### 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

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

---

**Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Chairman of the National Defence Commission of DPRK Mr. Kim Jong Il**

_Nay Pyi Taw, 16 Feb_—On the occasion of the birthday of His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, which falls on 16 February 2010, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.—MNA

---

**New Kanbalu People’s Hospital (100-bed) providing effective health care to residents**

It was in the morning of 28 January 2010. Kanbalu dwellers were smiling in front of a grand and pleasant building. The building that has emerged almost overnight in Kanbalu is the People’s Hospital (100-bed). The local people happily attended the opening ceremony of the hospital.

We the news crew arrived there to collect the facts about the new hospital. In the first interview, Secretary of Kanbalu Townselders Committee U Myint Swe said, “Initially, Kanbalu was equipped with a 16-bed Township Hospital in 1968, relying on its health care services for many years. In October 2007, the State upgraded it to a 25-bed facility. At present, we all thank the State for upgrading the hospital to a 100-bed General Hospital.”

With regard to emergence of the general hospital, the free medical treatment has been given to the patients with cleft lip and palate in Kanbalu on the Fullmoon day of Tabodwe yearly to coincide with the Buddha Pujaniya of magnificent Shwesigyi Pagoda. In 2009 when the ninth Buddha Pujaniya was held, Aye Mya Soe Foundation gave free eye care to over 4,000 patients from Kyunhla, Shwebo, Taze, YeU, KhinU, Wetlet, Katha, Indaw, Bamauk, Kawlin, Wuntho and Pinlebu townships in addition to those from Kanbalu Township.

Considering the growing number of patients, geographical condition of the town and better transport of Kanbalu, the government managed to build a 100-bed General Hospital.

The new hospital is located on a land with an area of 28 acres at the corner of Tabunswehti Road and the bypass of the town in Ward 3 of Kanbalu, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division.

 Artikel: Yan Gyi Aung; Photos: Myanma Alin & Kyaw Zeya (MNA)

_A bird’s eye view of Kanbalu People’s Hospital (100-bed)._
**PERSPECTIVES**

Tuesday, 16 February, 2010

**Take active part in New Influenza A (H1N1) preventive measures**

Today, New Influenza A (H1N1), an epidemic, has become a global health issue. It is not deadly if cured effectively in time. If the highly infectious disease grows into a pandemic, it can cost lives and cause economic and social losses. The people are therefore to participate in preventive measures against the fatal disease.

Since the early February 2010, Chin State, Yangon Division and Shan State have faced human cases on New Influenza A (H1N1). So, the Ministry of Health is now taking preventive measures such as working in cooperation with local authorities, giving health education, providing effective treatment to the victims, and monitoring the outbreak.

The flu is a new strain of swine-origin H1N1. So, laboratory test is the only means to identify the infection of the disease. Its symptoms include high body temperature, running nose, cold, cough, physical pains, headache, easy tiredness, and hard breath, which are similar to that of other influenza. So, a person with flu-like symptoms should take medical check-up in nearest clinic, hospital or health centre.

In particular, educative talks about the disease should be held for the knowledge of school-age children, and young people. After every sneeze or cough, a person has to wash his hands thoroughly. And we should avoid going to crowded places and wear surgical masks as part of prevention.

The people are, therefore, urged to extend a helpful hand with a sense of duty to local administrative bodies, and health staff in the disease control and preventive measures.

---

**Inter-university men’s football friendly tournament kicks off**

**Yangon, 15 Feb—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint attended the opening ceremony of inter-university men’s football friendly tournament (2009-2010) of the Higher Education Departments under the Ministry of Education at Youth Training Center (Thuwunna) here this morning.**

**Also present at the ceremony were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, directors-general, rectors, pro-rectors, tutors, president and member of Myanmar Football Federation, officials concerned, athletes and students.**

The Director-General of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) made an opening speech and opened the ceremony. The commander, the minister and party enjoyed the match. **MNA**

---

**Myanmar workers in Thailand to get legal status**

**NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—The 8th Meeting of Myanmar and Thailand on Employment of Myanmar Workers in Thailand was held at Aureum Palace Hotel in Bagan on 13 and 14 February. The meeting was attended by the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and the Thai delegation led by Minister of Labour of Thailand Mr. Phaitoon Kaothong. The two sides had fruitful discussion on the matters relating to verification of Myanmar workers who are already in Thailand to enjoy legal status and dispatching fresh Myanmar workers to Thailand. The officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Immigration and Population of the Union of Myanmar attended the meeting. The deputy minister of Myanmar and visiting Thai Labour Minister attended the signing ceremony of the Agreed Minutes of the meeting at the same hotel on 13 February. Deputy Minister U Maung Myint hosted a dinner to the Thai delegation at Bagan Nan Myint Tower in the evening of 12 February. The visiting Thai Minister paid homage to pagodas and visited the Institute of Lacquerware during his stay in Bagan. Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi hosted a dinner to the Thai delegation at Hotel Yangon in Yangon yesterday. The Thai delegation consisted of high-level officials form the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Bureau of Thailand. The Thai delegation left Yangon for Thailand by air today.** —MNA

---

**ASEAN-COCI exposes traditional dance patterns**

**NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—At the second day session of the Training Workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage: Traditional Dance Pattern organized by Subcommittee for Culture under COCI of Myanmar under the supervision of Ministry of Culture on 13 February, the delegates of ASEAN member countries focused on the Sketch Drawing of Dance Pattern. The workshop held at Thingaha Hotel of Nay Pyi Taw discussed the papers submitted by seven resource persons from the ASEAN member nations and approved the strong and weak points of the sketch drawings. In the evening, Director-General U Sann Win of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, who is also chairman of the ASEAN COCI of Myanmar, hosted a dinner to the ASEAN delegates and presented gifts. This afternoon, the delegations of ASEAN member nations left here for Yangon by flight.** —MNA

---

**ASEAN delegates participating in Training Workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage.** —MNA
At least three dead in Airiz helicopter crash

SCOTTDALE, 15 Feb—Three people were killed on Sunday when the helicopter they were riding in crashed and caught fire near Scottsdale, Ariz., authorities said. The victims — two adults and one child — were not immediately identified, The Arizona Republic reported. The helicopter crashed in a wash about 10 miles north of Scottsdale, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said. The helicopter, registered in Scottsdale, belonged to Services Group of America, the parent company of Food Services of America, which distributes food products to wide range of customers including restaurants, schools, hospitals, hotels and cruise lines. Services Group of America is headquartered in Scottsdale. — Internet

Lebanese troops open fire on Israeli warplanes

BEIRUT, 15 Feb—Lebanese troops opened fire on Sunday on four Israeli warplanes that flew into Lebanese airspace, the army said. Israeli warplanes frequently fly over Lebanese territory in what Israeli says are reconnaissance missions. The overflights have been a constant source of friction between the two countries. Sunday’s incident comes amid heightened tensions in the Middle East following some of the sharpest exchanges in years between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

Last week, Syria’s Foreign Minister accused Israel of “spreading an atmosphere of war” in the region after Israel’s Defence Minister Ehud Barak warned that the stalled peace process with Syria could result in an all-out regional war. — Internet

A British journalist held in Gaza

GAZA CITY, 15 Feb—A British journalist has been arrested in Gaza by Hamas security forces, British and Hamas officials say. The man was identified as Paul Martin, The arrest was confirmed by the Foreign Office, which also said it was providing consular assistance. A Hamas spokesman said Paul Martin was arrested for violating security but further details were not given. Reports say he was taken into custody for a fortnight while attending a court hearing. Mr Martin has written for the BBC and the Times.

Hamas Interior Ministry spokesman Ehab Ghoussein said: “We have confessions that the British journalist committed offences against Palestinian law, and that harms the security of the country.” Hamas is the Palestinian militant organization that took control of Gaza after winning elections there in 2007.

US rockets strike Afghan home, kill 12 civilians

MARJAH, 15 Feb—Two US rockets slammed into a home on Sunday outside the southern Taliban stronghold of Marjah, killing 12 civilians after Afghanistan’s President appealed to NATO to take care in its campaign to seize the town. Inside Marjah, Marines encountered “death at every corner” in their second day of a massive offensive to capture this bleak mud-brick city filled with booby traps, hardcore Taleban fighters and civilians unsure where to cast their loyalty.

Marines confronted a fierce sandstorm as they ducked in and out of doorways and hid behind bullet-riddled walls to evade sniper fire. To the north, US Army troops fought skirmishes with Taleban fighters, calling in a Cobra attack helicopter against the militants. Militants littered the area with booby traps and explosives before the offensive, and the sound of controlled detonations — about three every hour — punctuated the day along with mortars and rocket fire.

Drone attack kills six in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 Feb — A drone attack targeting a militant compound killed six people in Pakistan’s northwest on Sunday. All six were suspected militants, two intelligence officials said. The officials asked not to be identified because they are not authorized to speak to the media. The suspected US drone fired two missiles at a compound about 22 km (13.6 miles) west of Miranshah, a city in North Waziristan.

North Waziristan is one of seven districts in Pakistan’s tribal region along the Afghan border. The United States is the only country in the region known to have the ability to launch missiles from drones, which are controlled remotely.

India sounds red alert for Delhi and other cities after Pune bombing attack

NEW DELHI, 15 Feb—Indian government on Sunday sounded a specific red alert for the cities of Delhi, Indore and Kanpur, and also issued a general advisory to all states to step up security in the wake of Saturday’s deadly blast in Pune. The alerts were issued following an emergency review meeting called by Home Minister P Chidambaram, who had visited the blast site in Pune. In the meeting with heads of intelligence agencies, Chidambaram is reported to have reviewed the security situation and the existing threat perception.

After the meeting, Chidambaram traveled to 7 Race Course Road, the prime minister’s residence, to meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and briefed him on the latest developments regarding the country’s security. During his visit to Pune this morning, Chidambaram had ruled out intelligence failure as the reason behind the blast.

Nine people were killed and 57 others were injured after a blast ripped through the popular German Bakery in Pune. The Pune blast was the worst terror attack in India after 26 November Mumbai attacks in 2008, when a group of terrorists went on a killing spree in Mumbai leaving 166 Indians and foreigners dead. — Xinhua

Private guards inspect the site of the previous day’s attack targeting the Iraqi National Movement, led by former Shiite premier Ayad Allawi in the Azamiyah District of Baghdad, on 14 Feb, 2010. — Internet

A woman reacts for her three sons, seen in photo, who were killed along with their father in a joint Iraqi-US raid, in the Shiite city of Najaf, 100 miles (160 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 Feb, 2010. — Internet

A six year-old Afghan girl injured in crossfire between militants and US Marines on the outskirts of Marjah, is treated at a field hospital as her father (left) who carried her in search of help looks on. — Internet

A British journalist and documentary film maker Paul Martin. Internet

[Image 388x419 to 491x531]

[Image 216x416 to 301x416]
Cyprus benefits from Greek economic crisis, but faces challenges as well

NICOIA, 15 Feb — Cyprus is benefiting from the Greek economic crisis through the transfer of billions of euros by Greek depositors who fear their country’s economy might turn worse.

Cypriot Finance Minister Charilaos Stavrakis, just back from a short visit to Athens, confirmed on Sunday that large amounts of money was deposited in banks operating in Cyprus by depositors who either try to avoid higher taxation or are concerned about a collapse of the Greek economy.

Stavrakis did not give any figures about the funds transferred into Cyprus, but said the amount of money in is in the billions of Euros.

He said that he came under pressure in Athens from Greek economic officials to facilitate the return of the money to Greece, but he replied that deposits are regulated by the wishes of the fund holders.

“They are the ones who decide how to better handle their money,” he said.

He added that it is a matter of free market, but pledged that the Cyprus government will cooperate in any legal action asked for by Greece to help its economy.

Shanghai improves meteorological services for World Expo

SHANGHAI, 15 Jan — Shanghai, which will host the World Expo 2010, is ready to provide online live broadcasting service on major meteorological disasters, local meteorologists said on Monday. A map of geological distribution of meteorological disasters in Shanghai has been completed on the basis of historical data about frequencies of such disasters.

During the Expo that will be held in the city from May 1 to 31 Oct, warning services against extremely high temperature and high humidity will also be provided for local residents and visitors from outside the city, helping ease the negative effect from undue heat on human health.

Shanghai has already established a data bank on meteorological disasters and developed a disaster information collection and management platform, according to the local meteorologists.

In a related development, Shanghai has managed to improve its air quality. In 2009, the city recorded 334 days of good air quality, or 91.5 percent of the total days for the year, according to the city’s environmental protection department.

Nicaragua, Russia form cooperation commission

MANAGUA, 15 Feb — Nicaragua and Russia on Sunday formed a special commission to further cooperation in various fields including the fight against drug trafficking.

The Nicarguan-Russia Commission was formed after Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Samuel Santos Lopez met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov.

Via the newly-formed commission, the two countries will discuss cooperation in such fields as telecommunications, transportation, infrastructure and agriculture. The Nicaraguan Foreign Minister said that Lavrov’s visit would strengthen the existing ties through deepened understanding of the benefits shared by the two countries.

The Russian Foreign Minister arrived in Managua after a visit to Cuba. His Latin American trip will also take him to Guatemala and Mexico.

Longshoremen unload containers from a ship at a port in Tokyo.

Japan retained its title as the world’s number two economy in 2009, ahead of China, extending a recovery from a robust fourth-quarter performance, data showed on Monday.

Cyprus benefits from Greek economic crisis, but faces challenges as well

Shanghai, 15 Feb — Shanghai, which will host the World Expo 2010, is ready to provide online live broadcasting service on major meteorological disasters, local meteorologists said on Monday. A map of geological distribution of meteorological disasters in Shanghai has been completed on the basis of historical data about frequencies of such disasters.

During the Expo that will be held in the city from May 1 to 31 Oct, warning services against extremely high temperature and high humidity will also be provided for local residents and visitors from outside the city, helping ease the negative effect from undue heat on human health.

Shanghai has already established a data bank on meteorological disasters and developed a disaster information collection and management platform, according to the local meteorologists.

In a related development, Shanghai has managed to improve its air quality. In 2009, the city recorded 334 days of good air quality, or 91.5 percent of the total days for the year, according to the city’s environmental protection department.

Nicaragua, Russia form cooperation commission

MANAGUA, 15 Feb — Nicaragua and Russia on Sunday formed a special commission to further cooperation in various fields including the fight against drug trafficking.

The Nicarguan-Russia Commission was formed after Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Samuel Santos Lopez met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov.

Via the newly-formed commission, the two countries will discuss cooperation in such fields as telecommunications, transportation, infrastructure and agriculture. The Nicaraguan Foreign Minister said that Lavrov’s visit would strengthen the existing ties through deepened understanding of the benefits shared by the two countries.

The Russian Foreign Minister arrived in Managua after a visit to Cuba. His Latin American trip will also take him to Guatemala and Mexico.

Longshoremen unload containers from a ship at a port in Tokyo.

Japan retained its title as the world’s number two economy in 2009, ahead of China, extending a recovery from a robust fourth-quarter performance, data showed on Monday.

Cyprus benefits from Greek economic crisis, but faces challenges as well

Shanghai, 15 Feb — Shanghai, which will host the World Expo 2010, is ready to provide online live broadcasting service on major meteorological disasters, local meteorologists said on Monday. A map of geological distribution of meteorological disasters in Shanghai has been completed on the basis of historical data about frequencies of such disasters.

During the Expo that will be held in the city from May 1 to 31 Oct, warning services against extremely high temperature and high humidity will also be provided for local residents and visitors from outside the city, helping ease the negative effect from undue heat on human health.

Shanghai has already established a data bank on meteorological disasters and developed a disaster information collection and management platform, according to the local meteorologists.

In a related development, Shanghai has managed to improve its air quality. In 2009, the city recorded 334 days of good air quality, or 91.5 percent of the total days for the year, according to the city’s environmental protection department.

Nicaragua, Russia form cooperation commission

MANAGUA, 15 Feb — Nicaragua and Russia on Sunday formed a special commission to further cooperation in various fields including the fight against drug trafficking.

The Nicarguan-Russia Commission was formed after Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Samuel Santos Lopez met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov.

Via the newly-formed commission, the two countries will discuss cooperation in such fields as telecommunications, transportation, infrastructure and agriculture. The Nicaraguan Foreign Minister said that Lavrov’s visit would strengthen the existing ties through deepened understanding of the benefits shared by the two countries.

The Russian Foreign Minister arrived in Managua after a visit to Cuba. His Latin American trip will also take him to Guatemala and Mexico.

Longshoremen unload containers from a ship at a port in Tokyo.

Japan retained its title as the world’s number two economy in 2009, ahead of China, extending a recovery from a robust fourth-quarter performance, data showed on Monday.
### Two foreigners killed in terror attack in India

**NEW DELHI, 15 Feb —** Two foreigners, an Italian woman and an Iranian student, were among the nine people killed in the Pune terror attack Saturday evening, reported the Indo-Asian News Service on Sunday.

The news service quoted Police Commissioner of Pune Satyapal Singh as saying at a press conference that the two foreign nationals were identified as Nadia Materini, 37, who was associated with the Osho Ashram, a mystic Hindu group located nearby, and Syed Abdul Khalil, 26, a student of Symbiosis College in Pune.

The seven others killed were all Indians, said police and local media reports.

Some 40 people injured in the attack were still under treatment in hospital.

A powerful bomb explosion ripped through the popular German Bakery in downtown Pune on Saturday evening, killing nine people and injuring more than 50 others.

---

### Economic restructuring to boost China's economy, make it a “real tiger” in 2010

**BEIJING, 15 Feb —** As China celebrates the arrival of the new lunar year, the Year of the Tiger, the world hopes China’s economy will roar again in 2010, after it helped the world’s third largest economy roar again in 2010, after it helped the world’s third largest economy.

China’s economic development pattern, to promote the whole nation to strive to accelerate the adjustment of string of recent comments by top leaders, analysts say.

The authorities have made a priority, as evidenced by a successfully restructured nation’s economy, a task that the Chinese government will become a “real tiger” when the Chinese government.

In light of the great potential of the region, there is a very good possibility that the Iran-Alborz semi-floating drilling rig would launch exploration of oil and gas using its domestically-built semi-floating drilling rig in the Caspian Sea.

Irán-Alborz weighs 14,000 tons and is the largest in the Middle East, Iran’s Oil Minister Ghomail Hossein Nazeri said in July.

---

### Two teens wounded in church service shooting in US state of California

**SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Feb —** Three people wearing hooded black sweatshirts walked into a church in the US state of California on Sunday before one of them opened fire and wounded two teenagers, local media reported.

Witnesses said the suspects had paced up and down an aisle, apparently looking for targets, before shooting the victims sitting near the back of New Gethsemane Church of God in Christ, located in Richmond, a city about 16 miles (26 km) northeast of San Francisco.

The three suspects fled after the attack, the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper reported, citing Richmond police Sgt Bisa French. The two victims, a 14-year-old boy and a 19-year-old man, were hospitalized and are expected to survive. Police said it was not clear whether they were the intended targets.

The shooting, which occurred in the presence of more than 120 church members, was seen as unusual — even in Richmond, which has recorded seven homicides so far in 2010 and also made national headlines last year with a violent gang rape outside a high school homecoming dance.

---

### Police arrest militant, discover explosive device in Afghanistan

**KABUL, 15 Feb —** Police in Taleban birthplace Kandahar, south Afghanistan, detained a militant and discovered explosive device from his possession, a Press release of Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

“A man planted explosive device in a handcart with an attempt to explode it in Kandahar city on Saturday was arrested and thus the malicious design of terrorists was foiled,” the Press release added.

Since launching military operation against Taleban in Marja district of the southern Helmand province late Friday night the militants have intensified their activities.

The Taleban militants also on Saturday carried out a suicide killing two persons including a NATO soldier and injuring seven others including three soldiers.

---

### Earthquake jolts S Philippines

**COTABATO, 15 Feb —** A magnitude-5.0 quake struck southern Philippines on Monday, the United States Geological Survey reported. The quake, 148.3 km below seabed, was recorded at 4:21 am with the epicenter at 120 km southeast of General Santos City of Mindanao region. It was also felt in Davao City and in Manila but no casualties or damages were reported. There was no tsunami alert either.

The Philippines sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire” where continental plates collide, causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity. The worst earthquake in the country happened on 16 Aug, 1976 after a tsunami caused by a quake killed between 5,000 and 8,000 people in the Moro Gulf region in southern Philippines.

---

### Iran starts drilling oil well in Caspian Sea

**TEHRAN, 15 Feb —** Iran started drilling its first exploratory well in the Caspian Sea to search for oil in its waters, the state IRIB TV reported on Sunday.

“The Iran-Alborz semi-floating drilling rig has started exploration drillings in the Caspian Sea.” Iran’s North Drilling Company Managing Director Hedayatollah Khadem said, adding “it will drill the country’s first exploratory well at a depth of 1,550 metres under the seabed.”

In light of the great potential of the region, there is a very good possibility that the Iran-Alborz semi-floating drilling rig would help find new reserves of crude oil in the Caspian Sea. Khadem was quoted as saying.

Earlier in July, Iran announced the country would launch exploration of oil and gas using its domestically-built semi-floating drilling rig in the Caspian Sea. Iran-Alborz weighs 14,000 tons and is the largest in the Middle East, Iran’s Oil Minister Ghomail Hossein Nazeri said in July.

---

### Two-month-old tiger cubs are dressed in Chinese outfits while waiting to join visitors celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Tiger at the Sri Racha Tiger Zoo in Chonburi Province, southeastern Thailand on 14 Feb, 2010.— INTERNET

---
**Man bites into needle at Burger King**

**Massachusetts, 15 Feb** — A Massachusetts man is suing fast-food chain Burger King after he allegedly bit into a metal needle in the middle of his Double Whopper.

Oscar Chaves’ ordeal allegedly began when the New Bedford man dropped into the Burger King around the corner from his house for dinner with his son-in-law, MyFox reported. “I start to eat. I get about two bites and the third bite I feel something go through my throat,” Mr Chaves said. “I say, ‘Steve, something go through my throat.’ He says, ‘Could be a piece of lettuce, you know how they make it.’ I say, ‘Yeah, but it hurt so much.’”

Mr Chaves was rushed to hospital where doctors removed a 5-cm needle from his tongue. X-rays revealed damage to his esophagus and metal in his stomach. Mr Chaves said he had missed days of work.

His face was swollen for eight weeks, and he had to undergo testing for up to six months afterward.—Internet

**Boy, 3, born with half a heart waiting for transplant**

**Time is of the essence for a 3-year-old boy from Utah who was born with a rare and complex congenital heart defect that has essentially left him with half a heart, ABC 4 News reported.**

Little Michael Melton suffers from hypoplastic left heart syndrome — a condition in which the left side of his heart is critically underdeveloped.

What that means is that the left side of his heart can’t effectively pump blood to the body, according to the Mayo Clinic, so the right side of the heart must pump blood both to the lungs and to the rest of the body.

Treatment for this condition involves either a three-step surgical procedure or a heart transplant, which is exactly what Michael needs. In order to get him moved up higher on an organ donor list, Michael needs. In order to get him moved up higher on an organ donor list, either a three-step surgical procedure or a heart transplant, which is exactly what Michael needs.

In November, Les Scadding, 53, and wife Samantha Peache-Scadding, 38, from Caerleon, south Wales, won £45.5m. A further £56m had been on offer.

What that means is that the left side of his heart can’t effectively pump blood to the body, according to the Mayo Clinic, so the right side of the heart must pump blood both to the lungs and to the rest of the body.

**Burglar left trail in snow**

**Suburban Chicago police said they followed footprints in the snow from a burglary scene directly to the back door of a home where they arrested a suspect.**

Des Plaines police said a woman arrived home on Tuesday and interrupted a burglary taking her jewelry, the Chicago Tribune reported on Friday.

The woman called 911 while the man fled and police arrived to find fresh footprints leading to the back door of a home on the same block as the woman’s house. Luis Ramon Gonzalez, 23, was arrested at the home, which police said belongs to a relative, and charged with residential burglary.

**News Album**

**Edie Russell, who ‘saved her grandfather’s life’.**

**US police officer saved as badge takes bullet**

**Las Vegas, 15 Feb** — A Las Vegas police officer who became involved in a shootout on Saturday night may be thanking his badge for saving his life. The 31-year-old officer, who has not yet been named, was struck by a bullet in an exchange of fire with a suspect.

However, the bullet struck the badge and the officer suffered only minor injuries.

Police are searching for the gunman, who may also have been hit and who fled after the incident.

The officer had been on patrol in northern Las Vegas when he heard shots coming from an apartment block, the Las Vegas Sun reported.

The officer became engaged in the fire fight when he tried to stop the suspect. —Internet

**Gloucestershire couple are £56m EuroMillions winners**

**London, 15 Feb** — A couple from Gloucestershire have been confirmed as Britain’s biggest lottery winners, striking a jackpot of £56 million in the EuroMillions game.

Doctors told Helen Russell that if her 60-year-old husband did not have a good prognosis, and now against all odds he is making a full recovery after hearing about the new addition to the family.

Russell was induced into a coma two weeks ago after he fell 12-feet from a barn roof and had to undergo a five-hour operation to remove a blood clot from his brain. He was unable to come out of the coma after the surgery.

Doctors told Helen Russell that if her husband did wake up, he would probably have serious brain damage. But when he heard the words, “Come on granddad you have got to wake up now,” Russell stirred in his hospital bed and winked at his wife. “The doctors didn’t even think that he would survive the operation, which was absolutely horrific news to be given,” Helen Russell said.

“When he failed to come out of an induced coma they said the best case scenario was that he would be brain damaged and severely impaired,” David Russell is expected to make a full recovery, and is currently starting rehabilitation. “He’s incredibly proud and thrilled to be a grandfather,” Helen Russell said.
New Kanbalu People’s Hospital (100-bed)…

(from page 1)

The hospital has six main halls, staff quarters and other buildings. The six buildings are for the out-patient ward, the child ward, the obstetrics and gynecology ward, the operation and orthopaedic ward, the medical ward and the operation theatre. All the buildings are rounded with a 10-foot pavement each. The remaining buildings are for two mess halls, medical superintendent, the office of orthopedic specialists and 10-apartment advanced staff quarters.

We visited the neat and tidy patient wards with good ventilation system and natural light. The out-patient ward is 206 feet long and 74 feet wide. In addition, the hospital is formed with the office of medical superintendent, the staff office, the ECG Ultrasound room, the X-ray room and lab, the blood bank, the records office, two medical equipment stores, the office of pathologist, the office of orthopedic specialist, the office of obstetrician and gynecologist, the office of pediatrician, the office of medical superintendent, the Medical Superintendent explained, “The emergency and ordinary sections of the hospital including special care units were built in modern design for providing health care services to the local people of Kanbalu and surrounding townships. A total of 201 health personnel including specialists, doctors, nurses and health staff are assigned duties at the hospital.”

As the 100-bed People’s General Hospital has emerged in Kanbalu, the local people from Kanbalu and its surrounding regions are enjoying the benefits of health care facilities and services of the specialists any time. The Kanbalu People’s Hospital (100-bed) will effectively provide health care services to the local people of Kanbalu, Shwebo, Wetlet, KhantU, YeU, Taze, Dabayin, Shwebo, Wetlet, KhinU, Katha districts.

*****

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin: 15-2-2010

Modern beds provided at the hospital.

Neat and tidy private room seen at Kanbalu People’s Hospital (100-bed).

Dental care facilities.

X-ray room.
Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

Energy minister calls for systematic privatization of fuel stations

Yangon, 15 Feb—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thu met staff at the meeting hall of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise here this afternoon. The minister urged them to be systematic in privatizing fuel stations and to follow the instructions of the ministry.

The meeting was attended by officials of Yangon Division Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise, managers and officials from fuel stations of MPPE, general manager of CNG, and officials from CNG filling stations of MOGE.

Then, the minister met a delegation led by Mr I Michael Raj of Annai Bio-Crop (P) Ltd of India and party. They cordially discussed production of substitute bio-fuel.—MNA

Concordia to conduct Land Survey, Applied GPS & Google Earth Software Courses

Yangon, 15 Feb—Concordia Int’l Co Ltd will conduct Certified Advanced Land Survey Course (5/2010) from 20 Feb to 3 March and Applied GPS & Google Earth Software Course from 10 to 12 March at the hall of Concordia Int’l Co Ltd here from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Waterway, aviation satisfying dwellers of Rakhine State

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Feb—For enabling the national brethren residing in Rakhine State to enjoy fruits of transportation sector, the local authorities is making utmost efforts for improvement of the waterway transport in MraukU and Sittway townships.

On 12 and 13 February, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thu and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe made a trip to inspect the waterway leading to the entrance of MraukU and conditions of the jetty. While in Sittway, they looked into the waterway of Hsytokya Creek, berthing of vessels at the port and freight-handling works, docking of ships at Sittway Dockyard and loading and unloading of coastal liners.

The aviation is one more reliable transport facility for the locals. At present, the runway, the taxiway, the apron and the airport building of Sittway Airport have been upgraded at lush and green environs.—MNA

Course on Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Service conducted

Yangon, 15 Feb—The opening ceremony of instructor course No.1/2010 on Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Service, jointly conducted by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and UNICEF, was held at Social Welfare Training School of Social Welfare Department on Kyaukwaing Pagoda road here this morning.

It was attended by Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar National Committee for Child Rights, Chairman of the Working Committee Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Tun, senior military officers, officials from UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, World Vision (Myanmar) and Save the Children (Myanmar) and trainees.

The deputy minister made an opening speech. Afterwards, UNDP resident representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha delivered a speech.

A total of 40-trainee officers from Ministry of Defence, General Administration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Social Welfare Department, Myanmar Correctional Department, Immigration and National Registration Department and Ministry of Foreign Affairs are attending five-day course.—MNA

Concordia Int’l Co Ltd

How to apply Total Station, Construction Survey, TopoGraphic Survey, Differential GPS, RTK, Handheld GPS, GPS and Google Earth Software related to GPS downloading and processing to Google Map source and Google Earth Software and how to download and process collected data with the use of Mapsource Software and Google Earth Software will be lectured at the courses.

Enthusiasts who have passed matriculation examination may enlist for the Certified Advanced Survey Course not later than 19 February and for Applied GPS & Google Earth Software Course not later than 9 March at Concordia Int’l Co Ltd on the 4th floor of Shwegondine Plaza on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road and dial 558170, 544824, 544199, 559444 and 09 500 5912 for further information.—MNA

Destruction of poppy plantations figures hits 12705.65 acres in Feb

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Feb — A total of 12705.65 acres of poppy plantation in states and divisions — 170.55 acres in Namhkam, Tangyan, Mongton and Kutkai Townships of Shan State (North), 146.5 acres in Pekhon, Pinlaung and Monghaung and Hshiseng Townships of Shan State (South), 7.5 acres in Kengtung, Monghayt and Monghsat Townships of Shan State (East) and 30.63 acres in Chipwe, Waingmaw and Phakant Townships of Kachin State including 12350.47 acres of poppy plantation in states and divisions from 1 September 2009 to 6 February 2010 — had been destroyed up to 13 February. — MNA
Meeting of State Pariyatti Sasana University Administrative Central Committee held

YANGON, 15 Feb—Chairman of State Pariyatti Sasana University Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Pyay presented to make effective use of Yesagyo Township and Chindwin River in prevent overflow of embankment in order to Yesagyo-Tamadan Irrigation is constructing Agriculture and crew. Myanma Alin news accompanied us, Department Township Irrigation Office of Pakokku Assistant Director’s Zaw Thein from Staff Officer U Myat Construction in-Charge river water.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta KUNDALOJI delivered an opening address at the meeting 1/2010 of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee State Pariyatti Sasana University Administrative Central Committee at the convocation Dhammavyaya in Kaba Aye Hill here this evening. Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs. Secretary of State Pariyatti Sasana University Administrative Central Committee Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana presented undertakings of the University Administrative Central Committee meeting No. 1/2009. Those present discussed general matters.—MNA

Yesagyo-Tamadan embankment to supply sufficient irrigation water

(From page 16)

So, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is constructing Yesagyo-Tamadan embankment in order to prevent overflow of Chindwin River in Yesagyo Township and to make effective use of river water.

Embankment Construction in-Charge Staff Officer U Myat Zaw Thein from Assistant Director’s Office of Pakokku Township Irrigation Department accompanied us, Myanma Alin news crew.

U Myat Zaw Thein
Staff Officer of Irrigation Department.

Yesagyo-Tamadan embankment is of earthen type with the length of two miles, the width of 12 feet and the height of 10 feet. It links Tamadan junction and Yesagyo Township. Sunflower plantations were seen on either side of the embankment as the river level falls. Felt unsafe to sleep well in their homes. Once the farmlands were inundated and the river water came into their houses. According to records, Chindwin River rose to the highest level of 30 feet and the lowest level of 24 feet in the past 30 years. In the rainy season, the water level rises to its highest. The new embankment will take in water by opening the valves while the water level rises and will store water by closing the valves while it falls. The embankment and sluice gate will guard against the threat of floods. The sluice gate can irrigate when the water level is 19 feet. The irrigation of the job has been completed. It will be fully completed in open season of 2010.” Yesagyo-Tamadan embankment will prevent floods. It can also be used as detour of Yesagyo which has the only motorway. It will enable locals from the villages to overcome the transportation difficulties in the rainy season. It will also improve socio-economic status of the local farmers and contribute to the objective of the State to boost agricultural production.

Tamadan embankment will store water while Chindwin River water level rises.

Water will be supplied through Pegonsluice gate Nos (1) and (2) when it is needed. The embankment is to benefit 400 acres of farmlands. The construction started on 5 May 2009 and 80 per cent of the job has been completed. Jobs will be held at the Conference Hall of Myanmar Information Centre (MIPC) and the Opportunity Journal, will give talks on job opportunities for youth and requirement of IT technicians in works for entrepreneurs.

Any interested person may dial 668779, 668259, 650124 to attend the talks.

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Job opportunity for IT enthusiasts

YANGON, 15 Feb—Talks on IT and Job opportunities, jointly organized by Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC) and the Opportunity Journal, will be held at the Conference Hall of Myanmar Information Centre (MIPC) and the Opportunity Journal, will give talks on job opportunities for youth and requirement of IT technicians in works for entrepreneurs.

Any interested person may dial 668779, 668259, 650124 to attend the talks.

Translation: HKA
Myanma Alin: 14-2-2010

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)
Cranberry juice boosts heart health

LONDON, 15 Feb—Researchers in London measured the cardio-protective potential of cranberry juice and found it may help lower blood pressure and help promote heart health. Researchers at Queen Mary University of London compared the cardio-protective potential of cranberry juice and that of red wine, cocoa and green tea and found that oligomeric procyanidins were present in regular and light cranberry juice cocktail. Dr Roger Corder of Queen Mary University identified oligomeric procyanidins in cranberries that can promote a healthy heart by inhibiting Endothelin-1 synthesis—a blood vessel constractor that causes heart disease. “Red wine has long been associated with heart health, but this new study shows that cranberry juice is a very promising alcohol-free alternative,” Corder, author of “The Red Wine Diet,” said in a statement. “We have now identified oligomeric procyanidins as the specific compound in cranberries that can boost the health of blood vessels, helping to prevent blood vessel constraction—a leading cause of high blood pressure.” The research was published in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

Father: Don’t treat kids as little adults

GAINESVILLE, 15 Feb—A Florida father who lost his young son to a series of preventable hospital medical errors said hospitals need to embrace a culture of listening to parents. Horst Ferrero’s 3-year-old son, Sebastian, died in 2007 after being administered a fatal dose of medication as part of a routine medical test. Horst and Luisa Ferrero, founders of the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation, are leading the effort to build a dedicated, full-service children’s hospital in Gainesville.

In an emotional retelling of his story at the Florida Association of Children’s Hospital’s dinner in Gainesville, Ferrero described what he called a “cascade of errors” that occurred when his son was hospitalized. If any member of the medical team had responded differently at any of a number of points along the way, his son’s life might have been saved, Ferrero said.

He urged hospitals to:
— Listen to parents. They know their children best and are speaking on their behalf.
— Build a culture that makes safety everyone’s responsibility. Double-checking can save lives.
— Treat the “whole” child. Every member of the medical team must be trained to observe and treat the whole child, not just focus on their limited scope of responsibility.
— Don’t treat children as little adults. Make sure staff at every level are trained and sensitized to the unique protocols associated with treating children.

PTSD threatens healthcare system overload

SAN DIEGO, 15 Feb—Post-traumatic stress disorder threatens to overload healthcare systems worldwide as cases increase and therapies fail to be effective. US researchers say. Dr Brenda K Wiederhold, editor in chief of Cyberpsychology, Behavior and Social Networking, and of the Interactive Media Institute, San Diego, says new approaches to treatment are relying on technology, such as virtual reality, to alleviate the psychologically damaging effects of PTSD.

PTSD is common in soldiers returning from combat duty and may also result from sexual or physical assault, imprisonment or hostage situations, terrorism, surviving an accident or disaster, or diagnosis with a life-threatening illness.

Experts dispute cause of mud volcano

PORONG, 15 Feb—Scientists and drilling experts say they’re in disagreement about whether a gas exploration well triggered a fatal mud volcano in Indonesia.

The world’s biggest mud volcano killed 13 people and displaced 30,000 more 25 May, 2006, in the Porong sub-district of Sidoarjo, East Java. Mud from the volcanic dome destroyed four villages and continues to ooze enough to fill 50 Olympic-size swimming pools every day, researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, said. The drilling firm Lapindo Brantas has said an earthquake centered 174 miles away triggered the volcano.

But that’s not the world we live in right now,” said Martin Smith, who teaches environmental economics at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Lack of a coordinated policy worldwide has pushed many fish stocks beyond sustainable yields and led to a precarious position for fisheries in food security, Smith and a consortium of international marine experts said.

Developing countries would benefit from more foreign aid for sustainable fishing gear, improved management and sustainable aquaculture facilities, the group said.

More aid needed for sustainable seafood

DURHAM, 15 Feb—Global food security could be enhanced if developed nations increased aid for sustainable seafood production in developing nations, US scientists said.

Seafood is a key source of protein for nearly 3 billion people but lack of a coordinated policy worldwide threatens the planet’s seafood supply, a group of economists and marine scientists wrote in a recent issue of Science.

“In an ideal world, each country governs its own resources well and the seafood trade contributes to worldwide economic growth and food security. But that’s not the world we live in right now,” said Martin Smith, who teaches environmental economics at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Lack of a coordinated policy worldwide has pushed many fish stocks beyond sustainable yields and led to a precarious position for fisheries in food security, Smith and a consortium of international marine experts said.

Developing countries would benefit from more foreign aid for sustainable fishing gear, improved management and sustainable aquaculture facilities, the group said.

Small farmers key to global food security

NAIKORI, 15 Feb—Helping the world’s smallest farms stay abreast of climate change and competition is key to feeding the planet’s growing population, scientists in Kenya said. Small farmers are neglected by agricultural aid policies, yet collectively they feed most of the world’s 1 billion low-income people, said the Kenyan-based International Livestock Research Institute.

Small farmers need help in understanding and coping with climate change, which will alter growing conditions, institute officials said in a recent issue of Science. They also need help in dealing with finite natural resources, including water, arable land and fossil fuels needed to produce fuel and fertilizer.

Most alarming, however, is that many regions in the poorest parts of the world already are being aggressively farmed and are close to being “tapped out” in terms of capacity for production, said Mario Herrero, a senior scientist at the institute.

“In most regions of the world, farming systems are under intense pressure,” Herrero said.

This photo released by Florida EcoSafaris show a guest experiencing a 750 foot zip through the Pine Flatwoods of the 4,700 acre Forever Florida wildlife conservation area. The Zipline Safari offered by Florida EcoSafaris at Forever Florida is the only full zipline wilderness course in the state of Florida. — INTERNET

File photo of an 18-metre tall statue of popular TV animation hero, Gundam flashing its eyes at a press preview at a Tokyo park. Another visitor to Tokyo, a 42-year-old housewife from Beijing, said she had spent 200,000 yen on “Gundam” combat robot toys for her 12-year-old son, out of a shopping budget for the trip of up to 500,000 yen.— INTERNET

Experts dispute cause of mud volcano

PORONG, 15 Feb—Scientists and drilling experts say they’re in disagreement about whether a gas exploration well triggered a fatal mud volcano in Indonesia.

The world’s biggest mud volcano killed 13 people and displaced 30,000 more 25 May, 2006, in the Porong sub-district of Sidoarjo, East Java. Mud from the volcanic dome destroyed four villages and continues to ooze enough to fill 50 Olympic-size swimming pools every day, researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, said. The drilling firm Lapindo Brantas has said an earthquake centered 174 miles away triggered the volcano.

But that’s not the world we live in right now,” said Martin Smith, who teaches environmental economics at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Lack of a coordinated policy worldwide has pushed many fish stocks beyond sustainable yields and led to a precarious position for fisheries in food security, Smith and a consortium of international marine experts said.

Developing countries would benefit from more foreign aid for sustainable fishing gear, improved management and sustainable aquaculture facilities, the group said.

More aid needed for sustainable seafood

DURHAM, 15 Feb—Global food security could be enhanced if developed nations increased aid for sustainable seafood production in developing nations, US scientists said.

Seafood is a key source of protein for nearly 3 billion people but lack of a coordinated policy worldwide threatens the planet’s seafood supply, a group of economists and marine scientists wrote in a recent issue of Science.

“In an ideal world, each country governs its own resources well and the seafood trade contributes to worldwide economic growth and food security. But that’s not the world we live in right now,” said Martin Smith, who teaches environmental economics at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Lack of a coordinated policy worldwide has pushed many fish stocks beyond sustainable yields and led to a precarious position for fisheries in food security, Smith and a consortium of international marine experts said.

Developing countries would benefit from more foreign aid for sustainable fishing gear, improved management and sustainable aquaculture facilities, the group said.

Small farmers key to global food security

NAIKORI, 15 Feb—Helping the world’s smallest farms stay abreast of climate change and competition is key to feeding the planet’s growing population, scientists in Kenya said. Small farmers are neglected by agricultural aid policies, yet collectively they feed most of the world’s 1 billion low-income people, said the Kenyan-based International Livestock Research Institute.

Small farmers need help in understanding and coping with climate change, which will alter growing conditions, institute officials said in a recent issue of Science. They also need help in dealing with finite natural resources, including water, arable land and fossil fuels needed to produce fuel and fertilizer.

Most alarming, however, is that many regions in the poorest parts of the world already are being aggressively farmed and are close to being “tapped out” in terms of capacity for production, said Mario Herrero, a senior scientist at the institute.

“In most regions of the world, farming systems are under intense pressure,” Herrero said.

This photo released by Florida EcoSafaris show a guest experiencing a 750 foot zip through the Pine Flatwoods of the 4,700 acre Forever Florida wildlife conservation area. The Zipline Safari offered by Florida EcoSafaris at Forever Florida is the only full zipline wilderness course in the state of Florida. — INTERNET

File photo of an 18-metre tall statue of popular TV animation hero, Gundam flashing its eyes at a press preview at a Tokyo park. Another visitor to Tokyo, a 42-year-old housewife from Beijing, said she had spent 200,000 yen on “Gundam” combat robot toys for her 12-year-old son, out of a shopping budget for the trip of up to 500,000 yen.— INTERNET
HIV illness ‘delayed by’ herpes drug aciclovir

WASHINGTON, 15 Feb — A common treatment for herpes can delay the need for HIV drugs in people with both infections, say US researchers. A study of 3,300 patients in Africa found aciclovir reduced the risk of HIV progression by 16%. The Lancet reports.

Although a “modest” effect, the researchers said the cheap treatment is a simple way of keeping people with HIV healthier for longer. One expert said it was important to note that aciclovir does not seem to make HIV patients less infectious. The researchers from the University of Washington, Seattle, concentrated on people infected with HIV-1 — the most common type of infection.

It is known that most people who are infected with HIV-1 are also infected with herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV2), or genital herpes. Previous studies have shown that keeping the herpes virus suppressed reduces HIV levels but it was unclear whether this would slow down the disease. Those in the trial were either given a twice daily dose of aciclovir or a dummy pill and then they were monitored for two years. At the end of the study, 284 people on aciclovir had either started taking HIV medication, had a drop in CD4 count suggesting they should be on medica-
tion or had died.—Internet

IT revolution an achilles heel for Swiss bank secrecy

GENEVA, 15 Feb — The digital revolution is turning into the archilles heel of Swiss banks, according to security and banking experts quizzed about recent stolen data turning up in the hands of neighbouring countries.

CD-ROMs, USB sticks and even mobile phone cameras have become handy options for disgruntled or ambitious staff to copy computer data on thousands of clients when a few years ago a cumbersome paper trail was needed.

Swiss banks built much of their recent reputation around a legal obligation to maintain secrecy on their customers’ banking affairs — criminal cases aside — including from the taxman, whether in Switzerland or abroad.

But preventing one-off leaks, which can have much a bigger scope than before, is becoming a con-
undrum.

Banks are “big consumers of Information Technology” and have to “square the circle” to counter the threat, Gregoire Ribordy, director of network security firm IDQuantique told AFP.—Internet

The 77th Lemon Festival takes place from 12 February to 3 March 2010. Each year the festival follows a given theme, this year it is “Menton does cinema”. The Lemon Festival attracts each year more than 230,000 visitors. It’s the second biggest event on the Riviera after the Carnival of Nice. It uses the services of over 300 professionals and requires 145 tons of citrus fruit.

Astronauts install space station observation deck

CAPE CANAVERAL, 15 Feb — Two NASA astronauts were readying to undertake a second spacewalk Saturday to com-
plete work on a seven-windowed observation dome aboard the International Space Station.

Crew members from the shuttle Endeavour and space station entered the newly set-up Tranquility node and cupola late Fri-
day, but the dome’s window shutters remained closed, denying astronauts the first spectacular panoramic views of Earth from the orbiting outpost.

US astronaut Bob Behnken and his British-born partner Nicholas Patrick will at 9:10 pm (0200 GMT Sunday) begin their second spacewalk of the Endeavour mission, hooking up exter-
ror fluid lines for the mas-
sive Tranquility node. NASA said the cupola’s shutters would be opened Tuesday, giving station occupants not only an out-of-this world room with a view, but also vital access for monitoring space walks and docking operations. On their first outing, the pair used a large mechanical arm to hoist into place the 2,600-
cubic-foot (74-cubic-me-
ter) addition to the space station, built for NASA by the European group Thales Alenia Space in their Tu-
lum factory.

The US space agency said astronauts that entered the newly attached module on Friday had to initially wear goggles and masks to protect against floating debris left over from its in-
stallation.—Internet

Grandparents who care for children ‘boost obesity risk’

LONDON, 15 Feb — Young children who are regularly looked after by their grandparents have an increased risk of being overweight, an extensive British study has sug-
gested. Analysis of 12,000 three-year-olds suggested the risk was 34% higher if grandpar-
ents cared for them full time.

Children who went to nursery or had a childminder had no in-
creased risk of weight problems, the Interna-
tional Journal of Obesity reported. Nearly a quarter of preschool children in the UK are overweight or obese.

The researchers said very little research had been done on the influence of childcare on weight. Yet childcare may have an ef-

Dutch tourist shooting mars start of Rio Carnival

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Feb — A 37-year-old Dutch tour-
ist was in hospital in Rio de Janeiro after being shot twice by a mugger who attacked him and his wife after the city’s fabled Carnival festivities got under way, police told AFP.

“This is the worst crime we have had against a for-

to visit this year and we are worried about it,” the head of the special tourist police unit handling the assault, Gilbert Stivanello, said on Saturday.

The Dutchman, identified as Alexander Kors Johannes Vervoort, was shot in the stomach and arm during the assault late Friday. He remained in inten-
sive care, though was conscious.

The crime occurred as Vervoort and his wife, Ella Vervoort Ferwerda, were walking alone to the summit of a hill where Rio’s landmark giant Christ the Re-
demer statue is located. The popular tourist spot at-
tracts 1.8 million visitors a year.

The wife, also 37, was beaten about the head with a pistol but was not badly hurt. The single mugger, described as a very young and small man, ran from the scene, leaving behind the camera, wallet, backpack and handbag he had been trying to steal.—Internet

The 77th Lemon Festival takes place from 12 February to 3 March 2010. Each year the festival follows a given theme, this year it is “Menton does cinema”. The Lemon Festival attracts each year more than 230,000 visitors. It’s the second biggest event on the Riviera after the Carnival of Nice. It uses the services of over 300 professionals and requires 145 tons of citrus fruit.

Astronauts install space station observation deck

CAPE CANAVERAL, 15 Feb — Two NASA astro-

the newly attached module

on Friday had to initially

wear goggles and masks
to protect against floating
debris left over from its in-
stallation.—Internet

This NASA TV video grab from 12 February shows two NASA astronauts during a mission to install a seven-windowed observation dome aboard the International Space Station. Two NASA astronauts were readying to undertake a second spacewalk to com-
plete work on the observation dome.—Internet

Grandparents who care for children ‘boost obesity risk’

LONDON, 15 Feb — Young children who are regularly looked after by their grandparents have an increased risk of being overweight, an extensive British study has sug-
gested. Analysis of 12,000 three-year-olds suggested the risk was 34% higher if grandpar-
ents cared for them full time.

Children who went to nursery or had a childminder had no in-
creased risk of weight problems, the Interna-
tional Journal of Obesity reported. Nearly a quarter of preschool children in the UK are overweight or obese.

The researchers said very little research had been done on the influence of childcare on weight. Yet childcare may have an ef-

Dutch tourist shooting mars start of Rio Carnival

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Feb — A 37-year-old Dutch tour-
ist was in hospital in Rio de Janeiro after being shot twice by a mugger who attacked him and his wife after the city’s fabled Carnival festivities got under way, police told AFP.

“This is the worst crime we have had against a for-

to visit this year and we are worried about it,” the head of the special tourist police unit handling the assault, Gilbert Stivanello, said on Saturday.

The Dutchman, identified as Alexander Kors Johannes Vervoort, was shot in the stomach and arm during the assault late Friday. He remained in inten-
sive care, though was conscious.

The crime occurred as Vervoort and his wife, Ella Vervoort Ferwerda, were walking alone to the summit of a hill where Rio’s landmark giant Christ the Re-
demer statue is located. The popular tourist spot at-
tracts 1.8 million visitors a year.

The wife, also 37, was beaten about the head with a pistol but was not badly hurt. The single mugger, described as a very young and small man, ran from the scene, leaving behind the camera, wallet, backpack and handbag he had been trying to steal.—Internet
Invitation To Sealed Tender
Sealed Tenders are invited to transport Kalaywa Coal from Kalaywa Coal Mines to Nay Pyi Taw Cement Factory Project (Taungthla) –
Tender forms and documents are available at the Industrial Raw Material Planning Department, Myanmar Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted on the Closing Date of (26.2.2010) and only from bidder who purchased Tender document officially. (For further details, contact telephone number 067- 408361)

Myanma Ceramic Industries

Fleming, Flowers hurt in motorcade crash

VANCOUVER, 15 Feb— US Olympic champions Peggy Fleming and Vonetta Flowers were injured on Sunday when a van in Vice President Joe Biden’s motorcade crashed, a Biden spokesman said. The injuries were described as minor. The motorcade was en route an Olympic event in Vancouver, British Columbia, when the collision occurred, Biden spokesman Jay Carney said in a statement.

“Earlier this afternoon, a van in the Vice President’s motorcade carrying members of the official US Olympic Games Delegation was involved in a minor accident while travelling to an event,” Carney said. “Two members of the delegation, Peggy Fleming and Vonetta Flowers, received minor injuries and were taken to a local hospital as a precaution.”

Carney said Fleming, 61, and Flowers, 36, have left the hospital. No one else in the Biden party was injured he said. Fleming — a member of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame, the US Figure Skating Hall of Fame and the US Olympic Hall of Fame — was in Vancouver to help cover the victims. Meanwhile in Lanao del Norte Province, police said a businessman and son of a former village officials were also kidnapped.

Death toll in Yemeni helicopter crash rises to 13

SANAA, 15 Feb — The death toll in a helicopter crash in Yemen’s northern province of Saada rose to 13, the state-run Saba news agency reported on Sunday. The helicopter went down on Sunday at Kahlun region in Saada province immediately after it took off,” the agency quoted a source of the Defense Ministry as saying.

The source added: “The crash was because of a technical problem.” The source said the chopper hit a military vehicle when it touched the ground, leaving 13 soldiers dead, including the chopper’s four crew members. “The helicopter was heading to the capital city of Sanaa to transfer seven injured soldiers to hospitals there for receiving treatment,” said the source. — Xinhua

Two killed in crash after Valentine’s Day robbery in LA

LOS ANGELES, 15 Feb — Two men were killed in a crash Sunday after robbing a street-corner Valentine’s Day flower stand, Los Angeles police said. Police chased the two men who sped off after the robbery early in the morning. Los Angeles police Lt Samuel Rhone of the Newton Station said the suspects robbing died when their getaway car crashed near the Civic Centre, he said.

It started when two men stole gift baskets and cash from a street vendor selling Valentine’s Day gifts, Rhone said. The suspects then circled the block in a Nissan car multiple times, prompted a chase by police who were alerted by the victim. It ended a few blocks away, when the suspects crashed into a parked vehicle and were thrown from the car, Rhone said. Both were pronounced dead at the scene, he added. The suspects were not immediately identified.

Taleban re-release video of two French hostages

KABUL, 15 Feb — The Taleban have re-released a video of two French journalists kidnapped in Afghanistan in December. The video was posted on a Web site and the link was provided by Taleban spokesman Zabullah Mujahid. On it the two journalists plead for their release.

The pair disappeared on 30 Dec along with two or three Afghan employees while travelling in Kapisa province northeast of Kabul. French soldiers in the region are fighting the Taleban and other insurgents as part of NATO’s mission in Afghanistan.

Last month, French President Nicolas Sarkozy confirmed the two were alive and healthy. He said France is doing everything possible to secure their release.

Haiti airport to reopen for big carriers on Friday

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 15 Feb— Haiti’s international airport, a key economic lifeline for the poorest country in the Americas, will reopen on Friday for the first time since a massive earthquake destroyed its control tower, a US military official said.

American Airlines will begin flying to Port-au-Prince on 19 February, with Air Canada and Air France to follow shortly after, Brigadier General Darryl Burke, Vice Commander of Air Forces Southern, said in an interview over the weekend. The airport was turned over almost entirely to disaster relief and military flights after the 12 January earthquake, which destroyed hundreds of buildings in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and killed 212,000 people.

The quake caused serious damage to the airport’s terminal. Crowds have repaired airport lighting and the part of the terminal that the airplanes will use, Burke said. — Internet

Arcitic Ocean off the coast of Greenland.

Greenland’s continent-sized ice sheet is being significantly eroded by winds and currents that drive warmer water into fjords, where it carries out the base of coastal glaciers, according to studies released on Sunday. — Internet

A wobbegong shark glides over the ocean floor in Sydney. A suspected attack by a feared great white shark in the city has been exposed as a bite from a docile wobbegong, a species that usually shuns humans, experts have said. — Internet
Yemen rebels may free Saudi soldiers in days

SANAA, 15 Feb—Yemeni Shi’ite rebels are expected to hand over five captive Saudi soldiers within a week, a Saudi-owned newspaper reported on Sunday, following a 48-hour ultimatum set by Riyadh.

Yemen promised on Sunday to extend state control into rebel areas, including the border with Saudi Arabia, and said some violations of a cease-fire newly agreed with Abdul Malik al-Houthi, the northern rebels’ leader, should be expected.

Saudi Arabia has demanded that the rebels, who are in conflict with both Riyadh and Sanaa, should hand over the five missing soldiers. It says this would prove they are serious about ending the fight with Riyadh which has raged since insurgents seized some Saudi territory in November.

“We have enough time to deal with this issue (the release of the Saudi soldiers) as the deadline set by the authorities ... is 72 hours,” Ahmed al-Salami, a parliamentarian who is a member of a committee overseeing the truce, told Reuters.

Somali pirates get 15-year sentences for hijacking, kidnapping

DIBOUTI, 15 Feb—A court in Somalia handed out 15-year prison sentences to 11 pirates yesterday, the presiding judge said. Prosecutors at the court in Berbera, in the breakaway northern state of Somaliland, brought a number of charges against the men, including piracy and attempted kidnapping.

They showed the court photos obtained from NATO naval forces showing the pirates when they were arrested last December. “The trial, which lasted a week, was finally concluded today after the evidence brought before the court showed that the 11 were involved in piracy and hijacking,” the court finally announced its verdict—a jail term of 15 years each,” Osman Ibrahim Dahir, the presiding judge, said.

The pirates were detained after they attacked an international naval force ship, mistaking it for a commercial ship off the Somali coast. The international forces disarmed and released them, but they were sentenced again after they were arrested again a few days later by Somaliland coastguards who spotted them in a coastal village near Djibouti. “Some of the pirates confessed their crimes while others were still reluctant to confess, but they were sentenced and sent to jail,” said Jamal Abdikarim, a security officer in Berbera.

Australian court sentences five men in terror plot

SYDNEY, 15 Feb—An Australian court on Monday sentenced five men to prison terms of 23 to 28 years after convicting them of preparing for terrorist attacks on unspecified targets by stockpiling explosive chemicals and firearms. Justice Anthony Whealy of the New South Wales Supreme Court said he had little hope that the men, aged 25 to 44, could be rehabilitated, saying they were motivated by “intolerant, inflexible religious conviction” and had shown contempt for the Australian government, its leaders and laws.

The men were found guilty last October on charges linked to preparing for a terrorist act between July 2004 and November 2005. The men — Australian-born or naturalized citizens with immigrant backgrounds — had all pleaded not guilty to the charges.

At least seven dead in Chicago-area fire

CICERO, 15 Feb—Seven people, including a 3-day-old baby, were killed in a house fire in Cicero, Ill., on Sunday, authorities said. The other six victims ranged in age from 3 to 20, the Chicago Sun-Times reported. The fire broke out around 6:30 am on Sunday in a multifamily dwelling that may have housed as many as 25 people, authorities said.

Cicero town spokesman Ray Hanania said the fire burned in at least three buildings. Hanania said there was “no evidence to suggest arson” but the cause of the fire had not been determined last Sunday. “We’re looking into why this fire took place and what may have resulted in such a tragic loss of so many people in one building,” he said.

Two Kenyan soldiers killed at border with Sudan

NAIROBI, 15 Feb—Two Kenyan soldiers were shot dead and six seriously injured in an ambush by unknown gunmen at the Kenya-Sudan border on Sunday. Kenya’s Military Spokesman Bogita Ongeri confirmed the incident, saying the Kenyan team was on routine patrol early on Sunday when they were ambushed. Six others were airlifted to Nairobi with serious injuries sustained during the attack.

However, the military spokesman could not confirm that the attackers, some in military fatigues, also took away all the guns belonging to the eight casualties. Witnesses said the attackers made away with the officers’ uniforms, but Ongeri said he was yet to get such a brief. The border has been in contention over a number of issues including the location of immigration offices.

Afghan civilians, who have fled Marjah, sit on the back of a pick-up truck as they arrive in Lashkar Gah, in Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan, on 13 Feb, 2010. — Internet

Computer Engineer Barbie is shown, on 12 Feb, 2010 at the New York Toy Fair. Mattel introduced the 126th career doll for the iconic toy. Computer Engineer Barbie features a binary code patterned T-shirt and all of the latest gadgets including a smart phone, Bluetooth headset and laptop travel bag. — Internet

Children play as a storm approaches a beach in the Netherlands in 2007. The Internet climate change panel admitted Sunday to having imprecisely stated in a key report that 55 percent of The Netherlands is under sea level, saying that is only the area at risk of flooding. — Internet
China coach says team needs work despite E Asia win

BEIJING, 15 Feb.—The new head of China’s scan-
dal-plagued football association praised the national
team’s East Asian championship win, but said the
squad still had a long way to go to regain world-class
status.China on Sunday reclaimed the East Asia title
it last won in 2005, finishing the round-robin even
with two wins over Hong Kong and South Korea, and
a scoreless draw with Japan. Wei Di, who was named
to head the Chinese Football Association (CFA) after
his predecessor was detained on corruption allega-
sions, said while the performance was a good one, the play-
ers and their coach have more work to do.

“The East Asia Cup is not as important a competi-
tion as the World Cup or the World Cup qualifier ... so
that means Gao Hongbo and his team have not been
truly tested,” Wei was quoted as saying by the Beijing
Youth Daily on Monday.—Internet

Verdasco rallies to beat Roddick for San Jose title

SAN JOSE, 15 Feb.—Second-seeded Spaniard
Fernando Verdasco rallied to topple top-seeded Andy
Roddick 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to win the ATP Tour SAP Open.
Verdasco, who claimed his fourth career title, had lost 15 straight
matches against top-10 players before breaking through against world
number seven Roddick. He became the first Span-

INTERNET

Dustin Johnson survives to win at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, 15 Feb.—Dustin Johnson stood on
the 18th tee as powerful waves crashed along the sea
wall along the left side of the famous 18th hole at Peb-
ble Beach. Then he turned to face what he considers
the toughest drive on the golf course. “It’s such a gor-
geous hole,” Johnson said. “If you miss it a little left,
it’s not so pretty.” What followed was a tee shot as
majestic as the scenery around him.

Johnson’s drive was long and pure, setting up a sim-
ple birdie from the greenside bunker Sunday. It gave
him a one-shot victory over David Duval and J.B.
Holmes, making him the first player in 20 years to win
back-to-back in the Pebble Beach National Pro-
Am. Johnson closed with a 2-over 74, the highest final
round by a Pebble Beach champion since Johnny
Miller (74) in 1994. The 25-year-old Johnson is the
first player since Tiger Woods to go straight from col-
lege and win in each of his first three years on the
PGA Tour.—Internet

INTERNET

Jim Furyk puts on the seventh hole during the
final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
golf tournament at Pebble Beach Golf Links in
Pebble Beach, Calif., on 14 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

INTERNET

Wobbly Bordeaux rediscover winning feeling

PARIS, 15 Feb.—French champions
Bordeaux returned to winning ways on
Sunday night with a nervy 3-1 victory at
home to Saint Etienne that re-established
their three-point lead at the top of the ta-
ble. The chasing pack had closed the gap
on Saturday following wins for
Montpellier, Lille, Lyon and Marseille,
while Bordeaux went down 4-2 at Rennes
in their last league outing and lost to Mo-
naco in the French Cup in mid-week.

They got back on track against fifth-
bottom Saint Etienne though, but only af-
fer Les Verts substitute Gonzalo Bergessio
missed a second-half penalty that could
have earned his struggling side a share of
the points.—Internet

INTERNET

Napoli slow Inter title charge as Juve bounce back

ROME, 15 Feb.—Napoli held leaders Inter Milan to
a 0-0 draw in a pulsating encounter in Naples to give
the champions’ title rivals a boost on Sunday. Earlier
in the day Italian veteran Alessandro Del Piero scored
a controversial late spot-kick to give out-of-form Serie
A giants Juventus a much-needed 3-2 victory over
Genoa.

Napoli had the best of Sunday night’s game at the
San Paolo stadium, hitting the woodwork twice before
Inter’s once, but the champions held on to extend their
lead over Roma to seven points, although AC Milan
could cut that to six if they win their game in hand.Inter
coach Jose Mourinho admitted Napoli deserved some-
thing from the game but said his side should have had
a penalty when a Morcon cross hit Salvatore Aronica’s
arm in the box in the first half.—Internet

INTERNET

Bordeaux’s forward Marouane Chamakh (R) fights for the ball with Saint-Etienne’s defender
Mohammedou Dabo (L) during their French L1 football match, at the Champan Delystan stadium in Bor-
doux, western France.—INTERNET

INTERNET

Fulham into quarter-finals after killing off County

LONDON, 15 Feb.—Fulham romped into the
FA Cup quarter-finals with an emphatic 4-0 win
over League Two team
Notts County on Saturday.
Roy Hodgson’s side raced into
a two-goal lead before half-time at Craven
Cottage thanks to strikes from
Simon Davies and Bobby Zamora. Damien
Duff and Stefano Okaka
added further goals in the
second half to put the defence wide
open before Sergio
Aguero missed an excel-
lent chance to add to the
lead.—Internet

INTERNET

Verdasco rallies to beat Roddick for San Jose title

SAN JOSE, 15 Feb.—Second-seeded Spaniard
Fernando Verdasco rallied to topple top-seeded Andy
Roddick 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to win the ATP Tour SAP Open.
Verdasco, who claimed his fourth career title, had lost 15 straight
matches against top-10 players before breaking through against world
number seven Roddick. He became the first Span-

INTERNET

INTERNET

INTERNET

INTERNET

INTERNET

INTERNET

INTERNET
Mobile phone subscriptions to reach five bln in 2010

GENEVA, 15 Feb—The number of mobile phone subscriptions worldwide were expected to reach 5 billion this year, compared with 4.6 billion in 2009, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) said on Monday.

Mobile broadband subscriptions, which topped 600 million in 2009, are projected to exceed 1 billion around the world in 2010.

The ITU attributed the subscriptions increase to advanced services and handsets in developed countries, and expanded mobile health services and mobile banking in developing countries.

The Geneva-based ITU was founded in 1865 and has 191 member states.

Xinhua
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

Yesagyo-Tamadan embankment to supply sufficient irrigation water

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Myanmar, rich in natural and water resources, is agro-based country. All types of crop can be grown if there is land and water. The Agriculture Mechanization Department is reclaiming farmlands as the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is striving to provide irrigation water to the farmlands. Dams and reservoirs were constructed to store rain and mountain torrent water. In addition, sinking tube wells were sunk to make use of underground water and river water pumping projects were built to pursue irrigation water.

Tamadan embankment is being built in Yesagyo Township in Pakokku District of Magway Division to store river water while the river water level rises. A villager passing through thriving sunflower plantation beside Tamadan embankment.

The Ediacaran Doushantuo Formation and overlying Dengying Formation crop out in the background above the Yangtze River near Yichang city and the Three Gorges Dam, Hubei Province, China.—INTERNET

New picture of ancient ocean chemistry argues for chemically layered water

SCIENCE DAILY, 15 Feb —A research team led by biogeochemists at the University of California, Riverside has developed a detailed and dynamic three-dimensional model of Earth’s early ocean chemistry that can significantly advance our understanding of how early animal life evolved on the planet.

Working on rock samples from the Doushantuo Formation of South China, one of the oldest fossil beds and long viewed by paleontologists to be a window to early animal evolution, the research team is the first to show that Earth’s early ocean chemistry during a large portion of the Ediacaran Period (635-551 million years ago) was far more complex than previously imagined.—Internet