.

Anawrahta Bridge in Magway Division has been built across the Ayeyawady river. Myanma Alin news team arriving in Chauk Township had an interview with officials of Chauk Township’s Public Works to convey the messages on Anawrahta Bridge to the public.

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