Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- 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

Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, the People’s Republic of China exchange felicitations on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—On the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China, the following messages of felicitations were exchanged between the Heads of State, Heads of Government and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the two countries.

Message from His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar to His Excellency Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People’s Republic of China.

On this auspicious occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China, it gives me great pleasure in extending my warmest congratulations and best wishes to your Excellency and, through you, to the government and people of the People’s Republic of China.

Message from His Excellency Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People’s Republic of China to His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar

Upon the auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the People’s Republic of China and the Union of Myanmar, I would like to, on behalf of the Chinese people and in my own name, extend to Your Excellency and through you to

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Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister U Thein Sein on PM’s return from SRV

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister U Thein Sein, who arrived back here by special flight from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at 1.05 p.m. today at Nay Pyi Taw Airport after attending the World Economic Forum on East Asia held in Ho Chi Minh City of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Together with the Senior General, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thida Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads and Acting Chargé d’Affaires ai of Vietnamese Embassy in Myanmar Mr. Vu Van Minh also welcomed back the Prime Minister.

Myanmar delegation members Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister U Thein Sein on PM’s return from Vietnam.—MNA
Turn out new generation youths equipped with good morale and character

High education standard is a key to emergence of a modern and developed nation, and it is an engine of growth for the nation and the people. Thus, teachers in the education sector have to train the youths to gain all-round academic development and knowledge.

The goal of Myanmar education is to create the education system beneficial to the constant learning human society. In line with the education goal, the national education promotion long-term plans are being implemented systematically. The sound foundations for the education sector and fine education environments are being created.

The national education promotion plan at different levels is focusing on uplift of education standard to international level and educating all the citizens. As such, the government manages to constantly turn out intellectuals and intelligentsia in the basic and higher education sectors.

Implementing the national education promotion plans will provide the techniques to student youths to be able to overcome the challenges from now on. Thanks to implementation of these plans, the youths will have the spiritual power to preserve and uplift their own fine traditions, cultural heritage and social values.

The teachers must be well versed in their respective fields to achieve efficient academic skills. They have to provide the youth not only with the school lessons but also with the knowledge of social relations, ethics and sports. They have to nurture the new generation youths to be equipped with good moral and character.

Nowadays, a new nation is being built based on the education sector. Due to goodwill of all teachers and high calibre and active strength of the youth, well-versed intellectuals and intelligentsia are being turned out constantly.

Meeting (31/2010) of Union Election Commission held

Myanmar delegation arrives back from Yunnan Province of PRC
Africa’s first high-speed train opens for World Cup visitors

The Gautrain, South Africa’s first high-speed train, in Johannesburg. South Africa will open the continent’s first high-speed rail link on Tuesday, just in time to whisk a mass influx of World Cup fans Cup from the country’s main airport into uptown Johannesburg.

INTERNET

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The three billion dollar Gautrain project has been dogged by a series of problems since work began in September 2006, including strikes and excavation snags, and only one stretch of the line will open for business this week.

But authorities in Gauteng Province, the country’s economic powerhouse which includes both Johannesburg and Pretoria, say it will help transform the lives of traffic-frazzled commuters and draw in long-term investment.

“The good thing about what South Africa has done for the World Cup is that we have not done something for 11 June to 11 July, we have put our money for life beyond that,” Gauteng Premier Nomvula Mokonyane told journalists on Saturday.

INTERNET

Bank of America workers across US sue for overtime

NEW YORK, 7 June—Workers for Bank of America Corp, one of the nation’s largest employers, have sued the company for allegedly failing to pay overtime and other wages.

The lawsuit filed on Friday in federal court in Kansas City, Kansas, consolidates 12 lawsuits filed on behalf of employees in California, Florida, Kansas, Texas and Washington.

It seeks nationwide class-action status on behalf of employees at Bank of America retail branches and call centres over the past three years. George Hanson, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the case could eventually cover more than 180,000 workers, based on information provided by the bank.

INTERNET

A woman walks past a Bank of America branch, inside the Bank of America headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina on 14 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Woman dies in China from bird flu

BEIJING, 7 June—A young pregnant woman has died of bird flu, China’s Health Ministry said, the first reported fatality from the virus since early last year.

The 22-year-old, who was four months pregnant, was diagnosed with avian influenza (H5N1) a day before dying, it said.

An investigation by China’s Centre for Disease Control and Prevention found that the woman had contact with poultry before she fell ill but that no avian flu infections were found in birds near her home, it said.—INTERNET

Chickens are seen in a village close to Anqing in central China’s Anhui Province. A young pregnant woman has died of bird flu in China, the country’s Health Ministry has said, the first reported fatality from the virus since early last year.—INTERNET

Scottish train derails, eight people injured

LONDON, 7 June—Eight people suffered injuries after a train derailed and caught fire in western Scotland on Sunday, police said.

Firefighters initially said two carriages were “precariously balanced” over a 15-metre (50-foot) embankment, but it was later confirmed that only the front carriage of a two-carriage train came off the tracks above a road.

Strathclyde Police and British Transport Police said eight passengers had been hurt in the incident, though none of the injuries are thought to be life threatening.

In a statement, police said the eight victims were taken to three different hospitals. Two people suffered minor spinal injuries.

The train was on the scenic route from Glasgow to Oban when it derailed near Falls of Cruchan station, in Argyll and Bute on the west coast, shortly before 9:00pm (2000 GMT) on Monday. ScotRail said.

INTERNET

Five NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 June—Five soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in a single day on Sunday including two soldiers in a roadside bombing and militant attack, the alliance said in a Press release.

Three of the soldiers were killed in road accident, the statement added. “Three ISAF service members died today as a result of a vehicle accident in southern Afghanistan,” the Press release asserted.

In separate incident, it said, a service member died following an Improvised Explosion Device (IED) attack in the restive southern region.

According to the Press release, the fifth ill-fated service member was killed as a result of militant attack in eastern Afghanistan.

However, the Press release did not disclose the identity of the victims by saying “It is ISAF policy to defer identification procedure for casualties to the relevant national authorities.”

Over 230 soldiers with the NATO-led forces have been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year.—Xinhua

Roadside bombings kill 3 Afghan civilians, wounds 13 others

LASHKAR GAH, 7 June—Two separate roadside bombings happened in Afghanistan’s southern Helmand Province, leaving three civilians dead and injuring 13 others on Sunday, officials said on Monday.

In the first blast, according to provincial administration spokesman Daud Ahmadi, three civilians were killed and seven others injured as their car ran over a roadside bomb in Salam Bazaar area of Helmand’s Nawzad District on Sunday morning.

“The victims, include two men and a woman; while majority of the injured men are passersby,” Ahmadi told Xinhua.

Hours later, in a similar incident, a roadside bomb struck a van of Afghan National Army personnel in Helmand’s Gereshek District, injuring two army soldiers and four civilians, according to district police chief Zamarai Khan.

Khan also stressed that the army vehicle was damaged in the explosion, adding the injured persons had been taken to hospital.—Xinhua

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Astronomers on verge of finding Earth’s twin

WASHINGTON, 7 June—Planet hunters say it’s just a matter of time before they lasso Earth’s twin, which almost surely is hiding somewhere in our star-studded galaxy. Most likely, what is building: Just last week, astronomers announced they had discovered three super-Earths — worlds more massive than ours but small enough to most likely be rocky — orbiting a single star. And dozens of other worlds suspected of having masses in that same range were found around other stars. “Being able to find super-Earths — worlds more massive than ours but small enough to most likely be rocky — orbiting a single star. And dozens of other worlds suspected of having masses in that same range were found around other stars.

Three Earth-mass planets around a single star really makes the point that not only may many stars have one Earth, but they may very well have a couple of Earths,” said Alan Boss, a planet formation theorist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington in Washington, DC. Since the early 1990s, when the first planets outside of our solar system were detected orbiting the pulsar PSR 1257, astronomers have identified nearly 300 such worlds. However, most of them are gas giants called hot Jupiters that orbit close to their stars because, simply, they are easier to find.

Urine pheromone in mice named after Jane Austen character

LIVERPOOL, 7 June—In one of the more bizarre homages to Jane Austen, biologists have named a protein in mice urine after her famed character Mr Darcy from the novel “Pride and Prejudice.”

Much like Mr Darcy had a magnetic pull on Elizabeth Bennet (and countless readers), the mice’s protein “darcin” after the character from Austen’s 1813 novel. Analogous chemicals could be at work in human sexual attraction, too. Although darcin is species-specific, similar pheromones that stimulate learning of an individual’s scent could even underlie some complex, individual-specific responses of humans,” said lead researcher Jane Hurst of the University of Liverpool.

Hurst and colleagues studied more than 450 female house mice. The scientists exposed the mice to two urine scents — one from a male, and one from a female — and measured how long the females lingered near the smell spot. In some trials, the mice were allowed to touch the scent mark, and in some cases only smell it.

Italy leads research in robotics

ROME, 7 June—To be a leader of the world, one has to be a leader in robotics. That’s the prediction of Aldous Huxley, the author of the “Brave New World.” Italy may well become one of Huxley’s world leaders in that it is becoming a leader in industrial robotics and it is taking giant steps forward in service-applied bionics, a top researcher told Xinhua in an exclusive interview.

“Italy has always been a front-runner in industrial robotics but we also are advancing in embodied intel-ligence with a number of strategic projects aimed at furthering research and experiment-ation,” said Barbara Mazzolati, assistant professor at the groundbreaking, prestigious Sant’ Anna University Research Centre in Micro-engineering (CRIM).—Xinhua

UFO spotted in E Australia may be satellite or rocket

SYDNEY, 7 June — An Australian astronaut said here on Sunday that a bright spiraling light spotted in the sky by people across eastern Australia was probably a satellite, space junk or a rocket.

The UFO was seen moving through the sky just before Saturday’s sunrise in New South Wales, Queensland and capital city Canberra.

Geoffrey Whyatt from the Sydney Observatory said it should not be a UFO, but rather a satellite, space junk or a rocket.

“The fact that you’ve got the rotation, the spiral effect, is very reminiscent of the much widely reported sightings from Norway and Russia last year, which both turned out to be a Bulava missile which was being adjusted in its orbit,” he said.

“So possibly a rocket, I would say, having some sort of gyroscopic stability rocket fired on its side.”—Xinhua

Science

UNSG’s Message On World Oceans Day

8 June 2010

Oceans play a key role in our daily lives. They are integral to sustainable development and an important frontier for research. As scientists explore the oceans at greater depths than ever before, they continue to discover new forms of marine life. This research has great potential to advance human well-being.

But, if we are to fully benefit from what oceans have to offer, we must address the damaging impacts of human activities. The diversity of life in the oceans is under ever-increasing strain. Over-exploitation of marine living resources, climate change, and pollution from hazardous materials and activities all pose a grave threat to the marine environment. So does the growth of criminal activities, including piracy, which have serious implications for the security of navigation and the safety of seafarers.

Much action is already being taken within the framework of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea — our “constitution for the oceans.” More than 15 years after the Convention’s entry into force, it continues to act as our guide. But if we are to safeguard the capacity of the oceans to service society’s many and varied needs, we need to do much more. On this second annual commemoration of World Oceans Day, I urge governments and citizens everywhere to acknowledge the enormous value of the world’s oceans — and do their part in ensuring their health and vitality.—UNICEF

Yahoo expands partnership with Facebook

BEIJING, 7 June—Yahoo announced on Sunday it will enhance its partnership with Facebook by introducing features that will further integrate its services with Facebook, foreign media reports.

Starting from Monday, Yahoo users will be able to view Facebook news feed from Yahoo.com and Yahoo Mail, enabling the two company’s accounts to be more broadly linked.

The expansion will also make it easier to share activities performed on Yahoo sites across Facebook, such as photos uploaded to Yahoo’s Flickr.

The move shows Yahoo’s efforts to tap the popularity of social networking, and prevent its users from running to popular sites like Facebook, which boasts more than 350 million users worldwide.
Drug made from sea sponge extends lives of breast cancer patients

The drug, known as eribulin, is more effective than other chemotherapies, according to a study presented on Sunday by a group of British researchers to the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in Chicago.

The study involved more than 750 female patients who were randomized to receive either eribulin or a “treatment of physician’s choice.” All of them had already been treated extensively for cancer and had undergone four chemotherapies on the average.—Xinhua

Public smoking bans effective for youth

The researchers analyzed the cotinine levels in 11,486 non-smoking children and teens ages 3-19 from 117 counties, both with and without exposure to secondhand smoke in the home. The study, published in the journal Pediatrics, found children living where smoking was banned at workplaces, colleges and stores had 39 percent lower prevalence of cotinine in their blood — an indicator of tobacco smoke exposure — compared to children exposed to secondhand smoke. —Internet

Studies suggest new treatment paradigms for ovarian, prostate cancers

A third trial, looking at the effectiveness of cetuximab (Erbitux) in treating certain colon cancer patients, found the drug made little difference to their survival. The first study found that adding Avastin to standard chemotherapy (carboplatin and paclitaxel) and continuing with “maintenance” Avastin after chemo actually slowed the time-to-disease recurrence in women with advanced ovarian cancer.—Xinhua

Researchers develop new anti-lung cancer treatments

Los Angeles, 7 June—Two new treatments have been developed to prolong survival for some patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer, it was announced on Saturday.

The first treatment involves an experimental drug called crizotinib which can shrink tumours in the majority of lung cancer patients with a specific gene variant, the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) said. Crizotinib, which is made by Pfizer Inc proved effective in prolonging survival for most of the patients taking part in a phase one trial.—Internet

US researchers discover “remote control” in brain for cholesterol regulation

Los Angeles, 7 June — US researchers have found that circulation of cholesterol is regulated in the brain by the hunger-signaling hormone ghrelin, according to a study appearing online in Nature Neuroscience on Sunday.

This finding points to a new potential target for the pharmacologic control of cholesterol levels, said researchers at the University of Cincinnati (UC).

“We have long thought that cholesterol is exclusively regulated through dietary absorption or synthesis and secretion by the liver,” said lead researcher Matthias Tschop of UC’s Metabolic Diseases Institute.

“Our study shows for the first time that cholesterol is also under direct ‘remote control’ by specific neurocircuity in the central nervous system.”

The hormone ghrelin inhibits the melanocortin four receptor (MC4R) in the hypothalamus and is important for the regulation of food intake and energy expenditure.

Tschop and his team found that increased levels of ghrelin in mice caused the animals to develop increased levels of blood-circulating cholesterol. This is due to a reduction in the uptake of cholesterol by the liver.—Xinhua

White hair a “healing sign” with melanoma drugs

Chicago, 7 June—When your hair turns white it is usually a sign of old age, but in advanced melanoma patients taking a new type of cancer treatment, it may be a very good sign, researchers said on Saturday.

They said Bristol-Myers Squibb’s ipilimumab and Pfizer’s tremelimumab — two experimental drugs that aim to fight cancer by boosting the immune system — had the peculiar effect of turning some patients’ hair completely white.—Internet

A coral reef and sponges. A new agent derived from a marine sponge can extend the survival rates of women with locally recurrent or metastatic breast cancer who already received extensive standard therapy, a new study unveiled on Sunday found.—Xinhua

A medical worker cleans a room at a clinic. A combination of radiation therapy and hormone treatment can cut by 43 percent the risk of death in men suffering from locally advanced or high-risk prostate cancer, a study showed.—Internet

Assorted medicines. An experimental drug has shown promise in treating malignant brain tumours in children, a small study unveiled at the annual American Society of Clinical Oncology conference showed on Sunday. —Internet
The forming of the Rural Library Foundation was took place in conjunction with the presenting of cash donations on 15 May 2010 at the International Business Centre on Paya Road in Yangon, an address by the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council.

On the occasion, the Minister for Information made clarification to the purposes and functions of the Rural Library Foundation. Altogether 354 well-wishers donated cash and publications with a total value of over 720 million kyats.

The Fifth Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon on 16 and 17 May. The representatives made positive suggestions of strong and weak points in relation to the report of the Central Executive Committee, financial statement, report on statistics, report of the literary fund raising board, and submissions to make some amendments to the basic principles of the MWJA constitution and procedures on principles that were carried out from 1996 to 2010. They adopted the follow-up programmes.

Regarding the establishment of the Rural Library Foundation and the convention of the conference, fellow writers and journalists held an informal meeting.

"Hello, friends, come in, please. Some refreshments are on the table to serve you."

"That's good. It's thoughtful of you to serve us some snacks and drinks."

"We are sure you know a lot about the Rural Library Foundation and the fifth conference because you are a member of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association. That's why we call on you today. Well, tell us all you know about that."

"OK, firstly, I would like to explain facts about the foundation. The objectives of the foundation are: to make sure that the self-reliant village libraries across the nation meet the five standards and their sustainable progress in order to put the Myanmar society into a life-long learning society."

"Good, I am glad to know that you are trying to ensure that all the libraries work well and benefit rural people."

"What are the five standards?"

"Well, they are: (1) to help rural people cultivate the habit of reading, (2) to raise funds by seeking donations and adopting the book lending system to get new periodicals, while keeping the old books. The third and fourth standards are to help libraries get own lands, buildings and furniture. And the fifth standard is to equip libraries with well-trained librarians and library committees."

"What is the use of libraries if villagers do not have the habit of reading, and they do not read? In my opinion, your association should organize local people in that regard."

"There is a saying "Knowledge is power", isn't it? So writers and journalists associations and teachers in rural areas should organize literary movement such as reading sessions, debates, extempore talks, and educative talks."

"I agree with you. Those tasks have been adopted in the association's work programme since the previous four-year term. Some townships can follow the work programme, but some cannot. We have to reinforce the work programme as a national duty in this four-year term. The Secretary-1 and the Information Minister have stressed the importance of that point."

"If rural libraries are always active with borrowers, they can help ensure human resource development. So, we have to use all possible ways to organize local people to make sure that libraries are always active. In that regard, the most reliable associations are township writers and journalists associations. If the Central Executive Committee assign those duties to a work committee, writes a work programme systematically, and carries out the tasks in cooperation with township branches, and if it supervises the tasks of township branches, without doubt all the programmes will go as planned." At the conference, the Information Minister gave instructions that the foundation, the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and staff members of the Information and Public Relations Department had to work in harmony.

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"That's right. The fundamental policy of the foundation is to serve the national interest. So, writers of us have to take part in the tasks as a force if necessary for human resource development. The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association is an association that always serves the national interest. The association honours the motto "To promote the national integrity and prestige and improve the role of Myanmar literature." So, if all work in harmony under good leadership, definitely, the association will achieve greater success."

"Personally, if rural people have the habit of reading, that will contribute to nation-building tasks with human resource development and the development of the entire literary professionals and the literary world. We can serve the interest of literary professionals, while we are serving the interest of the nation and the people. Up to now, 55,755 village libraries have been established. If the libraries are all active and each library buys a copy of a book, at least 50,000 copies of books will be sold. Then, that will benefit writers, press owners, publishers and distributors."

"So, the minister gave instructions on making field trips down to villages, and publication of interest and educative publications for rural people for development of the whole literary world."

"Of course, if a book is not suited for rural people, they will not take any interest in it. I helped establish a library wherever I was posted. According to my experience, the most attractive books to rural people were illustrated books. Magazines, and folk tales and books for children were in the second place."

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In his speech, the Secretary-1 said, "The more libraries we establish, the more we can broaden the horizons of rural people. If the people have higher reasoning power, they will be able to exercise democracy correctly. In future, we will have to set up community learning centres by providing village libraries with Internet access. Therefore, I would say establishment of village libraries is a national duty of not only expanding the horizons of rural people, but also building a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation."

"It was amazing that the donations at the first stage totalled over 700 million kyats. That implies the establishment of the foundation is noble and is a noble work programme. The cash will be deposited in a bank, and with the interest, the foundation will buy and provide publications, buildings and furniture for the libraries. It will encourage literate to give talks in order to spread the habit of reading among the people. It will make arrangements to accelerate the organizing tasks. And the foundation will provide technical assistance in order that the libraries run smoothly. It will also raise funds."

"So, the entire people including us have to participate in the tasks with a sense of duty for successful completion of the foundation's tasks. In particular, your Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association should try its best to do its bit in the tasks."

"Rest assured. Our new Central Executive Committee of the association will try to the best of our ability." (To be continued)

Translation: MS
Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City Public Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Ho Chi Minh City Public Committee Chairman Mr. Le Hoang Quan at Lotus Ballroom of Rex Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at 7 pm on 5 June.

On arrival at the dinner, Prime Minister U Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, was welcomed by Ho Chi Minh City Public Committee Chairman Mr. Le Hoang Quan.

Also present at the dinner were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr. Bouaphavanh, Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr. Hoang Trung Hai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Phan Gia Khien and guests.

Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City Public Committee Mr. Le Hoang Quan extended greetings.

Next, the Heads of State/Government and guests together with the Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City Public Committee had the dinner.

Before and during the dinner, the artistes of Ho Chi Minh City entertained them with traditional dances and songs.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Chinese delegation enjoy variety of cultural dances to mark 60th anniversary of Myanmar-China relationship

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Variety of cultural dances was staged to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China at National Museum on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here on 5 June evening.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, visiting Jinan Military Region Command Commander General Fan Changlong of Chinese People’s Liberation Army, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council of Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint, delegation members from Jinan Military Region Command, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, Military Attaché Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun, members of Chinese Embassy, ambassadors, charge d’affaires, and diplomats of foreign embassies, senior military officers, departmental personnel, and guests.

The Culture Minister and the Chinese Ambassador spoke on the occasion. Artistes of the PRC then entertained with songs and variety of dances. Next, the minister and the ambassador greeted the artistes on the stage. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the Jinan Military Region Command Commander, the Commander, the minister and the ambassador posed for a documentary photo together with artistes.

At the invitation of Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the Chinese delegation led by the Jinan Military Region Command Commander arrived here on 5 June and visited Shwedagon Pagoda. The delegation paid a courtesy call on Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel in Bahan Township in the evening. Lt-Gen Myint Swe hosted dinner in honour of the delegation after the call.—MNA
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The Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China, sharing a long common border of land, mountains and rivers, have maintained traditional ties of friendship.

In the past sixty years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, we have been able to nurture the “Pauk-Phaw” relationship based on equality, mutual respect and trust, friendship and cooperation in good faith. As the countries co-expounded and consistently adhered to the five principles of peaceful co-existence, the relationship between our two countries have developed rapidly in the past decades.

As a result of the efforts made by the leaders and the peoples of both countries, cooperations between our two countries have strengthened significantly in various sectors, and the bilateral relations has recently reached the level of strategic partnership.

I would like to reaffirm the commitment of the Union of Myanmar for its continued co-operation for further strengthening and perpetuation of the existing friendship and mutually beneficial co-operation between the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China.

Message for His Excellency U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar to His Excellency Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China

On Behalf of the government and the People of the Union of Myanmar, it gives me the great pleasure in extending to you my warmest congratulations and best wishes to the government and the People of the People’s Republic of China on this auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China.

In the past sixty years, the multi-sectoral co-operation between the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China have been strengthened and further developed based on the “Pauk-Phaw” relationship and mutual understanding.

The 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries provides an opportunity for maintaining and further enhancing the existing favorable and fruitful conditions of bilateral relations and the “Pauk-Phaw” relationship.

I am confident that the traditional good neighborly relations and friendly cooperation between the two countries will be further developed and consolidated.

Message from His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar to His Excellency Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China

It gives me great pleasure to convey to you my warmest congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China.

It is gratifying to note that the frequent exchange of visits between the leaders and high level delegations from both sides have contributed in setting significant milestones in the diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China in the past sixty years. We have also been able to establish a strong bond of friendship and close cooperation between our two foreign ministries in the regional and international forums.

I firmly believe that the existing mutual support and cooperation between our two countries in the regional and international and global contexts will be maintained and further cemented in the coming years on the basis of mutual understanding and common interest.

China and Myanmar are friendly neighbours linked by common mountains and rivers. After the establishment of the People’s Republic of China, Myanmar was one of the earliest countries that established diplomatic relations with China. Over the past 60 years, under the guidance of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, China-Myanmar relations have made marked progress, which has brought tangible benefits to the two peoples. Entering to the new century, high-level exchange of visits between the two countries was frequent. A series of new cooperation documents were signed, which had set new objectives and direction for the further development of bilateral relations.

Economic and trade cooperation has maintained sound momentum and positive results were achieved in key areas. The two countries have also been consistently supporting and understanding each other in international and regional affairs.

China values the Pauk-Phaw friendship between the two countries. To further consolidate and develop the long-term and stable good-neighborly and friendly cooperative relations between China and Myanmar is an important factor of China’s neighboring diplomacy. No matter how the international situation may change, China will be unswervingly committed to this policy. China respects Myanmar’s sovereignty and territorial integrity and supports the Myanmar Government for its engagement in maintaining national stability, promoting national reconciliation and expanding external relations.

China is ready to work with Myanmar to broaden friendly exchanges, deepen cooperation of mutual benefit, bring China-Myanmar good-neighborly and friendly cooperative relations to a new high, and make contribution to the peace, stability and development of this region.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for the prosperity to Myanmar and well-being to the Myanmar people.

May China-Myanmar friendship last forever.

Message from His Excellency Mr. Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China to His Excellency U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar

Upon the auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the People’s Republic of China and the Union of Myanmar, I would like to, on behalf of the Government of the People’s Republic of China and in my own name, extend to Your Excellency and through you to the Government of the Union of Myanmar the warmest congratulations and best wishes.

China and Myanmar are linked by common mountains and rivers, and the two peoples enjoy profound Pauk-Phaw friendship. Over the past 60 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, China-Myanmar relations based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence have been continuously consolidated and developed. The current China-Myanmar relationship maintains a sound momentum, with smooth progress of exchanges and cooperations in all areas including economic and trade, energy, transportation, education and culture. We have also maintained close coordination and cooperation in international and regional affairs.

To further enhance China-Myanmar relations is of the fundamental interests of the two peoples and conducive to the peace, stability and development of this region. China is ready to work with Myanmar to take the opportunity of the 60th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Myanmar to consolidate the traditional friendship, expand cooperations of mutual benefit and bring the good-neighborly and friendly cooperative relations to a new high. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for the prosperity to Myanmar and well-being to the Myanmar people as well as for Your Excellency’s good health and personal well-being.

Message from His Excellency Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China to His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar

Upon the auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the People’s Republic of China and the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend to Your Excellency my warmest congratulations and best wishes.

China and Myanmar are friendly neighbors linked by common mountains and rivers. Over the past 60 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, China-Myanmar good-neighborly and friendly cooperative relations have enjoyed smooth development. Both countries have been deepening bilateral exchanges and cooperations in all areas and maintained sound coordination and cooperation in international and regional affairs.

China is ready to work with Myanmar to promote China-Myanmar relations for further development in the new era, to benefit the two peoples, and to make contributions to the stability and prosperity of this region.—MNA
PM in Ho Chi Minh City to attend 19th East-Asia Economic Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—At the invitation of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Prime Minister of The Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein on 5 June left Nay Pyi Taw for Vietnam to attend the 19th East Asia Economic Forum 2010 held in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, the director-general of the Government Office, heads of departments and officials. On arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport of Ho Chi Minh City, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and Deputy Director-General Mr Nguyen Hanh of the Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam boarded the plane and welcomed the Prime Minister. Vice-Chairman Mr Nguyen Thanh Tai of Ho Chi Minh City Public Committee and personnel also welcomed the Prime Minister and party who proceeded to Sheraton Saigon Hotel.—MNA

Applications for formation, registration scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June — The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing the groups that submitted applications for formation of political party. The commission has found the Regional Development Party (Pyay) to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules, and thus the commission granted permission to the party to form as a political party today.

Up to date, there are 42 parties that submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties. Thirty-one of 32 parties that submitted applications for registration of political party have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties under scrutiny.—MNA
Talent of Asia’s future youths are to be developed ...

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First, Executive Chairman of World Economic Forum Dr Klaus Schwab extended greetings. Next, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung delivered an address. Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Boup havan made speeches. Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivered an address. He said:

First of all, I would like to express that I am very much pleased to have the honour to extend the opening statement at this World Economic Forum on East Asia.

We are also delighted and honoured that this is the first time for this forum to be held in a developing country such as the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. It is learnt that the World Economic Forum were held in developed East Asian countries in the past.

In this Forum, World Leaders, Ministers, private business representatives and academicians will be discussing on the theme of the Forum ‘Rethinking Asia’s Leadership Agenda’, which aims at many areas such as economics, social, environment, innovation, regional economic integration and networking.

The areas will include also, present challenges of the world such as climate change and food security. The Asian countries will have to enhance the cooperation. We should deliberate to find solution on how Asian countries will be able to lead in resolving the global issues in the future and in what areas we should need to be prepared and also how to cooperate among ourselves. These deliberations will be supportive for the plans of action of our countries, region and for the world as a whole.

The global economic crisis of the past 2 years has caused downturn in economies, negative impact on monetary and financial markets, decline in production, export-deficit and unemployment problems in both developed and developing countries. You may be aware of the recovery of Asia in spite of the crisis. Moreover, it is remarkably noted that Asia is in the leading role in the global recovery. The economic growth rate of the Asian countries was forecasted at an average growth rate of 7%, which is far more than the globally estimated growth rate of 4.1%. However, countries should maintain the momentum to regain the status of their economic growth before the economic crisis.

There are opportunities and challenges to achieve economic well-being in the world economic system. We should collectively work towards elimination of socio-cultural tensions by using win-win strategies on economic, political, social, environmental, technological and other areas. We are in an age when cooperation is in the international community.

It is my sincere belief that the enhancement of cooperation will bring more benefits at regional level. With our consolidated synergy, we will be able to lead in resolving the global issues in the future and in what areas we should need to be prepared and also how to cooperate among ourselves. These deliberations will be supportive for the plans of action of our countries, region and for the world as a whole.

The more the environment is deteriorated, the more we suffer from poverty, since poverty and degradation of environment is interrelated. The climate resilience activities should target towards sustainable development. This is a time when East Asia has recovered from the global economic crisis, but for the sustainable growth of the world economic infrastructure, countries around the world should put collective efforts. Employment is also one of the factors for the sustainable development of a country.

Our youths are Asia’s future and it is thus necessary to develop their talent in order that they should be qualified to become knowledge workers with innovation and creativity in this knowledge age. Job opportunities and spiritual motivation are much related. The spirit for competition and motivation will drive them for innovation and creativity; thereby it will support their excellence. It is a time for us to nurture Asia’s group of excellence with good practices and systems, which will build Asia’s development.

The East Asian countries should review the quality of their economic growth. There are common factors among the East Asian countries on one hand and on the other, they differ from one to another with respect to such as size of domestic markets, economic situation and development status. We should work to narrow the development gap among the East Asian countries. There are still potentials for development such as favourable geographical conditions, abundant natural resources, and considerable human resources in these countries. Due consideration should be extended to small economies so that there will be prosperity and mitigation of risks, which will lead toward balanced growth among the East Asian countries. In this context, we will have regional stability, progressing toward global security.

The countries in the Asia region have diverse political, economic and social conditions. By having common understanding amongst these diversified conditions, it is important that we have one voice in the international arena. It is also important to strengthen our existing institutional mechanism, to enhance cooperation and also to promote trade and investment within the region, so that the role of Asia will be placed in the forefront in international community.

The ASEAN has issued ‘Leaders’ Statement on Sustained Recovery and Development’ during the 16th ASEAN Summit last April. We have committed to ensure financial stability and sustained recovery, to enhance ASEAN economic integration, to foster infrastructure development, to promote sustainable development, to strengthen the network of social security systems, to enhance educational cooperation, to intensify dialogue with private sector and lastly, to narrow the development gap in ASEAN.

ASEAN’s existing processes will be strengthened by enhancing the cooperation under ASEAN Plus 3 and ASEAN Plus 6 programs. It is witnessing the importance of ASEAN’s central role in driving forward the East Asian process. Our concerted efforts will be needed to enhance the role of ASEAN in cooperating with international community.

I would like to stress that the Union of Myanmar, as one of the Asian countries, is actively participating in the activities of regional organizations. We will closely cooperate with other countries in the region in implementing regional development projects and programs and global matters as well.

In conclusion, unity within Asia is vital for the re-enhancement of the role of Asia and the leading role of Asia in international agenda. The East Asia region should review the global economic structure of governance and in this respect, I wish we will have exchange of views for best outcomes and advises from our constructive deliberations at this World Economic Forum. Vice-Chairman Ms Wang Zhizhen of National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference of the People’s Republic of China and Chairman of Trade Representatives of Thailand Mr Kiat Sitthecamorn delivered addresses.

Later, the opening ceremony ended with the concluding remarks by World Economic Forum Executive Chairman Dr Klaus Schwab.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister U Thein Sein posed for documentary photo together with Heads of State/Government and heads of organizations from respective countries who attend 19th World Economic Forum on East Asia pose for documentary photo.
China’s climate hero names gorilla

BEIJING, 7 June—Climate Hero, Chinese photographer Luo Hong, announced on Saturday the name of one of two baby gorillas in Rwanda to mark World Environment Day.

The names were chosen by online votes and Luo announced the winning selection of Wakawaka, which means sunshine. The other selected name Zoya was announced by Hollywood actor Don Cheadle. Rwandan President Paul Kagame and UN Environment Programme Director Achim Steiner attended the ceremony that was full of celebration.

The naming ceremony, commonly known as Kwita Izina, is an ancient Rwandan tradition that has been extended from human beings to the country’s cherished and endangered gorillas, aiming at ensuring the future of Rwanda’s mountain gorillas and bringing global awareness to gorillas and their habitats.

Luo was named a Climate Hero by the UN Environment Programme in 2009. He has long devoted himself to shooting natural environments and wild animals. Many of his works are frequently auctioned for charity with proceeds benefiting environmental causes.

He established the Luo Hong Environment Foundation in 2006 to educate and reward young people worldwide for environmental protection. Established in 1972 and celebrated every on 5 June, World Environment Day is one of the principal vehicles through which the UN stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment.

Internet

Iran’s Army to stage major ground drills

TEHERAN, 7 June—The Iranian Army said it is to carry out extensive military exercises in September, local satellite Press TV reported on Sunday. According to the report, General Amir Pourdastan said the drills will be staged in Iran’s southwestern Khouzestan Province and the western Ilam Province.

The practices are to showcase the country’s innovative military strategies and skills while to test newly developed armaments built by the defence industries of the Iranian Army, such as the weaponry activated by composite launchers, Pourdastan was quoted as saying.

He said on Saturday that the maneuvers also aim to implement new military skills in a combat theatre with rough terrain.

Weaponry planned for use and testing during the drills include refurbished and upgraded tanks utilizing laser systems, helicopters and pilotless aircraft, Press TV quoted Pourdastan as saying.—Xinhua

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Two abandoned baby pygmy elephants saved in Malaysia

Malaysian wildlife authorities rescued two starving pygmy elephant calves on Borneo island in the first known cases of the endangered animals being apparently abandoned by their mothers, an official said Monday.

Plantation workers discovered a 2-year-old female elephant stuck in a moat Friday, two weeks after a 6-month-old female was found wandering in another plantation in Malaysia’s eastern Sabah state, said Laurentius Ambu, director of the state wildlife department.

The carcass of a critically endangered Javan rhino has been found in Indonesia, conservationists have said, bringing the world’s scarcest mammal one step closer to extinction.

Cambodia’s disappeared “forest woman” found

CAMBODIA, 7 June—The Cambodian government said Monday that it found the body of the woman who disappeared on 25 May, according to local news reports.

Rochom Kamphy, 28, a younger brother of the “forest woman”, said that his sister who disappeared from home on 25 May was found on Friday. He said his sister was found by a village at the bottom of a deep hole, which was a disused well and now converted into a toilet, and her body was soaked with excrement up to her chest.

Boy bullfighter, 12, is youngest in Mexico ring

A 12-year-old French-Mexican boy has become the youngest novice bullfighter to perform in Mexico City’s main ring.

Michel “Michelito” Lagravere successfully killed his first bull, which weighed 893 pounds (385 kilograms).

But the “novillero” lost his footing while facing the second bull and was knocked around the sand by the 848-pound (385-kilogram) animal.

“Michelito” was taken from the ring for X-rays. His father said he suffered only bruises and was expected to be released later Sunday. Michel Lagravere, also a bullfighter, added that he was both fearful and proud watching his son in the ring.

The boy told AP Television News from a stretcher that he was left “with a good taste in my mouth” from his appearance.
**US transplant man drink-drives**

NEW YORK, 7 June — A Buffalo man who received a liver transplant in January has pleaded guilty to driving drunk when he hit a pedestrian less than three months later. Prosecutors say Gurninderjit Thandi's drinking followed his spree.

**Smart clothes offer emotional aid**

LONDON, 7 June — Smart clothes could soon be helping their wearers cope with the stresses of modern life. The prototype garments monitor physiological states including temperature and heart rate. The clothes are connected to a database that analyses the data to work out a person's emotional state.

Media, including songs, words and images, are then piped to the display and speakers in the clothes to calm a wearer or offer support. Created as part of an artistic project called Wearable Absence, the clothes are made from textiles woven with different sorts of wireless sensors. These can track a wide variety of tell-tale biological markers including temperature, heart rate, breathing and galvanic skin response.—Internet

**Sydney Opera House holds concert for canines**

SYDNEY, 7 June — Hundreds of dogs and their owners have descended on the Sydney Opera House for a concert specifically for canines. Organizers say the event, the work of American musician and artist Laurie Anderson, is the first of its kind.

Ms Anderson called it "an inter-species social gathering on a scale never seen before in Australia". It featured the cries of whales and high-pitched electronic sounds inaudible to human ears, accompanied by a bass guitar and violin.

For an hour or so Australia's most recognizable building became a giant kennel. The sounds sent some agitated pets into a frenzy, while others seemed rather bemused. "Most dogs are fine with it but we had to move away because he was getting a little bit freaked out by the whale noises," said one dog owner.—Internet

**Soccer City can be a pot of gold at end of the rainbow**

JOHANNESBURG, 7 June — Junaid Mashamaite knows what it is like to lift a trophy at the World Cup final will be played on 11 July. Last month, in the first match to be played at the reconstructed venue, he captained Bidvest Wits to a 3-0 cup final victory over AmaZulu.

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S Korea to undertake final launch rehearsal for space rocket

SEOUL, 7 June—South Korea will undertake a final launch rehearsal for its domestically assembled satellite-carrying rocket on Tuesday, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology said in a press release.

The Korea Space Launch Vehicle-I (KSLV-I), also called Naro-1, is scheduled to blast off on Wednesday if weather conditions are ideal.

The rocket was moved from the rocket assembly building at the Naro Space Centre to the launch pad earlier Monday in preparation for Wednesday’s launch.

Meanwhile, June 19 has been set as a backup launching date in case the launch is postponed by weather or other circumstances.—Xinhua

Bangladesh govt’t to demolish risky buildings, chemical godowns in capital

Dhaka, 7 June—The Bangladesh government has decided to demolish unauthorized and risky buildings in the capital and remove all unauthorized chemical godowns from the old part of it.

Food and Disaster Management Minister MA Razzaque said after a ministerial meeting on “disaster management” held in the ministry on Sunday, leading English newspaper The Independent reported on Monday.

The recent devastating fire, collapsed and cracked developed buildings came up for discussions at the meeting.

The meeting has decided to constitute two task forces for detecting unauthorized buildings and chemical godowns in the capital, he said.

A task force will check the city’s high rise buildings and their design to ascertain whether they were constructed as per design or not and also to detect the unauthorized buildings across the city.

Water reservoir will be built beside the play grounds and at open spaces in the capital.—Xinhua

Landslides, flooding kill 53 in southern China

Beijing, 7 June—A news report says the death toll from flooding and rain-triggered landslides in southern China has climbed to 53 after the bodies of all missing people were recovered.

The official Xinhua News Agency says three days of heavy rain that began on 31 May destroyed 11,000 homes and forced the evacuation of 200,000 people. It cites the Guangxi regional flood control office as saying flooding and landslides affected 42 counties in nine cities.

Meteorologists are expecting more heavy rain in the region through on Thursday, China’s rainy season, which began last month, follows the worst drought in a century for southern China’s Yunnan, Guizhou and Guangxi regions. It left millions without drinking water and 12 million acres (about 5 million hectares) barren since last year.—Internet

15 injured in fans stampede

Johannesburg, 7 June—15 people were injured as thousands of soccer fans stampeded outside a stadium on Sunday before a World Cup warmup match between Nigeria and DPR Korea in South Africa.

Several fans could be seen falling under the rush of people, many wearing Nigeria jerseys.

The Makhulong Stadium in the Johannesburg suburb seats about 12,000 fans. One policeman was seriously hurt.

People visit a flea market in Bucharest, Romania, on 6 June, 2010. Xinhua

Russia, US to negotiate on polar bear hunt

Moscow, 7 June—Russia and the United States were to initiate a joint commission on polar bear hunt in the second half of June, local media reported on Sunday.

The joint commission was established to monitor the state of the bear population, which came into force in 2007.

“A week we will hold the session to set the quota for hunt for this animal,” the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Vladislav Kanov, a coordinator for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) of Russia, as saying.

Moscow and Washington have signed an agreement, allowing the indigenous citizens of Alaska and Chukotka to hunt for polar bears, since it represents a kind of traditional industry.

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But they had measured the measure of the busy but largely toothless Koreans at Makhulong Stadium in this sprawl-

Cotto back on top after Yankee Stadium brawl

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“We worked on a lot of things we did tonight, and I think everything showed,” Cotto said in the bowels of Yankee Stadium, with his Hall of Fame trainer Emanuel Steward looking on. “It’s like Emmanuel said right after the end of the fight, ‘You’re back. Miguel Cotto is back.’” —Internet

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