Laotian Prime Minister to pay official visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—At the invitation of U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, will pay an official visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends tree planting ceremony in Yangon West District

YANGON, 17 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended Yangon West District’s monsoon tree planting ceremony held in the compound of Public Works at the corner of Pyay Road and Shinsoawpy Street in Dagon Township, Yangon West District, this morning. The director of Yangon Division Forest Department gave an account of progress in growing trees in the rainy season. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and officials presented saplings and landscaping plants to responsible persons and social organizations. (See page 8)

Production sharing contract signed between MOGE & NPCC

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy and North Petro-Chem Corporation Limited (NPCC) of the People’s Republic of China signed a production sharing contract for exploration and production of oil and natural gas in onshore Block F (Ngahlaingdwin area) at the hall of the Ministry of Energy, yesterday evening. Present on the occasion were Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Chairman of North Petro-Chem Corporation Limited (NPCC) Mr Li Li, departmental officials and guests. Minister for Energy U Lun Thi spoke on the occasion. Managing Director U Myint Htay of MOGE and Chairman of NPCC Mr Li Li extended greetings. (See page 8)
**Transport infrastructure creates unity and amity among national brethren**

As the government of the Union of Myanmar is making all-out efforts in building river crossing bridges, railroads and motor roads one after another, better transport networks can be created from the east to the west and from north to the south in the entire Union. Many roads with hundreds of miles in length are under construction through build, operate and transfer system across the nation.

Nowadays, the construction of new roads across Bago mountain ranges and the upgrading of roads to the tarred facilities are being undertaken. Of them, Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi Road is being upgraded and maintained.

Joining hands with the government, private entrepreneurs participate in construction of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road and they have now completed the earthen road. Hence, the local people can use the earth road for conveniently travelling and transporting domestic goods by car and motorbike.

On completion, the tarred road will contribute much to uplifting of socio-economic status of the local people residing in the regions along the road.

The national entrepreneurs engaging in construction of road sections are joining hands with the government by taking pride of works as part of efforts to develop the region and forge amity and unity of the national brethren, without giving priority to their interest.

**Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road across Bagomountain ranges will connect Nay Pyi Taw and Magway. As the government is building small and large bridges including Ayeyawady River crossing bridges, railroads, the roads across mountain ranges and inter-district and inter-township roads in Magway Division, the national brethren can travel to their destinations throughout the Union with Magway Division as the centre. All in all, the transport infrastructures such as motor roads, railroads and bridges will contribute toward forging of unity and amity among the national brethren.**

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**Myanmar, Iran to promote economic cooperation**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 18 June**—At the invitation of U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, an Iranian Delegation led by Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, paid an official visit to the Union of Myanmar from 15 to 17 June 2010.

Iranian Deputy Minister Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi called on U Lan Thi, Minister for Energy, at 11 am here on 16 June. They discussed matters relating to cooperation in oil and gas sector. In the afternoon, the Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister called on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the latter’s office.

The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and the Iranian delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi held a bilateral meeting and exchanged views on mutually beneficial cooperation. The two sides reiterated their desire to further expanding the ties of friendship and economic cooperation and to increase cooperation in the regional and international forums such as United Nations and Non-Aligned Movement.

Iranian Deputy Minister left here for Yangon on 17 June. While in Yangon, the Iranian delegation met Chairman and members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at UMFCCCI Office. In the course of the meeting, the two sides agreed to increase contacts between Chambers of Commerce of the two countries in order to promote trade and economic cooperation between Myanmar and Iran.—MNA

Cherry Oo Watch Clinic opens for customers’ convenience

**Yangon, 17 June**—Cherry Oo Watch Clinic arranged by Cherry Oo Watch Showroom of Naing Family Co Ltd was thrown open to public at Room No. 728 on seventh floor of Traders Hotel in Yangon on 7 June.

Best services and reasonable price for Rolex, Raymond Weil watches in Myanmar.

For more information, contact Cherry Oo® Traders Hotel (Ph: 951-73032971 and 242828, Ext: 6437 and 7728).—MNA
US citizen under investigation in Cuba for spying

HAVANA, 17 June—US contractor Alan Gross, who was arrested for alleged espionage activities in December, remains under investigation, said Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno on Rodriguez Wednesday.

“Mr Alan Gross is in custody for violating Cuban laws and committing serious crimes in our country by serving the subversive policy of the United States against Cuba,” said Bruno Rodriguez during a press conference in Havana.

Gross was arrested in Havana on 5 December last year for distributing laptops, satellite phones and other technological equipment among groups opposing to leader Raul Castro, the Cuban authorities said.—Xinhua

Four suspects with bombs, lethal weapons arrested in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 June—The Malaysian police arrested four Malaysians with bombs and other lethal weapons during a raid conducted on Wednesday, local police said on Thursday.

Malaysia’s Selangor State Kajang District police chief Shakaruddin Che Mood told a press conference on Thursday that the police would investigate if the suspects, three males and one female, were involved in any terrorism activities.

Shakaruddin said that three bombs, two pistols, an electronic device that can be connected to the bomb, a small amount of drugs, and cash more than 27,000 ringgit (8,282 US dollars) were found during the operation.—Xinhua

Suicide car bombing rocks S Afghanistan, attacker killed

GHANZI, 17 June—A suicide car bombing rocked Andar District of Afghanistan’s southern Ghazni Province on Thursday morning injurying four police personnel, police spokesman in the region said.

“A suicide bomber, riding an explosive-laden car, attempted to drive inside the administrative compound of Andar District but the bomber was identified by police,” Mohammad Usman Yari, the police spokesman, told Xinhua.

The official said that the attacker blew the explosive device planted in the car after intercepted by the police and the blast injured four policemen.

Yari said that the attacker was killed in the explosion and eight vehicles including police vans were damaged in the incident. —Xinhua

Afghan, NATO forces kill 12 Taleban militants in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 17 June—Afghan and NATO-led troops during a joint operation eliminated 12 Taleban insurgents in northern Kunduz Province on Wednesday, provincial governor Mohammad Omar said.

An ISAF vehicle was also destroyed, he further said, without giving more details.

Troops from Germany, the US and Belgium are serving in Kunduz Province.

More than 260 NATO-led soldiers with majority of them Americans have been killed so far this year in Afghanistan.

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Kunduz, a relatively peaceful Province until last year, have been the scene of spiraling militancy over the past several months.

Taleban militants have vowed to speed up activities this year in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Two NATO soldiers killed, three injured in northern Afghan Province

KUNDUZ, 17 June—Two NATO soldiers were killed and three others sustained injuries in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan on Wednesday, a spokesman with the alliance in Kunduz Province Brigadier Webber said.

“Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed and three others sustained injuries in Bagh-e-Shurkat area of Kunduz Province today,” Webber told Xinhua.

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Turkish soldier killed in clash with PKK rebels

ANKARA, 17 June—A soldier from the Turkish security forces was killed in a clash with militants of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey on Wednesday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The armed clash between PKK rebels and the Turkish security forces occurred near Uludere Town of Sirnak Province bordering Iraq, according to the report. The Turkish security forces had launched a large-scale operation fighting against the region’s PKK militants, the report said.

On Tuesday, a Turkish soldier was killed when a hand-made explosive planted by PKK members went off in rural area near Uludere town, Sirnak’s government office said in a statement.

The PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey and has been listed as a terrorist organization by the Turkish government, the United States and the European Union.

Some 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts fuelled by PKK’s separatist campaign in Turkey. —Xinhua
Nanoparticles: Peering into the never-before-seen

Making adjustments to the dynamic transmission electron microscope. From left: Curtis Brown, Thomas LaGrange and Judy Kim.—Internet

California, 17 June—Scientists can now peer into the inner workings of catalyst nanoparticles 3,000 times smaller than a human hair within nanoseconds.

The findings point the way toward future work that could greatly improve catalyst efficiency in a variety of processes that are crucial to the world’s energy security, such as petroleum catalysis and next-generation rechargeable batteries.

The work was performed in a collaborative effort by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the University of California at Davis. Using a new imaging technique on Lawrence Livermore’s Dynamic Transmission Electron Microscope (DTEM), researchers have achieved unprecedented spatial and temporal resolution in single-shot images of nanoparticles.

S Korea to pursue third launch of Naro space rocket

Seoul, 17 June—South Korea will pursue a third launch of a space rocket after the South Korean-Russian joint investigation committee finds out what caused the failure of last week’s liftoff, the government said on Wednesday. South Korea’s locally assembled two-stage satellite-carrier Naro-1, or the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), was lifted off from the Naro Space Centre in South Jeolla Province, about 485 kilometres south of Seoul, at 5:01 pm local time (0801 GMT) last Thursday. But communications with it was lost 137 seconds after the takeoff, and crashed after reaching altitude of 70 km.

Seoul’s Education, Science and Technology Ministry told reporters that according to a contract signed in 2004 between Korea Aerospace Research Institute and Russia’s Khrunichev State Research and Production Space Centre, Seoul has the right to request Moscow for a third attempt if either of the two previous launches ends in failure.

There is a clause in the agreement that allows South Korea to withhold some 10 million US dollars, or 5 percent of the original 200 million dollars for the Naro-1 project to Russia if a third attempt is not made, so there is every possibility that an understanding on a third launch can be reached, the ministry said.

The ministry said the timing of the third launch will be decided after the 26-person joint Failure Review Board (FRB) determines the cause of last week’s failure.

The experts of FRB held its first meeting on Monday to share their respective analysis on the rocket’s telecommunication before it exploded.—Xinhua
**Australian scientists announce breakthrough in lung cancer**

**CANCERBA, 17 June**—Australian scientists on Wednesday announced a discovery about the nature of the proteins involved in cell division which could take them a step closer to cutting deaths from lung cancer.

Researchers at the University of New South Wales and the Pharmacoproteomics Programme at the Children’s Cancer Institute for Medical Research said the discovery could lead to new ways of approaching treatment of non-small cell lung cancers, which accounts for 80 percent of all lung cancers.

In a statement, scientists said that targeting B3-tubulin, a protein known for maintaining the structural integrity of cells, could be key to increasing drug sensitivity in non-small cell lung cancer.

They found that by suppressing B3-Tubulin it increased the sensitivity of the cancer to standard chemotherapy drugs.

The findings have been published in the international journal *Cancer Research* last week.

The Australian biotech company, Benitec, is currently developing therapeutics focused on specifically blocking B3-tubulin activity.—*Xinhua*

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**US researchers make headway in developing gene therapy for HIV**

**LOS ANGELES, 17 June**—US researchers have moved a step forward in developing gene therapy to treat HIV patients.

Although viable treatment is still a long way off, researchers hope that one day gene therapy could potentially keep the AIDS-causing virus at bay.

In the study, researchers at City of Hope, a hospital and research center in Duarte, California genetically manipulated healthy blood cells to resist HIV and inserted them into four HIV-positive patients who had lymphoma, a blood cancer.

At this early point in the research process, the goal was to see if the implanted cells would survive.

In the next phases of research, scientists will try to implant enough genetically engineered cells to actually boost the body’s ability to fight off HIV.

Ideally, the cells would multiply and fight off HIV infection. In that case, “the virus has nowhere to grow, no way to expand in the patient,” said David L. DiGiusto, a biologist and immunologist at City of Hope.—*Xinhua*

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**When kids have separation anxiety**

**WASHINGTON, 17 June**— Many children fear that something bad will happen to them when their parents aren’t around. If the fear is intense enough, it may be diagnosed as separation anxiety disorder.

The Nemours Foundation offers this list of classic warning signs:

* Having a panic attack or showing signs of panic (such as feeling nauseous or difficulty breathing) prior to a parent’s departure.
* Having nightmares about separating from a parent.
* Being afraid of sleeping alone.
* Worrying excessively about getting lost, being kidnapped or having to travel without a parent.—*Internet*

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**World Cup matches might boost your mental health**

**WASHINGTON, 17 June**—If you can’t wait to watch the US soccer team take on Slovenia in its next World Cup match on Friday, know that being an avid sports fan may be more than just a lot of fun.

Scientists have shown that fans who feel personally invested in a team or, better yet, who attend games and cheer along with like-minded fans, reap the mental health benefits that come from a feeling of social connectedness.

“The main thing that people achieve via sports fandom is a sense of belongingness, or connectedness, with others,” said Edward Hirt, a professor of psychology and brain sciences at Indiana University. “Sharing a common allegiance with others bonds people together in a special way. We can relate to others who share fandom with our team and feel a camaraderie with them that transcends ourselves.”—*Internet*
Southern African Customs Union to address challenges at July summit

Johannesburg, 17 June—Challenges facing the five-nation Southern African Customs Union (SACU) will be addressed at a two-day summit in Pretoria, the South African government announced on Tuesday.

Speaking at a media briefing in Pretoria after a meeting of the South African cabinet, government spokesman Themba Maseko said South African President Jacob Zuma will host the summit.

“President Jacob Zuma will host a summit of SACU leaders in Pretoria from July 15 to 16 to discuss the challenges SACU is facing and discuss the way forward,” he said.

South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland form the world’s oldest customs union.

The South African Press Association (SAPA) reported on Wednesday that the customs union has been threatened by a bitter row between members over an economic partnership agreement with the European Union.

While Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland have signed an interim agreement, South Africa objects to what it calls “inconsistencies” in the deal.

South African trade and industry minister Rob Davies warned that it is crucial to resolve the disagreement to keep the customs union going.

“The issue is not yet resolved and we are looking to the summit to show us the way forward,” Davies’s spokesman Sidwell Medupe told SAPA on Tuesday.

HK airport cargo throughput in May hits new high amid robust demand

Hong Kong, 17 June—Cargo tonnage at Hong Kong International Airport reached a record high monthly total of 367,000 tons in May, up 41.9 percent year on year, the airport said on Wednesday in a statement.

The speedy and significant recovery in cargo traffic further lent support to the airport’s status as the world’s busiest international air cargo centre, it said.

Air traffic movements in May were also healthy, registering yearly growth of 8.4 percent to 25,380. Passenger volume for the month reached 4.1 million, up 14.4 percent over the same period last year. May’s cargo throughput to and from all HK’s major markets showed double-digit growth over the same month last year.

The substantial growth was in part due to the relatively low base recorded in May 2009, as well as the continued recovery of key export markets, particularly Europe and North America. Exports record-ed strong growth of 61 percent, while imports and transshipment surged 32 percent and 14 percent respectively.

The double-digit growth in the passenger market was also partly due to the lower base for comparison from last May, when passenger traffic was badly affected by the H1N1 flu outbreak.

US wholesale prices drop 0.3% in May

Washington, 17 June—US wholesale prices declined 0.3 percent in May, the second straight monthly drop, the Labour Department reported on Wednesday.

The decline in the department’s Producer Price Index, a measure of inflation at the wholesale level, followed a 0.1 percent drop in April.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, core wholesale prices rose 0.2 percent in April, matching the economists’ expectation.

Over the past 12 months ending in May, core wholesale prices were up 1.3 percent.

The lower prices reflected a continued decline in global oil prices, which have been falling because of concerns that the European debt crisis will dampen growth prospects in a key region of the world.

In May, energy prices fell 1.5 percent, the biggest drop since a 2.2-percent decline in February. Gasoline prices were down 7 percent while home heating oil fell 7.4 percent and residential natural gas was down 1.1 percent.

Among the EU member states, the highest inflation rate was registered in Greece at 5.3 percent, followed by Hungary and Romania, while the lowest rate was recorded in Latvia at -2.4 percent. Germany and France, the two largest economies in the EU, saw an inflation rate of 1.2 percent and 1.9 percent respectively.

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Peter Dille, Senior Vice President Marketing and PlayStation Network, speaks about the Sony PlayStation Move controller at a media briefing during the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) at the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles on 15 June, 2010.—Xinhua

Eurozone inflation rises to 1.6% in May

Brussels, 17 June—The annual inflation rate in the eurozone rose slightly to 1.6 percent in May from 1.5 percent in April, the European Union (EU)’s statistics bureau Eurostat said on Wednesday.

Fuel for transportation and heating oil continued to be the largest upward contributions as the price of transportation increased by 5.5 percent, the highest among the main components involved in the inflation rate, followed by the prices of alcohol and tobacco.

The annual inflation in the EU kept stable at 2 percent compared with previous month, said the Eurostat.

Chip giant China’s Taipai Semiconductor Manufacturing said on Thursday it was investing 50 million US dollars in an American solar-panel maker in its latest venture into the renewable energy.

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A New Orleans Saints Super Bowl XLIV ring is displayed in New Orleans, on 16 June, 2010. The Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Super Bowl XLIV to attain its first championship in franchise history.
Int’l Documentary Film Week to be held in Hanoi

HANOI, 17 JUNE— European and Vietnamese documentaries will be screened during the International Documentary Film Week to be held here from 21 to 25 June, according to a press release of the Vietnam National Studio for Documentary and Scientific Film here on Wednesday.

The film week is expected to show documentaries from Vietnam and five European countries including Belgium, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and France, said the press release.

The documentary film will focus on five main topics including architecture, spirituality, multiculturalism, cultural heritage and women.

This event, jointly organized by Vietnam National Studio for Documentary and Scientific Film and some European embassies in Vietnam, aims to introduce the recent successful documentary films to Vietnamese and international audience, said the press release.

Oprah hands enormous bonus to O Magazine staff

BEIJING, 17 JUNE— Many of us might think it would be great if we worked for Oprah Winfrey as the US billionaire media mogul has just given enormous bonus checks to her staff.

The US media reported Wednesday that the popular US television talk show host gave staff at her self-published O Magazine 10,000 U.S. dollars each and an Apple iPad.

“As a thank you for their hard work and dedication, Oprah Winfrey surprised the staff of O, The Oprah Magazine with an Apple iPad and a check for $10,000, to commemorate the magazine’s 10th anniversary,” a magazine spokesman said.

Bangladesh to distribute free energy-saving bulbs

DHAKA, 17 JUNE— The Bangladeshi government will distribute energy saving Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL) bulb to the households in 27 districts simultaneously on 19 June.

The Bangladeshi Prime Minister’s Energy Adviser Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury disclosed it on Wednesday at a press briefing at the Ministry of Power and Energy, website of leading English newspaper The Daily Star reported.

The bulb will be distributed free of cost, said Tawfiq-e-Elahi. People need to submit the existing used normal bulbs and latest paid electric bill to get the CFL bulb, ministry sources said.

The government will distribute the energy-saving lights for free aiming to replace the incandescent bulbs.—Xinhua

Miss Universe 2008 Dayana Mendoza interacts with kids at a day care centre in an outreach programme where computer laptops are distributed in Tondo, Manila, the Philippines, on 16 June, 2010. Mendoza was chosen by Smartmatic Asia as ‘Ambassador of Transparency’ to show the company’s gratitude to all those who helped them with the Philippine elections.—Xinhua

Chinese Vice Premier stresses development of rural arts to enrich farmers’ spiritual lives

BEIJING, 17 JUNE— Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu on Wednesday called for more efforts to promote the development of the arts in rural areas to ensure a rich spiritual life for the nation’s farmers.

“The creativity of our nation’s farmers and civilian artists has never been as vigorous as it is now as new art works emerge,” Hui said while visiting a rural arts and crafts show as part of the first China Farmer Art Festival.

Hui said the festival reflects a new image of the nation’s farmers and agricultural fields.

He called upon various departments to “actively” promote the development of rural arts to enrich farmers’ spiritual life.

The six-day event that started on Wednesday includes performances and arts, crafts and photography exhibitions.

Xinhua

Director Doug Liman ponders sci-fi war saga

LOS ANGELES, 17 JUNE— Doug Liman will begin talks later this week to direct the sci-fi action tale “All You Need Is Kill.”

The Warner Bros. project, based on Hiroshi Sakurazaka’s graphic novel, follows a new recruit in a war against aliens. He finds himself caught in the training and battles he experiences in these time loops, he becomes a better soldier.

Liman’s potential involvement sets up a potential internal war over his services.

He jumped aboard the studio’s adaptation of “The Three Musketeers” in early May. That project is pitted against a competing “Musketeers” movie currently being directed by Paul WS Anderson for release next April through Summit.—Internet

Nepali gov’t bans tree-cutting for two months

KATHMANDU, 17 JUNE— The Nepali government on Wednesday has imposed a ban on the cutting down of trees for the next two months.

A cabinet meeting took the decision to this effect so as not to affect the government-run projects.

Government Spokesperson and Minister for Information and Communications Shanker Pokhrel said, “The cabinet has decided to ban on the cut-down of trees until mid August.”

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Pokhrel said the government has formed a committee to stop deforestation. The decision comes in the wake of widespread reports about illegal cut-down of trees and trade of timber in Nepal’s southern Terai region.

“We have decided to form a probe panel to recommend measures for controlling the unwanted activities against the conservation of forest and its creatures that are rising in recent times,” said the minister.—Xinhua

People compete in a dragon boat race in Liuzhou, southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 16 June, 2010, to celebrate the traditional Dragon Boat Festival.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 15 June, 2010 shows the beautiful idyllic scenery in Pingle Village of Yao Autonomous Region. Xinhua

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander planted commemorative saplings, and so did the mayor and officials.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the mayor and officials viewed the planting of trees by departmental staff, social organization members, teachers, students and local people.

On arrival at the People’s Park, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander planted commemorative neem saplings. The mayor and officials planted commemorative saplings.

Staff members of YCDC planted saplings in the park and along Ahlon Road.—MNA

Alin Saytaman Library opened in Yenangyoung

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds

of Rural Library Foundation and open Alin Saytaman Library was held in Ywathit Ward of Yenangyoung on 12 June. Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department explained the purpose of opening the library.

Patron of library construction committee Director-General U Win Kyi of Settlement and Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win donated K 200,000.

Land Records Department accepted K 535,800 by literary houses of Yangon through officials.

Patron U Win Kyi donated K 10 million, writer Dr Ma Tin Win, K 10 million and Daw Win Maw Tun of Shwenaga motorcycle industry of Yenangyoung Industrial Zone donated K 1.6 million for Alin Saytaman library; Magway Division IPRD donated K 2.5 million, 28 buildings and 44 radios to village libraries of the division, Township PDCs of Magway District K 1.2 million, Principal of Yenangyoung Degree College magazines and journals worth K 1,433,150, Bagan and Thita Yadana literary houses of Yangon and Dr Aung Myint Oo, 270 books.

The donations at the ceremony amounted to K 108,600,330. —MNA

Production sharing contract signed...

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Managing Director of MOGE U Myint Hla, NCPP Chairman Mr Li Li, witnessed Director-General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department and Geological Consultant Mr He Kegeng of NCPP signed the contract and exchanged notes.

Minister U Lan Thi presented the work permit of the ministry and MIC Chairman Minister U Maung Maung Thein, the permit of MIC to Chairman of NPCC Mr Li Li. Later, they posed for documentary photo. The production sharing contract is to explore and produce oil and natural gas in inland block PSC-F (Nghilaingdwin area) on a joint venture basis. —MNA

Opening of Alin Saytaman library in Yenangyoung in progress.

MNA

Basic Digital Survey Training on 3 July

YANGON, 17 June—Basic Digital Survey Training jointly organized by Myanmar Engineering Society (MES) and Myanmar Credent Technology will be opened at MES on 3 July on weekends.

High school students, matriculation passed students who are interested in survey, AGTI and BE (Civil) students, graduates and those who want to observe basic survey may attend the eight-day course.

Government employees, MES members and students are offered with 20% off. Any interested persons may contact Myanmar Credent Technology, Building No. 1, Room No. 7, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Yangon (Ph: 652285 and 652286) and MES in Hline campus, Hline Township, Yangon (Ph: 519673–76, Ext: 304). —MNA

Sony Expo-2010 to be opened on 18 June

YANGON, 17 June—TMW Enterprise Ltd is planning to launch Sony Expo-2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road in Yangon from 9 am to 5 pm, from 18 to 20 June.

There is a cinema for moviegoers to view lively and active scenes in the accomplishment of Sony 3D glasses with the advantage of Sony Bravia’s 3D technology.

Sony Bravia TV has motion flow technology, and eco system which can save energy. Monolithic Design TV suitable for health will be on display, matching with viewer’s eye level.

Sony Brand TX5 Cybershot camera, VAIO laptop, Sony Ericsson phone, walkman, MP4, MP3, 2010 Xplod car audio and other Sony Brand electronics will be put on show. —MNA

Sony TV installing latest technology to be displayed at Sony Expo-2010. —MNA
Downpours, strong winds cause death, injury to houses, roads, railroad sections, floods, landslides

State, departments, Tatmadawmen, NGOs and wellwishers render assistance for relief and rehabilitation

Nav Pyi Taw, 17 June—It was reported on dailies issued on 17 June that downpours and strong winds caused damage to many houses and buildings, floods and landslides in some townships of Rakhine State from 13 to 15 June. In this incident, Buthidaung Township got 4.3 inches of rainfall on 13 June and 8 inches on 14 June. Maungtaw Township, 3.9 inches on 13 June, 4.02 inches on 14 June and 13.47 inches on 13 June, 4.02 inches on 14 June, 4.3 inches of rainfall on Buthidaung Township got. Similarly, some wards and villages in Buthidaung were in flood due to heavy rains on 13 June. 13 men and 18 women of Hamhala village in Ward 5, Kyauktaw, Minbya, Aung, Yangon and Mandalay were suspended on 15 June as heavy rain caused damage to bridges and landslides. At Mutsalindan, seik village of Sukkya village-tract in Minbya Township on 15 June, strong winds flattened 25 houses and one school building and blew off roofs of 14 houses and one mosque. A total of 197 strong wind victims—102 men and 92 women—were temporarily accommodated at mosques in nearby villages and their relative houses by local authorities concerned and police force. Besides, a 15 feet long wooden bridge near Kyarintu village between Minbya and Myebon Townships was washed away, and one man and 10 heads of buffalos were struck to death by lightning near Khaunglaungchaung village.

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Flood occurs in some regions of Rakhine State due to heavy rains. MNA

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Brazil launches tourism promotion in South Africa

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 June—Brazil, host country of the next FIFA World Cup, opened a 3,000-square-metre exhibition space in South Africa on Tuesday to promote the country's tourism.

The Casa Brazil, or Brazil House, located in an upmarket neighbourhood in Johannesburg, will provide promotional information about the 12 cities which will host the World Cup in 2014. It also features an exposition on soccer.

The initiative, which cost 10 million reais (5.58 million US dollars), aims to attract investors to Brazil and promote the country's tourism in the next few years.

Tourism Minister Luiz Barretto said the World Cup would increase the number of foreign tourists from the current five million to eight million in 2014. “It is the first kick to 2014 and the chance to make Brazil a great tourism destination,” he said.

To receive more tourists, Brazil would have to improve its tourism infrastructure, including hotels and airports. The country’s economic development would make it easier to make the improvements, he said.—Xinhua

Eleven killed in flash floods in southeastern France

PARIS, 17 June—Eleven people have been killed in flash floods in southeastern France, with two others missing, a local radio reported on Wednesday.

The casualties were reported in the Var region, which were hit by exceptionally heavy rains recently, said France-Info radio.

Electricity has been cut off for tens of thousands of people in the region, with some 1,200 people staying at shelters in the night, said the report.

A man walks past damaged cars in a flooded street in Draguignan, southern France, on 16 June, 2010 the morning after rising water from unusually heavy rains that hit the region caused a river to overflow.—Xinhua

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Water of the Danube River licks up bank in Belgrade, capital of Serbia, on 16 June, 2010. The flood wave of the Danube River has reached its highest level in Belgrade on Wednesday.—Xinhua

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**China, Pakistan pledge to strengthen defence ties**

**BEIJING, 17 June—** China and Pakistan pledged to strengthen defence ties on Thursday at a meeting between Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie and visiting Pakistani Chief of Army Staff Ashfaq Parvez Kayani.

“Cooperation between the Chinese and Pakistani armed forces is exemplary and has been fruitful,” Liang, also a state councilor, said during the meeting at the Diaoyutai Guest House Thursday morning. Liang said the two sides should make continuous efforts to conduct their cooperation programmes well.

He said China would join hands with Pakistan to bring military relations to a new high.

Kayani said Pakistan values its defence and security cooperation with China, noting that the two countries have cooperated fruitfully in national defence industries in recent years. He added Pakistan would further strengthen exchange and cooperation with China.

Kayani will also meet with Chinese State Councillor and Minister for Public Security Meng Jianzhu, top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo, and Vice Chairman of China’s Central Military Commission Guo Boxiong later Thursday.—Xinhua

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**Chinese universities enter solar-powered-housing design contest**

**TIANJIN, 17 June—** Two Chinese universities have entered an international competition that aims to promote the building of innovative, efficient and sustainable housing, the first time Asian institutions have participated in the event.

Tianjin University and Shanghai-based Tongji University have sent teams to participate in the four-day Solar Decathlon Europe 2010 that starts on Thursday in Villa Solar in the Spanish capital, Madrid.

The “Sunflower” designed by Tianjin University is a one-bedroom apartment combining the traditional building styles of northern China and of Yunnan and Anhui Provinces in the southern parts of China, said Professor Gao Hui, leader of the Tianjin University design team.

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**Businessman kidnapped in S Philippines**

**ZAMBOANGA CITY, 17 June—** Fully armed kidnappers abducted a businessman on Thursday morning when he came out of his farm in an island off the village of Bolong in Zamboanga city, in south Philippines, police said.

The victim of the latest kidnapping spree was identified as Vicente Barrios, 60, caretaker and corporate operator of the Dragon Marine Product, based in this resort village, 33 kilometres east of the city proper.

The abduction of Barrios came barely a day when combined police and military unit rescued Swiss-born Filipino Charlie Rieth who was held for 71 days in captivity.—Xinhua

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**HK to witness partial lunar eclipse on 26 June**

**HONG KONG, 17 June—** A partial lunar eclipse will occur in Hong Kong’s night sky on 26 June, and can be viewed by the public if the weather permits, the Hong Kong Observatory said on Thursday.

According to Scientific Officer of the Observatory Woo Wang-chun, when the moon rises at 7:08 pm that night, the partial lunar eclipse should have already begun. It will reach its maximum at 7:39 pm and end around 10:21 pm.

The eclipse has an umbral magnitude of 0.542, meaning that 54.2 percent of the moon’s diameter will enter the umbra, or total shadow, of the Earth at maximum eclipse, he said.

“As the elevation of the moon is rather low at maximum eclipse, the event is best observed at places with an unobstructed view to the horizon at (Hong Kong’s) east-southeast, such as Shek O, Cheung Chau, the east dam of High Island Reservoir and on top of Tai Mo Shan.”—Xinhua
Sony shows off PlayStation 3D and its motion controller

LONDON, 17 June—Sony has lifted the lid on the games it hopes to release over the next 12 months, with 3D a key aspect of the new range. At a Press briefing at the E3 games expo, Sony outlined its plans for PlayStation 3 and its PSP handheld.

Sony said a recent software update had made all 35 million PlayStation 3s ready. The firm also announced details of its new motion controller, PlayStation Move.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND REVENUE
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NOTICE FOR FILING OF RETURN OF INCOME

1. All Co-operative societies which have been assessed to tax under the Income Tax Law and those Co-operative societies having income amounting above Kyats 30000 solely under the head “Salaries” during the income year 2009-2010 are also required to file the return of income, duly filled-in and signed by the chairman or the secretary of the society concerned, in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June 2010. Moreover, Companies, Joint Venture enterprises and other tax-payers who are covered by the Income Tax Law are also required to file the return of income with Annual Financial Statement duly filled-in and properly signed in the respective Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) not later than 30 June 2010.

2. Persons having income amounting above Kyats 30000 solely under the head “Salaries” during the income year 2009-2010 are not required to file the return of income in respect of their salary income as the tax had been paid thereon by way of deduction at source. However, the employer is responsible for furnishing the Annual Salary Statement in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June 2010.

3. Prescribed forms of return of income and Annual Salary Statement are available free of charge at the Township Revenue Office. The Return can be filed in person or sent by registered post. A receipt will be issued by the Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) concerned in case the return is filed in person.

4. According to the Income Tax Law of section 46, subsection (a), if any person fails to furnish Return of income without reasonable cause, a penalty not exceeding ten percent of the tax shall, in addition to the tax payable, be imposed for default.

5. Further information can be obtained from Township Revenue Offices and Companies Circle Tax Office.

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S'pore firm selected for clean water supply in Cambodia

PINOM PENH, 17 June—A Singaporean firm has been selected for building a water supply system in Cambodia’s capital city of Phnom Penh, a government official said Wednesday.

Ekk Son Chan, delegate to the Royal Government in charge of General Directorate of Phnom Penh Autonomous Water Supply Authority (PPAWSA) said a Singaporean firm, Moya Dayen, was selected to build a water pumping station for providing clean water in the suburb area of Khan Meanchey in Phnom Penh.

He said Moya Dayen was contracted last Friday for a water pumping station which costs 13.4 million US dollars for delivering water to a largest treatment plant which will be loaned by Japan and Agence Francaise de Development (AFD) for a project that costs 80 million US dollars.

He said the new water pumping station is expected to be completed by 2012 and then it will be able to produce as many as 130,000 cubic metres water per day.

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Spanish borrowing costs at new high

LONDON, 17 June—The Spanish government’s cost of borrowing has hit a new record amid renewed concerns over the state of its economy and public finances. The interest rate Spain is being asked to pay by investors is now 2.23 percentage points higher than that being demanded of Germany.

This widening gap in the bond market marks a drop in confidence in Spain’s ability to repay its debts. The Spanish cabinet has also approved unpopular changes to labour rules. “It is a necessary labour reform,” said Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa de la Vega. “One of the most important reforms of the last 20 years.”

The changes, which include a cut in the level of severance pay, have prompted a call for a general strike in September. Internet

Water CO2 calculator for UK homes goes online

LONDON, 17 June—A website that helps people to work out how much CO2 is being emitted to heat water in their homes has gone online.

Produced by the Energy Saving Trust (EST), it also suggests ways that users can save water and energy, as well as cutting their carbon footprint. The Trust says CO2 from energy used to heat water in UK homes accounts for about 5% of the national’s total carbon emissions.

Yet, it adds, water use is the “forgotten energy saving opportunity” by homes, businesses and policymakers.

The EST produced the calculator as an interactive, “easy to understand” tool for people to make the link between water efficiency and energy efficiency explained Andrew Tucker, EST’s water strategy manager.

The calculator produces a personalised report for households.
“Shaolin” to join in New Year movie season

Director Benny Chan (3rd from left) leads “Shaolin” cast members Wu Jing, Nicholas Tse, Jackie Chan, Fan Bingbing and Yu Shaoqun to promote the film in Shanghai, on 14 June, 2010.

BEIJING, 17 June—The film “Shaolin,” starring Jackie Chan, Andy Lau and Nicholas Tse, is set to share the profit the Chinese box office’s busiest season. “Shaolin” will be released at the end of this year during the New Year movie season, it was announced Monday.

Director Benny Chan led a star-studded cast to promote the film at the Shanghai International Film Festival. Despite Andy Lau’s absence, Jackie Chan, Nicholas Tse, Fan Bingbing, Wu Jing, Yu Shaoqun and Bai Bing were all present.

The press conference on Monday rallied these stars for the first time since filming wrapped. Passionate photographers and excited fans packed the venue, and heartthrob Nicholas Tse attracted screams almost every time he started talking.

Gong Li: John Cusack is amiable and talented

BEIJING, 17 June—Actress Gong Li says John Cusack, her co-star in the new WWII spy thriller “Shanghai,” is an “all-round actor.” Gong and Cusack were in Shanghai on Sunday to promote the film.

“There was this scene that the director Mikael Hafstrom couldn’t do because he was sick. So John took the directing work,” Gong told reporters at a press conference.

“He was trustworthy and amiable. He was more than willing to discuss the roles with us. He was like our leader in the cast. I learned many things from working with him,” Gong said.

In return, Cusack said he enjoyed the filming experience and was looking forward to working with Gong Li again.

“Shanghai,” set months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, tells the story of American intelligence official Paul Soames (Cusack) who traces his friend’s death to Japanese-occupied Shanghai and falls in love with a local woman named Anna (Gong Li).

The movie also features Chow Yun-Fat as Anna’s husband Anthony Lan-Ting. Pianist Lang Lang contributed to the soundtrack.

Cast members John Cusack and Gong Li pose for photographers at a press conference for their latest film “Shanghai” during the 13th Shanghai International Film Festival on 13 June, 2010.

Twilight studio sues to stop sale of Bella jacket

LOS ANGELES, 17 June—Summit Entertainment, the studio behind the “Twilight” film franchise, is suing a retailer that’s selling a jacket advertised as being worn by Bella Swan, the character played by Kristen Stewart.

The studio filed a lawsuit against women’s fashion designer BB Dakota on Friday for copyright and trademark infringement. On the company’s website, BB Dakota advertises a blue cotton canvas jacket like this: “Bella Swan (sic) wears this jacket in Twilight and scores the hottest vampire in high school, and so can you!”—Internet

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The car was running and its lights were on. Nobody was inside, and it showed no signs of forced entry, authorities said.

Sheen’s publicist Stan Rosenfield said he believed the keys were in the ignition, but police would not confirm that information. Rosenfield declined to comment further, citing the ongoing police investigation.

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**Greece show their spirit**

**Johannesburg, 17 June**—Greece hit back from a goal down to defeat 10-man Nigeria 2-1 in its Group B game at the Free State Stadium.

Kalu Uche opened the scoring for Nigeria but it was reduced to 10 men 11 minutes before the break when Sani Kaita was sent off.

Greece took advantage to draw level a minute before half-time through Dimitrios Salpingidis, before Vasilios Torosidis netted what proved to be the winner with 19 minutes following a blunder by Vincent Enyeama.—Internet

**Maradona criticizes Pele, Platini**

**Pretoria, 17 June**—Diego Maradona made stinging comments about fellow soccer greats Pele and Michel Platini on Wednesday after the pair criticized Maradona's performance as Argentina coach.

Maradona said he was not surprised by their comments and that “Pele has to go back to the museum.”

As for Platini, “I always had a very distant relationship with him—hello and goodbye. We know how the French are and Platini is French and he thinks of himself as being more than the rest of the world. I’ve never paid him any attention and I won’t do it now.”

Earlier, Maradona had criticized Pele, who led Brazil to three World Cup titles, for doubting Africa’s ability to organize a World Cup.

Asked about Brazil, Maradona said Argentina’s fierce South American rival was not tested by North Korea in the 2-1 win on Tuesday.

“Brazil played a relaxed game, too relaxed,” Maradona said. “Korea never challenged them. For (goalkeeper) Julio Cesar, it would have been the same to shower or not after the game.—Internet

**Preview matches on Germany Vs Serbia; Slovakia Vs USA and England Vs Algeria on 18 June**

**Yangon, 17 June**—World ranking 6 Germany and World ranking 15 Serbia are going to play their second match of the Group-D of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on 18 June.

Both teams faced two times in their head-to-head position in 2003 and 2008 and Germany won both matches. Ballack-less Germany made a bright start hammering Australia 4-0 in the Group-D opener of the 2010 World Cup. Ghanaians strikers managed to pose a threat to the defence of Serbia led by Manchester United defender Serbian Vidic but finally Serbia lost to Slovania Vs USA

Both teams did not face in their head-to-head position in the previous matches. Slovania won over Algeria in the Group-C opener of the 2010 World Cup by striker Soren’s late goal. Their performances are almost in level throughout the match. But American played a draw against England in the opener of the same group. The performance of American was found to be good in playing against England. This match is forecast that American will win or at least draw against opponent Slovania.

**Results of the latest three matches of Slovania**

13.6.10 Algeria 0-1 Slovania World Cup grp. C
4.6.10 Slovenia 3-1 New Zealand Friendlies
3.3.10 Slovenia 4-1 Qatar Friendlies

**Results of the latest three matches of USA**

12.6.10 England 1-1 USA World Cup grp. C
5.6.10 Australia 1-3 USA Friendlies
29.5.10 USA 2-1 Turkey Friendlies

**England Vs Algeria**

Both teams have never seen in the head-to-head position. England played a draw against USA in the opener of the Group-C. England played better than USA in the forward, midfield and defence during the match and the goalkeeper’s mistake led to the draw result. Algeria is the lowest world ranking in the group and their performance during the match is not so encouraging. Anyhow, England will have to play against Algeria to meet the win. This match is supposed Three Lions nickname England will surely win over the opponent Algeria.

**Results of the latest three matches of England**

12.6.10 England 1-1 USA World Cup grp. C
30.5.10 England 2-1 Japan Friendlies
24.5.10 England 3-1 Mexico Friendlies

**Results of the latest three matches of Algeria**

13.6.10 Algeria 0-1 Slovenia World Cup grp. C
5.6.10 Algeria 1-0 U.A.E. Friendlies
28.5.10 Ireland 3-0 Algeria Friendlies

**Rampant Argentina leave tepid South Korea in a spin**

**Johannesburg, 17 June**—Gonzalo Higuain scored the first hat-trick of the 2010 World Cup as Argentina came from 2-1 down to beat South Korea 4-1 World Cup win against South Korea. — Xinhua

Argentina’s soccer team coach Diego Maradona arrives for a press conference in Pretoria, South Africa on Wednesday.—INTERNET

**N Korea coach praises team for brave loss to Brazil**

**Johannesburg, 17 June**—North Korea’s coach praised his team for playing “bravely” in its opening 2-1 loss to Brazil at the World Cup.

After a scoreless first half, Brazil broke through North Korea’s solid defence in the second Tuesday night, with Maicon and Elano finding the net. North Korea’s Ji Yun Nam scored his team’s lone goal in the 89th minute. “We may not have won the match but our players showed very strong form and they fought bravely,” coach Kim Jong Hun said after the game. “I’m happy that we scored one goal against Brazil, and I’m very proud of my players.”

He said the match provided the players with valuable experience and confidence as they prepare for games against Portugal and Ivory Coast, Kim said.

North Korea’s official news agency characterized the match as a “sewing battle.” The DPRK footballers created good shooting chances, not losing their confidence even after losing two goals,” the Korean Central News Agency said Wednesday. DPRK stands for the Democratic Republic of Korea, the country’s official name.
Guizhou hosts ethnic arts festival

BEIJING, 17 June—A performing season featuring a total of 36 Quyi ethnic art forms is set to begin in mid-July in Guizhou, a southwest province where various minority nationalities live. Jiang Ken said at a press conference in Beijing Tuesday morning. Jiang is the vice chairman of the China Quyi Artists Association and a well-known crosstalk performer.

Running from 11 to 16 July, the performing season aims to stage various traditional art forms across China in areas where non-Han ethnic people live. This is the fourth tour of its kind, the first taking place in Inner Mongolia, the second in Guangxi and the third in Ningxia—all autonomous regions where ethnic groups live.—Xinhua

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WEATHER

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (90%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
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VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Myaseinyaung Canal improves socio-economy of rural folks

Local farmers of Tuchaung Village-tract in Htantabin Township, Yangon North District, are pleased with extension of Myaseinyaung Creek in their region.

Under the arrangements of Htantabin Township Peace and Development Council U Ngwe Doe, staff of the Irrigation Department, Chairman of Tuchaung Village-tract Peace and Development Council U Win Myint Aung and local people harmoniously participated in dredging of the drain.

In 1985, Tatmadawmen of Manawhari column from the Myaseinyaung Operation joined hands with the local people in digging 8,000 feet long, 10 feet wide and 5 feet deep canal from the wetland of Hteingon-Tuchaung Village-tract to Panhlaing River near Tali Village with the aim of draining water from the wetland to reclaim 3,000 acres of farmlands. Therefore, the drain was named the Myaseinyaung Canal.

At present, Myaseinyaung Canal was dredged as the 10 feet deep, 20 feet wide and 16,000 feet long facility with the use of heavy machinery. Due to various reasons, the waterway of Panhlaing River is being silted. In consequence, the flow rate of the current declined. Therefore, the local people connected the Myaseinyaung Canal with Hteingon Creek by dredging the waterway.

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Crayfish brain may offer rare insight into human decision making

Crayfish, similar to organisms of higher complexity, observe their environment, and then make value-based decisions, the research shows. The Maryland psychologists conclude that crayfish make an excellent, practical model for identifying the specific neural circuitry and neurochemistry of decision making. They believe their study is the first to isolate individual crayfish neurons involved in value-based decisions. Currently, there’s no direct way to do this with a human brain.

The study is being published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

"Matching individual neurons to the decision making processes in the human brain is simply impractical for now," explains University of Maryland psychologist Jens Herberholz, the study’s senior author. —Internet