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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 heritages and national characters
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Minister U Kyaw Hsan makes speech at the 5th Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association.—MNA

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

YANGON, 17 May—The 5th Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at the hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw Township yesterday morning, with an address by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that today’s conference was the fifth time of the MWJA and the conferences are held once every four years in line with the procedures. The conference will review the tasks of the MWJA (Central) and Township WJAs to serve the interest of the literary world, the nation and the people, the MWJA and the regions during the period of four years, and will adopt the future tasks for coming four years.

He said he firmly believed that the CECs and delegates to the conference would hold discussions cordially to adopt the tasks for development of MWJA. The fourth conference of the association was attended by the then Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council now Prime Minister U Thein Sein. The Prime Minister laid down 12 work guidelines for those of the literary world. At that time, he said (See page 8)

Formation, registration of political party applied

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May — Those wishing to form political parties are submitting the applications describing the name of their parties to the Union Election Commission. The Khami National Development Party submitted the application today.

Up to date, 28 of 33 groups have been permitted to set up political parties.

Of the 28, the United Democratic Party submitted the application to register as a political party to the UEC today.

Up to date, there were 38 parties that submitted their applications for formation and continued existence as political parties. Five of the 17 parties that submitted the applications for registration as political party have been allowed to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

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**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Uplift prestige and integrity of nation and literary world**

The Fifth Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association commenced at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon on 16 May, with the participation of 206 representatives of States and Divisions.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said that in building a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the journalists and literati of the fourth estate are to serve the national interest creating their works in accord with the literary ethics launching educational campaign and highlighting the national cause in line with the fine tradition of Myanmar literary world as part of efforts to conduct the legislature, executive and judicial pillars not to deviate from the national cause.

Writers and journalists are trying their best in serving the interest of the State, the people and the Myanmar literary world. They are standing tall as a national force by taking up the literary tasks.

Intellectuals and intelligentsia in the literary world have been engaged in the literary industry for many years, making self-sacrifices due to their love, goodwill and belief in their art of literary works. They have to constantly discharge bounden duties to uplift national prestige and integrity and to guard against infiltration of alien culture.

In building a modern and developed new nation, the literati have to make sustained efforts to raise the standard of Myanmar literature, strengthen the people’s conviction of national cause, uplift dynamism of patriotic spirit and to highlight the national cause by exerting their works. They have to constantly discharge bounden duties to uplift national prestige and integrity and to guard against infiltration of alien culture.

As such, all the writers and journalists are to highlight the national cause by exerting their literary might in line with the fine traditions of nation-building tasks. While organizing the people to take part in nation-building endeavours, they are to constantly uplift prestige and integrity of the nation and the literary world.

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**Information Minister receives President of THAICOM Public Company Limited**

YANGON, 17 May—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan received President of THAICOM Public Company Limited Dr Nong Luck Phinaisitnart and party of Thailand at the meeting room of Myanmar Radio and Television here this morning.

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**MTF President’s Cup Tennis Tournament concludes**

YANGON, 17 May—Final matches of the MTF President’s Cup Tennis Tournament took place at Theibyuu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 14 May.

U Aung Maw Thein of Myanmar Tennis Federation presents first and second prizes to Excellent Unity and YCDC teams.

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**374 culprits arrested in 241 drug-related cases in April**

NAYPOWTAW, 17 May—The authorities concerned exposed 241 drug-related cases in April 2010.

They seized 110.5792 kilos of opium in 44 cases, 1.7882 kilos of heroin in 80 cases, 2.1015 kilos of opium oil crystal in 11 cases, 6.9137 kilos of low-grade opium in nine cases, 9.7388 kilos of marijuana in 15 cases, 36,522 stimulant tablets in 61 cases, 20.7724 kilos of opium speciosa in seven cases, 0.15 litre of opium liquid in one case, 1.236 litres of chemical liquid in one case, 134.0036 kilos of Ice in three cases, 17 tablets of alprazolam in one case, one case of failure to register and seven in other cases.

Action was taken against 374 persons—315 men and 59 women—in 241 cases under the law.

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**CASH DONATED: TZK Co Ltd donated cash to the funds of Myanmar Medical Association at the Foremost Medical Seminar jointly organized by Society of Child Health Education and Society of OG on 16 May. MMA Chairman Professor Dr Kyaw Myint Naing accepts K 300,000 from wellwishers.—MNA**

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**People’s Desire**

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize the stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy
**Two Italian soldiers killed in Afghanistan**

ROME, 17 May—Two Italian soldiers were killed and two others were seriously injured on Monday when a bomb hit a NATO military convoy in northwestern Afghanistan, Italy’s Foreign Ministry said.

The four were in a vehicle that was struck by a roadside bomb, the weapon of choice of Taleban-led militants fighting the Western-backed Afghan government and around 130,000 US-led foreign troops in the country.

The attack was about 25 kilometres (15.5 miles) south of the town of Bala Murghab on the border with Turkmenistan, a spokesman for the Italian contingent in Afghanistan said in a television interview. Italy has 3,300 troops in Afghanistan as part of NATO’s International Security Assistance Force and heads the western regional command headquartered in the city of Herat.—*Internet*

**India successfully testfires Agni II ballistic missile**

NEW DELHI, 17 May—India has successfully tested a nuclear-capable, medium-range ballistic missile off its eastern coast, a defence official has said.

The surface to surface missile was tested by army personnel as part of a training exercise from Wheeler’s Island in Bhadrak District, about 200 km from the state capital Bhubaneshwar, said the source official.

The launch was very successful and has met all the mission objectives, said the sources.

*Xinhua*

This photo provided by Jim Dodds shows a train deraisment, recently in Thermopolis, Wyo. A locomotive slid into the Wind River after hitting a boulder south of Thermopolis. The crew survived but diesel is leaking into the river.

*Xinhua*

**Second NATO troop killed in 24 hours in Afghanistan**

KABUL, 17 May—A second NATO soldier was killed in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, NATO’s International Security Assistance Force did not release the nationality of either soldier.

The death brought to 198 the number of foreign troops to die this year during the Afghan war, which is into its ninth year, according to an AFP tally based on that kept by the independent icasualties.org website.

A total of 520 died in 2009.

NATO and the United States are set to boost their overall number of troops in Afghanistan to 150,000 by August.

Most of the new deployments are heading to the volatile south, where an operation against the Taleban in Kandahar Province is building as part of plans to squeeze them out of their heartland.

*Internet*

**Mobile phones on rise in Cambodia**

PHNOM PENH, 17 May—The use of mobile phones in Cambodia is remarkably popular and increased year by year, a government data showed on Monday.

The data of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication showed that the number of mobile phones used by the end of 2009 was 6.3 million, an increase from 3.8 million a year ago.

And by the first quarter of 2010, it estimated the mobile phone users at about 7.1 million, or about half of the country’s total populations of 14.7 million.

Currently, there are nine mobile phone companies running in the country with Mobitel, owned by local tycoon Kith Meng of Royal Group, known as leading in the sector and followed by the new investment from Vietnam, known as Metfone or Viettel.

*Internet*

**Three Australian soldiers wounded in bomb blast in Afghanistan**

CANBERRA, 17 May—Three Australian special forces soldiers have been wounded in a roadside bomb blast in southern Afghanistan, Australian Defence Force said on Monday.

They have been admitted to hospital in Kandahar, but their condition was described as satisfactory and they were expected to return to duty.

Defence force head Angus Houston said improvised explosive devices (IEDs) remained a persistent threat with 48 such incidents involving Australian troops between November last year and April.

*Internet*
Shuttle Atlantis arrives at space station

In this frame grab taken from NASA television, the space shuttle Atlantis flies over a mountainous region of Earth before docking at the International Space Station, on 16 May, 2010.—INTERNET

Cape Canaveral, 17 May—Atlantis arrived at the International Space Station on Sunday for what could be its last visit, delivering fresh batteries and other equipment to help keep the outpost running long after the shuttle programme ends. For now, Atlantis' dance card is empty after this flight, and NASA has just two missions remaining. But there's a push to keep the space shuttles flying until next June and to give Atlantis one last hurrah.

Shuttle commander Kenneth Ham was visibly moved as he floated into the space station. He grabbed two of the station astronauts in a tight embrace.

“It’s bigger than we remember and, speaking for myself, better than I remember,” Ham said. “I love this place.”

The rendezvous by Atlantis was accompanied by considerably more picture-taking than usual, to make up for a curtailed safety survey the day before.

Laser cooling of solids for sensitive sensors

New York, 17 May—The sensors that allow satellites to take measurements are happiest when cold. Mechanical pumps onboard keep sensors’ semiconductor elements at temperatures hundreds of degrees below zero. But these cryogenic pumps also produce noisy vibrations that interfere with the collection of data by the sensitive sensors. Mansoor Sheik Bahae of the University of New Mexico and colleagues are developing a technique to cool semiconductors loads that would use a vibration-free solid-state technology: laser cooling, which has traditionally been used to lower the temperature of dilute gases but can also cool transparent solids doped with rare-earth ions by kicking out energetic photons (or fluorescence up conversion). In January, the group set a record by cooling a crystal down to 155 Kelvin, research published in Nature Photonics. At the upcoming CLEO meeting, Denis Seletskiy, the lead author and a senior graduate student from the group, will describe a new experiment in which the temperature of a GaAs semiconductor load was lowered down to 165 Kelvin, a useful temperature for some kinds of detectors.

“This is the only solid-state technology that can reach these temperatures, the coldest that any semiconductor has gotten without the use of cryogens and/or mechanical coolers,” says Sheik Bahae.

Mouse cells show promise as ear cells

Palo Alto, 17 May—Specialized ear cells developed from mouse stem cells to develop sensory hair cells like those found in the inner part of the ear. The hairs bend in response to vibrations, changing sound waves into electrical signals that are sent to the brain. People have about 15,000 such hair cells in each ear. The cells don’t regenerate when damaged, which leads to hearing loss, and a condition known as tinnitus.

The hair cells developed from mouse stem cells “really looked like they were more or less taken out of an ear,” Stefan Heller, a Stanford professor of otolaryngology, wrote in a recent issue of the journal Cell. Future tests are to determine whether it’s possible to grow thousands of hair cells from human stem cells for use in human ears, Heller said.

Ivy can protect old walls

Ivy clinging to an old wall. The received wisdom that ivy destroys buildings has been overturned by a new study by Oxford University.—INTERNET

London, 17 May—The received wisdom that ivy destroys buildings has been overturned by a new study by Oxford University.

In a three-year project, Oxford researchers analysed the effects of ivy growing on buildings in five different parts of England and discovered that the plant plays a protective role. They found that an ivy canopy was like a thermal shield, combating the extremes of temperature which often cause walls to crack.

English Heritage commissioned Professor Heather Viles of Oxford University’s School of Geography and the Environment to analyse the effect of common ivy (Hedera helix) to guide them in their important role as the steward of hundreds of historical sites. Professor Viles’s research team monitored ivy cover and measured the effect of ivy on walls situated in different parts of the country with varying climates and challenges.

They found that ivy acted as a thermal blanket, warming up walls by an average of 15 per cent in cold weather and cooling the surface temperature of the wall in hot weather by an average of 36 per cent.

New technique may quickly distinguish between active and latent TB

New Orleans, 17 May—An emerging technique designed to quickly distinguish between people with active and dormant tuberculosis may help health professionals diagnose the disease sooner, thereby potentially limiting early exposure to the disease, according to a study conducted by researchers at Duke University Medical Center.

Current blood tests for tuberculosis are reasonably good at distinguishing between uninfected and infected persons, but cannot tell the whether an infected person has active, and possibly infectious, tuberculosis or has latent infection, “said senior author Jason Stout, MD, M.H.S., assistant professor of medicine at Duke University Medical Center. “Generally a culture is required to tell the difference between latent infection and active tuberculosis, but a culture usually requires weeks to deliver a result. A rapid test that could tell the difference between latent and active tuberculosis would be a major step forward.”

The findings were reported at the ATS 2010 International Conference in New Orleans.

“This pilot study explored whether using patterns in the immune response to tuberculosis could be helpful in improving rapid diagnosis of the disease,” Dr. Stout said.
Sniffing anesthetic may replace injection

ST PAUL, 17 May — A sniff may replace an injection when getting a local anesthetic in the dentist’s chair, US researchers say.

William H. Frey II, Leah Hanson and Neil Johnson at Regions Hospital in St Paul, Minn., found anesthetic administered to the nose — as nasal drops or spray — travels through the nerve in the face and collects in the structures of the jaw, including the teeth.

A doll is made to use a laptop during the 22nd International Exhibition for Telecommunications, Control System, and Communication services in Moscow, capital of Russia recently.—XINHUA

Australian indigenous people face massive eye problems

CANBERRA, 17 May — Cataract problems were hitting Australian indigenous people at nearly double the rate of the wider population, new research showed on Monday.

Just getting indigenous people in front of eye specialists remained a significant problem, the national indigenous eye health survey has discovered.

A visitor experiences an electronic wheelchair at the Life and Sunshine Pavilion in the World Expo Park in Shanghai, China, on 2 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Study finds no brain cancer link to mobile phone use

PARIS, 17 May — The largest study to date of the safety of mobile phones has found no clear link to brain cancer, although it said further study is merited given their increasingly intensive use.

“The study doesn’t reveal an increased risk, but we can’t conclude that there is no risk because there are enough findings that suggest a possible risk,” the study’s chief author, Elisabeth Cardis said.

The results of the Interphone study, which included 2,708 cases of glioma tumours and 2,409 meningioma tumours in 13 countries over a 10-year period, is due to be published on Tuesday in the International Journal of Epidemiology.

It found no increased risk of glioma or meningioma tumours after 10 years of using a mobile phone, although it found “suggestions of higher risk” for the heaviest users.

Teen risk-taking linked to hypersensitivity to reward signal

PARIS, 17 May — Unprotected sex, wild rides on a motorbike, smoking, drugs or alcohol — the litany of risk-taking by teenagers is famously long. But what drives it?

The answer could lie with adolescents’ hypersensitivity to signals that unleash dopamine, a powerful brain chemical that underpins the pleasure from a reward, US psychologists suggest.

A team led by Jessica Cohen of the University of California, Los Angeles, recruited 45 people from three age groups — children aged eight to 12, teenagers aged 14-19 and adults aged 25-30.

The volunteers were asked to look at pictures on a computer screen and say whether the images matched the pattern on T-shirts sold by either of two fictitious universities.

The task was performed while the volunteers were in a functional magnetic resonance imaging scanner (fMRI), which measures blood flow in the brain in response to neural signals.

Among the teenagers, the striatal area of the brain, which is sensitive to dopamine, lit up more strongly than among children and adults when receiving the reward.

“Our research shows that when adolescents get a reward that they’re not expecting, their brains are more responsive to that reward,” Cohen said in a phone interview.

Grey Bruce pathology report ID’s 12 cases

TORONTO, 17 May — A review of cases handled by a pathologist in southern Ontario has ended with the finding that a dozen patients should have received further investigation or treatment. The review was launched two years ago after two breast cancer diagnoses were missed among the pathology cases interpreted by Dr Barry Sawka at Grey Bruce Health Services. A group from a North Bay hospital reviewed more than 2,000 cases involving 944 patients from 2004 to 2008.

The president and CEO of Grey Bruce Health Services, Maureen Solecki, says during the review, seven patients, including the two initial missed cancers and one additional cancer case, received further investigation or treatment. She says two patients couldn’t be found for follow-up while three patients did not get further treatment because one refused, another had died from unrelated causes and the third was too ill from other causes.
Japan machinery orders rise 5.4 percent in March

The March result was better than Kyodo News agency's average market forecast of a 5.2 percent increase.

"Overall, companies are boosting their investments again on the back of Japan’s economic recovery. Among key sectors, the auto and machinery sectors are increasing their spending," said Hiroshi Watanabe, an economist at Daiwa Institute of Research.

The government said it expects core machinery orders in March to increase 5.4 percent from the previous month. The figure excludes volatile numbers from shipbuilders and electric power company sales. Internet

China’s Anshan Steel to invest in US steel mill

A construction worker walks past steel rods at a building site in Shanghai. China’s Anshan Iron and Steel Group said Monday it had signed an equity investment agreement with US mill Steel Development Company that includes building five new US plants. — Internet

Samsung to invest 22.7 billion dollars in 2010

4G wireless technology slowly starts out in Scandinavia

The roll-out of 4G networks — up to 10 times faster than today’s high-speed third generation technology — is being slowed by the need for compatible hardware and massive investments.

People attending a 4G telecommunication connection conference at the Telia headquarters on April 5. Launched in the capitals of tech-savvy Sweden and Norway in December, fourth generation wireless technology is getting off to a slow start in Scandinavia, analysts say. Internet

Asian stocks fall on worries over Europe debt woes

Tokyo, 17 May—Asian stock markets tumbled in early trading on Monday as fresh worries over debt woes in Europe dampened sentiment across the region.

Japan’s benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average dropped 207.50 points, or 2.0 percent, to 10,255.01. South Korea’s Kospi lost 2.1 percent to 1,660.85. Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 index was also down 2.0 percent at 4,549.60.

Benchmarks in mainland China and Taiwan declined, with Hong Kong’s Hang Seng index losing 1.6 percent to 19,832.03.

Asian investors’ mood turned downbeat on growing concerns that cost-cutting fiscal measures being taken by Greece, Portugal and Spain could hamper a recovery in the eurozone economy.

Internet

Business
Myanmar, China to boost cooperation in hotels and tourism sector

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing received a delegation led by Governor of Jilin Province Mr Wang Rulin of the People’s Republic of China, accompanied by Deputy Managing Director Lt-Col Than Tun (Retd) of Myanmar Economic Corporation (MEC) and party at the ministry here today. The meeting focused on tourism industry and more cooperation in hotels and tourism sector.—MNA

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing extends greeting in meeting with Governor of Jilin Province Mr Wang Rulin of PRC and party.—MNA

Adore, preserve Myanmar’s natural beauty

When a year passes by, everyone should make reforms and amendments based on their past performances in order to lay down new work programmes, objectives and aims. In this regard, they have to take into consideration human’s natures, attitudes, habits, traditions, and religious faiths on the whole. The process concerns with each individual, human community, ward, village, town, and nation.

Therefore, every person should have a good foundation. Since our school days, we have got accustomed to the fundamental objectives of the school council: we shall try to improve conditions for ourselves, our class, our school, and our country. We must bear in mind that our parents and teachers have relayed lofty aims and good habits to us.

In our school days, as soon as we got to school, we kept the class clean; we erased the words on the blackboard; we rearranged the teacher’s table; and we shared daily routines such as filling the pots with drinking water, adjusting the desks and benches, laying our slippers in rows, and extending warm welcome to the teacher. We were trained to know the value of doing even light tasks with goodwill as good as we could. We also had to learn fruitful results of wholesome acts.

For a student, the creator of his fate is none other than himself. The higher grade he is, the better thoughts, habits, and attitude he will have. A high school student can take care of himself well. As a high school student we need to read the school textbooks from start to end. Apparently, every lesson makes the students improve in thinking power and knowledge.

So, everyone should learn at least basic education. Then, a student can pursue tertiary education and will have more choices for better education. Then, a student can pursue tertiary education and improve in thinking power and knowledge.

To Blessings are dos and don’ts on moral conduct. If the mountain cannot come to Ahmed, Ahmed has to go to the mountain. The saying “If you are kind to me, I will not be unkind to you” should be replaced with the one “I will be kind to you, so you shall not be unkind to me”.

What we do will be all fruitful only if we exert goodwill, wisdom and diligence proportionately.

So, we must decide on things with our own mental calibre, sense and mindfulness in order to generate better living conditions for us.

We must take things seriously if we want to enjoy high living status. There are so many things we have yet to learn in life. Here, we should say less, but be effective. We should choose sweet, pleasing words. We should stay away from the bad habit of being envious, saying in an insinuating way, and conceit, and the bad habit of saying ill of others and self-proclamation; choose beneficial words; study in order to have vast knowledge and good characters.

Myanmar people have forgive and forget attitude, understanding, generosity, loving-kindness, and compassion. That is supported by Nargis-hit areas which have returned to normal, along with large pagodas, monasteries, and religious edifices, social organizations and wholesale charities, and donations made by individuals and organizations in health care, free funeral services, free treatments to the visually impaired, donations of tube-wells, schools, and donations on education.

That calls for concerted efforts at class, school, worksite, village and town levels and at the national level.

Every village and town in the states and divisions has its own natural beauty. National races have to collectively maintain and improve the motherland that is rich in natural resources and cultural heritage. It should be convinced that the Myanmar history will remain shining if the people do their bit in nation-building tasks.

Actually, Myanmar is a land that is worth living due to its impressive geographical features, scenic natural beauty, Dhamma, and magnanimity of the people. However, it is very discouraging to note that those who can ruin the Myanmar’s natural beauty are Myanmar people themselves. So, every citizen is not to incidentally harm the nation, but to achieve the democratization process.

So, each and every citizen is to be equipped with a strong sense of cherishing the motherland, which is endowed with many good characters. Wherever they live, at home or abroad, national people have to raise the role of the nation.

The people have to collaboratively build the nation into a paradise. We should note that we can shape our country into a better one with the ideas, characters, education, technology, positive attitude, and goodwill of each citizen.

May Myanmar people adore the beauty of the nation, cement amicable relations, and protect and hand down the Myanmar’s beauty.

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that he explained the aims, objectives and tasks of the association, matters of national concern, development of literary world, sector-wise formation and future tasks for strengthening the association, long-term existence and development of rural libraries and raising of funds.

In meeting with CEC members of the MWJA two times in 2006 and 2007, he discussed the extended organizing of the members of the association, raising the funds, holding the knowledge bank paper-reading sessions, conducting the journalism courses, awarding the outstanding students of the MWJA members, providing assistance to the ailing members, conferred help for funeral services, extending the literary market and emphasizing penetration of Myanmar literature and books into other countries.

He added that at the Central Body Meeting for the 4th conference of MWJA held on 28 June 2008, he acknowledged dutiful tasks of those from the literary world in rehabilitation of the storm Nargis-hit people and the participation of the MWJA in holding the Referendum for the approval of the Constitution in the national interest, and he also held discussions on progress of the village libraries and extension of the literary market.

In studying the four-year work report of the CEC submitted to the 5th conference, he witnessed accomplishments in most of the tasks, he added. With regard to organizational tasks of the association, he said that the MWJA has organized 7675 members, 178 township associations and nine organizing committees, so far. After the 4th conference, the association could organize about 1000 more members, he noted.

Fourth estate to practise checks and balances system...

The free and fair general elections will be held in 2010 in order to practise democracy system aspired by the people. After the elections, Huittaws, government, executive and judicial bodies will emerge. These organizations will have to implement the goal of the State in compliance with the Constitution.

In trying to achieve the national goal, it is important to strive for successful realization of democratization process and for emergence of a peacefull, modern and developed nation.

Democracy is one of the practices for serving the interest of the people. Only if we practice it correctly will we enjoy the fruitful results. During the period from 1948 to 1962, the nation and its people did not fully enjoy the benefits of democracy due to lack of competence in practising democracy.

There are three major forces for realization of democratization process successfully. They are (1) the people, (2) parties and politicians, (3) media men. These three major forces are to implement the democratization process correctly.

The people and the media men are to practise checks and balances system on the activities of politicians and political parties in practicing democratization process correctly. The people of Sagaing, ... in the back. A country will not help others if it does not serve its interest. So we will have to place national interest in the fore. The most appropriate way is that every work should be based on own interest. All should take the lessons of the past weakness of the fourth estate to shape it in a correct way in the future.

The ministry has already set up the rural library foundation to extend the public horizons and promote social economy. The aim of the foundation is for the self-reliant libraries to be long-lasting in accord with the five-point norms. The foundation’s basic policy is based on national cause and interest, and it is to develop the reading habit of rural people. The aim and the policy must be implemented with the strength of the foundation, the IPRD and the literary and journalism world. The foundation will arrange literary education tours, literary talks and fostering programmes on a wider scale in addition to providing necessary material assistance to rural libraries. The minister elaborated on the functions of the foundation, saying that branches will be formed from states and divisions down to the townships.

In conclusion, the minister urged MWJA members to become good advocates of national interest, to effectively realize the aims of the fourth estate in the future democratic state, to educate the people to be able to differentiate between right and wrong in paving the correct way for the public pillar, to actively participate in the functions of the foundation that is striving to produce highly efficient human resources that can shape a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, to strive for success of general elections and to organize the people to be able to form the foundation as a strong and dynamic one.

Drinking water supplied to people of Sagaing, ...

In Yangon Division, Director U Aung Kyaw Nyein of Yangon Division DAC and officials supervised supply of drinking water to villages in Twantay Township on 15 May and Thongwa model village in Kungyangon Township yesterday. Twantay Township DAC has been distributing water to 11 villages since 12 May.

In Ayeayawady Division, respective Townships DACs supplied 4,800 gallons of drinking water to villages in Pyapon Township, 9,500 gallons in Bogale Township, 4,800 gallons in Ngapudaw Township, 2,400 gallons in Einme Township and 800 gallons in Pantanaw Township.

Some regions in Myanmar faced shortage of drinking water in late summer due to high temperature. Authority concerned are placing special emphasis on supply of drinking water to regions that are in need of drinking water.

MraukU: site of cultural...

At MraukU high-way bus terminal, Deputy Staff Officer U Saw Thein of Township General Administration Department welcomed and then accom-modated me at MraukU Hotel.

MraukU Township is 31 miles long from the north to the south, and 15.3 miles wide from the east to the west. It is located on an area of 490.97 square miles or 314,224 acres. The township shares border with Minbya Township in the east, Ponnagyun and Kyauktaw townships in the west, Pauktaw Township in the south and Kyauktaw and Paletwa townships in the north.

The township is constructed with seven wards and 251 villages of 94 village-tracts which is home to over 20,000 people of 3879 households.

I visited U Kyaw Hlaing explained that vegetable plantations are irrigated with the use of manual pumps along Laymyo River. Triple cropping cultivation pattern enhances income of the local farmers. Now, they own TVs, motorbikes and other luxury goods. The region gains access to various regions at home and abroad through telecommunica-tions, he added.

I visited Ahmam Library opened by the Ministry of Information in Dhammariz Ward.

MraukU Township is facilitated with one 25-bed township hospital, one 16-bed station hospital, one health education centre, seven rural health centres and 28 branches, one malaria control unit, one TB control unit, one maternal and child care centre and one traditional medicine clinic.

I saw Shwe Thazin Hotel near Kyetzay Bridge on Sittway-Yangon road. Some buildings are under construction. The next day, I visited thriving cold season crop plantation at Wuyaungtaw and Phayango villages. Lush vegetable plantations, thriving cauliflower, cabbages and other plants are to be long-lasting in accord with the five-point norms. The foundation’s basic policy is based on national cause and interest, and it is to develop the reading habit of rural people. The aim and the policy must be implemented with the strength of the foundation, the IPRD and the literary and journalism world. The foundation will arrange literary education tours, literary talks and fostering programmes on a wider scale in addition to providing necessary material assistance to rural libraries. The minister elaborated on the functions of the foundation, saying that branches will be formed from states and divisions down to the townships.

In conclusion, the minister urged MWJA members to become good advocates of national interest, to effectively realize the aims of the fourth estate in the future democratic state, to educate the people to be able to differentiate between right and wrong in paving the correct way for the public pillar, to actively participate in the functions of the foundation that is striving to produce highly efficient human resources that can shape a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, to strive for success of general elections and to organize the people to be able to form the foundation as a strong and dynamic one.

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5th Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association concludes

YANGON, 17 May — The fifth conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association concluded today at the hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lannmadaw Township here. During the last day of the conference, the new members of the central executive committee of the association were elected in the presence of Patron of Central Committee for holding the 5th conference.

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan was the conference’s guest of honor. It was also attended by the Chairman of MWJA and CEC members, literati, guests, and delegates from states/divisions and observers. Member of the central executive committee of MWJA U Kyaw Win announced as alternate chairman, and U Min Shwe (Min Shwe Min Taung) and U Naing Myo (Maung Naing Maung) of the central executive committee who were elected during the fourth conference.

In the afternoon session, new members of the central executive committee of MWJA were elected by vote and the chairman of the conference announced the names of 39 newly elected members of the CEC.

Afterwards, the master of ceremonies announced the duties assigned to the patrons and newly elected members of the central executive committee. The new members took oaths and the conference adjourned.

When the conference resumed, new members of the central executive committee of MWJA Vice-Chairman-2 U Tin Haing (Ledwinta Saw Chit) presided over the conference and U Tin Kyi (Tin Kyi Aung-Twanta), Dr Tin Aung Shwe (Tin Aung Shwe-Thutaythi), U Ko Latt (Thibaw Ko Latt), U Kyi Han (Thayet Kyi Han), U Htin Hla Aung (Moe Zaw Aung-Mandalay) and U Kyaw Aye (Chan Myay Si) acted as members of the panel of chairmen.

First, new Chairman of the MWJA U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) extended greetings. The conference ended in the evening with concluding remarks by the chairman of the conference.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan posed for documentary photo together with patrons and members of the central executive committee of the MWJA. --- MNA

Electoral process course for division/district/township election sub-commissions in Mandalay Division held

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May — The opening ceremony of electoral process course for division/district/township election sub-commissions in Mandalay Division took place at Pyayna Yaingana hall of No 16 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay yesterday morning.

Present at the ceremony were member of Union Election Commission Mandalay Division (In-charge) U Myint Naing, Chairman of Mandalay Division Election Subcommission U Aung Htut explained the purpose of the course. Member of UEC U Myint Naing and members of division/district/township election sub-commissions viewed the sample polling station and rehearsing of those who are eligible to cast.

Officials concerned will give lectures on Election law, rules and electoral facts in the two day-course, attended by altogether 101 members of seven townships Election Sub-commissions of Mandalay District. --- MNA
Vietnam’s Agribank to open branch in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 17 May—Major Vietnam-based lender Agribank is set to open its first branch in Cambodia next month, local media reported on Monday.

The unlisted Hanoi-based lender, which is also known as the Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam, is set to open its first branch in Cambodia in June, according to the Phnom Penh Post.

Agribank is Vietnam’s largest bank by assets and has registered capital of 21 trillion dong (1.1 billion US dollars) as of March this year. The Phnom Penh branch would build on Agribank’s representative office, which has been operating in the Kingdom for years, according to Le Bien Cuong, commercial coun-selor at the Vietnamese embassy. “For businesses, it’s an opportunity that will motivate them to invest in Cambodia,” he was quoted as saying, and added that he does not know the amount of initial investment pledged.

Astellas to buy OSI Pharma for $4 billion in cancer push

TOKYO, 17 May—Astellas Pharma, Japan’s No. 2 drugmaker, agreed to buy US biotech OSI Pharmaceuticals for $4 billion in cash in a sweetened bid that allows it to add OSI’s blockbuster cancer drug Tarceva to its line-up.

Astellas, known for its urinary and transplant drugs, is trying to expand OSI’s US footprint and oncology presence as it faces generic competition for its own drugs.

Astellas said it would pay $57.50 per OSI share, up from a previously proposed $52. The new price represents a 55 percent premium to OSI’s last closing price before Astellas launched its hostile bid on 1 March. The boards of directors of both companies have unanimously approved the deal, Astellas said in a statement.

Bangladesh to send 100,000 women workers abroad within one year

DHAKA, 17 May—The Bangladesh Expatriates’ Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain Sunday said the government is planning to send 100,000 women workers abroad within next one year after giving them necessary training.

“We will open separate wings in our some foreign missions to look after the issues of women workers so that they can get promote help if necessary,” he was quoted as saying by leading English newspaper The Daily Star on Monday.

At the first stage, the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) would impart training to 1,500 women selected by local government representatives across the country, he said adding that these trained women would be kept ready for sending as soon as the demand arises.

He said the workers would have to pay a nominal amount as training fee after being nominated for a particular job abroad. —Xinhua

Dutch military seizes 3,000 kg of marijuana from cruise ship

THE HAGUE, 17 May—As much as 3,000 kg of marijuana was seized from a cruise ship sailing in the North Sea near the northern Dutch city of Helder last week, the Dutch military police said on Sunday.

The suspicious ship was spotted by the Dutch Coastal Guard during a routine air patrol on Friday. The Dutch military police then carried out a search on the ship Saturday night and found the large amount of marijuana. Four people on the ship were arrested, including a 60-year-old Dutch citizen, whose false documents showed him as a 50-year-old Belgian. —Xinhua

Eyes flashing, robot conducts wedding in Tokyo

Almost everyone stood when the bride walked down the aisle in her white gown, but not the wedding conductor, because she was bolted to her chair.

The nuptials at this ceremony were led by “I-Fairy,” a 4-foot (1.5-metre) tall seated robot with flashing eyes and plastic pigtail.

Sunday’s wedding was the first time a marriage had been led by a robot, according to manufacturer Kokoro Co. “Please lift the bride’s veil,” the robot said in a tinny voice, waving its arms in the air as the newlyweds kissed in front of about 50 guests. The wedding took place at a restaurant in Hibiya Park in central Tokyo, where the I-Fairy wore a wreath of flowers and directed a rooftop ceremony.

Brise led out from beneath it to a black curtain a few feet (metres) away, where a man crouched and clicked commands into a computer.

Bride Satoko Inouye, 36, puts a ring on a finger of her groom Tomohiro Shibata 42, at 1-Fairy, a four-foot tall seated robot, wearing a wreath of flowers, directs their wedding ceremony at a Tokyo restaurant Sunday, on 16 May, 2010.

Grow-your-own rice bra

Female urban farmers keen to keep their agricultural hobby close to their heart can now grow their own rice in a special bra designed by Japanese lingerie maker Triumph.

Triumph, makers of other eccentric, gimmick bras that include one with a sushi set and another that comes with solar panels, said it came up with the “rice bra” because of the growing popularity of farming among city dwellers in Japan.

Growing concerns over food safety and the environment, and the ideal of a laid-back rural lifestyle, are attracting more urbanites to agriculture, once the mainstay of Japan’s economy. Rice is also the nation’s staple food.

“Over the last year, young Japanese women have taken a tremendous interest in agriculture. We wanted other women to experience farming as well,” Triumph spokeswoman Yoshiko Masuda told Reuters at a Wednesday event.

“Home kits that allow people to grow their own rice are very popular online.”

A model wears Triumph International’s “Grow-Your-Own-Rice bra” in Tokyo Wednesday.

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Rare mineral found in Australia

RARE MINERAL FOUND IN AUSTRALIA

Costa Rica, 17 May—Deposits of the rare element scandium have been discovered in north Queensland, Australia, a discovery that could lead to Australia becoming the world’s biggest exporter of the material, official announced on Monday.

Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)-listed Metal Minerals Ltd said high-grade scandium had been found on the Lucknow Ridge, west of Townsville.—Xinhua

Invitation To Tender

Sr. No | Description | Qty | Issuing Date | Closing Date
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1 | Machinery & Equipment Transportation | 436 Ton | 17.5.2010 | 20.5.2010
2 | Air Compressor Spare Parts | 1 Lot | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
3 | Steel Lining Plates And Accessories | 1 Lot | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
4 | Hydraulic Breaker | 1 Ass’y | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
5 | Laboratory Apparatus | 3 Items | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
6 | Dump Truck (40) Tons | 10 Unit | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
7 | Stationary Compressor With Motor | 1 Set | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
8 | Coal Grinding Machine & Coal Feeding System | 2 Set | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
9 | Spare Parts For Production Machinery | 1 Lot | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
10 | Spare Parts For Block Cutting Machine | 2 Items | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
11 | Vibrating Screen | 1 Set | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
12 | Labhe Machine | 1 Set | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
13 | Air-Operating Extruder | 1 Set | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
14 | Raw Material For High Tension Insulator Plate | 4 Items | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
15 | Heavy Equipment Spare Parts | 1 Lot | 17.5.2010 | 14.6.2010
16 | Grinding Media | 1 Lot | 17.5.2010 | 21.6.2010

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Eight wedding guests electrocuted in India

NEW DELHI, 16 May—Twenty-eight wedding guests were electrocuted on Friday as an overhead cable came in contact with their bus in central India, police said. Twenty-three women, three men and two children died. Five passengers jumped to safety and suffered minor injuries. The bus driver was not injured.

The high-voltage wire touched an iron wardrobe on the roof of the bus as it stopped at Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh state, said top district administrator K K Khare.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RIA VOY NO (213)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RIA VOY NO (213) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.5.2010 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 Claim Day.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (119)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (119) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) 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.

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INTERNET

In this undated photo provided by the Meadows Museum, SMU Dallas, a painting by Bartolome Esteban Murillo titled Saint Rufina, c. 1665, oil on canvas, 36 3/4 x 26 1/2 in. is shown. SMU has provided by the Meadows Museum, SMU Dallas, a painting by Bartolome Esteban Murillo titled Saint Rufina, c. 1665, oil on canvas, 36 3/4 x 26 1/2 in. is shown. SMU has
Bus driver killed in Kangaroo Valley crash

LONDON, 17 May — A police hotline is available for people who are concerned about family members or friends who may have been involved in a fatal bus crash on the New South Wales Southern Highlands. The driver of the bus was killed and 27 of the 30 passengers were injured when the bus crashed 30 metres down an embankment off Moss Vale Road at Kangaroo Valley just before 7.30 pm on Friday.

Authorities reopened the road around 7.30 am on Saturday, as investigations into the accident continued. A critically injured 70-year-old man was taken to Liverpool Hospital following the accident. The other injured passengers were taken to St George, Wollongong and Shoalhaven Hospitals.

CLAMS DAY NOTICE
MV SEA MIRACLE VOY NO (09)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA MIRACLE VOY NO (09) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 1:20 pm and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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Study finds Wine in plastic loses flavour

LONDON, 17 May — White wine stored in plastic bottles or boxes loses its flavour in six months but remains stable in glass bottles, a study found. The chemical composition that gives white wine its flavour changes within six months of being put in plastic bottles or plastic-lined boxes, Britain’s Daily Mail reported on Friday.

Researchers at the Institute of Vine and Wine Sciences in Bordeaux, France, discovered alcohol oxidation in that time period if the wine is packed in single and multi-layer polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles or a bag-in-box configuration, the newspaper said.

White and red wine was found to be stable in glass bottles, the study said. The wine institute scientists tested red and white Bordeaux wines that were contained in glass, single-layer PET, multi-layer PET and bag-in-box packaging before being stored in laboratory conditions, the Mail said.

The level of oxygen, carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide in the wine was then measured. The scientists also checked for taste and colour intensity at regular intervals over the year. The Daily Mail reports the study contradicts claims made by retailers such as Marks & Spencer and Waitrose concerning the long shelf life of white wine in plastic packaging.—Internet

Woman admits to faking kidnapping

LOS ANGELES, 17 May — A Glendale, Calif., woman missing and claiming to have been kidnapped turned up on Thursday saying she made up the story because of school stress, officials say. Nancy Salas, 22, told Sgt. Luis Pasache of the Glendale Police Department she fabricated the story because of the pressure of that situation made her leave. Salas went missing on Wednesday while on a run, and she turned up at a car-pet store in Miraflo雷斯, Calif., around 11 am asking employees to call 911 because she had been kidnapped at knife point, Miraflo雷斯 police said.—Internet

Old French gold coin uncovered in Israel

JERUSALEM, 17 May — Israeli archaeologists are excited by their recent finding: a gold coin from the reign of the French ruler Napoleon III.

Calling this a “greeting from Napoleon III”, Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) said in a statement that its archaeologists uncovered an old French gold coin during an excavation in north Jaffa, an ancient city now part of Tel Aviv. This is the first time that such a coin was found in the city, said Robert Kool, a numismatist with the IAA.—Xinhua

Detroit police shoot and kill seven-year-old girl

DETROIT, 17 May — A seven-year-old girl named Ayana Jones was accidentally shot and killed on Sunday by a Detroit Police Department (DPD) officer. The shooting happened at 12:40 am on Sunday morning (local time).

According to the DPD, officers went to the house with a valid search warrant to arrest a suspect in the Friday murder of a 17-year-old high school student, myFOXdetroit.com said.

Due to the violent nature of the original crime, officers used a stun grenade to enter the home, which likely caused chaos and confusion. There were several people inside, including Ayana Jones, who was sleeping on the couch. There was some sort of confrontation between a woman inside and one of the officers.—Internet

Huge Brazil collection of snakes, spiders burned

SAO PAULO, 17 May — A fire in Brazil has destroyed what may be the world’s largest scientific collection of dead snakes, spiders and scorpions. Members of the Instituto Butantan said the collection lost in Saturday’s fire included nearly 80,000 specimens that were the main source for research on thousands of species.

“The entire collection was lost, the biggest collection of snakes in the world,” curator Francisco Franco told Globo TV and other local media. “It’s a loss to humanity.” Many of the animals were used in the production of vaccines and other biopharmaceuticals, some derived from venom. Officials said the production of vaccines and other drugs will not be affected.—Internet

Woman set on fire after row in street

VIENNA, 17 May — Austrian police said a Roman woman was left with life-threatening burns after she was doused with a flammable liquid and set on fire.

They say the 35-year-old suffered severe burns to her upper body and hands in the attack early yesterday by an assailant who had an argument with her on a street in Vienna.—Internet

INTERNET

File photo of Indian entrepreneurs carrying equipment to set up an Internet service in Kangaroo Valley.
**World Cup hosts South Africa thrash Thailand**

NELSPRUIT, 17 May — Hosts South Africa launched their 2010 World Cup countdown with a 4-0 thrashing of Thailand Sunday in the opening match at Mbombela Stadium.

Midfielder Siphiwe Tshabalala scored once and striker Katlego Mphela twice in a 12-minute first-half spell before a sell-out 30,000 crowd as one of 10 Cup venues passed its initial test after recent pitch problems.

 Substitute Bernard Parker added a fourth goal in the final minute as South Africa matched a record winning margin achieved against Chad in an African Nations Cup qualifier.

But tougher warm-ups lie ahead against Bulgaria, Colombia and Denmark before South Africa face Mexico in the 11 June Cup opener and then former world champions Uruguay and France.

**Real spending in vain as ‘Galacticos’ end hand-ended**

MADRID, 17 May — Real Madrid spent in excess of 250 million euros on new talent in the summer with the target of dominating Barcelona in La Liga and re-establishing themselves in Europe by winning the Champions League at their Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

But the Spanish giants failed on both counts with a last 16 exit to Lyon ending their hopes of a dream European final at their Bernabeu stadium as the nine-time champions have failed to get past the first knockout stage for six successive seasons.

Defeats to Barcelona in both Clasicos — meaning they have lost the last four — were pivotal in the title race as Barcelona notched a record 99 points to retain their crown and Real’s own points record of 96 was not enough.

**Celtics smother Magic 92-88, take 1-0 series lead**

ORLANDO, 17 May — The hair is a little greyer. The ankles and knees no longer so sturdy. Even with a roster full of aging superstars, the Boston Celtics are still standing tall.

Too old to chase a title? Not these days. Ray Allen scored 25 points, Paul Pierce had 22 and the Celtics used smothering defence to beat the Orlando Magic 92-88 on Sunday in the Eastern Conference finals opener.

Hampered by injuries, the Celtics literally wangled their way through parts of the regular season. All that seems a distant memory now.

**Barcelona retain La Liga crown**

MADRID, 17 May — Barcelona made it four league titles in six seasons as they retained the La Liga crown on the final day of the season with a 4-0 win over Valladolid on Sunday to finish three points ahead of arch-rivals Real Madrid.

Barcelona knew one more win would see them crowned champions and after a nervous start the Catalans coasted to victory with Lionel Messi scoring a brace for his 33rd and 34th goals of a terrific season.

Ballon D’Or winner Messi, 22, wins his first Pichichi trophy for the league’s top scorer while Barcelona’s 99 points is the highest ever in the Spanish league.

**Scott makes Texas Open first tour win since ’08**

SAN ANTONIO, 17 May — Australia’s Adam Scott made the Texas Open his first PGA Tour victory in two years, shooting a combined 11-under 133 in a 36-hole finale Sunday to edge Fredrik Jacobson by a stroke.

The 2008 Byron Nelson Classic winner, Scott overcame two early bogeys with an eagle on the par-4 17th in his third-round 66, then built his lead with six birdies on en route to a closing 67 on the new Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio.

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South African power plant blast kills one, injures 25

JOHANNESBURG, 17 May — One South African worker was killed and 25 others were injured during an explosion on Saturday afternoon at Lethabo power station operated by South Africa’s state-owned power utility Eskom near Vereeniging in Gauteng Province, Eskom said. Andrew Etzinger, spokesman for Eskom, confirmed the incident to the South African Press Association (SAPA), saying a contractor was killed. Twenty-five people were injured and nine were hospitalized, but have since been discharged, he said.

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

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

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- We favour peace and stability
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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Drinking water supplied to people of Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—Under the arrangement of the State, the local authorities, departments concerned, social organizations and local people collaborate supply of adequate drinking water to the regions facing shortage of drinking water.

In Sagaing Division, Director U Myo Naing Aung of Division Development Affairs Committee and officials distributed 20,000 gallons of drinking water to wards and villages in Monywa, Kanbala, Myinnu, Myaung, ChaungU, Wetlet, Budalin and Salangyi townships with the use of 15 water tankers and one fire engine.

Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department and officials supervisied supply of drinking water to villages in Thanatpin and Kawa Townships of Bago Division yesterday. For ensuring sufficiency of drinking water for local people in Bago Division, 150,000 gallons of drinking water was supplied to 30 villages in Thanatpin Township and 80,000 gallons to 60 villages in Kawa Township. Likewise, authority concerned supplies 49,000 gallons of drinking water to 26 villages in Waw Township daily with the use of 13 tankers.

In Thazi Township of Mandalay Division, drinking water was supplied to 87 wards and village-tracts and 245 villages on 15 May.

MraukU: site of cultural heritage and thriving lush and green plantations

During recent trip to Rakhine State, I visited Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships of Maungtaw District for writing bylines under the arrangements of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council. (See page 9)

Lush and green cabbage plantation seen in Ywahaungtaw Village-tract.

Moderate storm not approaching Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that according to the observations conducted at 4 pm today, the low pressure area in the southern part of the Bay of Bengal was intensifying into a moderate storm with its centre in the Sea, about 550 miles southeast of Chennai in India.

At first, it was forecast to be moving northwetwards. Now, it is just at the yellow level and is not moving towards Myanmar.—MNA