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

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

Announcement No. 1/2010 of SPDC issued

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—The State Peace and Development Council issued Announcement No. 1/2010 today. The translation of the announcement is as follows:

Union of Myanmar
State Peace and Development Council
Announcement No. 1/2010
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Formation of Union Election Commission

The State Peace and Development Council formed the “Union Election Commission” with the following persons under the Article 443 of the Constitution of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar and the Section 3 of the Union Election Commission Law 2010 enacted under the Law No. 1/2010 of the State Peace and Development Council for successfully holding of the Multi-party Democracy General Elections in 2010.

1. U Thein Soe Chairman
2. U N Zaw Naw member
3. U Khin Maung Nu member
4. U Saw Ba Hlaing member
5. Dr. Ba Maung member
6. U Nyunt Tin member
7. U Maung Tha Hla member
8. Dr. Sai Kham Hlaing member
9. U Aung Myint member
10. U Myint Naing member
11. Dr. Tin Aung Aye member
12. Dr. Daw Myint Kyi member
13. Daw Khin Hla Myint member
14. U Tha Oo member
15. Dr. Maung Htoo member
16. U Thu Htay member
17. U Win Kyi member

By Order,
Sd/ Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo
General Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Necessary laws enacted to hold free and fair elections as fifth step of State’s seven-step Road Map

Prime Minister General Thein Sein tours townships in Shan State (North)

Prime Minister
General Thein Sein meets departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at Shweli Yadana Yeiktha in Muse.

Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law in supplement

Eight supplementary pages carrying the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law issued under the Law No. 8/2010 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar are inserted in today’s The New Light of Myanmar daily.
For human resource development

Strong economy and human resource development are necessary for pursuing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In view of this concept, the government is fulfilling requirements for turning out human resources.

In every region, the government has constructed many new road networks and bridges for smooth transport, which is of great importance for sustainable development of a region. It is also giving effective encouragement to agriculture, livestock breeding, industries and businesses, and constructing infrastructural buildings in the education sector to promote the nation’s education standard.

The three-storey main building of University for Computer Studies in Lashio, Shan State (North), was opened on 10 March. Now, Taunggyi, Panglong, Kengtung and Lashio in Shan State Now have an arts and science university, a university for computer studies, and a technological university each. As a result, the youth of national races have an easy access to higher education in their own regions. Students have to work hard to become skilled in their studies since they will have to start work soon after they have got their degrees.

Reliable and responsible human resources are a must for shaping the nation into a modern, developed one. The national goal can be brought to fruition in a short time only with those educated persons well-versed in the subjects concerned with self-discipline, good morality, and a sense of patriotism and nationalistic spirit.

Teachers are the major, initial force in the education sector. Now, they have to fully equip themselves with goodwill and perseverance in teaching and guiding their students in order that the latter will become outstanding in their studies with good behaviors and self-discipline.

Now, the government has established an arts and science university, a university for computer studies, and a technological university each for every 24 development regions to nurture human resources in the technological field. On account of the hard work and brilliant performances of teachers, the number of versatile human resources on whom the State can rely on is on the increase in the nation.

Exam centres in Nay Pyi Taw inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein this morning inspected the exam centre for 2010 matriculation examination at Nay Pyi Taw No. 1 Basic Education High School and viewed the students taking the examination today. The minister also visited the examination centres at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana No. 1 BEHS and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe No. 1 BEHS.

Appointed of Ghanaian Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Daniel Kwasaki as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Ghana to the Union of Myanmar. Mr Daniel Kwasaki was born in 1950. He got Diploma in Science Education from the WininbaA Teacher Training College in 1981. He had served various official positions in Tema Region from 1982 to 1991. He was Deputy Minister for Trade and Tourism from 1991 to 1993. From 1993 to 1999 he was assigned to Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry. Then, he assumed the post of Acting Minister for Trade and Industry from 1999 to 2000 and became the Minister for Trade and Industry in 2001. He was a Member of Parliament for Keta Constituency from 1993 to 2009.

Mr Daniel Kwasaki will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Ghana to the Union of Myanmar with resident in Kuala Lumpur.

Hyundai products introduced

YANGON, 11 March—Family United Power Co Ltd, sale representative of Hyundai Co of Korea, introduced new Hyundai machinery in paper reading session on water resources management in Bago on 7 March. Hyundai products are durable and can be bought at reasonable price. Those interested contact Family United Power Co Ltd at No (12/B) 43, Shwe Keinnayi Housing, Nanattaw Road, Kamayut.
Six killed in attack on World Vision office in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 March — Militants have attacked the office of a Western aid agency in north-western Pakistan on Wednesday, killing five people, police and the agency have said. The victims, including two women, were all Pakistanis working for World Vision in Manshera District. The Christian group said it would suspend all operations in the country. No group has admitted carrying out the attack but militants and specifically the Taliban will be suspected. Earlier in the week, following a bombing in Lahore, the Taliban said they would carry out more attacks across the country as long as US airstrikes and Pakistani army operations against them continued in the tribal areas.

World Vision said in a statement that it had not received any threatening letters ahead of the attack. Hundreds of people have been killed in attacks by unmanned drone aircraft in Pakistan’s tribal areas since mid-2008. Two suspected US missile strikes near Miran Shah in North Waziristan on Wednesday killed at least 12 people, some of them thought to be foreign fighters, local officials said.

Ex-MI5 chief says US ‘concealed suspect mistreatment’

LONDON, 11 March — The former head of MI5 has claimed US intelligence agencies concealed their mistreatment of terror suspects. Baroness Eliza Manningham-Buller said she only discovered alleged mistreatment of terror suspects. Baroness Elizabeth Manningham-Buller, who headed MI5, said the US had “very keen to conceal from us what was happening”. Her comments follow controversy over US agents’ alleged collusion with UK counterparts using torture techniques. Last month it emerged that Binyam Mohamed, a British resident formerly held at Guantanamo Bay, had been subjected to “cruel, inhuman and degrading” treatment. MI 5 head John Evans has insisted that there was no collusion by UK security officers. However, questions remain about exactly when they learnt that the US had apparently changed its rules on torture after the 9/11 attacks. Lady Manningham-Buller, who headed MI5 between 2002 and 2007, said: “The Americans were very keen that people like us did not discover what they were doing.”

US House rejects pull out from Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 11 March — US House of Representatives on Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to reject a bill demanding President Barack Obama pull troops out of Afghanistan. The House defeated the bill by a 356-65 vote, introduced by Democratic Representative Dennis Kucinich. 60 liberal Democrats and 5 Republicans supported the bill.

The bill demands Obama to pull all troops out of Afghanistan 30 days after the bill becomes law, or by the end of the year, should he deem the 30-day timeline too much of a risk. Kucinich argued if Congress doesn’t act, US troops would “stay in Afghanistan for a very, very long time at great cost to our troops and to our national priorities.”

An Afghan war is a centrepiece of Obama’s foreign policy. He announced the decision to send an additional 30,000 troops to that country last December, and foreign troops are now in the middle of a major push against Taliban militants in the south. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer opposed the bill, saying “abandoning Afghanistan just when a new strategy and a new leadership has begun to bear fruit... would be a mistake.”

Spanish hostage in Africa freed

BARCELONA, 11 March — A Spanish woman kidnapped in West Africa last year has been freed, the Spanish government says. Alicia Gamez, 39, was “safe and sound... and travelling with a family member,” Spain’s deputy prime minister said. There are confirmed reports that an Italian woman reportedly held by the same group has also been released.

Gamez was seized in Mauritania last year and held by a militant group, al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, in Mali. She and two male Spaniards, both aid workers, were snatched from a convoy by armed men on a road between the Mauritanian cities of Nouakchott and Nouadhibou on 29 November.

Spanish officials said no ransom was paid for Ms Gamez. She said the release was the work of Spain’s diplomats and intelligence services.

Drone raid ‘kills 12’ in north-west Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 March — Two missile strikes by US drone aircraft have killed at least 12 suspected militants in north-west Pakistan, security officials say. The attacks took place in the tribal area of North Waziristan. The identities of those killed in the attack, the latest of more than a dozen this year, are not yet known. North and South Waziristan are known to provide sanctuary for al-Qaeda and Taliban militants, who are often targeted by drones. Locals say the attacks have destroyed many training camps and compounds. They have also killed dozens of local and foreign militants, officials say.

Wednesday’s first strike took place at Mirzak Madaheil village, some 50km (30 miles) west of Miran Shah, the main town in North Waziristan. This was followed by a second attack in the same area. The first attack targeted a vehicle and a compound which were being used by suspected militants, killing eight of them, reports say. The second strike targeted two vehicles, which killed another four.

Ahmadinejad attacks US for Afghan ‘double game’

KABUL, 11 March — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has accused the US of playing a “double game” in Afghanistan after the US used the same term to condemn Iran’s role. Mr Ahmadinejad said the US had “created terrorists and now they are fighting them”, as he appeared with Afghan President Hamid Karzai in Kabul.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates, who is also in Kabul, has accused Iran of giving the Taliban low-level support. Later, Mr Karzai flew to Pakistan for talks with another key neighbour. This is Mr Ahmadinejad’s first visit to Afghanistan since both he and Mr Karzai were re-elected last year.
Italy’s GDP falls 5.1% in 2009, but positive signs appear in January

ROME, 11 March — Italy’s gross domestic product (GDP) fell 5.1 percent in 2009, but some positive hints appeared in the first month of 2010, an Italian statistics agency said on Wednesday.

Istat, the Italian national statistical institute, on Wednesday revised its previous GDP figure. The working days adjusted result was worse than the 5.0-percent contraction reported before, which was the worst result since 1971 when the institute was established.

Istat also said that in the fourth quarter of 2009, Italy’s GDP decreased 0.3 percent compared with the third quarter, when the economy ended five consecutive quarters of negative GDP and obtained a 0.6-percent increase.

The GDP of the fourth quarter of 2009 decreased by 3.0 percent in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2008.

However, in a positive sign, in January 2010 the industrial production index increased by 2.6 percent compared with the previous month.

In the meantime, the calendar adjusted industrial production index increased 0.1 percent compared with January 2009, which is the first rise since April 2009. —Xinhua

Unemployment up in California

LOS ANGELES, 11 March — California’s jobless rate was 12.5 percent in January, up from 12.3 percent in December, the California Economic Development Department (EDD) announced on Wednesday.

The 12.5 percent unemployment rate was above the January 2009 rate of 9.7 percent, according to the EDD.

In the state, 2.27 million people were out of work, up from 2.23 million in December, the EDD said. The comparable estimates for the nation were 9.7 percent in January, 10 percent in December and 7.7 percent for January 2009. —Xinhua

Australia’s jobless rate reaches 5.3% in February

CANBERRA, 11 March — Australia’s unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in February after a revised 5.2 percent in January, new data released on Thursday showed. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) announced on Thursday that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage points from the downwardly revised 5.2 percent observed in January 2010.

The ABS reported the number of people employed in February slightly increased, up 400 people to 10.971 million, seasonally adjusted. The rise in employment was driven by a rise in full-time employment, up 11,400 people to 7.660 million that matches the January 2009 rate of 9.7 percent, according to the EDD.

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Germany, France support tougher rules to prevent future crisis in euro zone

BERLIN, 11 March — German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Wednesday that Germany and France support toughening rules to protect the euro which might include setting up a European Monetary Fund as a last resort.

Speaking after talks with French Prime Minister Francois Fillon in Berlin, Merkel stressed that the current sanctions enshrined in the European Union’s stability and growth pact to protect the euro are not enough, and the European Union members must consider sanctions “that have more teeth” to prevent euro zone members from running up huge budget deficits such as the Greek one. —Xinhua

S Korea, Denmark discuss bilateral cooperation

SEOUL, 11 March — South Korea and Denmark discussed strengthening cooperation on green growth and expanding bilateral trade and investment, Seoul’s presidential office said. In the first visit by Lars, the two leaders noted closer cooperation on renewable energy and green growth in the recent years and vowed further efforts to bolster cooperation on the fields, Cheong Wa Dae said in a statement.

They agreed to make efforts to ratify the free trade deal between South Korea and the European Union, which the Seoul government previously said is expected to be sealed by the end of April. The two countries also agreed work more closely on international development aid, according to Cheong Wa Dae. —Xinhua

Cambodia to host “Trade Fair” in Development Triangle

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He said that some 50 companies of the private sectors from the three countries will be there to present their products. Son Sotha said the main purpose of the “Trade Fair” is to turn the area into the actual development with more awareness of the potentiality and the connectivity among the three countries.

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Russian government to pump capital into innovation-oriented economy

MOSCOW, 11 March—The Russian government has decided to allocate 90 billion rubles (about 3 billion US dollars) to college researchers and a series of reforms from 2010 to 2012 to boost the country’s innovation-oriented economy, a senior official said on Wednesday.

The government planned to establish a market for intellectual property rights and knowledge economy and combine the technical budget system with higher education institutions to form the country’s innovation-oriented economy, Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov said. In the next three years, the government also plans to invest 8 billion rubles (270.3 million dollars) to set up industrial incubators and technical centers at higher education institutions, he said. The innovation-oriented economy needs a solid base of massive national purchases amounting to 4,000 billion rubles (135.2 billion US dollars), Ivanov said.—Xinhua

Italian ministry, Google launch partnership to digitize one million books

ROME, 11 March—The Italian Cultural Heritage Ministry and Google launched on Wednesday a partnership aimed at digitizing up to a million out-of-copyright Italian books from the National Libraries of Rome and Florence. Culture Minister Sandro Bondi, at a press conference here, praised the agreement as “unique in its kind.” “It’s the first time a government allows a web user access to a national library collection,” he said, stressing that Italy was proving to be a front-runner of digitizing in believing that the Internet can help spread and preserve a country’s cultural heritage.—Xinhua

Robotics centre opens in Sarajevo

BELGRADE, 11 March — A centre of robotics for the southeast region of Europe was officially opened in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina on Wednesday. At a total estimated cost of 3 million euros by year-end, the centre is the result of a business and technological partnership between a local Bosnian firm, Grizelj d.o Sarajevo, and Italian Evolut Spa Milano, reported the Bosnian news agency FENA. The center will not manufacture robots, but will seek technological solutions for companies using robotics in the metal, wood, automobile and food industries in the region. “Increased production and modernization of existing equipment and the introduction of new technologies is imperative,” said Bosnian Deputy Minister of International Trade Vljam Primorac.—Xinhua

Indonesia President calls on Australian businesses to invest

CANBERRA, 11 March—Visiting Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has called on Thursday on Australian entrepreneurs to invest in the Asian country, saying there is a huge potential to boost business links.

“Our economy is not only in good health, it is also in a good position to help restore the health of the global financial system,” Dr Yudhoyono told guests at a business forum on Thursday morning. “I see no reason why in the years ahead that partnership will not grow even stronger,” Dr Yudhoyono said. “I join you here this morning with a good sense of confidence.”

“I hope the entrepreneurs of both countries find ways of complementing each other and strike up partnerships that benefit us all.” He also reassured business leaders that his country was in good economic health with a stable democracy. The president said there were a range of sectors in which Australian and Indonesian companies could co-operate such as agriculture and food security.

“Australia has experiences and skill to do this business and we welcome the co-operation and partnership in this, in food processing and other agricultural type business.”

“In energy security, we invite you to be part of the development of our energy, not just oil, gas and coal but in renewable energy as well. Infrastructure building is also good for our partnership.”

Chinese Navy has no plan for overseas bases

BEIJING, 11 March—A stronger Chinese Navy will not seek to build military bases overseas, a retired senior officer has said amid media reports that the country harbours such “ambitions”.

Zhang Deshun, who was till recently the deputy chief of staff of the PLA Navy, said a naval force with advanced armaments and enhanced capabilities will contribute more to UN-led anti-terrorism, anti-piracy and disaster-relief missions. A larger navy with a greater reach does not mean it will seek to play the role of “world police”, he said in a speech made amid media reports that the country harbours such “ambitions”.

“China’s navy has no plan for overseas bases. It is mainly deployed in the rear admiral, who is a police”, said the retired senior officer has said amid media reports that the country harbours such “ambitions”.

All Items from Xinhua News Agency
54-year-old woman pregnant with twins

GEORGIA, 11 March — A woman from Georgia is staking a claim to be the oldest person in the world, Sky News reported today. Officials say Atsitsa Khviychava, who lives in a remote mountain village, will be 130 on Saturday. The Georgian authorities have petitioned the Guinness Book of Records to include her as the oldest person. "Atsitsa Khviychava was born in the 19th century and she is amazing," said Giorgi Vashadze, Head of Georgia’s Civil Registry Agency. "We have the necessary documents to prove it. The authorities have Ms Khviychava’s Soviet-era passport registration, which shows her date of birth, and her pension book issued in the 1960s. Although she was born in 1880, the pensioner only retired in 1965. She was shown on TV on Monday — on International Women’s Day — being congratulated by her children, grandchild- dren and great-grandchildren, and enjoying a glass of wine.

A 54-year-old British woman pregnant with twins, Karen Johnston, who has already been through menopause, fell pregnant after visiting two clinics in the Czech Republic where she underwent IVF treatment using donor eggs.

Ms Johnston, who gave birth to her first son Daniel 33 years ago, says she is addicted to having babies. “For years I thought I’d never be able to have another child and that’s all I wanted,” she told the Daily Mirror. “While I know that a lot of women aren’t able to have as many children as I’ve had, and I do feel lucky, I still felt I needed more. I couldn’t see why just because I had seven children already that meant I should try to ignore my desire to have an eighth.” — Internet

Woman claims to be 130 years old, wants Guinness World Record

MACAO, 11 March — Thirty-five-year-old US card stacker Bryan Berg has broken his own Guinness World Record set in 2004 by toiling over 44 days at building the largest house of free standing cards in Venetian Macao, the largest local casino, the Macao Daily Post reported on Thursday.

Using some 218,792 playing cards, Berg single-handedly built a scaled replica of the Venetian Macao complex, which organized the event. He laid the final card on the structure on Wednesday, which has a total combined weight of 272 kilograms, according to the event organizer.

The secret is that every card was set up in a very systematic way, and they look a lot like grids or honeycombs, the daily quoted Berg as saying.— Xinhua

US Card stacker breaks Guinness World Record in Macao

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Dogs and cats abandoned at Battersea home become photogenic stars of new stamps

BEIJING, 11 March — They didn’t exactly smile for the camera. But there was lots of tail wagging, tongue lolling and contented purring when these models got together. Some even managed that classic pose of cocking their head to one side with an earnest gaze.

No wonder they were happy. A fitter a rather tough start to life each and every one of this whiskered brigade has fallen on their feet, or rather paws.

And all have the famous Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in London to thank for putting them on the path to a happy ever after. These former Battersea residents, all happily living with new owners, star in a set of first-class stamps to mark the home’s 150th anniversary. They were once among the 12,000 animals the charity takes in a year.

The charity began life as the Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs in Holloway, North London, back in 1860. — Xinhua

THE EYE-CATCHING STAMPS CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF THE BATTERSEA DOGS & CATS HOME.— XINHUA

European nations also have the ship worm that destroys land sites.

A dozen centuries-old shipwrecks — some of them unusually well-preserved — have been found in the Baltic Sea by a gas company building an underwater pipeline between Russia and Germany, Swedish experts said on Tuesday.

The oldest wreck probably dates back to medieval times and could be up to 800 years old, while the others are likely from the 17th to 19th centuries, said Peter Norman, of Sweden’s National Heritage Board.

“Could they be interesting, but we have only seen pictures of their exterior. Many of them are considered to be fully intact. They look very well-preserved,” Norman told The Associated Press.

Thousands of wrecks from medieval ships to warships sunk during the world wars of the 20th century have been found in the Baltic Sea, which doesn’t have the ship worm that destroys wooden wrecks in saltier oceans.

Sweden’s most famous discovery, the royal warship Vasa, is housed in a popular museum in Stockholm where visitors can admire the ship’s details, down to the flashing teeth of the carved lions that adorn its elaborate exterior. The Vasa was raised from the Stockholm harbor in 1961, 333 years after it sank on its maiden voyage.

Photo shows the wheel of a 18th or 19th century sailing ship seen in the waters of the Baltic Sea. — Xinhua

More dinosaur extinction evidence offered

A US scientist says he’s found more evidence an asteroid that crashed intothe Earth 65 million years ago ended the age of the dinosaurs.

Purdue University Professor Jay Melosh refutes recent alternative hypotheses to the dinosaur extinction.

Melosh is among a panel of 41 experts from Europe, the United States, Mexico, Canada and Japan that evaluated new core samples from ocean and land sites.

“We find that alternative hypotheses are inadequate to explain the abrupt mass extinction and that the Chicxulub impact hypothesis has grown stronger than ever,” Melosh said. “The impact hypothesis has been widely accepted by the scientific community, but there has still been some debate, and we continue to examine the evidence.”

A bout 20 years ago an impact crater more than 125 miles wide was discovered in Yucatan, Mexico, and is thought to have caused the mass extinction 65 million years ago. However, some scientists suggest that event occurred 300,000 years earlier and could not have been the cause. Those scientists suggest active volcanoes led to global cooling and acid rainfall that killed the dinosaurs.

The new findings are reported in the journal Science.
US company to manufacture flying car

BEIJING, 11 March — In the United States, a Boston-based technology company, Terrafugia, has created a car that can fly. The company’s CEO says that the company is ready to begin manufacturing the flying car, but the US recession has grounded progress. The idea is as old as the Jetsons cartoon, but the flying car is now a reality.

In August last year, Terrafugia tested out its latest prototype. The test was successful and since then the team has been perfecting its design and preparing the flying car for commercialization.

The company’s CEO says the latest design is much less complex than its predecessors.

Carl Dietrich, Terrafugia CEO, said, “This is a 200,000 dollar vehicle, so you are buying it or you are buying a Lamborghini. So when you have got that choice, why are you buying a Lamborghini if can buy something that looks cool and flies on top of that. I mean it actually flies. It’s a flying car.”

Dietrich says the company already has plenty of orders. But he thinks the car’s potential market is gigantic. In the US alone, he says there are more than 5,000 airports, most of which lack rental car facilities or taxi stands and charge high fees for aircraft storage. He says with a flying car, there is no problem.

Lula says Brazil in good shape

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 March — Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Wednesday that his country is in good shape thanks to eight years of efforts to improve the economy. At the inauguration of a thermal power plant in Cubatao, Sao Paulo state, Lula spoke highly of economic achievements since 2003 when he took office.

“In 2003, Brazil underwent an unprecedented crisis: we were subordinate to the IMF and many Brazilian companies, including the state-owned oil and gas company Petrobras, did not make any investments,” he said.

Japan’s economic growth revised down for Q4

TOKYO, 11 March — Japan revised it’s gross domestic product (GDP) figures for the October–December period down by 0.9 percentage points from the previous quarter to 0.38 percent, the Cabinet Office announced on Thursday. The increase in domestic demand was also revised down by 0.2 points to 0.4 percent, while private demand was cut to 0.4 percent from 0.7 percent.

The revision suggests that Japan still has to remain cautious on the economy, despite more optimism on conditions recently. The downward revision comes amid a series of government and Bank of Japan (BOJ) plans to try to keep spending up, and suggests that the effects of various stimulus measures put in place may be starting to wear off.

Furious dog owners in UK fight microchips for ‘weapon’ pets

LONDON, 11 March — Responsible pet lovers said they would be unfairly penalized by British government plans to crack down on “devil” dogs, The Sun reported on Wednesday. Home Secretary Alan Johnson faced a furious backlash after he unveiled proposals including compulsory insurance and microchip implants for all poodles.

He aimed to target thugs who increasingly use dogs such as rottweilers or illegally-kept pitbulls as weapons in turf wars. There were also several family tragedies, including the death last year of four-year-old John-Paul M assey, mauled by a pitbull at his grandparents’ house in Liverpool, northern England.

Victorious animals, or “weapon” dogs, could be made subject to orders under which rogue owners would have to muzzle or neuter them — or face having them confiscated. But law-abiding dog fans said they would have to fork out up to $745 for the insurance, aimed at ensuring compensation was paid to victims of attacks.

And the microchips, which would contain owner data and be used for tracking, could cost another $50. Up to eight millions dogs could be affected.
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and presented clothes and medicines to town elders. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo touched upon assistance provided for greater development in the agricultural sector in all parts of the nation and the cultivation of marketable crops that are suitable for the region on commercial scale. Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Mynn gave accounts of extended construction and upgrading of roads for better transport in Shan State (North) and stressed the need to maintain Shan State (North) and Kachin roads for better transport and stability. At Kutkai Township People’s Hospital, the Prime Minister met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo briefed them on ensuring durability of infrastructural buildings and auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung stressed that parents should involve themselves in their children’s education as intellectuals and play a key role in carrying out national consolidation and regional development tasks. The Prime Minister looked into progress of Dokhtawady River crossing RC Bridge and Pontoon Bridge near Hsipaw. He spoke of the need to make sustained efforts to ensure prevalence of law and order, to carry out development tasks based on peace and stability of the regions and explained endeavours of the government on construction of infrastructures including transport, education and health sectors for equitable development of all regions, requirements of intellectuals and intellectual human resources for exploring natural resources to serve the interest of the State, the all-out efforts of the government in implementing the national education plans to enhance basic and higher education sectors for turning out skilled human resources, the opportunity for the local youths to learn higher education in their own regions with cost efficiency thanks to establishment of one technological university each in 24 development regions, opening of hospitals and clinics and asignment of specialists for uplifting health care standard for emergence of healthy and fit human resources.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein encourages a patient at Kutkai People’s Hospital.  

Bird’s eye view of Tangyan.  

Aerial view of Namkham.— MNA  

Yangon-Bagan special train to stop at six railway stations  

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Yangon-Bagan special train has been running as of 10 March. The 61-up Yangon-Bagan special train departs from Yangon railway station at 4 p.m. and arrives at Bagan railway station at 8 a.m. and 62-down Bagan-Yangon special train leaves Bagan railway station at 4:30 p.m and get to Yangon railway station at 8:30 a.m.  

SIP for summer  

YANGON, 11 March—MGS Beverages Co Ltd introduced its new soft drink SIP (The Fruity Adventure) at Park Royal Hotel here yesterday evening.  

The 61-up Yangon-Bagan and the 62-down Bagan-Yangon special trains will stop at Latpatan and Shwedaga railway stations with two minutes break each, Aunglan railway station, 10 minutes break, and Satthwarphu, Taungdwingyi and Kyaukpadaung railway stations, two minutes each.  

Star, Crusher and Quench are big brother brands of SIP drink, produced by MGS. Those interested may dial (Ph: 01-223415), Yangon Sales Centre (Ph: 01-501338 and 01-501340), and Mandalay Sales Centre (Ph: 02-53737 and 02-88041).  

Oryx for hotel career  

YANGON, 11 March—Oryx Institute of Career Development will open food and beverage service and housekeeping courses in March. Those who wanted to attend courses may contact the institute at 13rd floor of Uzana Tower, Room No. (1410), Shwegondine, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 552876, 558302 and 095126295).—MNA
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

Gigabyte Notebook in sales

YANGON, 11 March—Myanmar Technology Zone Co Ltd, sole agent and service partner in Myanmar, will distribute world famous Gigabyte Notebook. Computers with international warranty and bestservice. M 1022 model Notebook with Wireless-N (108 Mbps), Multi-Touch Touchpad, Battery Status Check, 3.5G HSDPA Support and HDD and easy upgradeable memory, keyboard and long life battery is smart and portable.

Under the special promotion programme to mark the launching of Gigabyte Notebook in Myanmar, 35 % off will be offered to customers at Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 to be held from 19 to 21 March. Every one may make order not later than 12 March as sales are limited.

Dealer showrooms in Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 are King Power, Top Power, iCom, Life Mark, ADT, ICE, Neo-Tech and Technoland. Gigabyte Notebooks and BenQ Electronics accessories are available at the Sales Center, No. 125 B, Shwedagon Street, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 542569 and 723009.—MNA

Beware of fire

Japan donates cash to MKF

YANGON, 11 March—Under the programme of the Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects of Japan, a ceremony to sign Grant Contract between the Embassy of Japan and Myanmar Karatedo Federation, and the project for the Improvement of Karate Equipment of Myanmar Karatedo Federation took place at Chatrium Hotel here yesterday.

It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee-Permanent Secretary U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa and President Dr Zaw Win of MKF. President Dr Win Zaw and officials, Ambassador Mr Yasuaki Nogawa and President Dr Zaw Win spoke words of thanks. The ambassador and the president signed the contract. The president accepted the donation.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik presented certificate of honour to the ambassador.—MNA

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Dy Health Minister meets Professor of Georgetown University

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Yesterday morning, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and Professor David I Steinberg of Georgetown University held a discussion at the Ministry of Health.

The deputy minister explained health care services in Myanmar and tasks of cooperation with social organizations. They focused on cooperation with international and internal social organizations in the health care tasks.

Also present at the call were departmental heads and project managers of the AIDS, malaria and TB projects.—MNA

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**Chairman of TCG arrives back**

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The meetings were also attended by senior members of the TCG, representing the ASEAN and the UN, the ASEAN Secretary-General and Chairman of the AHTF Dr Surin Pitsuwan, members of the AHTF and AHTF advisory group, representatives from the ASEAN countries and donor countries, responsible personnel from donor countries, the ASEAN countries and group, representatives from AHTF and AHTF advisory board, members of the TCG, representing the ASEAN and the UN, and senior members from Myanmar.

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**Better communications: key to greater development of rural areas**

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Akar Kyaw

A newly-opened building of rural health center in Gamontaung village of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

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**Winter in Venice.**

A man holds his umbrella broken by the wind on the Ponte di Calatrava (Calatrava bridge) during a snow storm in Venice. [Internet]

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**Kia Motors’ global sales jump 39.5% in February**

**SEOUL, 11 March — Kia Motors Corp, South Korea’s second largest automaker, saw a year-on-year global sales increase of 39.5 percent in February this year, selling a total of 143,267 vehicles, the company said on Thursday.**

The sales increase in February was a result of Kia’s double-digit year-on-year sales growth in all regions. It gained 128.6 percent in China with 25,435 units sold, 52.7 percent in general markets with 32,578 units sold, 34.4 percent in Europe with 24,992 units sold, 21.6 percent in South Korea with 33,209 units sold, and 11.4 percent in North America with 27,053 units sold, according to the company.

General markets include the regions in Central and South America, the Caribbean, A sia (excluding China), the Pacific, the Middle East and Africa. In addition, Kia’s global sales have jumped 50.6 percent year-on-year in the first two months of 2010, reaching 293,659 units sold, the company said.

Through the first two months of 2010, China had the highest year-on-year sales spike of 180.9 percent, for a total of 61,339 units sold, while general markets and Europe had increases of 56.7 percent and 42.8 percent, respectively, added the company. [Xinhua]

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**Russia to equip army with new air defense system in 2010**

**MOSCOW, 11 March — Russia will supply the new Pantsir-S1 air defense system to the army in 2010, Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov announced on Wednesday.**

Kovalchuk said Serdyukov inspected several enterprises in the Tula region earlier in the day.

A firer, the minister announced that supplies of the Pantsir-S1 air defense system consist of 12 surface-to-air guided missiles and two 30-millimetre automatic guns “to the army will be given this year,” said Kovalchuk. “Currently, such systems are being prepared for participation in the Victory Day parade in Red Square.” Kovalchuk was quoted as saying by the Itar-Tass news agency. Created by the Tula Instrument-Making Design Bureau, the Pantsir system aims to protect small-scale national and military strategic targets, and is usually considered as effective when countering high-precision weapons. It can also be used to destroy underwater and surface light-armed targets and manpower. The Pantsir system has already been supplied to the United Arab Emirates, and several supply contracts are being negotiated on, said the Itar-Tass. [Xinhua]

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**Eight reporters kidnapped in Mexican city**

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**Somali rebels behead two, fighting kills 17**

**MOGADISHU, 11 March — Fighting between Somali government forces and Al-Shabaab rebels in the north of Mogadishu on Wednesday killed 17 people and wounded 65, a Somali human rights group and rescue services said.**

Residents said Al-Shabaab also beheaded two employees of a telecommunications company in the capital who had been accused by the al-Qaeda-linked militants of spying for the government. Somali militants have fought the government since the start of 2007 and the Western-backed administration has been hemmed into a few blocks of the capital since a rebel offensive last May. [Internet]

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**Cuba’s sugar harvest threatened by rain, organizational problems**

**Havana, 11 March — Organization problems and rain could jeopardize Cuba’s sugar harvest this year, the official daily Grama said on Wednesday. Operational breakdowns of sugar mills and a lack of sugarcanes due to the heavy rainfall have become “powerful enemies” of Cuba’s sugar harvest, Grama said, citing an article written by agricultural expert Juán Varela.**

By the end of February, the sugar mills across Cuba were operating at only 64 percent of their potential, well below the expectations of 80 percent, the Ministry of Sugar (MINAZ) said. It meant a delay of some 147,900 tons of sugar compared with what had been planned, said the ministry. [Xinhua]

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**‘Bali bomber’ Dulmatin confirmed dead in Indonesian raid**

**JAKARTA, 11 March— DNA tests on the body of a man killed in Jakarta prove beyond doubt he is Dulmatin, the last main suspect of the Bali bombings, Indonesian police say. Police Chief Bambang Hendarso Danuri said bomb-making equipment had been found during the raid in the capital. Dulmatin was suspected of planning the 2002 attacks which killed 202 people.**

News of Dulmatin’s death had been announced earlier by Indonesia’s President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, during talks in Australia. A bout half of those killed in Bali were Australian, and officials there have praised Indonesia’s anti-terror operations. [Internet]

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**‘Copper shop’ : An Iraqi coppersmith works at his shop in central Baghdad’s Safafir street.** [Internet]
**Sports**

**Rooney double as Man United crush Milan**

**London, 11 March** — In-form England striker Wayne Rooney scored the opening two goals as Manchester United crushed AC Milan 4-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the Champions League. Park Ji-sung and Darren Fletcher were also on target for the English Premier League champions as United secured a convincing 2-0 aggregate success. All the talk beforehand was of Milan midfielder David Beckham’s return to Old Trafford for the first time since United sold him to Real Madrid in 2003. And the England star was given an emotional reception by the United fans when he came on as a second-half substitute.

**Henin advances at Indian Wells**

**Indian Wells, 11 March** — Justine Henin led the way on the day of the BNP Paribas Open on Wednesday by rolling to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Magdalena Rybarikova. Henin is mounting a comeback after having retired as the No 1 player in the world in 2008. She is one of the leading contenders for the finals. "The semi-finals is a minimum. We can beat all teams because we play at the same level as the best teams," she said. "Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Rooney are the best in the world."

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**Paralympic torch relay lights up Vancouver streets**

**Vancouver, 11 March** — The Paralympic torch relay arrived in Vancouver on Wednesday for the final leg of its journey before the start of Friday’s opening ceremony in the Canadian city. Under the Winter Olympic torch relay that travelled across Canada on a massive 45,000-kilometer journey, the longest in Winter Olympic history, the Paralympic torch relay has been a decidedly more low-key affair, taking 10 days in all and covering 13 communities across the country, mainly in the host Province British Columbia. A bout 600 torchbearers are participating nationwide.

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**Madrid, 11 March** — After spending over 250 million euros to build a second dynasty of Galacticos’ Real Madrid were expected to lift this season’s Champions League trophy in the May final at their Santiago Bernabeu stadium, but that dream was shattered on Wednesday as Lyon eliminated Real 2-1 on aggregate at the last 16 stage. Pressure is always intense on Real Madrid managers and Pellegrini had more than usual after a massive summer outlay on Kaká, Cristiano Ronaldo and Wayne Rooney celebrating his opening goal as Manchester United cruised into the Champions League quarter-finals.—Internet

**Referee errors part of football**

**Berlin, 11 March** — German legend Franz Beckenbauer pleaded on Wednesday for the rules of football to be left as they are, warts and all, because refereeing errors can be part of the sport’s charm. “Leave football as simple and as clear as it is, together with all its mistakes,” Beckenbauer — a member of the executive committee of FIFA, the sport’s governing body — told the German daily Bild. “The 1966 Wembley goal is part of football legend. We’ve been talking about it for over 40 years in England and Germany, and probably still will be a source of debate.”

**Xinhua**

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**RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 March** — The president of the Brazilian Confederation of Football Ricardo Teixeira offered some strong advice for Adriano on Wednesday. Teixeira declared that after the star striker wants to be part of Brazil’s national team to travel to South Africa in the 2010 World Cup, he had better get his personal life together. “On the Brazilian national team, one needs to take good care of their physical condition,” said Teixeira in reference to Adriano and his drinking problem and his weight.

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South Africa is achievable

The Italian believes his side contains one of the best players in the world in striker Wayne Rooney and is one of the leading contenders for the finals. “The semi-finals is a minimum. We can beat all teams because we play at the same level as the best teams,” he said. “Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Rooney are the best in the world.”

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Hoelzl wins giant slalom World Cup title;
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GARMISCH, 11 March — Olympic silver medalist Tina Maze of Slovenia won the final giant slalom race of the season Thursday and Kathrin Hoelzl of Germany clinched the World Cup title in the event by finishing second.

Marina Riesch of Germany placed third to cut Lindsey Vonn’s overall World Cup lead to 165 points with two races remaining. Vonn, seeking her third straight overall title, fell in the first run of the giant slalom and did not earn any points. A victory is worth 100 points.

Vonn’s skis locked, she spun in the air and crashed into the safety netting. The American then skied down the slope and was taken away from the race area for medical evaluation.—Internet

WEATHER

Thursday, 11 March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) above March average temperatures in Chin State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Nay Pyi Taw, Monywa, Chaik, Aunglan and Pyay (40°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.11) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-3-2010 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 11-3-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-3-2010 was 75%.

Total sun shine hours on 10-3-2010 was (8.1) hours approx. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (15) cm. Unusual activity of lightning in the area.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-3-2010: Light rain or thundershowers ac be likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Motamta, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in the strong wind may reach (35) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Forecast valid until evening of 12th March 2010: Likely rain or thundershowers ac be likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).
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People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
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Better communications: key to greater development of rural areas
Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Akar Kyaw

The government pays special attention to the drive for improving the living standard of the people in rural areas by fulfilling the requirements one after another. A part from ensuring better transport, supplying clean water and opening of libraries in each and every village, better communications in rural areas is being given priority.

At the invitation of U Kyaw Tint, chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township PDC, to attend the ceremony to hand over CDMA telephones to villages in eastern hilly region, we, Myanma Alin news crew, went to Gamontaung village of Mepauk village-tract in the township on 18 February, 2010. Thanks to emergence of Paunglaung Dam project, the road that leading to the village is far better than it was in the past. This road is the artery for people of the hilly region of eastern part of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana. People once had to go to the downtown Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on foot from morning to evening. As a result of better transport, they can reach there by car or by motorbikes. The ceremony reflected that people are enjoying fruitful results of achievement in communication sector along with better transport.

U Kyaw Tint explained to us that a plan to hand over at least one CDMA telephone to each village-tract emerged thanks to collaborative efforts of Nay Pyi Taw Command and Myanma Posts and Telecommunications. So far 16 villages included in seven village-tracks in hilly region have been provided with CDMA telephones with a unit price of K 550,000 through the funds for all-round development of Nay Pyi Taw District. Handsets worth K 100,000 each were donated by Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township PDC through regional development funds. Gamontaung village is one of the villages that were provided with CDMA telephones. Arrangements are being made to hand over CDMA telephones to the remaining 21 village-tracts in the township.

The ceremony to donate 40 water pumps to the villages on hills by office of Nay Pyi Taw District Myanma Agriculture Service of ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held on the same day. The ceremony aimed to achieving greater development of agriculture in the hilly which has springs in large quantities, thus it is required to use pumps to draw water from the springs.

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