Prime Minister U Thein Sein addresses opening ceremony of 4th ACMECS Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an address at the opening ceremony of 4th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit at Noun Srey Hall on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia at 9 am on 17 November.

Also present at the summit were Prime Minister of Cambodia H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Win Shein, Director-General U Thant Shin of Government Office and departmental heads, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and high-ranking officials of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam, ambassadors of foreign missions in Cambodia, entrepreneurs of ACMECS member countries and guests.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein participates in 4th ACMECS Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Prime Minister U Thein Sein on 17 November morning attended the 4th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit at Champa Room on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

Also present on the occasion were Prime Minister of Cambodia H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Minister of Planning (See page 8)
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**Boost trade and investment**

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the 5th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia on 16 November. Also present at the meeting were Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam including Myanmar and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The Summit focused on accomplishments for cooperation tasks based on fraternal relations and spirit of good neighbourliness between CLMV member countries. They will make strenuous efforts for close relationship with ASEAN and dialogue partner countries to be able to realize the cooperation plans.

Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam are blessed with natural resources in the Mekong Sub-region. The regional countries have enjoyed mutual interests due to concerted efforts for integration and development. Moreover, they have to make relentless efforts for extending investment in energy, industrial, trade and tourism sectors.

Member countries of CMLV are to strive for establishment of more aviation between their major and small towns and betterment of communication network among the nations of the East-West Economic Corridor and the Southern Economic Corridor. They are to cooperate in cultural exchange, preservation of cultural heritage and exchange of experience on prevention against illegal trafficking of ancient cultural heritage.

During the period of summit, Prime Minister U Thein Sein held a discussion with Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Samdech Hun Sen on promotion of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Heads of CLMV countries exchanged views on future tasks at the 5th CLMV Summit. They focused on boosting economic cooperation among CLMV countries in the sub-regional and regional framework for narrowing the development gap. Thanks to greater concerted efforts of CLMV member countries, the ASEAN integration tasks can be realized with momentum.

**PM U Thein Sein receives Laotian Ambassador**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Ambassador of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Kousily A Souphakhet, who had completed his tour of duties, at Government Office this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General of Government Office U Thant Shin and Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —MNA

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Ambassador of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Kousily A Souphakhet, who had completed his tour of duties.

**Transport Minister receives ROK ambassador**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Cho Byungjae at his office today. They frankly discussed transportation sectors of the two countries.

The meeting was also attended by Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department and officials.

**MORA to conduct Basic English Course for staff**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—The opening of Basic English Course No(2) for staff from Ministry of Religious Affairs took Place at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning.

It was attended by Ministry for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Aung Ko, directors-general and officials from the ministry, course instructors and trainees.

Minister Thura U Myint Maung made an opening address and concluded the ceremony.

Four-week course is being attended by 40 trainees from the ministry.—MNA
**UK police investigating mysterious forest blast**

**London, 19 Nov**— Counterterrorism police are among those investigating a device thought to have blown up in a remote Scottish forest.

Scottish police say they were alerted to an explosion in Scotland’s Garadhban Forest at noon on Wednesday. The forest is about 20 miles (30 kilometres) north of the Scottish City of Glasgow.

A spokeswoman for the local police force says the unexplained blast occurred in a wooded area and that no one was injured. She spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday.

She said that an explosives specialists and counterterror police were examining a device thought to be linked to the blast but refused to comment on the nature of the device or say whether it was being linked to terrorism or some other form of criminal activity.—Internet

**Germany says guarding against Mumbai-style attack**

**Berlin, 19 Nov**—German authorities are on guard against threats of armed attack on civilians of the kind that killed 166 in the Indian City of Mumbai in 2008, Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said Thursday.

Police are taking added precautions, de Maiziere said, a day after German tightened security measures citing threats from Islamist militants.

“What we are basically preparing ourselves for, is that terrorists, coming from abroad, commit an attack soon after arrival, without warning, in a building or public place, knowing that they may not survive,” de Maiziere told broadcaster ZDF.

“In shop talk, we’d call that something similar to what happened in Mumbai,” he added.

Wednesday, Germany said it had strong evidence militants were planning attacks in the next two weeks, and it ordered security at potential targets such as train stations and airports to be tightened.

Security officials in Berlin said on condition of anonymity then that three scenarios existed involving senior al Qaeda leader Younis al Mauretani, another involving the Mumbai-style attack, and a third pointing to sleeper cells already in Germany.

As de Maiziere spoke, German police were on route to Namibia to aid a separate investigation into a suspect package found at Windhoek airport during security checks for a German tourist flight to Munich.

De Maiziere said he was waiting for results of the investigation before he could say what had happened or if there had been any connection to other threats. “We don’t know yet what happened,” he said. “By all means there is evidence it could have been a test, but no confirmation,” he said.

In Germany, threats also existed from lone “fanatic operators” and not only a Mumbai-style group attack, de Maiziere said, adding that such large-scale killing would be prevented.

“God willing, as long as we work well, this attack scenario will not happen in Germany, and the measures we are taking visibly and behind the scenes are helping,” he said.

**Counter-terror police called for investigation over explosion in Scotland**

**London, 19 Nov**— Scottish police said on Thursday that an anti-terrorism team was called to a wooded area in West Dunbartonshire, Scotland, on Wednesday, for investigation over reports of an explosion. The counter terrorism bomb disposal team was called to Garadhban Forest, near Gartocharn, southeast to Loch Lomond, around Wednesday noon time, after reports of an explosion there, Calum Murray from Strathclyde Police said at a press conference.

“As you would expect, when we are dealing with a situation where we suspect that explosives may be involved, it is our immediate priority to assess the situation and to call on expertise where we think it is appropriate,” he said.

“I would stress that the site is secure and that there is no risk to public safety,” he said. “By its very nature, this type of assessment and investigation is complex and does take time.” The area has been sealed off since Wednesday and an investigation was still under way, he added.

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**13 insurgents killed in NE Afghanistan**

**Kabul, 19 Nov**— A combined Afghan and NATO force killed 13 insurgents while conducting a patrol in the Sir Khani District of Kunar Province Thursday. A press release issued by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said the patrol came under attack from small-arms and indirect fire.

The force positively identified multiple insurgent firing positions and returned fire with mortars and guided missiles, said the ISAF press release. It said when the insurgent fire continued, the coalition force called for close air support.

Two “fixed-wing aircraft” engaged the insurgent positions with two precision-guided weapons, said the press release, adding that initial reports indicate 13 insurgents were killed in the engagement with no civilian casualties.—Internet

**NATO drone crashes in Logar Province**

**Kabul, 19 Nov**— A NATO drone crashed in Logar Province southeastern Afghanistan Wednesday, said Logar provincial administration spokesman Thursday.

The spokesman, Din Mohammad Darwish, said it was a surveillance aircraft that came down last night in Kharwar District of Logar, but caused no civilian casualties.

NATO so far has not confirmed the incident.

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**Graphic showing the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) troops in Afghanistan.**

Even if the combat mission comes to an end by the end of 2014, observers stress that some US military presence in Afghanistan is likely beyond that point.

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**A wounded boy recovers after a bombing in the Shiite neighbourhood of Sadar City in Baghdad, Iraq recently. Rapid-fire bombings and mortar strikes in mostly Shiite neighbourhoods of Baghdad killed and wounded scores on Tuesday, calling into question the ability of Iraqi security forces to protect the capital.**

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India bans raunchy prime time reality TV shows

NEW DELHI, 19 Nov—Indian regulators have ordered television channels not to broadcast reality shows before 11:00 pm over fears about their increasingly adult content, reports said on Thursday. Two hugely popular programmes—“Bigg Boss”, the local version of “Big Brother”—and “Rakhi ka Insaaf”—will be hit by the ruling from the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, the Indian Express said.

The fourth series of “Bigg Boss” attracted the highest viewership so far, but controversy has followed the show. Kissing and abusive language have also caused regular scandals on the show. Anderson. Kissing and abusive language have also caused regular scandals on the show. Anderson.

“Rakhi ka Insaaf” (“Rakhi’s Justice”), in which opcionan Bollywood dancer Rakhi Sawant tackles people’s personal problems, hit controversy recently when a former participant committed suicide. His family blamed the show’s host, saying he fell into depression after Sawant called him impotent while she tried to sort out his marital difficulties.

Tianhe-1A marks rapid growth of China’s science and technology

NEW ORLEANS, 19 Nov—China’s Tianhe-1A supercomputer has taken top spot among the world’s top 500 supercomputers. This is an important mark roughly the rapid growth of China’s science and technology, which has been drawn widespread attention worldwide. The Tianhe-1A computing system, developed by China’s National University of Defense Technology, ranked first in the TOP500 list of the world’s most powerful computers, rewriting the history of the list since it was established in 1993.

Among the top 500 computers in the list officially unveiled on Tuesday by US and European researchers, 41 are from China, 20 more than one year ago, while the United States has 275 in the list, France, Germany and Japan each has 26, Britain 24 and Russia 11. In addition, China also has two systems in the top 10, of which seven achieved performance at or above 1 petaflops. The list is compiled by Hans Meuer of the University of Mannheim, Germany, Erich Strohmaier and Horst Simon of National Energy Research Scientific Computing Centre (NERSC)/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Jack Dongarra of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Powers should stop threatening Iran

BAKU, 19 Nov—World powers should stop threatening Iran if they want to achieve results at talks on Teheran’s nuclear programme, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Thursday.

Speaking at a news conference on a visit to Azerbaijan, he gave no indication whether talks, tentatively scheduled for next month between Iran and six world powers—Russia, the United States, Britain, France, China and Germany—would go ahead.

“If they want to achieve positive results they should stop thinking as aggressors. There are those among them who think as aggressors, and they think they can achieve positive results by putting pressure on us and threatening us,” he said. “They should change the old methods, otherwise the results will be the same. No embargoes can change the Iranian people.”

Both sides have expressed a readiness to meet for talks on 5 December but have not agreed on a venue. Ahmadinejad said Iran had offered to hold the meeting in Istanbul, and the six powers had suggested Geneva. The West suspects Iran of seeking nuclear weapons under the guise of a civilian research programme. Teheran says its long concealed enrichment drive is aimed only at generating electricity.

Online video providers not protecting kids

NEW YORK, 19 Nov—Mainstream online video destinations don’t do enough to keep explicit content from kids, the Parents Television Council said in a report released on Wednesday. The advocacy group, which monitors decency issues, evaluated the child appropriateness of four online video portals Hulu, Comcast’s Fancast, AOL’s Slashcontrol and AT&T’s U-verse. None received a better grade than a D.

The study looked at home pages and 602 videos over a three-week period. The council found that standards are more lenient online than on broadcast television, that content ratings were vague and that content that may be unsuitable for children under 14 could be watched by young children. The president of the Parents Television Council, Tim Winter, said the report proved that the four websites “are failing to protect kids on the Web.”

“The content ratings and parental control devices (media corporations) tout as a solution to indecent material on television are not being applied to similarly indecent material on their websites,” Winter said. AT&T spokesman Mark Siegel said in a statement that through a program called Smart Limits the company provides various tools that enable parents to limit the kinds of videos children can view on computers, TVs and cell phones.

Nuclear standoff could hurt Iran’s cancer patients

TEHERAN, 19 Nov—The human impact from the wrangling between Iran and the West over its nuclear programme could fall first in nuclear medicine clinics around the country, where hundreds of cancer patients a week get treatment with radioactive isotopes. Iran says fuel for the Teheran research reactor that produces the isotopes will run out in September next year, leaving it without the materials needed to diagnose and treat some $50,000 cancer patients across the country. A deal for the West to provide fuel for the reactor has all but fallen apart in the deadlock over Iran’s broader nuclear programme, and Iran’s drive to produce the fuel on its own has brought condemnation from the US and Europe. They fear the programme could boost what they contend is the secret goal of Iran’s nuclear ambitions to produce a bomb.

Iran denies the claim, saying its programme is only for peaceful purposes and has touted the need for medical isotopes to justify its programme.

Negotiations from Iran and the United States and its allies are expected to meet soon—likely late this month or early next—in their first direct nuclear talks in more than a year.
GM looks set to raise $23.1 billion, making it the biggest initial public offering ever. “Was that statement that used to float around? What’s good for GM is good for America? Well, I think in this case, what’s good for GM is good for the American taxpayer,” said Adrian Cronje, chief investment officer at Atlanta-based wealth management firm Balentine LLC.

The strong response to the stock sale reflects a groundswell of investor confidence that GM is moving beyond its unpopular, taxpayer-funded bankruptcy in June 2009 with sharply lower costs and higher profit potential. The government’s stake in GM will drop to about 33 percent from 61 percent if all available shares are sold.

Rabid bats on the rise in Los Angeles County

L O S A N G E L E S, 19 N o v — I f t h e t h r e a t o f e a r t h q u a k e s, wildfires and mudslides isn’t enough to worry Los Angeles residents, public health officials are now warning of an unusually high number of rabid bats. According to the Department of Public Health, 21 bats with rabies have been found in Los Angeles County this year, more than double the average number of 10.

The county’s public health director, Jonathan Fielding, said on Wednesday the reason for the increase is unclear. “Regardless, it is important that all county residents understand the potential dangers posed to themselves and their pets, as most of these rabid bats have been found in and around homes,” he said.

He urged parents to make sure their children know to leave bats and other wildlife alone, and to keep pets away from wildlife. County officials said one resident who was trying to nurse a sick bat back to health was bitten and had to be treated for rabies.

OnLive to start selling streaming game console

N E W Y O R K, 19 N o v — V i d e o g a m e s t r e a m i n g c o m p a n y OnLive plans to start selling its small gaming console for $99 on Thursday, with delivery starting on Dec. OnLive lets players stream popular, high-end video games such as “Assassin’s Creed” and “NBA 2K11” over the Internet.

"Assassin’s Creed” and “NBA 2K11” over the Internet
Asian unicorn' and scaly anteater make endangered list

London, 19 Nov — A miniature sloth, the “Asian unicorn” and a bushbaby known as the rondo dwarf galago were Friday added to the Zoological Society of London’s list of genetically distinct and endangered mammals. Three species of long-beaked echidna’s are ranked equal first on the evolutionary distinct and globally endangered (EDGE) list, which identifies the world’s 100-most unique and threatened mammals. “EDGE mammals are one-of-a-kind and they represent the true diversity of life on earth,” said Carly Waterman, EDGE Programme Manager. “If we let these species disappear, their extraordinary features and unique behaviours will be lost forever,” she added.

Suspicious package found in Namibia destined to Munich

Berlin, 19 Nov — A suspicious luggage was intercepted at Windhoek airports in Namibia by local police, as the plane was to fly to German southern city of Munich, the German federal crime agency BKA said on Thursday. The item has batteries linked with a detonator and a clock, and police are investigating whether it was to be used as a parachute or a campfire. The pilot’s name has not been released. The single-seat jet took off on Tuesday from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, and was nearing the end of an event in Sydney unrelated to the A380 incident. He said that 14 of the 24 engines on Qantas planes may have to be replaced.

Search for pilot continues after Alaska jet crash

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, 19 Nov—Aerial search was scheduled to continue throughout the night for the pilot of an Air Force F-22 fighter jet that crashed in a remote area of interior Alaska during a training exercise. Rescue aircraft spotted the wreckage Wednesday about 100 miles north of Anchorage, and paracameramen from the Alaska Air National Guard scoured the crash site until being flown out for the night. “There’s no sign of the pilot at this point, from what I’ve been told,” guard spokesman Maj Guy Hayes said. But he said two Air Guard helicopters and a C-130 airplane planned to continue searching throughout the night for a sign that the pilot had ejected and survived, such as a parachute or a campfire. The pilot’s name has not been released.

EU changes its stand on saving bluefin tuna

BRUSSELS, 19 Nov—France, Spain and other Mediterranean members of the EU have forced the bloc to change its negotiating stance at an international meeting that had been centered on seeking quotas to save the threatened bluefin tuna. After drawn-out negotiations, the EU said Thursday it will no longer do that based only on scientific advice and will now take the interests of tuna hunting fishermen into account. Representatives from 48 countries meeting in Paris are preparing to set fishing quotas for the prized Atlantic bluefin, which swims waters from the Gulf of Mexico to the Mediterranean. Environmentalists are pressing for dramatic cuts to the current annual quota of 13,500 metric tons in the Mediterranean, where they say fraud and overfishing are rampant.

Iran tests local S-300 missile system successfully

Tehran, 19 Nov — Iran has designed and tested successfully an air defence system that has the same capability as the Russian-made S-300 missile system, the local satellite Press TV reported on Thursday. “We have developed the system by upgrading systems like S-200 and we have tested it successfully using all our potential and experience in the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), the Army and the Defence Ministry,” Brigadier General Mohammad Hassan Mansourian was quoted as saying.

40 engines on A380s need to be replaced

SYDNEY, 19 Nov — Up to half of the Rolls-Royce engines of the type that disintegrated on an Airbus superjumbo this month may need to be replaced by the three carriers in Australia, Singapore and Germany that use them, the Qantas chief executive said on Thursday. Australia’s Qantas, Singapore Airlines and Germany’s Lufthansa fly A380s powered by four giant Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines, with a total of 80 engines on 20 planes.

Death toll from Indonesia’s volcano climbs to 275

Mount Merapi, 19 Nov — The number of people killed by a series of eruptions at Indonesia’s most volatile volcano in recent weeks has risen to 275. The National Disaster Management Agency said Thursday that the toll climbed after more than a dozen victims succumbed to their injuries — mostly severe burns. Mount Merapi began unleashing torrents of hot gas, rock and other debris late last month after years of dormancy. The most significant blast came on 5 Nov, the deadliest day at the mountain in decades. The disaster agency said most of the 275 people were killed by searing gas clouds.
Advance voting and electoral procedures

A law analyst

The multiparty democracy general elections have successfully been held. The voters have elected their representatives freely of their own accord. The election commission and subcommissions at various levels have carried out election processes in line with the election laws, rules and procedures and are announcing the number of votes got by an individual Hluttaw representative.

It is however learnt that some political parties and foreign media are releasing their statements levelling accusations that there has been disagreement among the public over the election results due to the advance votes.

The advance vote means the subcommission concerned grants permission for casting advance ballots according to the procedures in order that the people cannot lose the voting right if they are unable to go the polling station to vote by themselves although they are in their own constituency on the election day, or if a voter is outside his or her own constituency for various reasons.

The right to cast an advance vote emerged not in the 2010 elections. It was prescribed in the 1948 parliamentary election laws and rules enacted in accord with Article 77 of the 1947 constitution of the Union of Myanmar. The advance voting right for servicemen and their families was prescribed in Rule 70-H; for diplomats and those who are abroad for scholarship programmes in Rule 70-R; and those who are detained or serving prison terms for their criminal charges in Rule-U. Similarly, the procedures for advance voting were prescribed Sub-articles (16) & (17) of Article 8 of the first Pyithu Hluttaw and People’s Council Election Law in 1973. And the procedures for casting advance ballots were prescribed in Rules 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49. Again, the provisions for casting advance votes were prescribed in Section-A Sub-section 14 of Article 16 and Section-A Sub-sections 8 & 9 of Article 18 of the Pyithu Hluttaw and People’s Council Election Law in 1976 promulgated in accord with Article 186 of the 1974 constitution.

There were instances of casting advance votes and the provisions prescribed in Articles 38 & 39 and Rules 56 and 60-68 of the 1989 Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law. It has been learnt that in many countries practising democracy, procedures for direct voting as well as advance voting for those outside the constituency are being followed in the elections held for choosing people’s representatives.

Moreover, procedures for casting advance ballots were stated in the 2010 Hluttaw Election Law and Rules enacted in accord with Article 397 of the 2008 constitution. There are two kinds of advance voting with an advance ballot paper – one is arranged by the township subcommission concerned and the other by the ward or village-tract subcommission concerned.

The township subcommission concerned or the ward or village-tract subcommission concerned has to make arrangements for those wishing to cast advance votes in line with the laws and rules. The voters can cast their ballots in advance according to the prescribed procedures only when the issue of advance voting is in conformity with the provisions of the election laws and rules. Anyone cannot encourage, persuade or instruct a voter to cast an advance ballot. The voter himself cannot demand for casting an advance ballot either, if he is not met with the requirements.

The right of voting with an advance ballot paper is entrusted so that every citizen can enjoy their right freely. In so doing it is also prescribed to make atonement if it found against the law.

Since the voters have the right to cast their advance ballots for the Hluttaw candidate they like, any candidate can get advance votes. All the Hluttaw candidates have the right to enjoy the results of advance votes. All in all, it is therefore learned that the advance votes have come from the hearts and minds of the public voters, who cast their advance ballots by themselves in accord with the law as they were unable to go to the polling station for various reasons.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein addresses opening…

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The ministers, high-ranking officials and guests arrived at Peace Palace to attend the opening ceremony of the 4th ACMECS Summit starting from 8 am.

On arrival at Peace Palace at 8.55 am, Prime Minister U Thein Sein was welcomed by Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Samdech Hun Sen. The Cambodian Prime Minister also greeted Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bounhavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhijit Vejajiva and Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein had a documentary photo taken together with Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bounhavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhijit Vejajiva, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

At the opening ceremony of the summit, the Cambodian Prime Minister delivered an opening address. Next, the Laotian Prime Minister delivered a speech.

In his speech, Prime Minister U Thein Sein stressed the need to motivate the respective organs which implement the process of ACMECS through fulfilling their obligations, to speed up establishment of ASEAN Community in 2015, to provide assistance for both government and private sectors to be able to achieve success of common goals, to cooperate with partner countries not to encounter financial crisis in the respective plans and to cooperate among the respective countries, and regional cooperation to bring about peace and prosperity of the region through existing friendly relations and good neighbourliness among the ACMECS member countries. Afterwards, the Thai Prime Minister, the Vietnamese Prime Minister and the ASEAN Secretary-General delivered addresses.

Later, the opening ceremony of 4th ACMECS Summit came to an end.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends meeting between ACMECS leaders, entrepreneurs

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and Investment Mr Vo Hong Phuc on behalf of the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Director-General U Thant Shin of Government Office and departmental heads, ministers concerned and senior officers of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam.

First, Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Samdech Hun Sen delivered an opening address, and the summit followed on the agenda.

ACMECS Prime Ministers exchanged views on emphasis to be placed on the private sector for realization of cooperation among the ACMECS member countries, uplifting the role of the Business Council of ACMECS, cooperation in industrial and energy sectors, promotion of tourism industry, taking effective measures by forming working groups for environmental conservation, and smooth process of trade and investment in border areas.

Next, the Heads of Government approved the ACMECS Phnom Penh Declaration and future programme (2010-2012). Later, the summit came to an end with concluding remarks by the Cambodian Prime Minister. — MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein together with Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam and ASEAN Secretary-General poses for documentary photo at the opening ceremony of 4th ACMECS Summit. — MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein addresses opening of 4th ACMECS Summit.
Cambodian King granted audience to Prime Minister U Thein Sein, leaders of ACMECS countries

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at Yakto Room on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh at 1 pm on 17 November.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Win Shein and Director-General U Kyaw Tin of the Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Also present at the call were Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Laotian Ambassador to Cambodia Mr Yaseng Lao and senior officers.

They focused on further strengthening fraternal relations between the two countries and mutual cooperation in economic sector.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets Prime Minister of Lao PDR

Myanmar entrepreneurs take part in ACMECS Business Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—The Myanmar entrepreneurs team, which was included in the Prime Minister’s tour of 5th CLMV Summit and 4th ACMECS Summit, attended ACMECS Business Forum at Cambodiana Hotel in Phnom Penh of Cambodia on 16 November.

The 42-delegate Myanmar entrepreneur team led by Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Chairman of ACMECS Business Council (Myanmar) U Win Aung attended the forum, together with other businessmen totaling 350 from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam.

At the forum, heads and members of ACMECS Business set out forming of ACMECS Business Council, ensuring of trade and investment facilitation, agriculture cooperation, ACMECS rice cooperation, tourism promotion, transportation facilitation and cooperation, industry and investment promotion and human resource cooperation to be reported to the leaders of ACMECS countries. They also discussed business environment and opportunities.

Executive U Moe Kyaw of UMFCCI presented fact about sound business foundations and opportunities in Myanmar. MNA
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His Royal Highness Prince Alwaleed Bin Talah Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud of Saudi Arabia presented cash for storm victims to Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe who gave certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

Her Highness Princess Amirah AJ Taweel, consort of His Royal Highness Prince Alwaleed Bin Talah Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud of Saudi Arabia, donated cash to the funds for activities of MMCWA to President Daw Nilar Thaw who presented certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

Foreign Minister and NPED Minister attend sideline meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, who accompanied the Prime Minister to attend 5th CLMV Summit and 4th ACMECS Summit, attended sideline meetings at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win attended Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Foreign Ministers’ Meeting at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh on 16 November.

Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Mr Hor Namhong chaired the meeting, attended by Minister U Nyan Win together with Lao Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Thongloun Sisoulith,

Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Pham Gia Khiem and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

The ministers discussed progress of CLMV cooperation and follow-up plans, prioritized projects list of CLMV cooperation, and draft joint-declaration to be presented at 5th CLMV Summit.

Next, Minister U Nyan Win together with Lao Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Thai Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Kasit Pironmya, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Pham Gia Khiem and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan attended Ayeyawady-Chaophraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Foreign Ministers’ Meeting for which Cambodia Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Hor Namhong acted as a chairman.

At the meeting, the ministers reviewed cooperation and future plans among ACMECS member countries and coordinated Phnom Penh draft declaration to be tabled to ACMECS and work programme for 2010-2012. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha met Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Council of Ministers Mr Sok An at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh on 17 November. They discussed running Siem Reap-Bagan-Mandalay air route and tourism promotion.

It was also attended by Director-General U Thant Shin of Government Office, Director-General Daw Myat Myat Soe of Foreign Economic Relations Department, officials of Hoteliers Association, Myanmar Airways International and Union of Myanmar Travels Association.

Mr Sok An was accompanied by Cambodian entrepreneurs and officials.—MNA
Prime Minister U Thein Sein arrives back from Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Prime Minister U Thein Sein who was in Phnom Penh of Cambodia, together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General U Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental heads, arrived at Phnom Penh International Airport from Phnom Penh Hotel in a motorcade at 8:30 am local time yesterday. There, the Prime Minister received a bouquet presented by a Cambodian girl. The Prime Minister on his return trip to Myanmar was seen off by Myanmar Ambassador U Win Shein and wife, Military attaché Brig-Gen Than Win, Embassy staff and their families, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Ouch Borith and officials concerned.

A Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister U Thein Sein left Phnom Penh by a special flight and arrived at Nay Pyi Taw later in the morning.—MNA

Mines Minister visits 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—The 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium continued at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Gems Museum, here, this morning. Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the Emporium Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint viewed jade and jewellery lots to be sold through tender system and competitive bidding systems and cordially conversed with local and foreign merchants.

A total of 70 pearl lots of Myanmar Pearls Enterprise and local pearl companies were sold through tender system. So far, a total of 207 pearl lots have been sold through tender system. In the afternoon merchants also bought 30 pearl lots through competitive bidding system.

This evening, Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise presented award to Daw Aye Aye Mon of Diamond Pearl Jewellery Shop who purchased the largest amount of pearl.

Local and foreign gem merchants put proposals into the tender boxes. The gems emporium will last up to 29 November. —MNA

New Mandalar Tun offers free dinner to passengers

YANGON, 19 Nov—New Mandalar Tun Bus Line has offered free dinner to passengers on its buses on 22 November to mark its 5th charity. The bus line conducted the 5th charity at Sasanar Rakhtita Monastery in Mingaladon Township on 1 November. New Mandalar Tun Bus Line is running its fleet of buses from Yangon to Mandalay, Sagaing, Monywa, PyinOoLwin and Taunggyi daily and has opened its office on Myingyan Road, Aungmingalar Terminal, Yangon, Ph 01-701772; 703969; 706028; 707559. —MNA
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**MV XINAG XIU VOY NO (1056)**
Consignees of cargo carried on **MV XINAG XIU VOY NO (1056)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **A.W.P.T** where it will be at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm.

**CLAMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV PULAU CEBU VOY NO (33)**
Consignees of cargo carried on **MV PULAU CEBU VOY NO (33)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **S.P.W** where it will be at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (134)**
Consignees of cargo carried on **MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (134)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **S.W.P.W(1)** where it will be at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

**Claims Day Notice**

**MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (125)**
Consignees of cargo carried on **MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (125)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **A.P.T** where it will be at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**21st Stockholm Int’l Film Festival opens**

**STOCKHOLM, 19 Nov —** The 21st Stockholm International Film Festival opened on Wednesday with a film Heartbeats from the 21-year-old director Xavier Dolan from Canada. A total of 180 films from 50 countries in the world will be presented in the next 10 days.

“The what we want to achieve is to bring quality films from around the world so that the audience can have a wider perspective about our live films,” Scheynius said to Xinhua. During the festival, there will be a competition for the prestigious Bronze Horse among 18 films including the Heartbeats, Our Day Will Come and Sound of Noise.

**Google launches new fashion shopping site**

**SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Nov — Google on Wednesday unveiled Boutiques.com, a shopping site designed to help users find clothes and other items that suit their personal tastes.

Different from how people buy cameras and other so-called “hard goods,” fashion shopping is about discovering something that fits their taste and feels right, Munjal Shah, Google’s product management director, said in a blog post.

“Child marriage” now does not mean the promise of real marriage. It just means close playmates, said bank worker Deng Hui, the father of a one-year-old boy in southwest China’s Chongqing municipality, eng has found more than one “wife” for his boy among the daugh-

**Penguins wear Santa Claus costumes at an event promoting an amusement park in Yongin, south of Seoul on 16 Nov, 2010. Internet**
Consumers to spend more on holiday gift cards

NY, 19 Nov—Gift card spending is expected to rise during the holiday shopping season as consumers are slightly less concerned about price, according to a trade group survey released on Wednesday. The average American will spend $145.61 on gift cards in November and December, a 4 percent increase over last year, according to a survey from the National Retail Federation. The recession and a sluggish recovery had led shoppers to spend less on the popular gift cards, said NRF spokeswoman Kathy Grannis. Total gift card spending fell by an estimated 5 percent in 2008, and another 5 percent in 2009. “Getting two sweaters for the price of one in recent years trumped buying a gift card,” Grannis said. That trend appears to be turning this year. Overall spending on the cards should reach $24.78 billion for the final two months of the year, a nearly 5 percent increase from a year ago. More than three out of four shoppers plan to buy at least one gift card, the same as consumers are slightly less concerned about price, according to a trade group survey released on Wednesday. The average American will spend $145.61 on gift cards in November and December, a 4 percent increase over last year, according to a survey from the National Retail Federation. The recession and a sluggish recovery had led shoppers to spend less on the popular gift cards, said NRF spokeswoman Kathy Grannis. Total gift card spending fell by an estimated 5 percent in 2008, and another 5 percent in 2009. “Getting two sweaters for the price of one in recent years trumped buying a gift card,” Grannis said.

Ford cuts Mazda stake, no longer top stakeholder

Tokyo, 19 Nov—Ford is reducing its stake in Japanese automaker Mazda to 3.5 percent from 11 percent, giving up the position of top stakeholder it has held for 31 years. But Mazda Motor Corp said in a statement Thursday that its partnership with Ford Motor Co will continue in developing and marketing cars together. The announcement marks a critical shift in a longtime US-Japan auto alliance that saved a money-losing Mazda from near-bankruptcy, and was originally heralded as a symbol of a globalizing Japanese industry. Mazda did not specify which companies were buying the shares from Ford, based in Dearborn, Michigan. But it said the buyers will be companies with which it does business. Japanese media reports have said Mitsui Sumitomo Bank, already a major investor in Mazda, will be among the buyers as will Japanese trading conglomerate Itochu Corp.

Feds holding firm on intrusive airport security

Washington, 19 Nov—Despite a deluge of complaints over intrusive pat-downs and revealing airport scans, the government is betting Americans would rather fly safe than untouched. “I’m not going to change those policies,” the nation’s transportation security chief declared on Wednesday. Responded a lawmaker: “I wouldn’t want my wife to be touched in the way that these folks are being touched.”

China, Singapore seen as top markets over the next year

Singapore, 19 Nov—Local and foreign firms here say China and Singapore are their two top markets for the next 12 months, local media reported on Thursday. Singapore narrowed the gap with China to just one percentage point this year as financial and business services preferred Singapore over China, local daily The Business Times reported on Thursday. Of the 166 firms that responded to a question
**Turkish delight for Holland and Huntelaar**

**AMSTERDAM, 19 Nov** — World Cup finalists the Netherlands made light of several big-name absentees to defeat Turkey 1-0 in a friendly game here on Wednesday. Schalke striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar was once again the match-winner for the Dutch, with his ninth goal in his last five international matches proving the difference between the sides. “It was a real match, not a friendly match,” said Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk. “There was commitment and I was impressed by my team’s concentration despite a difficult last 15 minutes.”

Turkey had enjoyed the better of the play in the opening stages, with Burak Yilmaz calling goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg into action in the 10th minute, in front of 12,000 vocal Turkish supporters. Without first-team regulars Arjen Robben, Dirk Kuyt, Mark van Bommel (injured) and Nigel de Jong — who has not been selected since breaking Hatem Ben Arfa’s leg in the Premier League — Holland took their time to settle. — **INTERNET**

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**Argentina’s striker Lionel Messi**

**DOHA, 19 Nov** — solo goal in injury time by Lionel Messi earned Argentina a 1-0 victory over their arch-rivals Brazil in an international friendly friendly on Wednesday. The Barcelona superstar picked up the ball midway inside the Brazil half and weaved past four defenders before firing

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**Simon Dyson hits hole-in-one in Hong Kong**

**HONG KONG, 19 Nov** — the 2.5-million-dollar man from the land of Dyson, who won the 2006 Open and is currently ranked 26th in the world, hit a hole-in-one at the 18th hole of the Hong Kong Golf Club’s Victoria course on Thursday. The hole-in-one was the second of the day for Dyson, who also birdied the 17th hole, to secure victory in the Hong Kong Open. — **INTERNET**

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**Greg Oden loses another season to knee surgery**

**PORTLAND, 19 Nov** — Trail Blazers center Greg Oden, the former No. 1 draft pick whose short career has been marred by injuries, will have microfracture surgery on his left knee and will not play this season. Oden hasn’t played since last December because he needed surgery to repair a fractured left patella. The Blazers say this operation, announced Wednesday night and scheduled for Friday in Vail, Colo, will repair damaged cartilage and is unrelated to the patella injury. — **INTERNET**

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**Wayne Rooney is in line for a return to Manchester United’s squad — if he comes through a fitness assessment which has been planned for Thursday**

**DOHA, 19 Nov** — Wayne Rooney is in line for a return to Manchester United’s squad — if he comes through a fitness assessment which has been planned for Thursday, according to team manager Sir Alex Ferguson. Rooney has been sidelined with an ankle injury for several weeks but has spent a week in the United States building up his fitness.

The striker has now returned to England and although Ferguson would not say when Rooney would play a competitive match the Scot said he was on the mend. — **INTERNET**
Thai flood death toll climbs to 232

BANGKOK, 19 Nov — The confirmed death toll from floods in Thailand which have hit the country for more than a month has risen to 232, said a government report on Friday.

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation said that a total of 156 people in the northern, northeastern, eastern and central plains and 76 in southern provinces lost their lives in widespread flooding.

About 630,000 households in the upper part and about 370,000 households in the southern part of the country have been hit by floods.

Heavy flood, caused by a combination of heavy rainfall and water released from overloaded reservoirs, has hit Thailand since 10 Oct especially in the Northeast and the South.

Xinhua

WEATHER

Friday, 19th November, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Bago and Taninthayi Regions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions.

Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Shan State, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, (5°C) above November average temperature in Mon State and (4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State, (6°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing Region and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (4°C) and Mandalay (8°C) and Pinlaung (9°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (0.12) inch and Tharyawady (0.04) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 18-11-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 19-11-2010 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-11-2010 was (77%) at (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 NorthWest at (15:30) hours MST on 18-11-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 20th November 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, and Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of light increase of night temperature in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-11-2010: Generally fair weather.
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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

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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

**Prime Minister receives His Royal Highness Prince of Saudi Arabia, attends cash donation ceremony for storm victims of Rakhine State, activities of MMCWA**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Prime Minister U Thein Sein received a delegation led by His Royal Highness Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud who is also the Chairman of Kingdom Holding Company of Saudi Arabia at the hall of the Government Office, here, at 5 pm yesterday.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun and departmental heads.

The Saudi Arabian delegation was accompanied by Ambassador-Designate of Saudi Arabia to Myanmar Mr Talal Mohammad Sabri Abdul Salam and officials.

After the call, the Prime Minister attended the ceremony to donate cash to the funds for storm victims of Rakhine State and for the social activities of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the hall of the Government Office.

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The right of voting with an advance ballot paper is entrusted so that every citizen can enjoy their right freely. In so doing it is also prescribed to make atonement if it found against the law.

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