* 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

The upcoming elections are the first step for shaping the nation into democratic one. According to the experiences we encountered in our life, we all have understood to what extent the first step is important.

MYINT MAUNG (PHIL. Q)
Unveil new era by casting votes

Emergence of a peaceful, modern, and developed new democratic nation is the aspiration of the entire people. Concerted efforts have been made for ensuring peace and stability of the State, development in all aspects and transition of democratization process during the period of over 20 years.

Throughout the Union, peace and stability prevails. Development infrastructures such as roads, bridges and dams, and education and health infrastructures have been constructed in the entire nation. New factories and workshops of industrial regions and industrial zones are manufacturing various items of personal and household goods with momentum. Human resources are being nurtured and turned out constantly.

Time has come to build new democratic nation. The Constitution has been approved in accord with the democratization process. The multiparty democracy general election will be held on 7 November 2010 in line with the Constitution.

Systematic arrangements are being made to hold the free and fair election. Candidates to the election are actively canvassing for votes. Likewise, eligible voters are ready to cast votes for correctly choosing the candidates who will serve the interest of the State and the people.

The upcoming election will be free, fair, clean and transparent. The votes are to put a tick on the ballot paper for the candidate in the polling booth in the presence of the people. Candidates or their representatives will be present all the time when votes are cast and finally counted.

The voters will cast votes for the candidates who will serve the interests of the State and the people without seeking self-interest. All the people wishing to enjoy fruits of peace, tranquility, development and democracy will unveil new era in the democracy history of the nation by casting votes at the polling stations.

Knowledge on traffic rules disseminated in Nay Pyi Taw District

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Nov — Organized by Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Enforcement Supervisory Committee, Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force conducted educative talks on traffic rules at villages in Pobbatheir, Dekkhinathiri, Lewe and Zabuthiri Townships of Nay Pyi Taw District on 29 and 31 October and 1 November.

Police Inspectors of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave educative talks and distributed pamphlets to raise the public awareness of traffic rules. — MNA

Medical teams make field trips to Giri-ravaged areas of Rakhine State

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Nov — The medical teams of the Ministry of Health is providing health care services to the people from cyclone Giri-ravaged areas of Rakhine State.

The medical team led by Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin and Director Prof Dr Soe Lwin Nyen of Health Department stationed at the people’s hospital in Myeboon on 1 November to open clinics of the ministry at the urban relief camps, assign duties to public health care squads and specialist teams and closely supervise the frontline medical teams.

A team led by Dr Kyaw Soe Min of Bago Region Polio Control gave treatment to 158 patients and monitored infection of disease at Laungdarake frontline camp in Myeboon Township from 31 October to 2 November. Director-General Dr Win Myint of Health Department made field trips to the township hospital, health centres and frontline treatment camps in Myeboon on 2 November and attended to the needs. Yesterday, he inspected hospitals, health centres and frontline treatment camps in Myeboon and Kyaukpyu townships.

A specialist team led by Director Dr Than Win of Health Department on 1 November distributed relief supplies and medicines to urban relief camps in Kyaukpyu Township and gave medical treatments to the patients. The team performed medical treatment, enquiry of cholera patient, preventive measures against infectious diseases and distribution of water guard tablets to the local people at Mingan and Kapichuang rural health centres and Taungnyo and Kalapaukseik wards. — MNA

Cash and kind donated to storm victims of Rakhine State

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Nov — A ceremony to donate cash and kind for storm victims of Rakhine State was held at the hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) Mayangon Township this morning. Under the leadership of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council, local people donated K 9,573,200 and foodstuffs, clothes and medicines worth K 81,237,300 and Sirisuudhamma Muni Jotadhara Dr Kyaw Saw, wife Daw May Myo Myat and family of Sar Pan Ein from PyinOoLwin, K 2 million.

On behalf of the Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Director-General U Soe Aung of Relief and Resettlement Department accepted donations. — MNA
BBC to apologize for aid-for-weapons reports

LONDON, 4 Nov—The BBC will apologize on Thursday for reports this year which may have given the impression that millions of pounds raised for Ethiopian famine relief by the Band Aid music charity were used by rebel groups to buy weapons, the British state broadcaster said.

Irish singer Bob Geldof complained bitterly about the March reports, which originated from “Assignment” on the public-funded broadcaster’s World Service radio programme.

He challenged the BBC to substantiate its stories. At the time the World Service said it stood by its report.

“Since their inception over 26 years ago, Band Aid and Live Aid have been subject to meticulous governance, auditing and independent reviews,” Geldof said in a statement on Thursday.

“The BBC’s misleading and unfair coverage had the potential to be extremely damaging to public faith, not only in Band Aid, but also other charitable campaigns and people’s willingness to donate their cash to disaster funds.”

Geldof added that the reports were an “unusual lapse” in the broadcaster’s standards, and added that it was BBC journalist Michael Buerk’s dispatches from Ethiopia which prompted him to start raising money for famine relief in the first place.

Baghdad bombs death toll reaches 64, minister says

BAGHDAD, 4 Nov—The death toll from a series of bomb blasts in mainly Shi’ite areas of Baghdad on Tuesday has reached 64 with 360 wounded, Iraq’s health minister said.

The bombings occurred hours after a memorial service for some of the 52 hostages and police killed in a church raid on Sunday, and as the Iraqi government vowed to improve security for Iraq’s Christian minority.

Greek letter bomb attacks put Europe on high alert

ATHENS, 4 Nov—European counter-terrorism officials were on high alert this evening after suspected Greek terrorists unleashed an unprecedented two-day wave of parcel bombs targeting embassies in Athens, international organizations and foreign leaders both in Greece and abroad.

By tonight, at least 11 letter bombs had been detected in the Greek capital, one addressed to Nicolaos Sarkozy and eight to the embassies of Bulgaria, Russia, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Chile, the Netherlands and Belgium. Greek police said international postal and parcel services would be suspended for two days.

In Berlin, German authorities destroyed a bomb addressed to Chancellor Angela Merkel. The package was sent from Greece two days earlier by UPS delivery and resembled the Athens parcel bombs.

Greek journalist Michael Buerk’s dispatches from Ethiopia which prompted Geldof to start raising money for famine relief in the first place.

Qantas plane lands safely in Singapore after scare

SINGAPORE, 4 Nov — A Qantas Airways A380 landed safely in Singapore on Thursday after running into engine trouble, one of the most serious incidents for the world’s largest passenger plane in its three years of commercial flight.

The Airbus A380, which had originated in London and was carrying 459 people, suffered trouble with one of its four engines shortly after it had left the island state en route for Sydney. Australian officials said no one on board was injured. Qantas, which operates six A380s, said it was grounding the aircraft pending a full investigation.

“We will suspend all A380 takeoffs until we are fully confident we have sufficient information about (flight) QF32,” Qantas Chief Executive Alan Joyce told reporters in Sydney.

There have been no fatal incidents involving A380s since they were launched in 2005 amid great fanfare as the greenest, quietest — as well as the biggest — jetliner. Earlier this year, one of the planes operated by Qantas burst two tyres when landing in Sydney, and in September 2009 an A380 was forced to turn around in mid-flight and return to Paris.

A380s use Rolls-Royce engines. This particular plane had Trent 900 engines and was built in 2008.

Police stand guards outside the Russian embassy in Athens after a parcel bomb was intercepted.— Internet

Sarkozy, in London for a meeting with David Cameron, said French authorities were working with Greek police.

“The threat is very serious. We are extremely vigilant and I am following it very closely,” he told reporters. A further two bombs were destroyed in controlled explosions at the Athens airport — one addressed to the European Union’s highest court in Luxembourg and the other to law enforcement agency Europol in the Netherlands. Two mail bombs were sent to Greece’s 300-seat parliament building in Syntagma square. In each case the bombs were delivered by courier, according to police. No injuries were reported.— Internet

Iraqis inspect damages at a market after a blast in the Sadr City District of Baghdad on 3 November.— Internet

False alarm over package at Glasgow Airport

LONDON, 4 Nov — Parts of Glasgow Airport were evacuated late on Wednesday after a suspicious package was found in the departures security area, but the incident turned out to be a false alarm, police said.

The package was discovered by staff at about 7:55 pm (1955 GMT) and the army bomb disposal unit was called in, a Strathclyde Police spokeswoman said.

Governments tightened aviation security earlier this week after two US-bound bombs sent in air cargo from Yemen were intercepted in Dubai and Britain. Earlier on Wednesday, Greece suspended overseas shipment of mail and packages for 48 hours after dozens of small parcel bombs were sent to foreign governments and embassies this week.
Newly discovered walls buffered Sphinx from Egypt’s sand

CAIRO, 4 Nov — A routine excavation has uncovered ancient walls surrounding the Great Sphinx of Giza, Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) announced on 2 Nov. The walls were likely built to protect the Sphinx from blowing sand, said SCA Secretary-General Zahi Hawass, who is overseeing the excavation.

During routine digging, SCA researchers found two segments of mud wall on the Giza Plateau, where the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx stand. Both walls stand just under three feet (1 metre). One runs north-south and is 282 feet (86 metres) long, while the other runs east-west and is 151 feet (46 metres) long. The walls are part of a larger enclosure previously found north of the Sphinx, according to Hawass. As told in ancient Egyptian texts, King Thutmose IV once went on a hunting trip near the Sphinx. After the trip, he dreamt that the Sphinx wanted him to clear the sand surrounding its body. According to Thutmose, the Sphinx promised that if he restored the statue, he’d become king of Egypt.

So Thutmose had the sand cleared and built a wall to preserve the Sphinx. Until now, researchers thought the wall was only built on the northern side of the Sphinx. The new finding disproves that theory. The researchers also found a third wall to the east of the temple of King Khafre, the builder of the second-largest pyramid in Giza and the likely builder of the Sphinx. According to Hawass, the wall may be part of the settlement that grew up around King Khafre’s pyramid after the monarch’s death around 2532 BC. In this village, priests and officials oversaw the mortuary cult of the dead king.

Harry Potter blamed for fueling India’s owls’ demise

LONDON, 4 Nov — Indian Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh has blamed fans of boy wizard Harry Potter for their role in the dwindling number of wild owls. He said that Harry Potter books and films featuring his feathered friend Hedwig are popular in India and had contributed towards the demise of owls. Mr. Ramesh said there had been an increase in people wanting to buy them from illegal bird traders. He was speaking to mark the launch of a report on India’s owl population. Written by the leading conservation group Traffic, the report calls for tougher measures to protect owls ahead of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, which starts on Friday. It says that thousands of owls are traditionally sacrificed on “auspicious” occasions.

“Following Harry Potter, there seems to be a strange fascination even among the urban middle classes for presenting their children with owls,” Mr. Jayram said. Harry Potter handout picture Owls play an important role in Harry Potter films Harry Potter publishers Bloomsbury declined to comment on Mr Jayar’s assertions.

Implanted chip ‘allows blind people to detect objects’

LONDON, 4 Nov — A man with an inherited form of blindness has been able to identify letters and a clock face using a pioneering implant, researchers say. Miikka Terho, 46, from Finland, was fitted with an experimental chip behind his retina in Germany. Success was also reported in other patients. The chip allows a patient to detect objects with their eyes, unlike a rival approach that uses an external camera.

Details of the work are in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B. Professor Eberhart Zrenner, of Germany’s University of Tuebingen, and colleagues at private company Retina Implant AG initially tested their sub-retinal chip on 11 people. Some noticed no improvement as their condition was too advanced to benefit from the implant, but a majority were able to pick out bright objects, Prof Zrenner told the BBC.

However, it was only when the chip was placed further behind the retina, in the central macular area in three people, that they achieved the best results. Two of these had lost their vision because of the inherited condition retinitis pigmentosa, or RP, the other because of a related inherited condition called choroideremia. RP leads to the progressive degeneration of cells in the eye’s retina, resulting in night blindness, tunnel vision and then usually permanent blindness. The symptoms can begin from early childhood.

Omega-3 pills fail to work in Alzheimer’s patients

CHICAGO, 4 Nov — Omega-3 pills promoted as boosting memory didn’t slow mental and physical decline in older patients with Alzheimer’s disease, a big disappointment in a multimillion-dollar government-funded study. “We had high hopes that we’d see some efficacy but we did not,” said Dr Joseph Quinn, an author of the $10 million study and a researcher at Oregon Health and Science University.

The results with pills containing DHA, an omega-3 fatty acid, highlight “the continued frustration over lack of effective interventions” for the memory-robbing disease, an editorial said, published with the study in Wednesday’s Journal of the American Medical Association. DHA occurs naturally in the brain and is found in reduced amounts in people with Alzheimer’s disease.

Some smaller, less rigorous studies suggested that mental decline could be slowed or prevented by eating fish, the main dietary source for omega-3 fatty acids, or supplements like fish oil pills that contain fatty acids including DHA. The study used capsules of DHA oil derived from algae. Omega-3 fatty acids in fish or supplements have been shown to help protect against heart disease and are being studied for possible effects on a range of other illnesses including cancer and depression.
India ferry disaster kills scores

NEW DELHI, 4 Nov — Search teams in the Indian state of West Bengal have recovered at least 74 bodies three days after an overcrowded ferry capsized in the Hooghly River. Police say five more bodies were found on Tuesday. The boat was crowded with Muslim pilgrims.

More than 90 people were rescued or swam to safety after Saturday’s accident - about 50 are still missing. Police say at least 220 people were on the vessel when it sank - four times the number it was meant to carry.

Eleven injured after Manchester gas blast

Eighty families in the area were evacuated after the blast occurred. Renovation work had been underway at the properties at the time and an investigation is now underway. It was understood that that all persons had been accounted for, but emergency workers were continuing to search the debris to be certain. “The crews are making the scene safe - isolating the gas supply, extinguishing the fire, as well as searching through the debris to find any more people,” said Tony Lander, from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue.

Paris cafe awning saves falling baby

PARIS, 4 Nov — A baby girl had an amazing escape after she fell from a seventh-floor apartment in Paris and bounced off a cafe awning into the arms of a passerby. Le Parisien newspaper praised the quick reflexes of the man who was alerted to the drama by his young son to the drama.

The son spotted the 18-month-old baby, who was playing alone with her young sisters, just before she fell. As luck would have it, the hero was also a doctor and rapidly checked the girl to establish she was not injured before handing her on to paramedics.

She was taken to the hospital for observation. The child’s parents were being questioned by police about why the children were left alone momentarily to play in the apartment.

Teen shot dead in Sydney

SYDNEY, 4 Nov — Sydney police are looking for a group of males after a teenager was shot dead in the city’s west this morning. An emergency call just before 5am alerted police and paramedics to the incident at Greenfield Park.

The caller reported hearing a number of shots fired. On arriving they found a boy badly wounded and, despite attempts to revive him, he died at the scene. Fairfield police acting Commander Murray Johnston says a group of males had entered the home before the shooting.

“Occupants of a residence in Smithfield Road, Greenfield Park answered a knock at the door,” he said.
Prime Minister urges...

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He asked doctors and nurses in the health centre about health care and supply of medicines, and called for close supervision to tasks for ensuring a healthy life of the victims and preventive measures against possible epidemics.

The Prime Minister cordially met and comforted storm victims and provided them with necessary assistance.

He presented CDMA-450 phones to an official for communications in villages.

Maj-Gen Hla Min, the commander, the minister, Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, and Director-General of the Department of Health Dr Win Myint presented fishing nets, school uniforms, medicines and cloths to the storm victims through officials.

Upon arrival at the relief camp at Myoma sports ground in Kyaukpyu, the Prime Minister inspected the relief supplies of rice, tarpaulin sheets and shelter boxes provided by Myanmar Red Cross Society.

In a cordial conversation with victims, the Prime Minister asked about supply of household products and foodstuff and consoled them.

The Prime Minister and Maj-Gen Hla Min presented bags of rice to the victims through officials.

The Prime Minister attended the ceremony to present relief supplies to storm victims at the town hall of Kyaukpyu. Chairman of Kyaukpyu District PDC U Aung Kyaw Soe reported on public warnings issued prior to the storm, rescue tasks, rehabilitation tasks in the aftermath of the natural disaster, resettlement, and donations made by well-wishers of the township.

Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein gave a supplementary report on progress in rebuilding school buildings.

Commander of local naval region command Captain Tin Aung San reported on conditions of Pynbyumaw embankment that was damaged in the storm and rebuilding of it.

In his speech, the Prime Minister elaborated that Kyaukpyu is a seaside township, so preparedness measures are to be taken as planned to avoid unnecessary losses due to natural disasters such as practising drills, and issuing public warnings about natural disasters. He noted that the people have to follow the warnings and programmes issued by those in authority.

The Prime Minister presented CDMA-450 phones and clothes to storm-hit villages through the chairman of the District PDC and officials. (See page 7)
Prime Minister urges coastal regions follow…

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Maj-Gen Hla Min, the commander, ministers, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe and Director-General Dr Win Myint presented bags of rice, tarpaulin sheets, school uniforms, medicines and clothes to victims through officials.

The Prime Minister inspected rehabilitation and sanitation tasks by car around Kyaukpyu.

On arrival at Manaung, the Prime Minister held a meeting with departmental heads, social organizations and townsenders at Aung Zeya hall. Chairman of Township PDC U Maung Maung reported on storm warnings before the disaster, and reduction of death and destruction thanks to the adherence to preparedness measures.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that he and his entourage were there to expedite rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in the storm-hit townships in Rakhine State; that officials concerned were sent to the areas for rescue tasks as soon as the natural disaster hit the region; and that residents followed the instructions in the disaster preparedness programme and that led to reduction of loss of lives and property. He urged coastal regions to follow strictly natural disaster preparedness programmes, calling for educative talks for replacing of old buildings with storm-proof ones, and hard work in business for substantial residences.

The Prime Minister presented five CDMA-450 phones to the Township PDC chairman and officials.

The Prime Minister U Thein Sein presents CDMA-450 telephones for communication of storm victims of Kyunthaya Village in Myebon Township.—MNA

Plan under way to extend seating capacity of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) from 20,000 to 50,000

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe looks into preparations for upgrading YTC (Thuwunna)

YANGON, 4 Nov—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Thanarvedat Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township this afternoon.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected arrangements

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A scale model of the 50,000-seat Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna).

MNA
Elections will take place on a grand scale in our Union of Myanmar soon. It will go down in the annals of Myanmar history. The previous elections were held in various forms, but there will be no other election like the one that will take place in November this year.

Our citizens have understood that the Fundamental Rights of Citizen will be fully practiced in the forthcoming elections. Utilizing effectively such Fundamental Rights of Citizen they have, citizens who are eligible to vote are going to choose candidates who can promote the interest of the people. It is a practice of enjoying the right to elect the representatives.

Aiming to serve the interest of the people, some voter citizens are going to enjoy the right to stand for the election by nominating themselves as candidates.

So I would like to say that the forthcoming elections as well as cause for holding the elections is blessed with a significant characteristic. What sort of characteristic does it possess?

I remembered that the upcoming elections was the outcome of the State Constitution overwhelmingly approved by the entire people in 2008 as well as the 2008 Constitution was that of the National Convention. Delegates to NC were chosen as people’s representatives from all walks of life to take part in discussions. After holding comprehensive discussions among the representatives in the National Convention, basic principles were laid down for the Constitution. Well-experienced intellectuals and intelligentsia who represent all walks of life drafted the State Constitution that is the most suitable for the nation’s current political situation in compliance with the principles.

The draft of the Constitution was approved with the majority votes of the people in the referendum. Thus the elections have taken shape in accord with the people’s desire. Making analysis on emergence of upcoming elections and interrelationship between its cause and effect, participation of the people was obvious in every stage of the whole process.

I would like to strongly say a point that it was a process implemented by the people themselves for the public interest in accord with the desire of the great majority of the people. It was a characteristic that must be seen as a democratic practice that had been done meeting essence and high standards. It was practised in accord with the definition of Democracy, of the people, by the people, for the people.

Scholars said democracy is a system, in other words, is a practice. We, citizens of the Union of Myanmar, dutifully practised the democracy because we did it without losing ourselves in the name of democracy and the present Tatmadaw government guided us to be able to practise the democracy correctly under its visionary leadership. There are Civil Responsibilities for the public voters to discharge as the citizens of a democracy. I would like to present them in brief.

- voting,
- serve on juries,
- tolerant of political and cultural differences,
- participate in creating and evaluating public policy,
- to be just and lawful,
- to be civic-minded

(In exercising the individual own right and freedom, taking consideration for the interest of the whole society.)

Out of responsibilities, we are going to carry out the responsibility of voting for choosing reliable candidates in the forthcoming elections. The upcoming elections are the first step for shaping the nation into democratic one. According to the experiences we encountered in our life, our vote is crucial to taking first step on the right course toward democratization. In practising democracy really, rather than talking about it, we have to exercise correctly our Fundamental Rights of the Citizen in hopes of placing right persons in right places.

So we all eligible voters are to go to polling stations on 7 November and cast votes enthusiastically.
We shall vote
(Enjoying Fundamental Rights of Citizen)

Myint Maung (Phil. Q)

National opportunity

We, all the people, have been looking forward to the opportunity to exercise voting rights for years...now we are going to enjoy the right to vote for the first time in 20 years. We must take pride in this.

Quite right...
So, I believe this is a national opportunity which everybody should not miss.

Myanmar-sponsored draft resolution on nuclear disarmament adopted at the First Committee of the UNGA

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Nov—Myanmar headed to table a draft resolution on nuclear disarmament at the United Nations General Assembly since 1995, Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the United Nations. The resolution could be adopted yearly through voting system.

Myanmar-sponsored draft resolution on nuclear disarmament was adopted at the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on 28 October 2010. At the First Committee of the current 65th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the draft resolution which has 37 co-sponsors was adopted with 107 votes in favour, 44 against and 20 abstentions.

Operative paragraph (15) of the draft resolution calls for early commencement of negotiations on treaty banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons. Initially, nineteen members of the European Union decided to vote against this paragraph but later changed their stance and voted in favour. Therefore, the said paragraph was adopted with 154 votes in favour, 3 against and 8 abstentions.

It was a significant development for the main sponsor Myanmar. Therefore, 19 members of European Union voted in favour of early fissile materials contained in the solid resolution.—MNA

Foreign diplomats, UN representatives, journalists invited to study casting votes and counting of votes in November 7 elections

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Nov—Ambassadors to the Union of Myanmar, acting charges d’affaires and officials, resident representatives under the UN agencies, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and editorial staff and reporters of local journals and magazines are invited to study casting votes systematically by eligible voters at polling stations in States and Regions including Nay Pyi Taw and counting of votes in elections for respective hluttawgs to be held on 7 November, 2010 and arrangements have been made to conduct them round by officials.—MNA

Labour Minister looks into worksite health care in South Dagon Industrial Zone

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Nov—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi on 29 October afternoon viewed health care services being provided by the Medical Superintendent of Yangon Workers’ Hospital to 490 workers of Earth Industrial Electronics Factory in South Dagon Industrial Zone in Dagon Myothit (South) Township and work sites. The minister inspected the emergency clinic of the factory where General Manager U Saw Naing of Social Security Board presented medicines for the clinic to the factory manager and in-charge of the clinic.

Later, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Khaing Cho Myint gave talks on worksite health care services of SSB and Region Manager Daw Nwe Nwe Yi on rights of social welfare.—MNA
In building up a modern, developed nation, development of human resources plays an essential role. In developing human resources, successful completion of basic education of every citizen is the first priority. To be able to turn out highly-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia, the government has laid down international-standard 30-year National Education Promotion Programme in line with political, economic and social basics of the future nation. In doing so, the government is striving for the development of basic and higher education sectors step by step.

Looking back to the country’s education history, ordinary people in the age of Myanmar Kings had to learn education at monastic education schools. But, illiterate people were the majority. Although the colonists introduced teaching programme, it was only a slavery education system. They conferred degrees designed to help facilitate colonial administration mechanism to the minority of educated Myanmar. Then, there was only a Yangon University across the nation. After the country regained independence, the education standard of the country remained low. And every people had no access to the methods. After 1988, Myanmar had seen significant developments in education sector. The education sector had developed in parallel with the country’s political, basic education in their regions. With respect to the development of basic education sector, there were 722 basic education high schools in 1988 across the nation, but now there are 2278 schools. Basic education middle schools have now increased to 2944 from 1696 in 1988. In addition, there existed 31,329 primary schools in 1988. But it has now reached 35,579 schools. Only after 1988, altogether 33,529 multi-media rooms and 2272 pre-schools were opened. In addition, Dewai, Myeik, Bago, Pyay, Magway, Pakokku, Mandalay, Meiktila, Mawlamyine, Sittway, Yangon, Lashio, Kengtung, Taunggyi, Loilem, Maubin, Hinthada and Phathein, which cover in 24 special development regions being implemented by the government. So, the youth in those regions now have easy access to the education.

Regarding the development of higher education sector before and after 1988, the number of universities, colleges and degree colleges has now increased to 64. There was one Technological University before 1988. But altogether 30 Technological Universities have now existed. In addition, there was one University of Computer Studies before 1988. But now it has increased by 25. Before 1988, there was one university under the other ministry. But altogether 22 universities have now existed. Only after 1988, 44 Human Resources University of Computer Studies (Pakokku).

University of Computer Studies (Lashio) in Shan State (North).
Progress of education sector in Myanmar

Article: Htay Aung

Development Departments, 20 Education Colleges, four Technical Colleges, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University and Marine time University were opened. With the aim of upgrading education system that can create learning society that can face challenges of knowledge age which is the goal of Myanmar education, Art and Science universities were opened. These universities are now teaching the subjects such as Myanmar, English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Oriental Studies, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Zoology, Botany and Geology.

Likewise, Advanced Science and Technology Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology has opened Computer Colleges and University of Computer Studies. The purposes of opening these colleges and universities are to turn out experts that can do invention, installation, testing and applying of computers hardware and software, to nurture basic IT technicians, to nurture the qualified ones among those technicians to be advanced technicians, to conduct research and inventions pertaining to IT with the strength of those advanced and Vocational Education Department of the Ministry of Science and Technology were opened across the nation.

The aims are to turn out engineers essential for building up peaceful, modern developed nation, to narrow gaps between the regions, to have equal learning opportunities for the youths and to nurture human resources the country needs. These universities are now conducting the courses such as Civil Engineering, Electric Power Engineering, Electronic Engineering, and Mechanical Power Engineering. The research-based University of Technology (Yatanarpon Cyber City), which will be a milestone in the history of the country’s technological sector development, was opened on 17 October, 2010.

During the periods from 1988 to 2009, over 1470000 graduates and a lot of post-graduates have been turned out across the country. Literacy rate of the country has increased to 94.83 percent. When we made a tour of respective regions, we visited those universities there. And we got a chance to converse with the students. While chatting with them, I noticed their delight on their faces.

With a view to turning out human resources the country needs, the government is laying foundation for education. The government built universities and colleges across the nation with own strength by spending a huge amount of money. We have no doubt that these reflect the State’s genuine goodwill and benevolent attitude towards the people.

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Progress of education sector across the nation after 1988

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Instructions to be followed in voting process

1. Try to know your serial number of ballot list in order to cast vote without any delay.
2. Voting process can be quick by giving your serial number of ballot list to the ballot list inspector.
3. Put a tick in the box next to the candidate and the symbol you want to choose on your ballot paper.
4. Do not sketch or write anything on your ballot paper, except putting a tick.
5. Do not sketch anything impossible to decide whether it is a tick or cross on your ballot paper.
6. Make sure that your ballot paper is not torn.
7. Put the ballot paper you have put a tick on into the ballot box concerned.

Notable points to avert having votes cancelled

Election Rule 66 (c) states that the following types of ballot papers shall be cancelled.

1. A ballot paper that does not have the seal of the commission
2. A ballot paper that does not have the signature of the returning officer
3. A ballot paper with more than one tick to favour more than one candidate
4. A ballot paper with no tick
5. A ballot paper with an unclear tick
6. A ballot paper the returning officer decides to be a fake one
7. A ballot paper with a mark designed to hint
8. A torn-up ballot paper

To amplify the provisions on cancelled votes for the knowledge of voters,

1. A voter must put a tick in the square box shown against the name of the candidate he favours.
2. If a voter puts at least two ticks or crosses in square boxes shown against candidates, the ballot paper is cancelled.
3. A vote with no tick is cancelled.
4. If a ballot paper carries only one mark in a box, but the mark is not clear enough to decide whether it is a tick or cross, it is cancelled.
5. However, if a vote is cast with one tick to favour only one candidate, it can be deemed to be a firm vote even if the tick is in the square box, or it passes through the line of the square box, or it is put diagonally or horizontally, or it has a bent line at its end or not.

To decide whether a ballot paper is valid or invalid is up to the returning officer. Candidates to hluttaws, their election representatives, and the representatives of a polling station are allowed to check the cancelled votes. The reason why a vote is cancelled will be put on record with the designated form.

Plan under way to ...

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for extended construction of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna). At the hall of Myanmar Football Federation, he heard reports on arrangements for extended construction of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) presented by President of MFF U Zaw Zaw and gave necessary instructions.

The 20000-seat Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) will be upgraded to the 50000-seat one due to increasing number of spectators. Two-storey East, South and North wings will be upgraded to the four-storey ones with roofs. Plan is under way for timely completion of the construction tasks.

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The current 20000-seat Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna).—MNA

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects preparations for extension of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna).—MNA
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Aston Villa captain Stiliyan Petrov said on Tuesday he will be out of action for around three months after suffering a partial medial knee liga-

ment tear in last month’s Premier League loss to Sunderland. Villa manager Gerard Houllier had said last week he expected Petrov to be out at least until Christmas. Petrov told the club’s website: “I’m bitterly dis-

appointed not to be in-

volved. “I feel okay, but the knee injury I picked up against Sunderland means I will be out for around three months. “It was one of those things and you have just got to accept that some-
times these things happen in football.” —INTERNET

Noble blow for struggling West Ham

LONDON, 4 Nov — Struggling West Ham were handed another blow on Tuesday with the news that key midfielder Mark Noble will be out of action for a month after having an operation to remove his appendix.

The 23-year-old was taken to hospital on Mon-

day after complaining of stomach pains at the Ham-

mers’ Chadwell Heath training ground yesterday. He underwent an hour-

long operation at an Essex hospital and is expected to be back in around a month’s time.

West Ham are currently three points adrift at the bottom of the Premier League with just six points from 10 games. —INTERNET

Injured Cole to miss Chelsea game

LONDON, 4 Nov — Liver-

pool midfielder Joe Cole will be out of action for two weeks after sustaining a hamstring injury in the 1-0 Premier League win away at Bolton on the weekend.

The injury means that the England international will not be available to play his former club Chelsea at Anfield on Sunday.

Peter Brukner, Liver-

pool’s head of sports medi-

cine and sports science, said: “The scan confirmed Joe has sustained a hamstring strain. It is not a serious injury but still means he is likely to be out for two weeks.”

Liverpool boss Roy Hodgson has backed Cole to make a quick return from his injury and recapture his best form.

“I have been flailed of quality — notably the ball he produced for (Fernando) Torres in the win over Blackburn,” said Hodgson.

“I think Joe has done well in that he is so com-
mittted, he works his socks off and he wants to do well here.” —INTERNET

AC Milan’s Brazilian coach Massimiliano Allegri speaks during a press conference at the training. —INTERNET

AC Milan were outplayed at the Bernabeu in a 2-0 defeat that the Italians’ vice-president Adriano Galliani admitted later he had feared could end in a royal thumping.

Allegri accused his players of playing as if it was a friendly and now he is calling on them to show the fight that was missing in Madrid.

“Over there we many many mistakes in the first 15 minutes and conceded two soft goals but then we created some chances,” he said at Tuesday’s press conference.

Bayern’s Van Gaal angry at Hoeness barbs

BERLIN, 4 Nov - Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal on Tues-

day slammed criticism of him by club chairman Uli Hoenes, who on Sunday had suggested the Dutch-

man was difficult to deal with and would not heed advice.

“lam very very disap-

pointed that my chairman could say such things as I think that communication is one of my qualities,” Van Gaal told a press con-

ference ahead of Wednes-

day’s Champions League match against Romania’s Cluj.

Fanatico — from Argentina

Buenos Aires - The stadium received 30,000 fans who came to see the presentation of a new edition of the autumn collection of the Fanatico brand.

The event was held at the Estadio River Plate, where the Argentina national team played.

The collection is characterized by its high quality and elegance, and it features a wide variety of styles and designs for men and women.

The fans were excited to see the new collection and appreciated the attention to detail and craftsmanship that went into creating it.

The atmosphere was electric as the music played and models on stage showcased the latest designs.

The event was a huge success, and it showcased the passion and dedication that goes into creating high-quality clothing that customers love.
Study finds Hemophilia drug can damage heart

BOSTON, 4 Nov — Using high doses of Novo Nordisk’s anti-clotting medicine to treat dangerous bleeding in non-hemophiliacs may raise the risk of heart attack or related complications, researchers said on Wednesday. The drug, NovoSeven, is a genetically engineered version of factor VII, a key protein missing in some people with the bleeding disease hemophilia. Some doctors prescribe the drug in “off-label” use to stop unwanted bleeding associated with stroke, trauma, surgery, transplantation and other medical conditions. Doctors may prescribe any approved drug for any reason they want to. But this drug may not be worth the risk, said Dr. Marcel Levi of the University of Amsterdam and colleagues at Novo Nordisk. Their analysis of 33 studies found that the overall likelihood that an artery would clot was 68 percent higher with NovoSeven therapy compared to a placebo. The risk of heart attack, angina or related complication more than doubled, they researchers reported.—MNA/Reuters

WEATHER

Thursday, 4th November, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagain and Taninthayi Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Night: temperatures were slightly warm above November mean temperatures in Kachin State, slightly cold above November mean temperatures in Chin State, upper Sagain and Mandalay Regions, slightly cold below November mean temperatures in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeywady Regions. Markedly cold below November mean temperature, in Kayah and Taninthayi Region and about November mean temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Namhsam and Loilin (8°C) each and Heho (9°C).

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 3-11-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 4-11-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-11-2010 was (74%). Rainfall on 4-11-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 3-11-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 4-11-2010 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-11-2010 was (62%). Total sunshine hours on 3-11-2010 was (7:4) hours. Rainfall on 4-11-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.20) inches at Mingaladon, (96.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 3-11-2010.

Bay Influence: According to the observations at (12:30) hr MST today, the depression over the South East Bay of Bengal has practically stationary and centered at about (250) miles from Southeast of Port Blair (India). It is forecast to move. West Northwest wards. Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 5thNovember 2010: Rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagain and Taninthayi Regions, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeywady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-11-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

This undated photo released by San Francisco Zoo/George Nikitin shows Hasani a Western Lowland Gorilla at the San Francisco Zoo in San Francisco, Calif. This photo appears in the book “ZooBorns!”. The ZooBorns website gets about a million hits a month and is the only wild animal site endorsed by the Maryland-based Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

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8:00 am
6. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
8:15 am
7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
8:25 am
8. Teleplay (Traffic)
8:40 am
9. International News
8:45 am
10. Musical Programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
4:20 pm
3. Dance Of National Races
4:25 pm
4. Songs Of Yester Years
4:40 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Geography)
4:55 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
5:00 pm
7. Musical Programme
5:30 pm
8. Youtha Phyu Sin Kalyadoethwin
6:00 pm
9. Evening News
6:15 pm
10. Weather Report
6:20 pm
11. Internet Garden
6:50 pm
12. TV Drama Series
7:45 pm
13. “How to Cast Vote” (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiyayon)
8:00 pm
14. News
15. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiyayon)
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Documentary
19. Just For Langhs (Gags Asia)
20. TV Drama Series
21. Song Lover

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (5-11-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions

Local Transmissions - (09:00am - 11:00am) MST
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2. News
3. The Richly Blessed Gem Land
4. Yangon Life Style Furniture Fair “2010”
5. Music Gallery
6. News
7. Lighting Festival of Thadingyut
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9. A Day Trip to Thanlyin
10. An interesting Activity of Department of Agriculture Research

Oversea Transmissions - (5-11-10 09:30 am - 6-11-10 09:30 am) MST
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2. News
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11. Myanmar Movie Impact “Trouble of being A Spirit”
12. Current Affairs “Shopping at the Departmental Store and Supermarket 1 & 2”
13. News
14. Photography: The Art of Framing the Nature
15. Myanmar Classical song
16. News
17. Nag pali, Unique Spot To Relax
18. News
19. Brilliant Youngsters
20. Myanmar Movies “Yearning 528”

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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
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- 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

Prime Minister urges coastal regions to follow strictly natural disaster preparedness programmes

Storm News
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Progress of education sector in Myanmar
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Plan under way to extend seating capacity of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) from 20,000 to 50,000

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