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NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of three-storey main building of University of Computer Studies (Lashio) in Lashio, Shan State (North) at 8 am today. The Prime Minister unveiled the stone inscription of the University and made a speech on the occasion. It was attended by Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, ministers, the auditor-general, deputy ministers, departmental heads, members of social organizations, Acting Principal Dr Daw Nan Soe Soe Aung of the University, faculty members, students, townstelders and local people.

The Prime Minister grew a Gangaw plant (Mesua ferrea) in front of the building to mark the opening of the building. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the commander and the ministers also grew Gangaw plants.

The Prime Minister opened stone inscription of the building and sprinkled it with scented water. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Minister U Thaung and townstelders also sprinkled it with scented water.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening of three-storey main building of University of Computer Studies (Lashio)
Maintain infrastructural buildings in concert

In the Union of Myanmar, various national races have been living in harmony through thick and thin from time immemorial. So, national brethren are to be equipped with a strong sense of Union Spirit.

Today, the government is working hard for development of the whole multicultural country. In the drive, it is implementing many projects including road and bridge projects for greater development of the regions that are still with poor transport.

In the past, Namsang in Shan State (North) was not easily accessible. Now, Namsang-Hsipaw Road, Namsang-Kyaukme Road and Namsang-Mongton Road have been upgraded to all-weather ones. And the township has got a 50-bed general hospital in addition to many infrastructural buildings in the education, electric power and communication sectors.

Similarly, there have been Mongton-Namtu Road and Mongton-Namsang Road that line Mongton and Namtu townships. The regions have to engage in the agriculture and livestock breeding in combination for economic growth. For those regions, cultivation of paddy in highlands is enough for local rice sufficiency. Local farmers should test five-acre paddy farming and five-acre tea farming for a plot each in the interest of their posterity. They have to try to extend their livestock farming from small to commercial scale.

The government has many projects on the go for equitable development of all regions. It has built many road networks covering the whole nation. For human resource development, it has opened numerous basic education schools along with arts and science university, a university for computer studies and a technological university.

Minister for Education and the Ministry of Culture have got extra archaeological knowledge thanks to refresher course of the department. Concluding ceremony of the course was held at Archaeological Technology Training School in Pyay Division on 8 March, with an address by Director-General of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library U Sann Win.

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Regular diploma courses and refresher courses for officers will be conducted at the training school.

Practice makes perfect

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March — With the aim of increasing the awareness of fire preventive measures among staff of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board and systematic use of fire fighting equipment, CSSTB and Central Fire Brigade (Nay Pyi Taw) jointly organized an educative talk on prevention against fire and fire drill at the auditorium of the office of the CSSTB here this morning.

The deputy director of the Central Fire Brigade (Nay Pyi Taw) gave talks.

Next, the firemen demonstrated how to use the fire extinguisher.

Introduction of Nay Pyi Taw FC

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March — The ceremony to introduce of Nay Pyi Taw FC took place at Royal Kumudra Hotel here this morning, attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

Nay Pyi Taw FC CEO U Kyaw Oo introduced the commander to the managers and players of the football club, and Nay Pyi Taw FC Chairman U Phyo Ko Ko Tint Hsan gave accounts of founding the team.

The commander presented a winning pennant to the chairman.

Preparations for achieving success in SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March — So as to achieve success in the SEA Games, a coordination meeting was held at the Ministry of Sports yesterday.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint explained selection of players by sports federations, maintenance of gymnasiums and training centres.

Chairman of Sports Plus Education Leading Committee Deput Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min discussed holding of students sports meets and Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, turning out new generation athletes.

Departmental heads of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Sports and officials keenly participated in the discussions.

Dy Education Minister visits matriculation exam centres

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—The matriculation examination for 2010 academic year began across the nation today.

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Talks on administration and management at Yuzana Tower

YANGON, 10 March — Khin Maung Nyo (Economics) and professors will give talks on administration and management capacity enhancement at Yuzana Tower at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Shwegondine Street in Bahan Township here from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 13 and 14 March.

Those who want to attend the talk may enlist at Ph: 556183 and 09-5157032.

Beware of fire
Suicide attack kills five in eastern Afghan Province

KABUL, 10 March—A suicide attack rocked Paktika Province in east Afghanistan on Wednesday morning, killing five persons, provincial police chief Dawlat Khan Zadran said.

“The incident occurred in Barmal District this morning. As a result, five persons including four Afghan soldiers and one border police constable were martyred,” Zadran told Xinhua.

He also said that it is initial report and the casualties could rise.

Zadran blamed Taleban militants for the attack, saying the militants by organzing such offenses attempt to destabilize security in the province.—Xinhua

Two NATO soldiers killed in eastern Afghanistan

KHOST, 10 March—Two NATO soldiers were killed on Tuesday when a suicide bomber blew himself up outside a military base in Afghanistan, the alliance and local government sources said.

NATO spokesman Lieutenant Commander Iain Baxter confirmed two alliance soldiers had been killed in a suicide attack in Khost but was unable to give further details about the incident or disclose the soldier’s nationalities.

A local government source, who declined to be named, told Reuters that a man wearing a suicide vest detonated the device outside a US military base also used by the Afghan National Border Police in Khost Province, close to Afghanistan’s eastern border with Pakistan.

Roadside bomb kills four including three police in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 10 March—Three police and one civilian were killed as a roadside bomb struck a police vehicle in Kandahar, the former stronghold of Taleban militants in south Afghanistan on Tuesday.

“This afternoon, a roadside bomb hit a police van in Spin Boldak District killing four people including three police constables and a passerby,” commander of Border Police in the district General Abdul Razaq told Xinhua.—Xinhua

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

KABUL, 10 March—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

According to the Internet news, a total of 32648 Afghan people were killed and 39001 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 10 March.

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 10 March—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 10 March reached 700573 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1265202 according to the news on the Internet.

Iraqi children stand on the rubble of a collapsed building at the site of an explosion in Baghdad. Millions of Iraqis braved waves of deadly rocket, mortar and bomb attacks that killed 38 on Sunday.—INTERNET

Three policemen killed in attack in western Iraq

FALLUJA, 10 March—Three policemen were killed in a bomb explosion followed by gunfire in a village in Iraq’s western province of Anbar on Tuesday, a provincial police source said.

The incident took place when gunmen blew up a roadside bomb near a car carrying three policemen in Hissy village east of Fallujah city, some 50 km west of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast was followed by small arms fire attack, killing the three policemen, the source said.

The attack came a day after the country’s landmark parliamentary elections, in which Iraqis made a turnout of 62.4 percent across the country.

Anbar Province which has been relatively calm after Sunni tribes and anti-US insurgent groups turned to cooperate with the US troops and Iraqi security forces against al-Qaeda in Iraq network.—Xinhua

Afghan security forces disperse the media from the site of an explosion and a gun battle in the Shar-e Naw area in the heart of the capital Kabul in February 2010.—INTERNET

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Children gather at the scene of a blast which leveled a building in northeastern Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 March, 2010.—INTERNET

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**US, Russia resume talks on reducing nuclear arsenals**

**Geneva, 10 March—** Negotiators from the United States and Russia on Tuesday resumed talks aimed at reaching a new nuclear arms reduction agreement to replace the 1991 START treaty, diplomatic sources said.

The talks were resumed at the US diplomatic mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva. Like previous rounds of talks, negotiators were meeting behind closed doors and no news conferences were scheduled.

The two sides have been trying since last May to negotiate a new nuclear arms reduction deal as part of their efforts to “reset” relations between the two countries.

The new deal was supposed to replace the old START treaty (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty), which was signed in 1991 and led to major reductions in the US and Russian nuclear arsenals at the end of the Cold War.

But the negotiators had missed an original target to reach a new deal before the expiry of START, which was on 5 Dec, 2009. According to Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, “there are chances” that the negotiations could be concluded in two to three weeks.

But “there are no artificial deadlines,” he told reporters in Moscow.

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**Israel, Syria eye nuclear power plants**

**Paris, 10 March—** Israel and Syria each announced plans Tuesday to develop nuclear power to meet the energy needs of the volatile Middle East, during a conference hosted by France to promote reactors.

Israel said it was ready to build a joint nuclear plant with its Arab neighbours but Jordan flatly rejected the proposal, saying it was premature to discuss such cooperation without first settling the Palestinian conflict.

“Nuclear energy can be an area of regional cooperation with the objective of promoting peace,” Israeli Infrastructure Minister Uzi Landau told the Paris conference.

Syria, which has been investigated by the UN nuclear watchdog over its alleged attempt to build a secret nuclear reactor, also said it would like to develop atomic energy.—Internet

**Israel to expand recall of Tundra pickups for rust**

**Washington, 10 March—** Toyota said Tuesday it will expand a recall announced last year to fix Tundra pickup trucks with frames that could rust and lead to spare tires falling from the vehicle.

Toyota spokesman Brian Lyons said the recall will cover Tundra pickups from the 2003 model years in all 50 states.

It would broaden a recall announced in November that covered 110,000 trucks in 20 “cold weather” states and the District of Columbia.

Lyons said dealers were notified of the expanded recall on Tuesday but he did not immediately know how many additional trucks would be covered. He said Toyota would provide more details.—Internet

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**Denmark’s coast hits by oil pollution**

**Stockholm, 10 March—** The northwestern coast of Denmark has been hit by oil pollution, according to reports reaching here from Copenhagen on Tuesday.

The oil slick is about two metres wide and 30 kilometres long with various thickness along the west coast of Northern Jutland in Denmark, said the Danish daily Politiken. Jutland forms the mainland part of Denmark.

It has the North Sea to its west and the Baltic Sea to its east. “This is quite a major pollution event,” Environment expert Viggo Larsen was quoted as saying by Politiken, adding that Admiral Fleet Denmark (SOK), which patrols Danish waters for signs of vessels that may leak oil or jettison tanks reported no suspicious vessels.—Xinhua

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**Nine al-Qaeda members killed in drone attack in Pakistan**

**Islamabad, 10 March—** Nine al-Qaeda members have been killed in a US drone attack in Pakistan’s North Waziristan, local TV channels reported on Tuesday.

A suspected US drone on Monday night fired five missiles against a hotel near Miranshah, the headquarters of North Waziristan, killing at least nine persons and injuring several others.

Initial reports on Monday suggested that five missiles were fired hitting a compound in Malay Khan Serai area. The private ARY News reported that the target of the attack was a hotel in the area where a meeting of al-Qaeda members was being held.

In the attack nine persons were killed, including six Arabs, two Uzbeks and one Pakistani.

Local authorities had confirmed the attack in Pakistan’s North Waziristan, a volatile tribal area bordering South Waziristan, hometown of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) leadership, on one side and Afghanistan on the other. However, they said nothing about the fresh reports about killing of nine al-Qaeda militants.

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**Campus shooting kills one, wounds two in Ohio**

**Washington, 10 March—** Campus officials said on Tuesday a shooting killed one worker in Ohio State University in Columbus. Two people were wounded, including the suspect, who was in custody.

Campus police chief Paul Denton told reporters the suspect was a university employee, who fired on co-workers in a campus maintenance building on Tuesday, killing one, wounding another. The suspect was also wounded. No students were injured. The two wounded were taken to university medical centre for treatment. One of them was in critical condition, and the other was stable.—Xinhua

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**Partial view of the Dimona nuclear power plant in Israel’s southern Negev Desert, pictured in 2002. Israel and Syria are separately eyeing plans to develop nuclear power to meet the energy needs of the volatile Middle East, ministers told a conference hosted by France to promote reactors.—Internet**

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**Xinhua**
Austria considers Mongolia as important EU partner in Asia

VIENNA, 10 March—Austrian Prime Minister Werner Faymann welcomed the increasing importance of Mongolia as a partner of the European Union (EU) in Central and East Asia, at a reception he hosted for visiting Mongolian Prime Minister Sukhbaatar Batbold on Tuesday in Vienna. According to a news release from the Austrian Federal Chancellery, the meetings between Faymann and Batbold focused on economic and political issues. Faymann hailed the good bilateral relations between Austria and Mongolia.

Pirates seize Kenyan-flagged fishing ship

NAIROBI, 10 March—Somali pirates have hijacked a Kenyan-flagged fishing vessel with 16 crew members onboard in the Indian Ocean off Somalia, a regional maritime official said on Tuesday. Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP) said the Sakoba was taken last week but he received information on Tuesday.

“The fishing vessel was hijacked last week but we received information on Tuesday. It’s not clear when the vessel was seized but it seemed it was in the Kenyan waters,” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa. He said the vessel has 10 Kenya’s, a Spanish captain, a Polish chef engineer, two Senegalese, a Namibian and a citizen of Cape Verde. Reports said the ship was last registered in Spain three years ago. However, a statement from the European Union said the Kenyan-flagged fishing vessel was hijacked 400 nautical miles (740 km) east of Dur Es Salam.

“The Sakoba is heading towards (the Somali coastal village of) Haradere and EU Navfor is continuing to monitor the situation,” the statement said.—Xinhua

China's CFPA donates medical equipment to Sudan's BTO

KHARTOUM, 10 March—China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (CFPA) on Tuesday handed over 110,000 US dollars' worth of medical equipment to Sudan’s Al Birt and Al-Tawasul Organization (BTO). The CFPA donation, including 12 sets of portable ultrasound diagnostic scanners, infant incubators, stainless-steel sterilizer and 500 pieces of solar and hand-winding electric charged torch-radios, was handed over to the BTO at a ceremony held at the Chinese embassy here on Tuesday.

The ceremony was organized by the Chinese embassy in cooperation with Sudanese Ministry of Health and Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs. CFPA Vice Secretary General Yang Qinghai, addressing the ceremony, said the first batch of the equipment had arrived in Sudan in February and would be distributed among 12 hospitals for women and children through the BTO.

“The CFPA will continue to strengthen the exchange and cooperation with the BTO and make more contribution in hospital-building and community development,” he said. Chinese ambassador to Sudan Li Chengwen, for his part, said both CFPA and BTO were important NGOs devoted to humanitarian and charity work.—Xinhua

Medvedev calls for Silicon-Valley-like research centre

MOSCOW, 10 March—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Tuesday called for intensified efforts to establish a research and development centre similar to the Silicon Valley in the United States.

“I do not know if we can manage to build a Silicon Valley of our own, but the idea is to set up an innovative centre to do research and further commercialize its results,” Medvedev was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying at a meeting on preparations for the centre.

Medvedev instructed the government to choose the location of the prospective centre and to define its sources of funding and functions.

“Officially, we will call it a research and development centre. In fact, it will be a compound to facilitate the development of state-of-the-art technologies,” he said.

Medvedev added the centre would need to attract foreign experts to get the most out of it.

During an annual state-of-the-nation address last November, the President proposed setting up a research centre similar to Silicon Valley in order to put Russia on the track to an innovative economy.

Bangladesh to host regional climate change conference in May or June

DHAKA, 10 March—Bangladesh is going to host a regional conference on climate change in May or June in the capital Dhaka as part of the road to the next Conference of Parties (COP-16) in Mexico this year.

“We are very much interested to hold the conference but we are yet to fix the date formally,” State Minister for Environment and Forests Hasan Mahmud was quoted as saying by leading English newspaper The Daily Star on Wednesday.

The European Union (EU) in Central and East Asia, at a reception he hosted for visiting Mongolian Prime Minister Suchbaatar Batbold on Tuesday in Vienna.

The meeting was to discuss the COP-16 which will take place in Mexico this year. Meeting on preparations for the COP-16 a success in the light of achievements and unfulfilled aspirations at the COP-15 in Copenhagen, said the state minister.

The Bangladeshi government has kept an allocation of 7 billion taka (100 million US dollars) in the development budget of the current fiscal year (July 2009 to June 2010) from its own resource to combat climate change.

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

25-year-old Maiko Iai won Miss Universe Japan 2010 in Tokyo on 9 March, 2010. She will be on behalf of Japan to compete in Miss Universe Pageant at the end of the year.—Xinhua

China plans to launch unmanned moon probe Chang’e-3 around 2013

BEIJING, 10 March—China plans to launch its third unmanned moon probe Chang’e-3 around 2013 and expects to complete the three-phase moon probe project in 2017, an official said here on Wednesday. Ye Peijian, chief designer of Chang’e-1, the country’s first moon probe and chief commander of Chang’e-2 and Chang’e-3, made the remarks on the sidelines of the annual session of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee, China’s top political advisory body.—Xinhua

Turkish actors and actresses perform during the opening ceremony of the International Tourism Exchange in Berlin, capital of Germany, on 9 March, 2010. More than 11,000 exhibitors from 187 countries and regions attended the fair kicked off on Tuesday.—Xinhua

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China to overtake US to become biggest camera market in 2015

TOKYO, 10 March—Canon, the world’s biggest camera maker, expects China to surpass the US and become the world’s largest camera market in 2015, company sources said on Wednesday.

Canon, well known for its EOS and PowerShot digital models, is doubling the number of outlets and boosting its marketing workforce in China to tap the company’s fastest-growing major market, Canon’s Chief Director of Image Communication Business Masaya Maeda said.

“The China market is very vibrant and will likely drive worldwide growth in the coming years,” he said.

According to Maeda, Canon forecasts its sales will rise 10 percent in China this year.

Maeda reiterated the firm’s projections in January that Canon’s global camera sales will increase 6.6 percent to 25.7 million units and that China accounted for about 15 percent of Canon’s camera sales in 2009.

Three killed, about 20 missing in NW China landslide

XI’AN, 10 March—At least three people are dead and about 20 are missing after a landslide buried more than 10 homes in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province on Wednesday, local authority said.

The landslide occurred at 1:30 am on Wednesday in Zizhou county of Yulin city.

As of 10:40 am, a total of 20 buried villagers were rescued. Ten injured were rushed to hospital, and three died there. Rescue efforts are continuing.—Xinhua

Two of oldest people in US die: in NH 114, Mich 113

Two of the oldest people in the world have died on the same day.

Mary Josephine Ray, who was certified as the oldest person living in the world, died just hours before Daisey Bailey, who was 113 years, 342 days, added.

Ray died just hours before Daisey Bailey, who was 113 years, 342 days, Coleman, of 114 years, 294 days. She died at a nursing home in Westmoreland but was active until about two weeks before her death, her granddaughter Katherine Ray said.

“She just enjoyed life. She never thought of dying at all,” Katherine Ray said. “She was planning for her birthday party.”

Ray died just hours before Daisey Bailey, who was 113 years, 342 days, said L Stephen Coles, a director of the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks and studies old people and certifies those 110 or older, called supercentenarians.

“It’s very rare that two of our supercentenarians die on the same day,” Coles said.

Brazil expects US negotiation proposal to avoid trade war

BRASILIA, 10 March—The Brazilian government still awaits a US negotiation proposal about subsidies on US cotton producers’ interests.

After meeting US representatives here, Brazil’s Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade Miguel Jorge said Brazil is still waiting for negotiation proposal about the issue from the US side.

Dilma Rousseff, chief of staff of Brazilian President and US Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke attended the meeting.

Locke indicated the United States is not interested in a trade war with Brazil, neither is Brazil, said Jorge. —Xinhua

Chile quake moves city 3 metres

Preliminary measurements show the 8.8-magnitude quake which struck Chile last month shifted the entire city of Concepcion more than three metres to the west, and some other cities of South America were also displaced more or less, according to media reports on Tuesday.

Researchers from four universities and several agencies gathered readings at 25 GPS locator stations set up prior to the major quake and then compared them to readings taken 10 days later to come up with their preliminary numbers.

“By reoccupying the existing GPS stations, CAP can determine the displacements, or ‘jumps,’ that occurred during the earthquake,” said Mike Bevis, professor of earth sciences at Ohio State University.

“By building new stations, the project can monitor the postseismic deformations that are expected to occur for many years, giving us new insights into the physics of the earthquake process,” he added.

The results show the Chilean city of Concepcion shifted 3 metres (10 feet) to the west.

Chile’s capital Santiago was displaced about 27.7 centimeters (11 inches) to the west-southwest.

Cat, owner reunited after a year

A Massachusetts woman whose cat ran away nearly a year ago said the feline turned up in a foreclosed Boston home.

Addie Mathews, 19, of Lexington, said Sparky the cat ran away at the age of 7 months while she was visiting friends in Boston, the Boston Globe reported.

“There was no sign of him,” she said. “I was just really hoping that someone had taken him in, because he’s a really friendly cat.”

A young girl caresses her newly born animals outside her destroyed house in Ocicular village in the eastern province of Elazig, Turkey, on 8 March, 2010, hours after a strong earthquake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6, hit eastern Turkey early Monday, killing at least 57 people and knocking down houses in at least six small villages, the government said.

A Miss Plump beauty contest is held at a shopping mall in Shenyang, capital of northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 8 March, 2010. Some 40 participants took part in the contest, showing wedding dress, evening dress and their acquirements.
Chu urges US companies to accept limit on carbon pollution

HOUSTON, 10 March—US Energy Secretary Steven Chu on Tuesday urged companies in the country to accept a limit on carbon pollution and meet the challenge with clean, renewable energy.

“We will live in a carbon-constrained world,” Chu warned the participants at a key industry conference, sponsored by IHS-Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA Week), which draws more than 2,000 energy professionals to Houston.

Chu reiterated his conviction that climate change is real, as global temperature data gathered between 1850 and 2006 prove “the climate is warming up.”

He said that 55 percent of the oil used in the United States is imported, and the challenge is in what to replace it with.

Clean-burning natural gas, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist said, will serve as the bridge fuel to take the United States from a reliance on oil and coal to alternatives like solar and wind.

Red Cross chief praises Chile’s earthquake readiness

SANTIAGO, 10 March—The low death toll in Chile’s 8.8-magnitude earthquake, as compared with the tolls in similar temblors elsewhere, speaks well of the readiness of Chile’s government and people, Bekele Geleta, the secretary-general of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said on Tuesday.

“The preparedness level of Chile’s government and people saved lives,” Geleta, who arrived in Chile on Sunday, told media in the Chilean capital Santiago.

“Here there are rigid construction regulations. Modern buildings stood.

Old buildings that were not made for quakes are those that were destroyed.”

More than 3,000 people unsHELTERED due to rain in Rio

BRASILIA, 10 March—At least six people were killed and 3,048 people were evacuated from their houses due to the strong rains that affected Rio de Janeiro on weekend. Rio de Janeiro State Civil Defence secretariat said on Monday.

On Saturday, the heavy rain lasted for about five hours in Rio de Janeiro and the rainfall amounted to 109.2 millimetres, an equivalent of the entire month of March 2009.

The rains led to two landslides in the metropolitan region where four people died, and in Niteroi city where other two died.

The cities more affected by storm were Sao Goncalo, in the metropolitan region of Rio de Janeiro, and Sao Pedro da Aldeia.

As many as 2,905 people were evacuated from Sao Goncalo and other 102 from Sao Pedro. A major road in the state had been closed because a bridge was in danger of collapse, and the traffic was back to normal only on Monday.

The city of Saquerma in the lakes region between Janeiro River and Cabo Frio was affected.

India allows conditional association with Copenhagen Accord

NEW DELHI, 10 March—India on Tuesday said it has allowed a conditional association with the Copenhagen Accord on climate change, after three months of deliberations, reported local newspaper The Times of India electronic edition on Tuesday night.

Indian environment minister Jairam Ramesh told the newspaper that India has “made the conditional association” with the UN Copenhagen Accord.

India has reiterated that the accord is meant to facilitate the ongoing negotiations in the two tracks of association “with the UN Copenhagen Accord on climate change,” reported local newspaper The Times of India electronic edition on Tuesday night.

Road accident in S Philippines kills nine, injures two

MANILA, 10 March — Nine people died and two others were injured when a dump truck slammed against a tree in north Cotabato in south Philippines on Wednesday dawn, local media reported. The victims were aboard a mini dump truck and on their way to Polomolok, South Cotabato when the accident took place in a village in Mlang around 4:15 am on Wednesday.

Mlang Mayor Joselito Pinol said one of the victims were thrown off the truck due to the strong impact. The bodies of the fatalities were brought to local funeral parlors in Mlang, he said.

In this photo released by Taronga Zoo, a young male Asian elephant calf born at 3:27 am on 10 March, 2010, is treated by zoo vets as his mother

Porntip looks on at Taronga Zoo in Sydney, Australia.—INTERNET

Militant commander gunned down in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, 10 March—A senior military commander close to Sheikh Dahir Aweys, a militant leader in Somalia was on Tuesday shot dead by unknown gunmen in the Somali capital Mogadishu, militant officials confirmed.

Bare Ali Bare, who was a senior commander with the militant group of Hezbol Islam, was shot dead as he walked in the main Bakara market of Mogadishu and the attackers escaped the scene, Ibrahim Bare Mohamoud, an official with Hezbol Islam confirmed to reporters in Mogadishu.

“We know that the commander was murdered by gunmen who escaped.

We are investigating the killing of Bare Ali Bare,” Mohamoud told reporters.

Bare was critical of the rival Islamist group of Al Shabaab which it fought in a number of southern Somali Districts and has been vocal opponent of union between a faction within Hezbol Islam and Al Shabaab.

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Zakumi, the mascot of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, poses for a photo.—INTERNET

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We are investigating the killing of Bare Ali Bare,” Mohamoud told reporters.

Bare was critical of the rival Islamist group of Al Shabaab which it fought in a number of southern Somali Districts and has been vocal opponent of union between a faction within Hezbol Islam and Al Shabaab.

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At the opening ceremony, the Prime Minister said that Shan State (North) had lagged behind in development in the past due to bitter experiences caused by insurgency. After taking the State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw government made utmost efforts to restore peace and stability in the region, construct roads and bridges and establish border trade. Therefore, the region gains development momentum.

The Prime Minister pointed out that it is necessary not only to turn out human resources but also to carry out construction of roads and bridges and establish businesses with a view to ensuring long-term development of a region. Therefore, he noted that Arts and Science Universities, Universities for Computer Studies and Technological Universities in Taunggyi, Panglong, Kengtung and Lashio of Shan State for enabling the local youths to pursue higher education in their respective regions. The students, on their part, are to take full advantage of the facilities.

He continued to say that the national goal of the State is to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In this regard, it is necessary to build the modern and developed nation with the strength of intellectuals and intelligentsia. Therefore, the role of university students is of vital importance for development of the nation.

The Prime Minister said that today’s university students are to join the various works after receiving degrees. As the students will engage in the private businesses or private companies or will discharge duties of government service, they must have skills in the respective fields.

The Prime Minister urged the faculty members to teach their pupils to produce students well-versed in their chosen subjects and the students to pursue education for achieving efficiency. As such, they will show off their brilliant skills in their works. The Prime Minister stressed the need for the students to try hard in learning education.

He said that the State needs many able and good citizens. The Prime Minister said that an able person is the one who is skillful in his profession and the good person means those who have discipline, good morale and genuine nationalistic spirit. Only when the country has many able and good intellectuals and intelligentsia will the modern and developed nation be built in a short period. If the youths want to see Myanmar as a developed nation, they should uplift their efficiency themselves to become able and good persons.

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In conclusion, the Prime Minister pointed out that as Myanmar emerges as a nation where over 100 national races are residing, all the national people are Myanmar citizens. Myanmar citizen must be for Myanmar and a Myanmar must not be a stooge of any alien nation or a spy of aliens, he said. Afterwards, Minister U Thaung explained facts about the opening of Universities of Computer Studies and Technological development regions under the guidance of the Head of State in order to turn out technical and technological human resources that play an important role in the development, sending scholars abroad to have high qualified teachers and teaching with international-standard syllabus.

Afterwards, Master’s degree course students Maung Ye Phone Aung of the university spoke words of thanks. The Prime Minister cordially greeted faculty members and met students learning at internet room, hardware lab, research and development department and language lab. The Prime Minister and party cordially greeted faculty members and students.

Special train put into service from commercial hub to archaeological center

YANGON, 10 March — For every convenience of globetrotters and local pilgrims eager to visit ancient cultural region while enjoying the service of modern facilities, the Ministry of Rail Transportation and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism jointly organized the inaugural running of the Yangon-Bagan special train of Myanma Railways at the No (1) Platform of Yangon Central Railway Station this evening.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and officials inspected the special train and presented gifts to passengers who were going to take the train to Bagan.

The 61-up Yangon-Bagan special train leaves Yangon Central Railway Station at 4 p.m. and arrives at Bagan Railway Station at 8 a.m. The 62-down Bagan-Yangon special train leave Bagan Railway Station at 8.30 a.m. and arrives at Yangon Railway Station at 4.30 p.m. on the same day. The train has second class coach, upper class coach and sleeper coach. The sleeper coach (special-1) is a compartment with toilet-added air-conditioned four four-bed rooms. The sleeper (special-2) has toilet-added air-conditioned four four-bed rooms in addition a bathroom and a pantry is on each room.

The air-conditioned upper class coach has a seating capacity of 40. There are two second class coaches and each has a seating capacity of 62. Besides, the special train has a moving restaurant. Booking can be made at economic department of Myanma Railways Head Office in Nay Pyi Taw, passenger department and at the office of Head of Railway Station in Yangon, and tickets are available at the booking counters in Yangon Railway Station and Bagan Railway Station.

Rail fare for a foreigner is US$ 50 for sleeper, US$ 40 for upper class and US$ 30 for second class. Sleeper costs K15000, upper class, K 12000 and second class, K 3000 per local passenger.

Orientation for SPED officials

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — The opening ceremony of Refresher Course No(9) for Staff Officers of the Sports and Physical Education Department took place at the hall of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Mandalay) yesterday morning with an address by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

A total of 50 trainees are taking the four-week course.

It was also attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Htan, officials, course instructors and trainees.

Next, the minister addressed work coordination meeting for 2009-10 academic year at the meeting hall of the institute. After hearing reports on tasks to be done and trainings being given at the institute presented by the principal, the minister made concluding remarks.
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

Bago Bridge construction project shaping up

YANGON, 10 March—As part of the drive for better transport in all parts of the nation, construction and upgrading of roads and bridges are underway with added momentum.

On his arrival at the worksite of Bago Bridge construction project on Yangon-Yangon-Mandalay Road in Bago region, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo said in his address that the Health Ministry is implementing tasks as a national construction project shaping up with added momentum.

Work coord meeting for National Immunization Days-2010 held

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo speaking at coordination meeting of organizing region-wise National Immunization Days-2010.

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—A work coordination meeting for organizing region-wise National Immunization Days-2010 was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health this morning.

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18th Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Military Band Contest concludes

Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win awards third prize winning band of Eastern Command.

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—The ceremony to conclude the 18th Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Military Band Contest to mark the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day was held in conjunction with the prize-giving ceremony at the parade ground of Ywadaw Transit Center here this morning, attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Among the attendees were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Win Lwin, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and departmental officials.

First Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win took the salute of the military bands.

Next, the band parade followed in procession. Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win presented shields to military bands representing Yangon Command, Central Command and Eastern Command who stood first, second and third places in the contest and enjoyed the entertainments of award-winning bands.

People reminded not to believe destructionist-generated rumours

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—To disrupt the stability of the State, to cause a state of panic among the public and unrest in the country, destructionists have stepped up sabotage acts and spread rumours in the country.

On 25 February, a motorcyclist spread rumour in Shantegyi Village and Laydaukkan Village in Dagon Myothit (South) Township that employees of Yangon Pan Pacific garment factory in Thingangyun Township were taken to hospital due to food poisoning at the garment factory. Around 100 relatives of the factory workers went to Thangangyun Sanpya Hospital to make enquiry about the news. When they knew that there was no food poisoned patients, they proceeded to the garment factory. They went back as responsible personnel of the factory explained that there was no problems including food poisoning in the factory and the personnel also allowed the relatives to meet the employees. Because of widespread rumours, relatives of other workers gathered at the garment factory and the responsible personnel explained the true situation of the factory.

Similarly, on 26 February, a trishaw man spread rumour in Maungdaga Village that some employees of Daewoo Garment Factory in Mingaladon Township were injured and some were taken to hospital as the ferry they were riding overturned. Due to the rumour, the garment factory received calls from relatives of the employees and some gathered at the factory to make enquiry about the rumour. There was no accident of any ferry and employees were working peacefully there.

The same day, a motorcyclist spread rumour in Nyaungtaichan and Thayothpinchaung villages in Hlegu Township that the Daewoo garment factory was experiencing a problem from contaminated water at the factory. Responsible personnel of the factory denied the rumour when some relatives of the employees made enquiries at the factory and explained the true situation.

Authorities concerned have urged people not to allow themselves to be swayed by rumours as destructionists have stepped up spreading rumours to cause unrest, instability and panic among the people, especially among the mass of workers, and to give information to the authorities when they see those who spread rumours among the people.

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Authorities in California wooing China BYD automaker

**Los Angeles, 10 March**—China auto-maker has made headlines in California as it is considering locating its US office and assembly line in the state, local media reported on Tuesday.

The office and assembly line are expected to create high-paying jobs in a state hard-hit by the recent recession. The Chinese automaker BYD, or Build Your Dreams, may really build a dream in California after it has teamed up with German automaking giant Daimler-Benz to manufacture an A-class electric vehicle.

As one of the world's largest rechargeable battery and consumer electronics makers, BYD entered the US market this year with its electric car model BYD F6DM through the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. The first batch of such cars is to hit markets in Europe, the United States and China as early as next year.

Morale-boosted by the BYD intention, local authorities from both the Los Angeles County and Los Angeles City reportedly met BYD executives to woo the firm to locate its office and assembly line on their premises.

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Global recovery to boost 2010's FDI inflow in Philippines

**Cebu City, 10 March**—The inflow of foreign direct investments to the Philippines is expected to be higher this year as the global recovery boosts investor confidence.

"There should be an upward drift in FDIs this year relative to 2009," Philippine Central Bank Officer-in-Charge Diwa Guinigundo said at the sidelines of the Financial Education Expo being held here.

FDIs in 2009 rose by 26.2 percent to 1.9 billion US dollars. This compared with the 2008 FDI that hit only 1.5 billion US dollars, boosting optimism even more should flow inward this year.

"We’re looking at more vigorous inflows of FDIs this year. I think the mining sector will continue to be the most promising industry," Guinigundo said.

The Philippine Mines and Geosciences Bureau has projected that investments in the local mining sector for 2010 could reach as much as 1.42 billion dollars, from an estimated 627.84 million US dollars in 2009.

Guinigundo said the business process outsourcing industry, which generated between 6 billion to 7 billion dollars last year, may bring in some 12 billion dollars this year.

"Overall, there was a 20.8 percent increase in the number of orders from governments in January. The Cabinet Office forecast orders will rise 3.5 percent in the three months ending on 31 March, in a further sign that the nation’s tentative economic recovery may be gaining strength," Xinhua reported.

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East Africa new frontier for oil exploration

**Houston, 10 March**—East Africa has become a promising new frontier for oil exploration and major multinationals are jostling for the rights to search for black gold, industry experts said.

"There are still large areas which are essentially unexploited and major efforts are needed in East Africa," Tiziana Luzzi-Arbouille, an African specialist with IHS Global Insight said at the CERAWeek energy conference in Houston, Texas.

While the Atlantic coast of Africa — most notably Nigeria and Angola — has long been exploited by western oil companies, it took decades for the industry to turn its sights to the east. Things changed in 2006 with the first significant discovery in Uganda, in the Lake Albert basin. Since then another 15 sites have been confirmed, said Luzzi-Arbouille, who estimated Uganda’s petroleum reserves at around 700 million barrels.

"What happened in Uganda made it easier for smaller companies to raise funding," said Tewodoros Ashenafi, head of Southwest Energy, an Ethiopian company exploring in that country’s Ogaden basin.

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China’s foreign trade up 45.2% in February

**Beijing, 10 March**—China’s foreign trade posted a 45.2 percent growth in February 2010 year on year, the General Administration of Customs announced on Wednesday.

Exports in February stood at 94.52 billion US dollars, up 45.7 percent, while imports rose 44.7 percent to 86.91 billion US dollars. —Xinhua

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Japan’s machinery orders fall 3.7% in January

**Tokyo, 10 March**—Japan’s private sector machinery orders decreased a seasonally adjusted 3.7 percent in January from a month earlier to 723.8 billion yen (8.05 billion US dollars), according to a report released by the Cabinet Office on Wednesday.

The total value of machinery orders received by 280 manufacturers operating in Japan fell by 3.7 percent in January from the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

In the manufacturing sector, orders increased by 3.3 percent for the month, while the nonmanufacturing sector saw a decrease of 12.9 percent in demand. Orders from overseas also fell in January by 8.8 percent, while there was a 20.8 percent rise in the number of orders from governments in January. The Cabinet Office forecast orders will rise 3.5 percent in the three months ending on 31 March, in a further sign that the nation’s tentative economic recovery may be gaining strength. —Xinhua

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An oil exploration tower is pictured in Tonya on the Ugandan shore of Lake Albert. East Africa has become a promising new frontier for oil exploration and major multinationals are jostling for the rights to search for black gold, industry experts said. —INTERNET

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**China’s BYD F6DM, powered by electric motors and gasoline engine, is displayed at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), in Detroit, the United States, on 11 Jun, 2009.** —XINHUA

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**In this photo taken on 5 March, 2010, a truck runs at Yangshan deep-water port in Shanghai, China. China’s exports rose in February in a new sign of growing global demand that could help persuade officials to let the Chinese currency rise. Exports were up 45.7 percent in February over a year earlier, the Chinese Customs agency reported on Wednesday, beating analysts’ forecasts of 35 to 40 percent growth. Imports surged 44.7 percent, the agency said, reflecting growing demand in China as it emerges from the global crisis.** —INTERNET
CLAMBA DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA RAJA VOYNO (923)
Consignment of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAJA VOYNO (923) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 11.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

S Korea-EU FTA likely to be inked by end-April

SEOUL, 10 March—South Korea seeks to reach the final stage of sealing a free trade agreement (FTA) with the European Union by the end of April, the trade ministry said on Wednesday.

“Acting for formally sealing the deal in end-April, which we are now in discussion with the EU board directors,” Lee Hye-min, Seoul’s Deputy Minister for Trade, said in a Press briefing.

Lee, scheduled to fly to Paris on Friday for a meeting with his EU counterpart, Ignacio Garcia Bercero, where he is to fix the date.

“At the moment my goal is to confirm the exact date to sign the contract at the Paris meeting, but there may be contingencies and there is a possibility the signing process will be delayed one or two weeks,” Lee added.

According to Lee, the meeting will be followed by talks between South Korean Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon and EU’s Trade Commissioner Karel de Gucht on Monday. Wrapping of two-year-long negotiations, South Korea and the EU initialed the text of the trade deal in October this year.

The agreement needs to be approved by South Korea’s National Assembly and the heads of the EU’s 27 member states before taking effect.

US-born capo, drug lord’s brother fight for cartel

MEXICO CITY, 10 March—Authorities say a US-born hitman is fighting the brother of a deceased drug lord for control of the Beltran-Leyva cartel, marking what may be the first time an American has risen to the very top ranks of Mexican gangs. Ramon Pequeno, head of the anti-narcotics division of Mexico’s federal police, said on Tuesday that Texas-born Edgar Valdez Villarreal, nicknamed “La Barbie,” is battling Hector Beltran Leyva for control of the Beltran Leyva cartel.

“Right now it appears there is an internal dispute concerning liquidation,” Pequeno said.

“On one side is La Barbie and on the other side is Hector Beltran, the natural heir of the organization.”

Pequeno said the battle was unleashed when cartel leader Arturo Beltran Leyva died in a shootout with Mexican marines in December. Both men are apparently carrying out killings in bids to take control of the gang, one of Mexico’s most powerful.

A previous top drug lord, Juan Garcia Abrego, was expelled to the United States in 1996 for purportedly being a US citizen. But he appeared to have lived all his life in Mexico and reports have raised doubts about whether he was born in Texas, as one birth certificate states.

Valdez Villarreal was born in the border city of Laredo, Texas, and has built a reputation as one of the most brutal enforcers employed by Mexican drug gangs.

Developing countries biggest victims of climate change

BEIJING, 10 March—Developing countries are the biggest victims of climate change, Xie Zhenhua, vice minister of China’s National Development and Reform Commission, said on Wednesday.

Xie, one of China’s leading negotiators for climate change talks, made the remarks at a press conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People’s Congress, the country’s top legislature.

Developed countries are mainly responsible for the climate change, which is caused by increasing greenhouse gas emission in their process of industrialization, Xie said.

Xie called for joint efforts from all countries involved to take positive measures to combat climate change.

Malaysian turtles face extinction

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 March—Conservationists warned on Wednesday that Malaysia’s voracious appetite for turtle eggs could drive the marine creatures to extinction on its shores.

Turtle eggs are sold openly in markets in parts of Malaysia. Turtles once arrived in their thousands to lay eggs on Malaysian beaches, but are now increasingly rare due to poaching and coastal development.

Environmental group WWF released a report saying that hundreds of thousands of turtle eggs are eaten in Malaysia every year, despite campaigns to get them off the menu.

Cambodia to preserve Khmer Rouge sites for tourism

PHNOM PENH, 10 March—Cambodia will preserve 14 sites at the last bastion of the murderous Khmer Rouge, including the home of their leader Pol Pot, as tourist attractions, an official said on Wednesday.

Following Cabinet approval last week, the sites at Anlong Veng will be protected from destruction by local people and illegal encroachment, the area’s district chief Yim Phana said.

Anlong Veng, about 185 miles (300 kilometres) north of Phnom Penh, fell to government forces in 1999 after nearly 20 years of fighting.

The Khmer Rouge regime, under which an estimated 1.7 million people died from execution, disease and malnutrition, was toppled in 1979 but its guerrillas fought on in the jungles, with Anlong Veng as their stronghold.

Yim Phana said the 14 sites include homes belonging to Khmer Rouge leaders, an ammunition warehouse and the grave of Pol Pot, who died in 1998.
Teach self-control, improve kids’ behaviour

ROCHESTER, 10 March — Children taught skills to monitor and control their anger and emotions improved their classroom behaviour, US researchers found. The study, published in the *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, found children in a school-based mentoring programme were about half as likely as others to have any discipline incident during the 3-month period of the study.

Lead author Peter Wyman, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Centre, said those children had a 43 percent decrease in mean suspensions as compared to the control group, which did not receive mentoring of the self-control skills.

In the 4-month interval after the intervention began, 1.8 percent of children in the mentored group were suspended, compared to 6.1 percent of the control group. Children taught the new skills had a 46 percent decrease in mean office disciplinary referrals as compared to the children in the study’s control group, the study said.

Self-control and reducing escalation of emotions is taught through the concept of “feelings thermometer” to depict intensity, Wyman said.

Children learn to use “mental muscles” as a tool to monitor feelings and to stop feelings from entering a hot zone. They also learn to monitor control and regain equilibrium through strategies such as taking a deep-breath, stepping back from emotionally intense situations and using an imaginary umbrella as protection from hurtful words.

Diabetes drug effective if taken early

PORTLAND, 10 March — The sooner people with diabetes take the generic drug Metformin that helps prevent high blood sugar levels, the longer it is effective, US researchers said.

Lead author Jonathan Brown, an investigator with the Kaiser Permanente Centre for Health Research in Portland, Ore., said Metformin is recommended as a first-line agent in the treatment of type 2 diabetes, but in most patients it eventually stops working, forcing them to take additional medications to control their blood sugar.

“This is an important finding for the 30 million people worldwide who are diagnosed with type 2 diabetes every year,” Brown said in a statement. “The sooner they start taking Metformin, the better and longer it seems to work.”

Researchers used electronic health records to track nearly 1.800 people with diabetes in Kaiser Permanente’s health plan in Washington and Oregon for up to five years.

The study, published in *Diabetes Care*, found Metformin failed at a rate of 12 percent a year for the patients who began taking it within three months of diagnosis, but failed 21.4 percent per year for patients who started taking it 1-2 years after diagnosis.

Maybe no radiation for early breast cancer

ST. LOUIS, 10 March — US researchers say early-stage breast cancer patients may not need radiation after a mastectomy. Researchers at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston found low overall risk of recurrences for patients receiving surgery followed by chemotherapy — whether there was no spread to axillary lymph nodes or there was spread to one to three lymph nodes.

“This research will provoke much discussion among those caring for women with early-stage breast disease. Replicating these findings should be a priority to ensure that patients only receive therapy that is medically necessary,” senior author Dr. Henry Kuerer said in a statement.

A glass of wine may help keep weight down

BOSTON, 10 March — Women who are normal weight and consume no more than two drinks a day may gain less weight than those who do not drink, US researchers say. Dr. Lu Wang of Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston and colleagues studied 19,220 US women age 39 or older who had a body mass index within the normal range 18.5-25.

Participants reported how many alcoholic beverages they typically drank per day: 38.2 percent reported drinking no alcohol, 32.8 percent drank less than 5 grammes, 20.1 percent drank 5 to less than 15 grammes, 5.9 percent drank 15 to less than 30 grammes and 3 percent drank 30 grammes per day or more. Alcohol contains about 7 calories per gramme — or approximately 28 grams per ounce.

After an average 13 years of follow-up, women who did not drink alcohol at all gained the most weight, with weight gain decreasing as alcohol intake increased. Compared with women who did not drink at all, those who consumed some but less than 40 grammes per day of alcohol were less likely to become overweight or obese.
Wenger eyes revenge mission against old rivals

LONDON, 10 March—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger admits he would love the chance for a revenge mission against Manchester United or Chelsea in the Champions League quarter-finals.

Wenger’s side swept into the last eight with a majestic 5-0 victory over Porto at the Emirates Stadium that sealed a 6-2 aggregate triumph in the second round tie.

Nicklas Bendtner was the Gunners’ hero with the first hat-trick of his career, but sublime displays from Samir Nasri, who scored a brilliant solo goal, and Andrey Arshavin put Wenger in unusually feisty form after Tuesday’s match.

Winning in such style without captain Cesc Fabregas, key defender William Gallas and star forward Robin van Persie clearly got Wenger’s juices flowing as he claimed Arsenal would retain their place in the quarter-finals with a topsy-turvy evening.

“I can understand that we have much more to play for this season and we responded brilliantly,” said injured Arsenal centre-back Alex McLeish.

“Wenger’s juices were flowering after winning 3-2 even without captain Cesc Fabregas, key defender William Gallas and star forward Robin van Persie clearly.”

Pompey rock bottom while Sunderland savour victory

LONDON, 10 March—Crisis club Portsmouth remained four points adrift at the foot of the English Premier League as Birmingham City gained revenge on their FA Cup conquerors with a 2-1 win at Fratton Park on Tuesday.

Portsmouth, the 2008 FA Cup winners, beat Birmingham 2-0 at their south coast home on Saturday to reach the last four of this season’s edition thanks to two goals from Frederic Piquionne.

But there was no repeat performance as Birmingham moved up to eighth in the table thanks to a double from striker Cameron Jerome.

“Everything we said before the game about how Pompey might have thought our confidence had dropped and that we didn’t have anything to play for this season and we responded brilliantly,” said delighted Birmingham manager Alex McLeish.

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MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11-3-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions Times
Local (09:00am to 10:00am)MST
Europe (15:30pm to 17:30pm)MST
North America (23:30pm to 01:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission (11-3-10 11:30 am to 02:00am)MST

Local Transmission
* Signature Tune
* Architecture of the Great Ananda
* Beach Resort of Chaung Tha
* Beauty of Myanmar Fashion Among Various Fashion Designs
* Inlay Orchids Images
* Smogless sky Enchanting Smiles (Mingun, Sagaing Division)
* “Traditional Dance of National Races”
  Heart & Soul of the Union (Chin)
* Wings Sign Art
* Taking Oath for Life
* Culture Stage
* 4th ASEAN QUIZ
* Music Gallery
* Tuttle! Our Heritage
* Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-1)
* Mobile Education activities for wildlife Conservation
* Myanma Paintings The Icons of Myanmar
  Sentiment (Part-1)

Websites: www.mrtv3.net.mm

WEATHER

Wednesday, 10th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhaing States, Upper Sagan and Taninhtyi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan States, Upper Sagan and Mandalay, Magway and Taninhtyi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Chin, Rakhaing, Kayah, Kayin States, Lower Sagan, Bago Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Minbu and Anglan (42°C) each Nay Pyi Taw, Nyaungoo, Pyimana, Magway, Pyi and Hpa-an (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-3-2010 was 81°F. Minimum temperature on 10-3-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30 hours) MST on 10-3-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 9-3-2010 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tri) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5mph) from South at (21:30) hours MST on 9-3-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andman Sea and Central Bay and generally fair in the elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11th March 2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Mon States. Upper Sagan and Taninhtyi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhaing States, Magway, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

China’s housing prices hit new high in February

Beijing, 10 March.— China’s property market grew at the fastest pace in February, with housing prices rising at a double digit rate, despite the government’s cooling-down moves, according to data released Wednesday by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

Housing prices in China’s 70 large and medium-sized cities increased 10.7 percent in February from a year earlier, and were up 0.9 percent compared to the previous month, said the NBS.

Prices of new homes in February rose 13 percent year on year, up 1.3 percent from January, and were mainly pushed up by soaring home prices in Hainan Province as the state government decided to build the island into an international tourist resort in December.—Xinhua

File photo shows the Zhongyue Temple on the east Songshan Mountain in central China’s Henan Province. China has chosen Songshan Mountain’s historical architecture complex as the only project to bid for the World Cultural Heritage in 2010. The architecture complex is composed of 11 traditional Chinese constructions, including the renowned Shaolin Temple.—INTERNET
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- 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

All-round development seen in Kawhmu, Twantay Townships

Yangon, 10 March
Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence heard reports on progress of tarmacking of Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay motorway at the briefing hall of Road Construction Project Special Group (16) of the Public Works at the junction of Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay motorway and No (5) Highway yesterday. While inspecting the tarmacking of approach road of Pan Hlaing Bridge and junction of Hlinethaya-Dalla and Dalla-Twantay roads, preparation for construction of traffic island, durability of Twantay Bridge and Kawhmu Township People’s Hospital, he gave necessary instructions. In meeting with trainees of Refresher Course for Promotion of Public Health Education at the hospital, he called for uplifting public health through collaborative efforts.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into newly-built one-storey RC building for Kawhmu Township BEHS, construction of Tawa creek crossing bridge on Twantay detour in Twantay Township and Myago-Maubin road and visited summer paddy farmland at Tawtho village and fish farm at Adun village in the township. After hearing reports on tasks for durability of Myago-Maubin road, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to the needs.—MNA

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