Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to King of Morocco

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco, which falls on 30 July 2010.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrive back from India after paying goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived back here by special flight at 7 p.m. today after paying a goodwill visit to the Republic of India at the invitation of President of the Republic of India Her Excellency Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and wife, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, departmental heads and the Charge d’Affaires of Indian Embassy.

Together with Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Myanmar delegation members SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, SPDC Secretary-I General Thihla Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung and wife, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Director of Medical Services of Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, senior military officers and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.

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Apply research findings effectively

Owing to the growing population, food security has become a great challenge for the world. Climate changes, natural disasters and pests are affecting agriculture.

Food sufficiency is a must for the people irrespective of location. So, every country is trying to boost agricultural production by doing research on agricultural methods and taking prevention and control of pests.

Myanmar is improving the living conditions for rural folks by means of increasing agricultural outputs. Thanks to emergence of a large number of dams, sluice gates and river water pumping stations, farmers are now in a position to grow more paddy and exercise mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns.

The government encourages broader use of advanced agricultural methods, high-yield strains, suitable cropping patterns, maintenance of soil, better producing process of crops, and minimizing loss and wastage.

The findings from the research are to be disseminated to farmers as soon as possible. Related departments and entrepreneurs should work hand in hand in giving talks on advanced agriculture to farmers.

Farmers on their part are working hard to contribute towards boosting agricultural production. So, the nation’s agricultural production can be significantly boosted if experts provide agricultural research findings for farmers in time.

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received Deputy Administrator Dr Kang Song Jo of Rural Development Administration (RDA) from the Republic of Korea at his office, here, yesterday.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in rural area development under-takings and technical cooperation. Also present at the call were departmental officials under the ministry.

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Four killed in bomb attack in E Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 July—Four people were killed and 11 injured in a bomb explosion at a restaurant in Baghdad’s eastern neighborhood of Sadr City on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

The incident took place in the morning when a bomb hidden in a busy popular restaurant in the Sadr City went off, killing four people and wounding 11 others, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Sadr City neighborhood is a vast slum for Shiite Iraqis located in eastern Baghdad. The area has long been a stronghold for Mahdi Army militia loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr.

Sporadic attacks are still common in Iraq as part of recent deterioration in security which shaped a setback to the efforts of the Iraqi government to restore normalcy in the country more than four months after the violence-torn country held parliamentary elections on 7 March.

Military cargo plane crashes in US state of Alaska

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 July—A military cargo plane with four people on board crashed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in the US state of Alaska, local media reported on Wednesday.

The conditions of the four on the C-17 cargo plane are still unknown, Anchorage Daily News quoting sources with the US Air Force as saying.

The plane was on a “local training mission” when it crashed at 6:14 pm local time (0114 GMT), the newspaper said. Initial reports showed that the plane had crashed into a wooded area about two miles northeast of the runway.

Four shot dead in Mexico City pizzeria

MEXICO CITY, 29 July—Three men and a woman were gunned down late Wednesday at a pizzeria in Mexico City, according to authorities who said the shootings bore the hallmarks of an organized crime hit.

The victims, between the ages of 25 and 30, were eating at the restaurant when gunmen entered and opened fire without warning, according to a report filed by local prosecutors.

A prosecution source told local media that the shooting appeared to be linked to organized crime.

Some 25,000 people have been killed in Mexico since December 2006, most of whom appeared to have been victims of assassinations at the hands of the country’s drug cartels after President Felipe Calderon launched a military crackdown on organized crime.

152 confirmed dead in plane crash in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, 29 July—A total of 152 people were confirmed to have been killed in a plane crash that occurred on Wednesday morning in the Margalla hills in the Pakistan capital Islamabad, reported local media.

Among the killed, there were six crew members including two pilots and 146 passengers, said the report, adding that all the people aboard the plane have been killed in the disaster, including at least 20 women and seven children as well as two Americans.

Four killed in a state-run bank in Iraq

Iraqis inspect the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 July, 2010. A bomb planted near a state-run bank killed and injured several people in the eastern Shiite slum of Sadr City police said.—INTERNET

NATO’s pilotless plane goes down in Taleban-held area in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 July—A pilotless plane of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) went down in a Taleban stronghold in northern Kunduz Province of Afghanistan on Wednesday, the alliance said in a statement.

“An International Security Assistance Force unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) went down in Kunduz Province today,” the statement added.

The jet, a Luna UAV, was remotely piloted from a ground station and contains no weapons or intelligence that could be exploited by enemy forces, it further stressed.

Earlier in the morning, Taleban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed that the insurgents captured a reconnaissance NATO plane in Qalai Zal District of Kunduz Province.

ISAF also in the statement confirmed that the plane went down in the Taleban stronghold area of Qalai Zal District.

“It has absolutely no benefit to the enemy, we decided not to recover it,” the statement quoted an ISAF spokesman Col Hans Bush as saying.

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Poor water quality affects Great Barrier Reef

BRISBANE, 29 July— Poor water quality is affecting almost a quarter of the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, a new study revealed on Wednesday.

The 10-year study carried out by the Australian Institute of Marine Science found 22 percent of the Great Barrier Reef — almost 650 reefs — did not meet water quality guidelines.

The study found reefs with poorer water quality suffered a loss in coral biodiversity and an increase in seaweed cover.

"Seaweed is not bad, it’s a naturally occurring part of a coral reef," AIMS coral reef ecologist Dr Katharina Fabricius told Australian Associated Press. "However, once it occurs in too great abundance it occupies space that is then not available for coral to recolonise after disturbances such as bleaching events of crown-of-thorns starfish outbreaks." The study also identified the water quality threshold, a measure of nutrients in water, which determine whether a reef will be healthy or unhealthy.

Fabricius said the thresholds had already been used by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to determine water quality guidelines.

Xinhua

New Titanic expedition will create 3D map of wreck

RICHMOND, 29 July— A team of scientists will launch an expedition to the Titanic next month to assess the deteriorating condition of the world’s most famous shipwreck and create a detailed three-dimensional map that will “virtually raise the Titanic” for the public. The expedition to the site 2 1/2 miles beneath the North Atlantic is billed as the most advanced scientific mission to the Titanic wreck since its discovery 25 years ago.—Internet

Internet Society honours Chinese technologist

MAASTRICHT, 29 July— A leading Chinese technologist received here on Wednesday an award from the Internet Society (ISOC) for his pioneering role in advancing Internet technology over the last 20 years.

Jianping Wu’s best-known contribution is the development of the China Education and Research Network (CERNET), China’s first Internet backbone network, said the ISOC.

Created to establish a nationwide advanced network infrastructure to support education and research among universities, CERNET has since become the world’s largest national academic network.

Since 1998, Wu has been focusing on the design and development of a large-scale native IPv6 backbone in China that connects over 200 universities and millions of users.

“Twenty years ago, Dr Wu recognized the importance and future impact of the Internet and the pivotal role it would play in terms of its impact on social reform, technology advancement and economic growth for China,” said Lynn St Amour, president and CEO of the ISOC.

“He has worked tirelessly to bring his vision to life. As a result, the networks that resulted from his determination and hard work have played an important role in driving Internet development in China and have had a significant impact on the Internet worldwide.”

Xinhua

US solar energy technology farther advanced than other countries

WASHINGTON, 29 July— Though the Unites States comes only the fourth place as a solar energy market, behind Germany, Italy and Japan, its solar energy technology is farther advanced than any other country in the world, Rhone Resch, president and CEO of the US Solar Energy Industries Association, said.

Germany is a larger market than the United States and Japan has bent to the photovoltaic industry for decades. But it is the United States which holds the cutting edge, he said.

“When you look at the innovation that’s coming out of our universities and our research laboratories as well as so many of the companies, I would actually argue that with respect to the actual technology, the efficiencies, the applications that solar is used and automatically the scale on which solar is applied, the US is significantly farther advanced than either Germany or Japan with respect to technology development,” Resch told Xinhua.

Photovoltaics was invented in the United States’ Bell Labs; the lowest cost panels are manufactured by a US company, First Solar; the highest efficient panels in the world are manufactured by a US company, Sun Power. Resch noted.

According to the expert, the future development of solar energy industry depends on breakthroughs or innovations in regard to the cost, efficiency and the appearances of solar panels.—Xinhua

Internet

Detailed info of 100 million Facebook users published

BEIJING, 29 July — Details of 100 million Facebook have been gathered and published online, according to BBC News on Thursday.

A security consultant, Ron Bowles, used a code to collect Facebook members’ personal information which was allowed to the public in the users’ privacy settings.

The figure occupies as many as one fifth of all registered Facebook users.

Internet users may easily share the published file by downloading it to their computers, which contains users’ names, profile and identification informations the users put on the website.

Bowles said he published it to let Facebook users focus on privacy issues, despite Facebook said it has already spread rapidly in public across the internet.—Xinhua

Science

Solar panels sit on the roof of SunPower Corporation in Richmond, California recently.—Xinhua

Raytron’s communication robot “Chapit” makes different facial expressions in response to voices, using its voice recognition function, during ROBOTECH, an exhibition on service robot manufacturing technologies, in Tokyo, in this combination picture taken on 28 July, 2010. Chapit possesses automatic speech recognition and speech synthesis functions with which it can select several suitable words from a speech database and compose an arbitrary speech. With only speech commands, it can control home electronics facilities, the company said.

Xinhua

Plankton, base of ocean food web, in big decline

WASHINGTON, 29 July— Despite their tiny size, plant plankton found in the world’s oceans are crucial to much of life on Earth. They are the foundation of the bountiful marine food web, produce half the world’s oxygen and suck up harmful carbon dioxide. And they are declining sharply.

Worldwide phytoplankton levels are down 40 percent since the 1950s, according to a study published on Wednesday in the journal Nature. The likely cause is global warming, which makes it hard for the plant plankton to get vital nutrients, researchers say.

A new Blackberry Pearl 3G is pictured during its launch in Mumbai in June 2010. The Indian government has warned the maker of Blackberry handsets that its operations will be closed down in India unless it addresses security concerns, a report said on Wednesday.

INTERNET
Low-income children not getting adequate dental care

CALIFORNIA, 29 July — Children in California who have dental insurance through Medicaid and other public insurance programmes are less likely to visit the dentist regularly than privately insured kids, a new study has found. The study, by researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles and the California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF), revealed that black and Latino children are especially at risk of having inadequate dental care.

“We know that disparities in health and oral health care exist, but we often do not know the more subtle ways these disparities persist,” said Nadereh Pourat, director of research planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and co-author of the study, published in the July issue of the journal Health Affairs. Pourat and Len Finocchio, senior programme officer at the CHCF, examined data from the 2005 California Health InterviewSurvey to look at the length of time between dental visits and whether or not it differed by racial or ethnic group and type of insurance. The survey contains data on more than 11,300 children from birth through age 11. In the study group of 10,805 children with teeth, 45 percent were covered by private insurance, roughly 37 percent were covered by Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Programme (CHIP), and 18 percent were uninsured.—Internet

China to continue exchange rate reform amid rise in production costs

BEIJING, 29 July — A senior Chinese central bank official said on Wednesday China will continue to reform its exchange rate formation mechanism to consolidate coordinated and sustained economic growth amid a rise in production costs.

“The current adjustment in the price of production factors and the reform of the exchange rate formation regime are in accordance with the correct direction of our country’s macro control policy,” wrote Hu Xiaolian, deputy governor of the People’s Bank of China (PBOC), China’s central bank, in an article published on the bank’s website.

The article was Hu’s third elaboration on China’s reform of its exchange rate formation mechanism to reform its exchange rate formation mechanism to consolidate coordinated and sustained economic growth amid a rise in production costs.

The PBOC announced on 19 June it would not move the yuan for the week. In the week before that, the yuan had appreciated 0.65 percent against the US dollar.

The Chinese currency is determined by a basket of other currencies. The yuan has appreciated 3.42 percent against the US dollar in the past year.

The yuan has appreciated 72 percent year on year. But the growth rate was slowing. The data issued on Thursday showed that industrial profits in the first five months climbed 6.5 percent.

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Most of the 39 major industries posted year-on-year profit growth. Of those sectors, crude producing and metal industries saw their profits nearly double. Profits in oil refining dropped.

File photo shows Hyundai motor’s showroom in Seoul, South Korea on 29 July, 2010. Hyundai said Thursday it earned 1.39 trillion won ($1.2 billion) in the three months ended 30 June. The company earned 811.9 billion won in the same period last year.—INTERNET

Philippine stocks end 0.65 pct lower Thursday

MANILA, 29 July — The Philippine stock market ended 0.65 percent lower on Thursday. The bellwether Philippine Stock Exchange index lost 22.44 points to 3,429.35. The all-share index ended 0.69 percent lower or down 15.17 points to 2,183.68.

Trading volume reached 908.34 million shares valued at 3.42 billion pesos (74.4 million US dollars). A total of 78 stocks ended lower, 37 went up and 46 stocks did not move.—INTERNET

New Zealand trade surplus recorded in June

WELLINGTON, 29 July — New Zealand recorded its first trade surplus in June in eight years. Statistics New Zealand said on Thursday. Official figures showed a surplus of 276 million NZ dollars (199.5 million US dollars) in the month, as exports rose and imports declined. Exports jumped 17 percent to 3.8 billion NZ dollars, led by milk cheese, and logs and wood. Imports fell 2 percent to 3.5 billion NZ dollars.

Chickens are seen on sale at a market in Kaili in China’s southwest Guizhou province. The World Trade Organisation has ruled in China’s favour in a dispute with the United States over imports of Chinese chicken, state media has reported.—INTERNET

John Corcoran, center, and Cam Meyers, right, watch from the 15 Mile Road bridge as oil flows into the Kalamazoo River on 27 July, 2010, in Marshall, Mich. Crews were working Tuesday to contain and clean up more than 800,000 gallons of oil that poured into a creek and flowed into the Kalamazoo River in southern Michigan, coating birds and fish.

INTERNET

Young Chinese diets deteriorate as they skip meals to get ahead

BEIJING, 29 July — Young Chinese are paying less attention to their diet, as the fast rhythm of city life and working pressure is leading them to skip meals.

“Big problems exist in the diet of the Chinese youth: not having breakfast, having dinner too late, or taking in too much oil and fat. These eating habits can lead to serious diseases like hyperlipidemia, diabetes, fatty liver, and gout etc,” said Li Suyun, a senior nutrition technologist in the Beijing-based Shijitan Hospital, on Wednesday.

According to an online survey released last week by the China Youth Daily, more than half of 21,494 respondents said on average they only ate two and a half meals a day.

African first ladies discuss strategies against cervical, breast cancers

ACCA, 29 July — First ladies across Africa gathered here on Monday to begin a three-day conference aimed at making strategies to fight cervical and breast cancers.

Opening the conference, the fourth of such conference in Africa, Ghana’s first lady Ernestina Naaedu Mills called for an increase in the awareness on cervical and breast cancers to encourage women to go for constant screening for prevention. Over 900 delegates including first ladies from across Africa were participating in the conference. The conference opened under the theme “Africa Unite in Action: Mobilising Political and Financial Support to Strengthen Cervical Cancer Prevention through Integration.”—Xinhua

Art superintendent Rossella Vodret illustrates some detail of the painting at the center of the latest Caravaggio mystery, after the Vatican newspaper first suggested and then denied that the canvas was the work of the Italian master, in Rome, Italy, on 27 July, 2010. INTERNET
Workers rush to retrieve 3,000 chemical-filled barrels in major northeast China river

JILIN PROVINCE, 29 July — Workers were racing Thursday to retrieve the 3,000 chemical-filled barrels that were swept by floods into the Songhua River in northeast China’s Jilin Province. Each barrel contained 170 kilograms of chemicals, officials said at a press conference Thursday. Another 4,000 empty barrels also entered the Songhua River.

But no chemicals had been detected in the river water. Ministry of Environmental Protection spokesman Tao Detian said Thursday. Emergency workers on rubber dinghies Thursday were using poles and steel nets to collect floating barrels at a port in Yushu City, on the lower reaches of the Songhua River. Three cranes and two fire trucks were parked on the riverbank.

More than 470 barrels had been retrieved in Yushu and were properly stored in tents, Chen Ronggu, head of the city’s work safety watchdog, said.

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The rescue and relief efforts were abandoned late Wednesday night due to low visibility and the teams were on way to the crash site on Thursday morning but heavy rains stopped them to resume work. Officials said that 13 bodies are still trapped in the wreckage of the plane.

Heavy rains halt bodies’ search efforts at Pakistan crash site

ISLAMABAD, 29 July — Heavy rains and bad weather on Thursday hampered efforts of the rescue teams at the site of the air crash of a Pakistani passenger plane, which killed 152 passengers and crew members.

The Airbus of the private Airblue airlines crashed on Wednesday into the hills surrounding Islamabad, the capital city of the Pakistan.

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Hepatitis remains big problem in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 29 July — Hepatitis remains a big problem in Indonesia as many as 30 million people are infected by the disease the Jakarta Post quoted a minister as saying on Thursday.

“Even though we have carried out many programs, hepatitis remains a big problem,” Health Minister Endang Rahayu Sedyaningsih said at a ceremony in Yogyakarta Province.

Meanwhile, Ali Sulaiman from the University of Indonesia’s Hepatology Division said that the number of people with the hepatitis B and C virus in Indonesia may be more than 20 million.

“The hepatitis virus in general and hepatitis B and C virus specifically have been a major health problem in Indonesia for a long time,” Ali said. Ali also said that at least 2 billion people globally have now or had once been infected by the hepatitis virus. More than 400 million people are currently infected and 170 million people have hepatitis C, he added.—Xinhua

Former Taleban group commander assassinated at home by militants

KUNDUZ, 29 July — Taleban commander Mullah Abdullah who joined government two months ago was killed at his home in northern Kunduz Province, provincial governor Mohammad Omar said on Thursday. “Unknown armed men, possibly Taleban militants entered the house of Mullah Abdullah in Imam Sahib District on Tuesday night and shot him dead,” Omar told Xinhua.

Mullah Abdullah who used to serve as a group commander of Taleban fighters in Kunduz Province switched side and joined government along with 20 of his men in early May.

Taleban militants have not made comment.

Kunduz has been the scene of Taleban-linked increasing militancy since beginning this year.

——Xinhua

Body of second American sailor found in Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 July — A second US Navy sailor who went missing in a dangerous part of eastern Afghanistan was found dead and his body recovered, a senior US military official and Afghan officials said Thursday.

The family of Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarod Newlove, a 25-year-old from the Seattle area, had been notified of his death, the US military official said on condition of anonymity, because he was not authorized to disclose the information. Newlove and Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin McNeely went missing last Friday in Logar Province. NATO recovered the body of McNeely, a 30-year-old father of two from Wheatridge, Colorado — in the area

——Internet

Indonesia launches campaign of one mln safe school, hospitals

JAKARTA, 29 July — Indonesia on Thursday launched a campaign called “One Million Safe and Hospitals”, aiming to provide a safe education and health buildings against natural disasters.

Coordinating Minister for People Welfare Agung Laksono told audiences that such activity is the most strategic and economical effort in reducing disaster effects.

“The campaign is an effort of global campaign held by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNDR) 2010-2011 with theme of “Building Tough Cities, Handling Urban Risks. The campaign will be held in July to November,” said Laksono.

He stressed that the activity is very important while most attention and funds have been focused on emergency responses.

“As the consequence, readiness seems to be in lowest priority in efforts of disaster handling in general.”—Xinhua
An economic boom in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township

Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon in central Myanmar is a land where various crops grow well including such major crops as paddy, cotton, sesame and groundnut. The township has larger area of green beans than any other township in central Myanmar.

In an interview, Manager of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Myanma Agricul- ture Service U Kyin Maung told The Myanma Alin, “Our township started to grow green beans in 1990s. At that time, I tried growing green beans, for which our township has favourable conditions. The test was satisfactory, so I urged local farmers to grow this crop. I not only persuaded them but also sought quality strains for them. I also provided them with agricultural methods. Now, they get on with their businesses. I learn that last year farmers of Taungpoktha Village bought 40 motorbikes and eight TV sets with the profits from their green beans fields. Other villages also get on with businesses growing green beans.”

Farmer U Kyaw Lay (Shaukkon Village).

He said that this year their township grows 47,427 acres of green beans; that the strains of green beans they choose are Yayhsin-9, Yayhsin-5 and Agriculture-1; and that per acre yield is 15 to 20 baskets.

U Nyi Nyi of Kya-thayai Village said, “Our village is one the largest green beans growing villages. This year, we grow it for about 15 acres. Last year, per acre yield was about 20 baskets. Before growing it, we put cow dung in the fields as fertilizer. We grow it both in paddy fields and in croplands.”

U Kyaw Lay of Shaukkon Village said that he grew green beans for about 15 acres; that the face price of a basket of the crop was about 30,000 kyats and he made around 300,000 kyats from an acre of green beans.

With a sudden boom in cultivating green beans, local farmers of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon are purchasing farm machinery and tools more than ever, thus expediting their agricultural work. The Myanma Farm Machinery and Machine Tools Factory sells power-tillers in installment to local farmers through Township Peace and Development Councils concerned.

According to Superintendent U Myint Thein of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township PDC, local farmers of the township have 150 to 200 Leya-16 and Leya-22 power-tillers, and so they are getting on with their plantations.

Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township is considerably reaping the reward of the correct choice of green beans, and local farmers have enjoyed better socio-economic status due to their economic boom.

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Inter-University/Degree College Sepak Takraw Tournament concludes

NA MY PON TA, 29 July — The prize presentation ceremony of Inter-University/Degree College Sepak Takraw Tournament (Men) of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) was held at the Sports Ground of Mandalay University on 27 July, attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe.

Officials presented medals to second prize winning Yadanabon University and first prize winning Lashio University teams. The commander presented cash award to Yadanabon University and Championship Shield and cash award to Lashio University team. Then he cordially greeted team manager, coach and athletes.

MNA

Book on herbal crops, English Grammar Book come out

NA MY PON TA, 29 July — A book on herbal kitchen crops and a grammar book for high school students have been published by Yan Aung Publishing House. The books are “Herbal kitchen crops” written by Medical Practitioner Daw Tin Nwe Oo (Hman-cho) and a grammar book translated by Junio Win.

The book on herbal kitchen crops explains how to use the kitchen crops as herbal remedies, traditional medical check ups and traditional herbal remedies and women’s diseases.

The English grammar books is translate from Wren’s and Martin’s High School English Grammer & Composition.

Those wishing to order the books may contact the publisher house Ph: 722572; 09-5079398.

MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presents championship shield to Lashio University team. — MNA

Construction Minister visits store and distribution division (Pyinmabin)

NA MY PON TA, 29 July — Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint visited Store and Distribution Division (Pyinmabin) of Public Works under Ministry of Construction here yesterday morning. After hearing reports on arrival and distribution of tar and condition of store yard presented by Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Win at the briefing hall, the minister called for minimizing loss and wastage and timely distribution of tar to worksites in states and divisions.

The minister inspected transporting tar to road construction projects by vehicles and gave necessary instructions.

MNA

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Lucky draw in Gamone Pwint Shopping Mall

YANGON, 29 July — Gamone Pwint Shopping Mall branches run biweekly lucky draw programmes, for which every customer who buys goods worth at least 1000 kyats can get a lucky draw ticket. Prizes are electrics.

In Weekend Sale programme of Kaba Aye Gamone Pwint Shopping Mall, every customer who buys goods worth at least 30,000 kyats can get a ticket. All tickets are prizewinning ones and prizes include electric fan, iron and rice cooker. Moreover, with a discount coupon, he can get 10 to 50 per cent discount in related shops in the shopping mall in one month.

Gamone Pwint Shopping Mall branches are in Kaba Aye, in Myenigon, at the corner of Bogale Market Street, and in Building (D) of Theinnyezay at the corner of Shwedagon Pagoda Road and Maha Bandoola Street.

MNA

Refresher courses for seafarers at MTC (Hlaing)

YANGON, 29 July — The courses for seafarers will be launched at Maritime Training Centre (Hlaing) of Myanmar Info Tech in Hlaing Township here on 4 August.

The Maritime Training Centre (Hlaing), which is recommended by Glasgow from UK, will present the certificates issued by Marlings English from UK to the trainees who passed Marlings English courses through online.

The basic computer training course covers the use of computer and internet. Guide to preventive maintenance and port state control (PMS included) course intends to prevent accident and control port state and class inspections.

Those wishing to attend the courses to be opened on 4 August may dial 703232.— MNA

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Head of Monywa Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aung Swe Win and a townselder lay corner stones for construction of a library in Zeta Village, Khawaekyi Village-tract in Monywa Township, Monywa District on 26 June, 2010. —DISTRICT IPRD

DISTRICT IPRD
Forestry Minister visits teak plantations, sawmills and tea plantations in Nay Pyi Taw District & Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung accompanied by officials visited 500-acre teak plantation at Block-9 in Ngalike Forest Reserve in Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri Township, 300-acre teak plantation at Block-76 in Palwe Forest Reserve in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township and 300-acre teak plantation at Block-30 in Kinnmontaung Forest Reserve in Taungdwingyi Township on 24 July and gave necessary instructions.

At No. 95 Sawmill in Taungdwingyi Township, the minister heard reports on production process of the mill presented by the manager of the sawmill and Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanmar Timber Enterprise.

Next, the minister looked into hard wood plantation at Tipinkan village in Magway Township and 1000-acre tea plantation project at Natyaykantaung in Ngaphe Township. After hearing reports on work progress, the minister oversaw thriving tea plantations and tea nursery.

At No. 25 Sawmill (Padan) in Ngaphe Township, the minister gave necessary instructions and inspected production process of the sawmill.

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Electoral work discussed in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Chairman of Magway Division Election Subcommission U Maung Maung Win and members met members of Thayet District and Aunglan Township and ward/village subcommissions at the office of Aunglan Township General Administration Department on 24 July.

The chairman also met township/ward/village-tract subcommissions at GAD Offices in Thayet and Sinbaungwe Township on 25 July. At the meeting, the chairman held discussions on electoral work and inspected chosen sites for polling station, building and designation of constituencies.

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Kangyidaunt Township boosting paddy production

(from page 16)

It has an area of 195,147 acres (304.92 square miles). It is 19 miles from east to north and 28 miles from south to north. The township borders with Kyaukgon, Einme and Myaungmya Townships in the east, Pathein Township in the west, Ngapudaw Township in the south and Thabaung Township in the north.

The township in which ten major crops are being grown is mainly growing monsoon paddy. Last year, the township had targeted to grow 144,950 acres of monsoon paddy. But, it put 145,688 acres of farm-lands under monsoon paddy. So, the paddy output exceeded targeted yield. Summer paddy output is 6,951,218 baskets, while 11,465,545 baskets were used in growing paddy.

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Shanghai’s Peace Hotel reopens after 3-year renovation

Shanghai, 29 July—Shanghai’s Peace Hotel reopened Wednesday after a three-year refurbishment to restore its glory as the “Far East’s No.1 hotel” in the 1930s. The hotel will be managed by a joint venture between state-owned Jinjiang Hotels and Fairmont Hotels & Resorts. The hotel’s English name has been changed accordingly to the Fairmont Peace Hotel. A statement from the hotel management said Jinjiang spent 500 million HK dollars (64.4 million US dollars) on the renovations. The hotel’s exterior and interior decorations were restored to its original style, while its facilities were comprehensively upgraded, the statement added. The west wing of the building was expanded by 12,000 square meters, increasing the number of hotel rooms to 270. Sensors were installed in the rooms to provide smart automatic control of lighting and air-conditioning, it said.

Former Nazi SS officer Steidtmann dead at 95

Berlin, 29 July—A German newspaper says that former Nazi SS officer Erich Steidtmann, suspected but never convicted of involvement in World War II massacres, has died at age 95.

The Süddeutsche Zeitung reported Wednesday that Steidtmann died Sunday from a heart attack at his home in Hannover. Steidtmann was a captain in the Nazi elite SS forces and led several battalions which allegedly carried out the mass murder of Jews, and he was long sought by the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

The center expressed its frustration to The Associated Press on Wednesday that Steidtmann died before he could be prosecuted. Steidtmann was investigated several times for his alleged involvement in killings at the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943 and two massacres in the Polish city of Lublin.

Germany’s second richest person dies at 88

Berlin, 29 July—Theo Albrecht, Germany’s second richest person and co-founder of the discount supermarket chain Aldi, has died, his company said Wednesday.

Albrecht was 88. Albrecht died after a long illness on Saturday in his home city of Essen in western Germany, the company said.

Theo and his elder brother Karl Albrecht opened their first Aldi stores in the 1960s. The supermarket chain now has more than 4,000 outlets in Germany and has spread into nearly 20 countries with annual sales of 50 billion euros.

The two brothers were the wealthiest people in Germany, according to the latest list by Manager Magazine.

The magazine reported that Karl owns a fortune of 17.35 billion euros (22.56 billion US dollars) while Theo, who this year was ranked as the world’s 31st richest person by Forbes magazine, has 16.75 billion euros (21.78 billion US dollars).

Plane shoots out of runway in Guinea’s airport

Conakry, 29 July—A Mauritanian airliner overshot the runway when it landed at the airport of Guinea’s capital Conakry on Wednesday, injuring 10 people, reports quoted airport authorities as saying.

The Mauritanian Airways Boeing 737-700 plane was carrying 97 people and flying from Nouakchott, Mauritania’s capital, to Conakry via Senegal’s capital Dakar.

Reports said passengers aboard were evacuated by emergency services.

China to send two pandas to Japan in diplomatic move

Beijing, 29 July—China has announced plans to send two of its prized giant pandas to Japan, the latest installment of panda diplomacy aimed at warming the two countries’ often-strained relations.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday that China will send Bi Li and Xian Nu, both five-year-olds from China’s Wolong Nature Reserve, to Japan early next year for a 10-year stay at Tokyo’s Ueno Zoo.

Spanish bullfighter Jose Tomas is tossed by a bull during a bullfight at Monumental bullring in Barcelona. Lawmakers delivered the death blow to bullfighting in Catalonia on 28 July, 2010, outlawing the centuries-old blood sport for the first time in a mainland region of Spain.

Plane robbed on runway before take off in Brazil

São Paulo, 29 July—Brazilian authorities say gunmen used a pickup truck to block an air taxi from taking off at a small airport and stole money and documents it was carrying for the country’s federation of banks.

Federal police say about eight men broke through security at the airfield in the northeastern city of Caruaru late Monday and rammed the truck into one of the small plane’s wings as it taxied on the runway.

The men fired warning shots and ordered the pilots to turn over the money and documents. The police statement issued Tuesday does not say how much cash was stolen.

It says the pickup truck was found abandoned near the airport. No arrests have been made.
China to open flood gates, divert flood on swollen branch of Yangtze River in central China

Workers are on standby on Wednesday to open a branch of the Yangtze River in central China’s Hubei Province, to prevent the flooding of provincial capital Wuhan.

About 5,000 residents near an emergency reservoir in Xiantao City, near Wuhan, were evacuated overnight.

A flood peak is expected to arrive at Xiantao on Thursday afternoon and raise the Han River’s water level to 35.9 metres — over the danger level of a nearby dike that guards Hanchuan City and one step closer to Wuhan.

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Fidel Castro to publish new book on guerrilla life

HAVANA, 29 July— Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro announced on Tuesday that he would release a book “within a few days” about his guerrilla life in the years dating back to the 1959 revolution.

The book, titled “The Strategic Victory,” will tell readers how the 300 fighters led by Castro eventually prevailed over the government forces of dictator Fulgencio Batista in the Sierra Maestra mountains. Castro wrote in a “Reflections” column published on the Cubadebate website. Castro led a guerrilla group beginning on 2 Dec, 1956, to fight against the government of Fulgencio Batista and finally overthrew the dictator on 1 Jan, 1959, turning a new page in the Cuban history.

The book will have 25 chapters and include many photographs, maps and diagrams of the types of weapons used by both sides.

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Fur farm foxes trained to combat rat plague

BEIJING, 29 July— Authorities in China’s far-west have bred and trained “an army” of silver foxes bought from a fur farm to fight a plague of rats threatening a huge expanse of grasslands, state media said on Wednesday.

The Xinjiang government bought 20 foxes in 2004 and they have since increased to 284 and been released into the wild, the official Xinhua news agency said.

“Foxes are excellent natural predators of the rodent. One fox can catch about 20 rats per day. There has been a decline in the rat population in several counties where the measure has been adopted,” it quoted official Ni Yifei as saying.

Rat numbers have exploded due to unusually dry conditions and threaten more than 5.5 million hectares of grasslands, the report said.

Girl, 12, calls cops to report drink driving mum

NEW YORK, 29 July— A 12-year-old passenger dialled 911 to report her drink-driving mother as their car swerved down a New York state highway, her blood alcohol level more than double the legal limit, police said.

Police credited the call on Sunday night with potentially saving their lives.

Jamie Hicks, 49, of Islip, New York, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after her daughter called police to report her mother’s dangerous driving, New York State Police said.

Hicks had been driving on Interstate 84 near Brewster, about 50 miles north of New York City.

The driver’s blood alcohol level was determined to be .18 percent, more than double the legal limit of .08 percent, according to police. Also in the car was Hicks’s 10-year-old son.

Small plane carrying two people missing in Japan

The wreckage of a Lufthansa cargo plane which caught fire and split in half as it was landing lies on the farmac in the capital Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 27 July, 2010. The German pilot and co-pilot of Flight 8460, which was carrying about 90 tons of unspecified cargo, were lightly injured, an airport official said.

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**Friday, 30 July, 2010**

**Ministry of Rail Transportation**

**Myanmar Railways**

**Invitation to Sealed Tender**

1. Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro;

   **Sr No**  | **Tender No**  | **Description**  | **Qty**
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   1    | 12(T)/MR(ML) | Locomotives Engine Spare Parts | 1 Lot
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   Closing Date/Time: 31.8.2010 (Tuesday) at 12(00) Hours

   Tender documents are available at our office starting from 30.7.2010 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager,

   **Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Corner of Thiri Bynyu Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291944**

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**ship lost for more than 150 years is recovered**

**toronto, 29 july**

Canadian archeologists have found a ship abandoned more than 150 years ago in the quest for the fa
dled northwest passage and which was lost in the search for the doomed expedition of sir john franklin, the head of the team said on wednesday.

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**claims day notice**

**mv dai nam 09 voy no ( )**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAI NAM 09 VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.7.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of a.W.P.T where it will be at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to claims day now as declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the claims day.

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**shipping agency department**

**myanmar port authority agent for: m/s nguyen yen vinh shipping co.**

**phone no: 256916/256919/256921**

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**new bid to erect columbus statue in puerto rico**

**san juan, 29 july**

Christopher Columbus is on the move again in the New World, after numerous rejections in a nearly two-decade quest to find him a suitable spot. A towering statue of the explorer — twice the height of the Statue of Liberty without its pedestal and shrouned by several US cities — might be erected on Puerto Rico’s north coast. It would be the tallest structure in the US Caribbean territory.

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**smog choking moscow amid record heat wave**

**vyalki, 29 july**

As peat fires raged on the outskirts of town, shrouding Moscow in a thick cloud of smog, residents on Wednesday sought to cope with a record-breaking heat wave that is expected to intensify further.

Public health officials urged workers in non-essential jobs to stay home and people not to drive their cars as weather forecasters predicted temperatures exceeding 102 degrees on Thursday, in a city more used to icy spells than such heat.

With more than 1,480 fires in two weeks, the smog level had soared to as high as 10 times the safe level in parts of Mos- cow. The nation’s chief sanitary inspector, Dr Gennady Onishchenko, has advised city dwellers to wet their window screens to block harmful substances in the air from entering their homes. Muscovites have taken to unorthodox methods to deal with the heat in a city with little air conditioning.
Bear crashes in runaway car

A black bear attracted by the smell of a peanut butter sandwich managed to open the door of a car, climb in and get stuck, knocking the gear stick into neutral and sending the car rolling down a slope into trees.

The blare of the car horn alerted the members of the Story family who realized 17-year-old Ben’s Toyota was no longer parked in the driveway of their home in Larkspur near Denver.

Donnie Yen’s action film to show at 35th TIFF

BEIJING, 29 July — Hong Kong star Donnie Yen’s new action film, “Legend of the Fist: The Return of Chen Zhen,” has been chosen as a special presentation film at the 35th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), Sina.com reports.

The festival committee announced the news on 27 July, the day of Donnie Yen’s birthday.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the cast may not attend the 35th TIFF, which will be held from 9 to 19 Sept. 2010. Lead actress Shu Qi will be filming director Feng Xiaogang’s film, 2010. Lead actress Shu Qi will be

Rapper Common to play freed slave in AMC show

NEW YORK, 29 July—Rapper-actor Common is getting his first TV lead role. AMC said Tuesday it has cast him as one of the leads in its newest pilot “Hell on Wheels.”

The show is described as a contemporary western that centers on the building of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Common will play Elam, a freed slave who goes West to work on the railroad and find his place in the world. As a half black, half white man, he does not completely belong to either world.—Xinhua

Rare 3D film shows Warsaw devastated after WWII

WARSAW, 29 July — Polish historians have created an unusual 3D film that documents the shocking sea of rubble that Warsaw was reduced to during World War II.

Jan Oldakowski, the director of the Warsaw Uprising Museum, says it is mainly meant for young people who do not realize the degree to which Poland’s capital was destroyed from 1939-45.

He said Wednesday that it took 40 specialists and two years to make the five-minute aerial view sequence which documents the city’s 1944 doomed struggle against the occupying Nazi Germans. It will be shown at the museum.—Internet

Tiger escapes from trip to the vet

A 17-month-old tiger escaped from the back of a pick-up truck while it was being driven to a veterinary clinic in South Africa, triggering a helicopter search by police and wildlife experts.

Owner Rose Fernandes told local radio Tuesday she had no idea how the 310-pound animal, called Panjo, had managed to spring a lock on the pick-up as it headed for a medical check-up in Springs, a town east of Johannesburg, South Africa’s largest city.

Workers erect an eight-ton bumblebee model in Shanghai East Asia Exhibition Hall to prepare for the upcoming 2010 Cybertron Annual Meeting in Shanghai, east China, on 28 July, 2010.

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NY “bouquet bandit” arrested for two bank robberies

New York police arrested a man on Wednesday accused of robbing two banks — with bunches of flowers and a potted plant.

Edward Pember-ton, 44, faces charges related to the robberies earlier this month at two different banks in the Manhattan neighborhood of Chelsea.

Dubbed the “bouquet bandit” by local news media, Pember-ton is accused of pulling out a note demanding money — first from under a potted plant and then from inside a bouquet of flowers — and handing it to the bank tellers.

Ohio museum to show art by Stones’ Ronnie Wood

The Butler Institute of American Art says the exhibition opening is the first for Wood at a major American museum. The 63-year-old British musician plans to be at the museum for a reception on the show’s opening day, on 21 Sept.

Butler chief curator and director Louis Zona describes Wood’s art style as lively and appealing. The museum notes that the rocker picked up a paintbrush at the age of 12, before he started playing guitar.

Rapper Common performs as a guest during the opening show of the young singers contest New Wave in Jurlmala on 27 July, 2010.—Xinhua

Artist Lucy McRae of Australia poses after she glued safety pins on part of her body during the “Rojo Nova work in progress” at the Museum of Image and Sound in Sao Paulo on 27 July, 2010.

A 17-month-old Bengal tiger pictured in captivity. South African wildlife authorities mounted a fresh search Wednesday for a 140-kg (300- pound) Bengal tiger named Panjo, the day after he escaped from the back of his owner’s truck.

Singer Toni Braxton performs as a guest during the opening show of the young singers contest New Wave in Jurlmala on 27 July, 2010.—Xinhua

A model displays a creation by Lebanese designer Tony Yaacoub for his fall-winter 2010/2011 collection during a fashion show in Martyrs Square in downtown Beirut on 27 July, 2010. —Xinhua

A male Himalayan black bear rests near the driveway of their home in Larkspur near Denver.

GLR, 30 July—Himalayan zoological park in Darjeeling, about 80 km (50 miles) from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri.
Phoenix sign Argentine midfielder Cornejo

SYDNEY, 29 July—Wellington Phoenix FC said on Thursday they had signed Argentine midfielder Oscar Roberto Cornejo for this Australian A-League season. Cornejo, nicknamed Toto, made a trial appearance for the New Zealand-based Phoenix against his countrymen last week, when the Wellington club beat Argentina’s Boca Juniors 2-1.

“Toto’s the sort of player we think can circulate late in and around the central midfield and provide the link between the front and the midfield,” coach Ricki Herbert said.

Tiger to play at Bridgestone Invitational

GREENWICH, 29 July—Tiger Woods has entered the Bridgestone Invitational next week at Firestone, where he is the defending champion and a seven-time winner of the World Golf Championship. Woods won last year by rallying to beat Padraig Harrington, becoming the first player to win a PGA Tour event seven times on the same course.

He has won every year at Firestone since 2005, except for when he missed the second half of the 2008 season following knee surgery. Anthony Kim also has entered the tournament that begins on 5 Aug. It will be Kim’s first tournament since having thumb surgery in May.

Inter Milan begin defence at Bologna

ROME, 29 July—Series A champions Inter Milan will begin the new season with a trip to Bologna, it has been announced following the official draw for the 2010/2011 fixtures. Last season’s runners-up AS Roma begin at home to newly-promoted Cesena while Inter’s city rivals AC Milan host another promoted side in Lecce. Juventus begin with a trip down south to Bari while Fiorentina host Napoli.

The first big clash of the season will be in the fifth week, on 26 September, when Roma host Inter while the champions will entertain Juventus the week after on 3 October. Milan are due to play Juventus on 31 October, the ninth week, and the first Milan derby of the year will be on 14 November, with Inter the nominal hosts at the San Siro. A week before that Lazio host Roma in the capital derby at the Stadio Olimpico.

Emotional Maradona lashes out at ‘treason’, ‘lies’

BUENOS AIRES, 29 July—Diego Maradona has accused Argentina football chief Julio Grondona of lying and team manager Carlos Bilardo of treason in a bitter attack on the two men he insists plotted his downfall.

“Grondona lied to me. Bilardo betrayed me,” said an emotional Maradona, colourful and controversial reign as Argentina coach came to an abrupt end on Tuesday.

“Grondona, in the dressing room after we had been knocked out of the World Cup in South Africa, told me in front of witnesses and the players that he was very happy with my work and that he wanted me to carry on. “On our return to Argentina, things started to take on a bizarre twist and on Monday I met with Grondona.

“After five minutes, he told me that he wanted me to continue, but that seven of my technical staff could not stay. When he told me this, he was saying that he didn’t want me to carry on in the job. ‘He knows that it is impossible for me to stay without my assistants.’

Procter & Gamble is latest global Olympic sponsor

LONDON, 29 July—Procter & Gamble, the US-based consumer products giant, signed on as a global Olympic sponsor through 2020 on Wednesday in the second 10-year multi-million-dollar marketing deal this month for the International Olympic Committee. P&G becomes the 11th worldwide sponsor of the 2012 London Olympics, matching the number from the 2008 Beijing Games and giving the IOC another financial boost in a tough economic climate.

Financial terms weren’t disclosed, but the deal is believed to be worth between $150 million and $200 million over a decade that includes three Summer Olympics and two Winter Games. In addition to London, the contract covers the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and the 2018 Winter Games and 2020 Olympics. The P&G sponsorship — first reported by The Associated Press last week — comes just two weeks after Dow Chemical was confirmed as an IOC sponsor, also through 2020.
Second undersea tremor hits Mindanao, S Philippines

M A N I L A, 2 9  J u ly— A magnitude 5.1 hit southern Philippines on Thursday but there were no reported casualties and no tsunami alert either, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported in its website.

The undersea tremor, which occurred around 4:55 pm local time, had a depth of 623.1 kilometers. The epicentre was estimated at 110 km southwest of Cotabato city.

This is the second time on Thursday that an undersea tremor occurred at the Moro Gulf. The Philippines sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire” where continental plates collide causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity. The worst earthquake in the country happened on 16 August, 1976 after a tsunami killed between 5,000 and 8,000 people in the Moro Gulf region in southern Philippines.— Xinhua

WEATHER

Thursday, 29th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours. Weather been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and M aggravated Divisions scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhee State and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyakone) (0.47) inches, Katha (4.64) inches, Bhamo (4.45) inches, Paung (2.95) inches, Homa (2.67) inches, Sagaing (2.48) inches, Pinaung (1.83) inches and Kyelkame (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-7-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 29-7-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours M.S.T on 29-7-2010 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 28-7-2010 was (2.8) hours. Rainfall on 29-7-2010 was (1.02) inches at Mongla, (0.98) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.31) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since L-1-2010 was (4.93) inches at Mongla, (46.65) inches at Kaba-Aye and (55.31) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at’angon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (16:30) hours. M.S.T on 28-7-2010.

Bay Influence: Monsoon is moderate in the North Bay and strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Forecast valid until evening of the 30th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in M aggravated Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, Mandalay lower Sagaing and lower Sagaing Divisions, and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in M on State and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Sea state: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along M on-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in M yanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the lower M yanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-7-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire

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

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Applications for formation, registration scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing the groups that submitted applications for formation of political party. The commission has found the National Development and Peace Party 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 46 parties that submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties. Thirty-nine of 40 parties that submitted applications for registration of political party have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny. — MNA

Kangyidaunt Township boosting paddy production

Article: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung); Photos: Reporter Myint Aung (Ahlon)

Kangyidaunt Township is located in the eastern part of Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Division. Summer paddy, monsoon paddy, beans and pulses and double-cropping monsoon paddy are grown in the township.

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