Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Brazilian President

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—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 Excellency Mr Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7 September 2010.—MNA

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

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Foreign Minister felicitates Brazilian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim, Minister of Foreign Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7 September 2010.—MNA

Information Minister attends opening of library in Yinmabin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept — Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to open Myanma Alin modern library in Stonechaung village, Yinmabin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region, yesterday afternoon.

Present on the occasion were district and township level departmental staff, students and local people.

After the library had been formally opened, the minister unveiled the signboard. He then stressed the need for officials concerned to organize the local people to visit the library and have the reading habit so as to widen their scope of knowledge. The minister also urged them to maintain the village libraries for their durability and donated publications for the library.

After looking round in the library, the minister encouraged the local people reading books and journals.

Information
Minister U
Kyaw Hsan
meets with
local people
reading at
Myanmar
Alin Library.

Four-day trip to Ingapu

Byline: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Ye Htut (MNA)

Ingapu Township puts over 100,000 acres of farmlands under monsoon paddy every year.

On my way home from Ingapu Township after a four-day visit, I was under positive influence over regional development.

Ingapu Township in Ayeyawady Delta is bounded by western Yoma mountain range in the west, and it is adjacent to Rakhine Yoma Mountain Range. The ground of the region slightly goes down from west to east till the river Ayeyawady. Four-thirds

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Smooth transport, testament to better socio-economic status

In the heart of national development lies smooth transport as it makes commodity flow swift and boosts economy.

So far, the nation has seen new roads stretching over 70,000 miles along with railroads and bridges spanning rivers and creeks. Today, every region in the nation is easily accessible from all other regions.

Road network projects are ongoing especially in seaside regions such as the Delta. Some sections of the transport facilities under construction have been put into commission, thus giving further impetus to transport and commodity flow.

Rakhine State used to be a land where numerous rivers and creeks posed natural barriers between one place and another. Thanks to many new roads including Yangon-Sittway Road, local people of Rakhine State can travel with convenience from and to other regions throughout the nation.

Some hilly parts of Yangon-Sittway Road (Minbu-An section) are being upgraded. Thayu (Pepadon) Suspension Bridge on Minbu-An Road in An Township was inaugurated on 29 August.

As results of a growing number of new roads, railroads, and bridges, national brethren boost friendship and relations among them and enjoy swift commodity flow and higher living standard of the people.

Today Top Star Training Center (Hpa-an) opened

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Today Top Star Consultancy Group held the opening of Today Top Star Training Centre (Hpa-an) and Course No (1/2010) at the centre at 155 on Bogyoke Street in Hpa-an, Kayin State, on 30 August.

Among the attendees were Vice-Chairman of Sea Wealth Co Ltd Mr Tanasak Kijpoon-grojana, HR managers, Managing Director Golden Gate Resources Co Ltd Mr Nipon Manitsirisuk, officials of Nipon Manitsirisuk and Today Top Star Co Ltd, course instructors and trainees. Managing Director of Today Top Star Dr Daw Wah Wah Sein formally opened the centre.

The group has also opened its Kawthoung branch in Taninthayi Region.

Those interested may contact the training centre (Hpa-an) (Ph: 058 22640, 09-5037490), and the office on Third Floor, Pyi Myanmar Department Store, Hledan Junction, Kamayut Township (01-500547, 500548 and 534721).

Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than addressing work coordination meeting of Yangon Region Traffic Rule Enforcement Supervisory Committee.—MNA

The commander made an opening speech. After that, officials reported to the commander on matters related to traffic rules.

After hearing the reports, the commander coordinated essentials. The meeting came to an end with concluding speech by the commander.

Minister U Hla Tun meets President Mr. Takashi Fukia of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd and party.—F&R

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received President Mr. Takashi Fukia of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd., and party at his office here this afternoon. They held discussions on cooperation in monetary and financial affairs.

Present also at the call were Deputy Minister U Hla Thein Swe, the governor of Central Bank of Myanmar and officials. MNA

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Responsible persons of Today Top Star Co, Ltd poses for documentary photo together with course instructors and trainees of Training Center (Hpa-an).—MNA
Afghan militancy, conflicts claim 169 lives in a week

KABUL, 6 Sept— Continued Taliban-led militancy and conflicts in the war-torn Afghanistan have claimed the lives of 169 people including 87 Taleban militants, 51 civilians and 31 police over the past one week, spokesman for Interior Ministry Zambari Bashari said Sunday.

“Throughout the country, 31 dedicated police personnel and 51 innocent civilians have been killed over the past week while civilian casualties fortunately shows 40 percent decrease than the previous week.” Bashari told a regular press briefing here.

Operations against Taleban conducted by security forces and premature bomb blasts, planted by Taleban fighters have also left 87 militants dead over the period of time, he further said.

He said 74 civilians, 57 policemen and 23 militants had been injured over the past week.

Police say suicide attack in NW Pakistan kills 19

PESHAWAR, 6 Sept— A suicide bomber detonated a car in an alley behind a police station in a strategically vital town in northwest Pakistan on Monday, killing at least 19 police and civilians in an explosion that shattered the station and neighbouring homes, police said.

A 46-year-old woman died on the spot, and 11 others sustained injuries.—Xinhua

One dead, 38 injured in German flight show crash

Police officers stand in front of the wreckage of a small plane after an accident during an air show at a gliding airfield in Lauf near Nuremberg, on 5 September, 2010. Xinhua

Bomb blast wounds three Afghan police in Taleban hotbed

KANDAHAR, 6 Sept— Three policemen were injured Sunday as a roadside bomb planted by militants went off near their van in southern part of Kandahar City the capital of Taleban hotbed Kandahar Province in south Afghanistan, provincial police chief said.

“There are several police officers were injured as the bomb exploded in south of provincial capital Kandahar city at 12:00 noon local time,” Sardar Mohammad Zazai told Xinhua.

The police van was also partially damaged in the blast, he said. This is the second explosion in Kandahar over the two days.

In the previous blast which rocked Kandahar City on Saturday night, one civilian was killed and 11 others sustained injuries.—Xinhua

US servicemember dies in fighting in Afghan east

KABUL, 6 Sept— An American member of the international force in Afghanistan was killed in fighting in the country’s turbulent east, NATO announced Monday.

No other details about Sunday’s casualty were given in accordance with standard procedure. The death was the fifth among US troops in Afghanistan in September, following the deaths of more than 220 American troops over the past three months.

This year is already the bloodiest for American forces in Afghanistan since the 2001 invasion, with at least 321 killed so far.

70 dead, 200 missing in two boat capsizes in Congo

Table shows the Ruki and Kasai Rivers where boats sank in the Congo. Internet

KINSHASA, 6 Sept— Two boats capsized over the weekend in separate incidents on Congo’s vast rivers, leaving 70 people dead and 200 others feared dead, and both vessels were heavily loaded and operating with few safety measures, officials said Sunday.

Early on Saturday, a boat on a river in northwest Equateur Province hit a rock and capsized, provincial spokeswoman Ebale Engumba said Sunday. She said more than 70 people are believed dead among 100 estimated passengers. She said officials are investigating why the boat was traveling through the darkness without a light.

In a separate incident in Kasai Occidental Province, 200 people were feared dead after a boat loaded with passengers and fuel drums caught fire and capsized in southern Congo, a survivor said Sunday. Another survivor confirmed the account and said local fishermen refused to help drowning passengers who jumped off the crowded boat.

The incident in southern Congo would be the deadliest boat accident in the Central African nation this year, and among the worst in Africa this year. The boats that traverse Congo’s rivers are often in poor repair and filled beyond capacity. The industry is not well-regulated and boat operators are known to fill boats to dangerous levels.

In the first incident in northwest Congo, Engumba said officials think the boat’s lack of lighting was responsible.
Science

US research links adolescents’ low grades with dopamine genes

Los Angeles, 6 Sept—Variations in dopamine gene may play role in the poor academic performance of adolescents, a new study suggests.

To determine the genetics’ impact on academic success, researchers at the Florida State University performed their groundbreaking analysis using DNA and lifestyle data from a representative group of 2,300 US middle- and high-school students who were tracked from 1994 to 2008 in the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health.

The findings showed that the academic performance of adolescents will suffer in at least one of four key subjects — English, math, science, history — if their DNA contains one or more of three specific dopamine gene variations.

“We found that as the number of certain dopaminergic gene variants increased, grade averages decreased, and the difference was statistically significant,” said lead researcher Kevin M Beaver, a biosocial criminologist at the University. “For example, the GPA of a student with specific variants of three dopaminergic genes might be around 2.8, versus a GPA of around 3.3 without the variants. That could mean the difference between being accepted into a college versus being rejected.”

The researchers also uncovered a correlation between the variants of dopamine genes that a student possessed and his or her GPA in different subject areas. The research sheds new light on the genetic components of academic performance during middle and high school, and on the interplay of specific genes and environmental factors such as peer behaviour or school conditions.

Technology

YouTube launches Hebrew interface in Israel

Jerusalem, 6 Sept—YouTube Israel on Sunday announced the launch of a Hebrew-language interface that allows customization of the popular video site in the Hebrew-language interface that allows Israeli user to share, search and view content, the Israel Globes business website reported.

Two years after we launched YouTube in Israel, during which Israeli users have become an integral part of the international YouTube community, we are pleased to launch the Hebrew interface today,” Google Israel Vice President Riki Drori said in a statement.

“We believe that this will enable the Israeli user to share, search and view video content more easily,” Drori said.

Recent surveys say viewers lately have put YouTube’s local popularity at third place in the country, ahead of the Ynet Hebrew news site and Walla! portal.

Samsung unveils tablets to compete with Apple’s iPad

Beijing, 6 Sept—Samsung displayed its tablet computers in Beijing’s world leading trade show for consumer electronics and home appliances IFA.

“IT is aimed to compete with Apple’s iPad, according to Bloomberg news Monday.

The Samsung tablet is the first serious contender to challenge the dominant Apple’s iPad based on the established order.

Sources say it uses a 7-inch display 1024-x600, similar to that of iPad. While the iPad runs a version of Apple’s OS, the Galaxy Tab will run on its primary mobile OS competitor — Android.

A board member of a German-based company Deutsche Telekom AG which will offer the Samsung tablet said that the Samsung’s Galaxy Tab will be more favorably priced than the iPad. He said “somewhat above 50 percent, 60 percent to 70 percent of what the iPad cost.”

Berlin’s international-ally-known electronics and home appliances show IFA officially opened its doors to public last Friday, highlighting new trends of digital products of tablet PCs and various tech gadgets. —Xinhua

China successfully launches satellite SinoSat-6 for TV, radio live broadcast

Xi’an, 6 Sept.—China successfully launched the “SinoSat-6” satellite for radio and television live broadcast at 12:14 am Sunday from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China’s Sichuan Province.

The satellite was carried on the Long March-3B rocket which took the SinoSat-6 into a geostationary transfer orbit 26 minutes after the launch.

In the following days, Xi’an Satellite Control Centre and Yuanwang tracking ship will manipulate the satellite’s position and transfer it to enter the geostationary orbit.

SinoSat-6 has a designed lifespan of 15 years and will eventually work at longitude 126.4 degrees east about 35,700 kilometres above the equator, said the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASTC), the satellite’s researcher and producer.

It will mainly serve for relaying TV and radio live broadcast signals and will greatly improve cultural life for people living in remote and mountainous regions, according to China Satellite Communications Corporation which will operate the satellite. China has launched the first SinoSat-series satellite, SinoSat-1, in 1998. The SinoSat-2 was launched in 2006 but malfunctioned for it failed to deploy its solar panels and communication antennae.

SinoSat-6 will serve as a substitute for SinoSat-3 which was launched on 1 June, 2007, according to the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

Head of Samsung Telecommunications Europe Thomas Richter presents the Samsung Galaxy Tab tablet computer at the Internationale Funkausstellung (IFA) consumer electronics fair at “Messe Berlin” exhibition centre in Berlin, on 2 September, 2010. —Xinhua

China launches the “SinoSat-6” satellite for radio and television live broadcast from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China’s Sichuan Province on 5 Sept, 2010. —Xinhua

Xinhu
Preventative breast, ovary surgeries may reduce cancer risk

BEIJING, 6 Sept.—Preventative surgeries may reduce the risk of getting breast or ovarian cancer, said a recent study quoted by AFP news on Monday.

The research tracked 2,482 women with certain genetic mutations. It found that preemptive surgeries to remove the ovaries or fallopian tubes nearly eliminated the incidence of either cancer.

Virginia Kaklamani, a co-author of the study, said that it was the first study to prove a woman of surviving longer with preventative surgeries when she has a family history of breast of ovarian cancer.

Kaklamani said the significance of the study was that not only has it found the potential benefits of preemptive surgery, but also showed the importance of genetic testing to detect whether the gene mutations are present.

“Cosmetic options for women getting mastectomies have greatly improved,” the researchers said, adding that removal of the ovaries and fallopian tubes is a fairly low-risk, out-patient procedure.

Bangladesh on alert as anthrax spreads

DHAKA, 6 Sept—Bangladesh has put livestock and health officials on high alert after an outbreak of anthrax spread to more districts, infecting 327 people since mid-August, officials said Sunday.

The livestock minister suspended all leave and sent teams to the affected districts, department deputy director Mosaddek Hossain said.

The move comes after health officials confirmed that anthrax has infected people in two more districts in the country’s north and east, taking the tally to five districts. Outbreaks in two more districts are awaited confirmation.

“This is the biggest outbreak of anthrax in the country’s history. We are very concerned. The government has set up surveillance teams in all the affected areas so that the disease cannot spread to other places,” Hossain said.

Scores of cows have died in the outbreak, causing panic among farmers. The situation has been aggravated by eating and handling of diseased cows by farmers, he said. Anthrax is a potentially lethal bacterium that exists naturally in the soil and commonly infects livestock which ingest or inhale its spores while grazing. It can be transmitted to humans who handle or eat infected animals.

Mahmudur Rahman, a director of health ministry, said 327 people have been infected with the disease since 18 August. All the cases are cutaneous, or skin, anthrax which causes wound-like lesions.

“We are battling hard to contain the disease. Still, we are receiving reports of new infections in almost every day,” he said.—INTERNET

Foreign-funded projects face delays in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 Sept—Many foreign-funded development projects have not commenced due to the delay in the disbursement of loans, the Jakarta Post quoted an official as saying on Monday.

“There are 42 loan packages pledged by foreign donors that have not been disbursed,” the Finance Ministry’s Debt Management Director General Rahmat Walujanto said.

The Finance Ministry says only about 5 billion US dollars (40.4 percent) of the 12.56 billion dollars in project-based loans pledged for 185 projects had been disbursed.

Meanwhile, he said, only 1.63 billion dollars or 30.93 percent of the total 5.3 billion dollars of foreign loans under the sub-loan agreement (SLA) had been disbursed.

The undisbursed loans include credit facilities for defence equipment procur-ements. Rahmat blamed three factors for the delay, namely delayed approval of projects, protracted procurement process, and a delay in lender’s approval.—Xinhua

Jobs plentiful in Australia

CANBERRA, 6 Sept.—In defiance of stubborn global unemployment Australia is reporting continued growth in job creation.

Job advertisements nationwide increased 2.6 percent in August, more than 36 percent higher than this time last year, the Australian Broadcasting Corp reported Monday.

It is the fourth consecutive quarter of job creation with an average of more than 176,000 jobs advertised each week.

Australia’s unemployment rate stands at 5.3 percent, much lower than that of the United States and most of western Europe. Australia has escaped the most serious effect of the global financial crisis buoyed by strong domestic demand and exports of raw materials to China and India.

The strong demand for workers has created a continuing influx of immigrants to the country.

Former HP boss may move to Oracle

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept.—Former Hewlett-Packard chief executive Mark Hurd, who resigned last month following a sex scandal, is in talks to join US software giant Oracle, the Wall Street Journal said on its website. Citing people familiar with the matter, the Journal said Hurd, who left HP on 6 August, is in negotiations to join the firm as a top executive but a position has not been confirmed.

The CEO position at Oracle is unlikely to be changed, however, as the man who founded the company in 1970, Larry Ellison, also remains in the top post and is its largest shareholder, the Journal said.

Hurd, 53, resigned last month after former marketing contractor Jodie Fisher accused him of sexual harassment, amid claims he hid the affair through filing false company expense reports. Oracle, a business software giant that rivals HP’s market share in that field, is almost as profitable as HP, earning 6.1 billion dollars in the last fiscal year compared to HP’s 7.7 billion dollars in the same time period.

Former Hewlett-Packard chief executive Mark Hurd (pictured), who resigned last month following a sex scandal, is in talks to join US software giant Oracle, according to reports.

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Fuel tankers, buses ablaze in Nigeria road crash

LAGOS, 6 Sept—More than a dozen vehicles including three fuel tankers and two mini-buses caught fire Sunday in a pile-up on a Nigerian highway, site of a deadly multi-car crash three weeks ago, a photographer reported.

Police confirmed the crash saying it involved 12 cars, among them one tanker laden with petrol.

“It (the tanker) lost control at Kara, caught fire and affected other vehicles,” Olumuyiwa Adejobi, police spokesman for the Ogun state, which neighbours Lagos, said.

Firefighters were battling to contain the inferno which engulfed the dozen vehicles in which an unknown number of people were trapped. “They are still trying to quench the fire as we speak and there is no movement on the road,” he said.

No death toll was immediately available. The accident took place along the Lagos-Ibadan highway, where an accident involving 20 cars claimed 18 lives on 15 August.

Highways in and around Lagos, which rivals Cairo as Africa’s biggest city with a population of some 15 million, are usually jammed and chaotic. The road where the accident occurred is often busy on Sundays due to a large number of evangelical mega-churches in the area.

More than 17,000 people died in about 31,000 road accidents across Nigeria, Africa’s most populous nation, between 2007 and 2009, according to the state-run road safety agency.

Toyota Prius top-selling car in Japan for August

TOKYO, 6 Sept—Toyota’s Prius was the top selling car in Japan during August for the 16th straight month, as incentives for green vehicles continued to boost sales of the hybrid.

The Prius, Toyota Motor Corp’s best-selling gasoline-gas hybrid, sold 22,263 of the cars during the month, enough to secure the top spot ahead of Honda’s Fit compact at 17,258 vehicles, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said Monday.

But it was the lowest monthly total so far this year for the hybrid, sales of which may fade once government-backed tax breaks and incentives run out at the end of this month in Japan.

The Prius went on sale for the first time in 1997, beating rivals as the first mass-produced commercially available hybrid. Toyota’s hybrids currently span minivans, sport utility vehicles and luxury models.

The car has remained a best seller despite major global recalls by Toyota of various models for issues including faulty floor mats and defective gas pedals.

Other hybrid offerings haven’t fared as well. Honda’s lower-priced Insight hybrid was 15th during August.

Worst floods in 15 years hit Australian state of Victoria

CANBERRA, 6 Sept—Rising floodwaters across Victoria’s north of Australia are threatening hundreds of homes after the state’s worst floods in 15 years, local media reported on Monday. Some 250 homes were evacuated over the weekend and many towns in Victoria’s north-east and west are still on high alert.

The State Emergency Service (SES) state commander Stephen Warren said there is widespread flooding across the entire state, and the Army has been called in to assist with flood assessments on Monday.

“They’ve got 50 troops on the ground and they will be helping some of the assessments of the damage,” Warren said. “The Army will be there with their trucks and personnel to help people relocated.”

The Mayor of Wangaratta, in Victoria’s north, where floodwaters are expected to peak on Tuesday, said the floods are the worst in more than a decade. “This flood will be as big or bigger than the floods we had in 1998,” Councillor Anthony Griffiths said, adding that about 60 houses in Wangaratta were evacuated overnight.

“[But we are] not expecting it to get as big as the 1993 floods, which were some of the biggest on record. “There are a few variables. The amount of snow melt, and extra rain obviously could make things a bit more interesting.”

Power cut hits Georgian capital again

TBILISI, 6 Sept—A fire at a local power transmission sub-station on Sunday suspended electricity supplies to several regions of Georgia and halted the underground train services in the country’s capital city of Tbilisi.

The Georgian National Electricity System blamed the power cut on a fire that went up at the Ksami 500 sub-station and damaged the “Kartli 2" power transmission line.

Power outages have occurred for several times in the country in recent months. In early August, a power cut also paralyzed the Tbilisi Metro, from which passengers had to walk through tunnels to evacuate.

In July, there was yet another power cut. All these incidents of power cuts were accompanied by shutoff of running water to urban residents.
Myanmar’s Endeavours for Literacy

Daw Khin Myoe Myint Kyu, Director (DMERB)

The people of Myanmar consider education to be the enlightenment for success, incomparable with other needs. From the very early days to the present time, Myanmar people believe that education paves the way for success and is indispensable for the achievement of goals and successes in life. The word, torch has been accepted as a symbol of education. Myanmar regards education as a noble attribute and treats it as the pinnacle of their life.

Being devoted to education, the people of Myanmar are continually learning. They are able to unlock the treasure bank of education using the key of literacy. All the people in the country, including the clergy have made all-out efforts in the Education-for-All movement. This huge interest in education increased the literacy rate up to 85 per cent before 1886 when Myanmar was a sovereign nation.

Myanmar was colonized by the British in 1886. Since they wanted to perpetuate the enslavement of the Myanmar nation, they systematically planned to make Myanmar illiterates so that the Myanmar people would remain in darkness with insufficient knowledge and education. The colonialists discouraged literacy activities of any form and thus the Myanmar people who used to be highly literate gradually became illiterates under colonial rule. The British colonialists plotted to increase the number of illiterates year after year. During that period, Myanmar was totally lost in the whirlpool of darkness and only a handful of Myanmar citizens had the opportunity to pursue education resulting in the increase in illiteracy. Myanmar regained her sovereignty on 4 January, 1948. At that time, the literacy rate of the country had declined to 35% and, the main cause was the “British Colonial’s acrimonious plan”.

From the time Myanmar gained independence, literacy campaigns were launched and conducted as a national duty to mark the illiterates who had to use across to sign their name. The literacy movement in Myanmar can be divided into three periods according to its implementation plan.

- The first period from 1948 to 1964;
- The second period from 1964 to 1988; and
- The third period from 1988 to date.

During the first period, the literacy rate increased from 35% in 1984 to 57% in 1963 and thus the increased rate was 22% within 15 years. The increase in the literacy rate was due to the opening of Public Education Courses and 3R courses by the Public Education Council in accordance with the Public Education Act; the opening of more primary schools.

The Basic Education Sub-sector, there were only 33747 Basic Education Schools in 1988. However, the number of schools has further increased to 40801 at present.

Education Programme in the area of formal education paves the way for success and is indispensable for the achievement of goals and successes in life. The word, torch has been accepted as a symbol of education. Myanmar regards education as a noble attribute and treats it as the pinnacle of their life.

In conclusion, it can be said that human resources development is now being carried out extensively in all regions of the nation due to the Government’s earnest desire and systematic arrangements to uplift the level of formal and non-formal education.

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Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Sept— An opening ceremony of electoral work course for returning officers, deputy returning officers and members of the polling station, organized by Lashio Township Election Subcommission in Shan State (North), on 29 August morning was held at Basic Education High School (branch) of Nanpaung village-tract, with an address of Chairman of Township Election Subcommission U Sai Zaw Min.

Next, Chairman of Lashio District Election Subcommission U Tin Maung Shwe gave talks on work guidelines for returning officers, deputy returning officers and members. Member of District Election Subcommission U Sai Kyaw Nyunt, on 8 parties formed in the township, Township Law Officer U Win Maung, on election law, rules and work guidelines, Member of Township Election Subcommission Headmaster (Retired) U Nyunt Sein, on work guidelines for returning officers and deputy returning officers. Altogether 200 trainees are taking the course.

Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan unveils signboard of Myanma Alin Library of Sonechaung village in Yinmabin Township. (News on Page-1)

UMFCCI, AMEICC Secretariat hold talks

YANGON, 6 Sept — The meeting between the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Thailand-based AEM-METI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee (AMEICC Secretariat) was held at the UMFCCI here on 1 September.

During the meeting, the side of UMFCCI was led by Vice-President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win while the visiting delegation was led by Deputy Resident Representatives Mr. Ryohei Gamada and Mr. Ryoichi Miyazaki.

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UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win receives Deputy Resident Representatives Mr. Ryohei Gamada and Mr. Ryoichi Miyazaki of AMEICC Secretariat. — MNA

Four-day trip...

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of the township’s area are plains including Ayeyawady and Ngawun river basins. With an area of 628.20 square miles, Ingapu Township is constituted with Ingapu, Mezali, Htugyi, Kwingauk and Nyaunggyo stations, three wards and 73 village-tracts.

It shares border with Moenyo and Letpadan townships of Bago Region in the east; Gwa Township of Rakhine State in the west; Hinthada and Laymyethna townships of Ayeyawady Region in the south; Myanmar Township in the north. Being easily accessible by train, by car and by water, Ingapu Township occupies strategic location.

Today, Ingapu Township founded in 237 Myanmar Era (more than 1130 years ago) with a long history has a rain of basic education schools, many of them are fine ones built with the aegis of the Ministry of Forestry.

Due to the programme to ensure every school-age child must have easy access to school education, the township got 113 basic education schools with a total face value of about 1860 million kyats from 1998 to 2010, and 138 old schools were renovated and rebuilt, spending 526 million kyats.

I had a good time on my trip as I could embrace the golden opportunity to study regional progress thoroughly. Outside the township are teak plantations and paddy fields on both sides of the road stretching to the horizon. It puts over 100,000 acres of farmlands under monsoon paddy yearly. In the centre of the township is sublime large building “Sasana Beikman” built with the donations of 280 million kyats made by well-wishers including Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung and wife Daw Khin Htay Myint. The recently-inaugurated e-Library helps broaden the horizons, and the township’s general hospital provides better health care to local people. Infrastructural buildings constructed or renovated for development are everywhere across the township, accounting for the funds of 5101.8 million kyats.

Enjoying the taste of dramatic progress of their home town, local people express heartfelt thanks to the government, the Minister for Forestry and donors for their contributions.

In a word, Ingapu Township has a prosperous future ahead of it.

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin accompanied by officials visited monsoon long staple cotton field of Cotton and Sericulture Division at Ta-ohn village in Shwebo Township on 4 September and gave necessary instructions.

After hearing reports on work progress at the worksite of upgrading Shwebo-Kyaukmyaung road, the commander fulfilled the requirements.

After inspecting clearing and beautifying tasks of Maha Nandar Lake in Shwebo, the commander inspected dredging and expanding of left canal of Kanthit Dam at Kyeekkan village in KhinU Township. Next, the commander viewed broadcasting fertilizer at the paddy farm land of a farmer in Kanthit village and met local farmers.

At the ceremony to broadcast fertilizer at monsoon paddy plantations at Moti village in YeU Township, the commander heard reports on progress of growing of monsoon paddy and cordially greeted local farmers.

The commander also visited monsoon paddy plantation of a farmer in Saipyin village of Dabayin Township.—MNA

Padamya Oil Mill produces quality soya bean oil...

(from page 16) with 50 per cent protein content. The expeller cake can be used in manufacturing soap oil as an import-substitute product. Padamya Soya Bean Oil Mill is producing quality oil with the permission of Food and Drug Administration of Myanmar. Production process of oil is under regular test at the laboratory so as to control the oil quality for meeting the set standards.

The soya bean oil manufactured by the mill is free from Aflatoxin, wax, yeast, free fatty acids (FFAs). Therefore, the oil can be stored with least possible damage. The oil helps decline the occurrence of brain clot and hypertension and other diseases caused by cooking oils with high cholesterol content.

Bottles of soya bean oil weighing one viss, two viss, three viss, five viss, ten viss, 0.5 litre, one litre, two litres and five litres with systematic package are available at the wholesale shop at 27/28 of Thirimon Plaza, Mayangon Township.

Production of soya bean oil is a reliable market for the farmers engaging in cultivation of pulses and beans and the production contributes to declining of edible oil price in the country. Cultivation of soya bean fetches the increased income for the farmers in the long run without damaging the fertile soil.

In addition to satisfying the local edible oil demand, production of soya bean oil helps uplift living standard of pea growers and contribute to regional development.

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Three rescued scientists’ physical condition is stable

MEXICO CITY, 6 Sept—Three scientists who suffered altitude sickness after being stranded for two days in the Kunlun mountains of northwest China are reported to be in stable condition.

On Friday, a team of 30 scientists was stranded more than 48-hundred metres above sea level. They had been sent to the mountains in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region to survey seismic activity. The most seriously ill, a reporter from Xinjiang Television Station, is now out of danger. And the other two, from the Geology Institute of China, are in stable condition. Doctors say the patients’ physical condition is weak, and they are wandering, unable to speak clearly, when they were brought to the hospital on Sunday.

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Tropical depression forms off Mexico coast

A fisherman stands on the rocks in rough surf off the Montauk lighthouse on 3 September in Montauk, New York.—INTERNET

MIAMI, 6 Sept—Forecasters say a tropical depression has formed off the coast of Mexico and storm warnings have been issued.

The National Hurricane Centre says the depression has sustained winds of 30 mph (45 kph) and is about 200 miles (325 kilometres) east-southeast of Tampico, Mexico. It is expected to strengthen some before making land and could become a tropical storm on Monday.

Heavy rain is predicted with northeastern Mexico into south Texas getting 4 to 8 inches with as much as a foot in some places. It could cause flash floods and mudslides.

The government of Mexico on Sunday night issued a tropical storm warning for the coast of Mexico from Tampico to the mouth of the Rio Grande.

Rains increase level of 11 rivers in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, 6 Sept—At least 11 rivers in Guatemala have increased their levels and have caused flooding in different regions of the country, the Guatemalan National Institute of Seismology, Vulcanology, Meteorology and Hydrology (Insivumeh) said on Sunday.

Insivumeh director Eddy Sanchez said that the rains surpassed the normal level for the winter season (rain season) equal to 20 millimetres per hour.

The most worrying situation is that the strongest rains are expected during September and October, the peaks are yet to come, he said.

Sanchez said that some rivers including the Motagua River have increased their flows and there is high risk of an overflow.

The Motagua River is the largest in the country with 485.5 kilometres long and a basin of more than 12,000 square kilometres.

The Motagua River is usually 120 metres wide, but now it is some 200 and 300 metres wide and 3.4 metres over its level.

The La Pasion River of 353.9 km long is 7.3 metres over its level, while the Polochic of 193.65 km long and 3.6 metres over its level.

According to the Insivumeh, the rains in the country are expected to continue and their water levels will rise further.

Philippines facing massive bleaching of coral reefs

MANILA, 6 Sept—Marine scientists and divers in the Philippines have found coral reefs whitening in many parts of the country as a result of warmer-than-normal ocean water temperatures, local media reported.

In some coves, what was once a thriving, technicolor symphony of corals has been transformed into sickly white reefs, the equivalent of an underwater ghost town.

Some photographs showed corals turning into dark brown lumps, an indication that it’s on the way to bleaching.

Philippine Dailys Inquirer said Monday.

In the southern region of Palawan, for instance, the bleaching “is extensive,” with “50-75 percent” of the corals affected. Scientists from the University of the Philippines and De La Salle University, who raised the alarm on bleaching last week, said the magnitude of the current coral bleaching could surpass the catastrophe in 1998, also an El Nino year.

The bleaching 12 years ago caused millions of dollars in losses in the tourism and fishery industries.

Professor Al Licuanan of De La Salle University expressed fears that the coral reefs in the country could diminish in 50 years if bleaching happens every 10 years or so.

A change in temperature is often the main cause of bleaching. Data from weather satellites show that the temperature in the oceans surrounding the Philippines rose by around 2 degrees Celsius in 2009.

Although the El Nino season has passed, the waters surrounding the country have yet cooled down due to a lack of typhoons in the past months, scientists said.

Pilot killed in plane crash in Indonesia’s Bogor

JAKARTA, 6 Sept—An ultra light plane for sport crashed in a rice field in Bogor of Indonesia’s West Java Province, killing the pilot, detikcom online news reported on Monday.

“The plane crashed at 7:55 Jakarta Time (00:55 GMT),” Head of Information Centre of Indonesia’s Air Force Vice Marshal Bambug Samodro told the news portal.

Photo taken on 6 Sept, 2010 shows fossilized elephant teeth discovered in Enshi Tuju and Mino Autonomous Prefecture, central China’s Hubei Province. Elephant fossils, dating back to 500,000 years, were discovered at Enshi on 1 Sept, 2010.

People walk among sale stalls during the annual “Braderie de Lille”, Europe’s biggest flea market in northern French city of Lille, on 5 Sept, 2010. Organizer estimates the traditional flea market could attract about two million bargain hunters across the two weekend days this year.
US unemployment rate expected to remain high for years

Los Angeles, 6 Sept—The US unemployment rate, which stood at 9.6 percent in August, could remain elevated for years to come although the US economy will eventually rebound from the great recession, it was reported on Sunday. The nation’s job deficit is so deep that even a powerful recovery would leave large numbers of Americans out of work for years, The Los Angeles Times quoted experts as saying.

And with growth now weakening, analysts are doubtful that companies will boost payrolls significantly any time soon, the paper said. “Unemployment, long considered a temporary, transitional condition in the United States, appears to be settling in for a lengthy run,” the paper noted. “This is the new reality,” Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics, was quoted as saying. “In the past decade we’ve gone from the best labour market in our economic history to arguably one of the worst. It’s going to take years, if not decades, to completely recover from the fallout.”

Major employers including automakers and building contractors were at the core of the meltdown this time around, and even when the economy picks up, these sectors won’t quickly rehire all the workers they shed during the downturn, the paper said.

Besides, many small businesses, squeezed by tight credit and slow sales, similarly aren’t in a hurry to add employees, and state and local governments are looking to ax more teachers, police officers and social workers to balance their budgets, said the paper. —Xinhua

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Palestinians wait to cross the Qalandiya checkpoint near the West Bank City of Ramallah on 5 Sept, 2010, to reach to the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem to attend the Night prayers “Laylat al-Qadr”, which considers the holiest night for Muslims during the holy month of Ramadan. —Xinhua

Villagers get cross a fallen tree on a provincial way in Mengjin County of Luoyang City, central China’s Henan Province, on 4 Sept, 2010. The city was hit by hail and gale Saturday morning, causing severe damages in 15 towns. —Xinhua

This undated photo shows Cao Cao, a female panda that gave birth to a cub on 3 Aug in the China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda in Wenchuan county, Sichuan province, holding her baby. —Xinhua

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Supply of Lub Oil and General Items (4 lots) are invited from Local Suppliers by FEC Currency.
CLOSING DATE will be on 15th September 2010 at 12:00 hr.
Tender documents are available at the following addresses:
70 (1) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon, Myanmar
Tel: (95) 1 514194 to 7; Fax: (95) 1 514208; email: micel@micel.com.mm
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Sealed Bids are to be reached the above offices on or before the closing date.
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Oxford Dictionary adds popular Chinese terms

BEIJING, 6 Sept — The 115-year-old prestigious Oxford Dictionary will now include popular new Chinese terms like “shanzhai”, “youtiao” and “fangnu”, as part of the modern Chinese language.
As China plays a more and more important role in the world economy, the Chinese language is forever evolving, attracting more attention from people who want to understand this ancient yet vibrant language.
For instance, the word “shanzhai” is used to describe the plethora of imitator bags imprinted with Louis Vuitton logos.

Beijing, 6 Sept — A murder investigation was launched today after the body of a young man was found severely burnt and “missing at least one foot” at a seaside golf course in southeastern England.
Forensic experts said the victim was in his late teens or 20s, showed signs of injury, and had a number of tattoos.
It is suspected the corpse was at the site for no more than two days, and police said that there were no reports to suggest he was a local man. Police have yet to identify the victim and have appealed to the public for information.
Forensic scientists have been given a DNA sample in a further bid to identify the body, which was so badly charred that police were initially unable to determine either its sex or approximate age.
**Men ride on ostriches during a race at an ostrich farm in the village of Yansugorda, some 50 km west from Kiev, September 4, 2010.**

**Cheerleading record try misses mark**

An attempt in Texas to set a Guinness world record for the largest group of dancing cheerleaders came up short, event organizers said.

Those putting on the Saturday event, including a television network launching a series about cheerleaders, hoped to break the existing record of 297 set at a cheerleading competition in Tennessee last year. The Dallas Morning News reported.

Organizers contacted thousands of middle schools, high schools and cheerleading clubs and posted a YouTube video so participants could practice beforehand, the newspaper said.

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In his absence, Real Madrid’s Sami Khedira has taken Ballack’s midfield place, but Loew insists he still has the former Chelsea star in his planning. “I hope the team continues to grow, and that certainly includes Michael,” Loew told German daily Bild on Sunday.—INTERNET

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Milner hoping Rooney ready for Swiss

LONDON, 6 Sept — England’s James Milner voiced his support for Wayne Rooney on Sunday after lurid reports about the striker’s private life cast a shadow over preparations for the team’s Euro 2012 clash with Switzerland. After being showered with praise for his starring role in Friday’s 0-0 Group G rout of Bulgaria, Manchester United icon Rooney awoke on Sunday to find himself placed over the tabloid press for all the wrong reasons.

The News of the World and Sunday Mirror both reported that Rooney had repeatedly frequented a prostitute while wife Coleen was pregnant with their son, prompting speculation about his participation in Tuesday’s key game.

England striker Wayne Rooney, is expected to shrug off lurid reports about his private life to travel to Switzerland for a Euro 2012 qualifier.—INTERNET

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BIRMINGHAM, 6 Sept — Former German goalkeeper Jens Lehmann on Sunday urged new Real Madrid signings Mesut Ozil and Sami Khedira to answer coach Jose Mourinho’s criticisms by learning Spanish as quickly as possible. Last week Mourinho, who is in his first season as Real coach, criticised the German pair in the Spanish press for speaking only basic Spanish, but Lehmann, who spent four seasons at Arsenal, says they must learn fast to

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Drogba — scorer of 45 goals in his 71 appearances for Ivory Coast — was omitted from new coach Francois Zohou’s 21-strong squad for an African Cup of Nations qualifier against Rwanda in Addis Ababa on Saturday. Zohou said at the time that after talks with Drogba, he deemed the striker “not psychologically ready to play the game.”—INTERNET

Curse strikes Egypt again as Sierra Leone draw

JOHANNESBURG, 6 Sept — An opening-round curse struck Egypt again Sunday when they were held 1-1 at home by lowly Sierra Leone in a 2012 African Nations Cup qualifier. The defending champions were rocked on 36 minutes at Cairo Stadium when Turkey-based defensive midfielder Alhassan Bangura edged the plucky West Africans of the team that defeated Egypt who began with six scoring goal eluded them four minutes later, but a winning goal eluded Egypt who began with six

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Didier Drogba waves towards the crowd as he arrives ahead of the start of the qualifying match in the 2012 Cup of African Nations against Rwanda in Abidjan on 4 September.—INTERNET

Hotel Klose wary of minnows Azerbaijan

COLOGNE, 6 Sept — Veteran German striker Miroslav Klose expects Tuesday’s Euro 2012 qualifier here against minnows Azerbaijan will be tougher than the World Cup showdowns against Argentina or England. “In terms of motivation, it is more difficult to face Azerbaijan than play Argentina or England, because everyone wants to play these big games and upset us,” said 32-year-old Klose in a news conference on Sunday. “They will be very focused.”

warned Klose who scored his 53rd goal on his 102nd appearance for Germany in the 1-0 win over Belgium in Brussels on Friday.—INTERNET

Drogba — scorer of 45 goals in his 71 appearances for Ivory Coast — was omitted from new coach Francois Zohou’s 21-strong squad for an African Cup of Nations qualifier against Rwanda in Addis Ababa on Saturday. Zohou said at the time that after talks with Drogba, he deemed the striker “not psychologically ready to play the game.”—INTERNET

V Williams, Peer cross paths again; American wins

NEW YORK, 6 Sept — When Israel’s Shahar Peer was denied a visa to play in the United Arab Emirates last year, Venus Williams spoke out on her behalf — because she felt it was the right thing to do under those circumstances. When Peer and Williams meet on a tennis court, as they’ve done rather frequently lately, the American shows not a trace of empathy — because that is the right thing to do under those circumstances.

The No. 3-seeded Williams got through a tougher-than-expected test and beat the 16th-seeded Peer 7-6 (3), 6-3 Sunday to reach the US Open quarterfinals for the 10th time. It was their sixth head-to-head match, fourth this year alone, and Wiliams has won every time in straight sets.

Venus Williams of the United States returns a shot against Israel’s Shahar Peer in the 2010 US Open women’s singles quarterfinals in New York, on 5 Sept, 2010.—INTERNET

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The New Light of Myanmar, Tuesday, 7 September, 2010

Weather

Monday, 6th September, 2010
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in upper Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Mon and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hpa-an (3.55) inches, Bilin (3.23) inches, Gwa (2.64) inches, Kaymakar (2.43) inches, Cocogyun (2.36) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.25) inches and K-yakkyyu (2.13) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather
Maximum temperature on 5-9-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 6-9-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-9-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 6-9-2010 was (Nill).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 5-9-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 6-9-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-9-2010 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 5-9-2010 was (4.2) hours.

Nikkei gains 2.05%, exporters rise, political uncertainty weighs

Tokyo, 6 Sept.—Tokyo stocks rose sharply Monday, with the key Nikkei stock index gaining 2.05 percent extending gains for a fourth successive day as US jobs data beat economists’ expectations and fears were eased about the world’s largest economy falling into a double-dip recession. The highly anticipated US nonfarm payrolls climbed 67,000 after a revised 107,000 increase in July, more than initial forecasts, Labour Department figures in Washington showed.

Analysts had expected payrolls to decline by 100,000, following a 131,000 slump in July, but the robust figure more than initial forecasts, Labour Department figures in Washington showed.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 7th September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-9-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-9-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-9-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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Riots beget riots, not democracy

Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire

- We favour peace and stability
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VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people

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Padamya Oil Mill produces quality soya bean oil in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone

Article: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Ko Htwe

Electoral process demonstrated in Tamu

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Tamu Township Election Subcommission of Sagaing Region conducted the training course for returning officers, deputy returning officers and members of polling stations along with an electoral demonstration at Setyaung Ba Hall in Tamu yesterday morning.

Chairman of the township election subcommission U Tun Yee delivered a speech. Township Law Officer U Zam Khinn Man gave talks on Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law and regulations; Staff Officer U Myint Soe of Township Population Department, on Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and regulations; and members of township election subcommission, on State / Region Hluttaw Law and regulations, work guidelines and charts on work guidelines for returning officers, deputy returning officers and members of polling stations.

It was followed by a demonstration on casting votes.

The course was attended by 321 returning officers, deputy returning officers and members of polling stations.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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