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Prime Minister elaborated on obligations of the people to do their bit to achieve the national goals of State stability, community peace, the rule of law, national unity and emergence of a modern, developed nation.

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PERSPECTIVES

Work in concert for stability, peace and development of the nation

Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed new nation is the national goal of the State. Only when a nation or a region sees peace and stability, will all political, economic and social sectors develop.

Giving first priority to stability, peace and development, the State is making relentless efforts for ensuring economic growth of the entire people. The government is implementing the long-term and short-term plans for promotion of national education standards. As emphasis could be placed on realization of national reconsolidation, friendly relations are strengthening among the national brethren.

In striving for equitable development of all parts of the Union, transport infrastructures are being built to be able to contribute much to development of each region and all the regions. Road networks are under construction across the nation.

As Rakhine State is teeming with creeks and rivers and mountain ranges, the region faced difficulties in transport sector in the past. At present, Rakhine State has easy access to other States and Regions due to construction of three motor roads. The better transport creates unity and amity among the national races in the area. Likewise, local national race youths also gain easy access to higher education at universities opened in the state.

Due to climate change, some areas adjacent to the sea encountered loss and damage in natural disasters. The State has carried out effective relief and care services for the local people. Storm-affected towns and villages have achieved progress of economic and rehabilitation works in a short period. In the near future, these areas will gain better conditions thanks to concerted efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Consolidation brings about peace and stability in the nation. With this, the building of a modern and developed nation will be possible. Therefore, the entire national people are to strive in unison for perpetuation of the already-achieved stability, peace and development.

Democratic State, Democratic Citizen

Democratic State, Democratic Citizen consists of 33 knowledgeable articles pertaining to democracy throughout the years. Democracy is concerned with neither indiscipline nor oppression. Only the government, fairly and freely elected by the people, is the main ruling body in serving national interests and public interests. The book presents essence of democracy. The book distributed by Wisdom

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects regional development of Yangon South District

YANGON, 25 Nov — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence inspected regional development of Yangon South District and attended to the needs.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe together with officials oversaw upgrading Twantay-Kawhmu-Kungyangon road section in Kawhmu Township and gave necessary instructions.

After inspecting cultivation of seasonal crops in the farmland of a local in Kamapar village, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe cordially greeted local farmers and viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantation on both sides of the road in a motorcade.

On arrival at Kungyangon sluice gate, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe heard reports on facts about the sluice gate and monsoon and summer paddy growing in Kawhmu and Kungyangon Townships thanks to the sluice gate presented by officials and gave instructions on adequate supply of irrigation water and maintenance of the sluice gate.

After fulfilling the requirements on construction of Dalla-Thakhnputin-Lethkekogon road section, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe visited Cyclone Shelter in Lethkekoken village and viewed learning of students at Technical High School opened in the cyclone shelter.

At Lethkekogen Station Hospital, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe comforted patients and presented cash assistance. After hearing reports on road works being carried out in Kawhmu and Kungyangon Townships at the briefing hall of Dalla-Thakhnputin-Lethkekogen road section construction project, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe left necessary instructions.

Then Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe viewed harvesting of monsoon paddy model farmland in Thabyegon village in Dalla Township and met local people.

Youths visit University of National Culture and Fine Arts (Yangon)

YANGON, 25 Nov — Youth delegates of the ASEAN-China youths friendship camping visited University of National Culture and Fine Arts (Yangon) in Dagon Myothit (South) here today.

They arrived at the university accompanied by a responsible personnel from Myanmar-ASEAN social-culture community, and Rector Daw Sandar Khin explained the history and subjects of the university.

During the visit, the youths from ASEAN and China planted a tree in the university compound to mark the youth friendship camping hosted by Myanmar under “Cultural Trail From China to ASEAN”. They learnt basics for Myanmar traditional dance, music and arts and exchanged views on their learning.
Potential Wikileaks release harmful to US State Department

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—The US State Department said Wednesday that the expected release of classified US diplomatic files by the Wikileaks website is harmful to US relations with other countries. “These revelations are harmful to the United States and our interests,” State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said. “They are going to create tension in relationships between our diplomats and our friends around the world,” he said. Wikileaks, the whistle-blower website, is reportedly to release sensitive US diplomatic documents within days. The website has previously made public tens of thousands of US classified documents about wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. “We wish this would not happen, but we are obviously prepared for the possibility that it will,” said Crowley.

Mexico police arrest drug gang leader

MEXICO CITY, 25 Nov—Mexican police said Wednesday they had captured a drug trafficker linked to the recently arrested US-born kingpin known as “La Barbie,” and to the killing of 20 Mexican tourists in September.

Carlos Montemayor Gonzalez, nicknamed “El Charro,” or “The Cowboy,” was arrested late Tuesday with help from the US Drug Enforcement Administr-

ation,” said Ramon Pequeno, anti-narcotics division chief. He is the father-in-law of Edgar Valdez Villarreal, alias “La Barbie,” who was arrested on 30 August.

Montemayor had taken over a gang led by Valdez that had been fighting for control of the Beltran Leyva drug cartel in a region south of Mexico City, Pequeno said. Montemayor allegedly told police the gang killed 20 Mexican tourists kidnapped in September in Acapulco, mistaking them for members of the rival La Familia cartel. Police found 18 of their bodies earlier this month in a mass grave outside Acapulco, in a region which has seen a surge in violent attacks in recent weeks. More than 28,000 people have died in rising drug violence in Mexico since 2006, when the government launched a military crackdown on organized crime.

The United States has pledged 1.3 billion dollars in aid over several years to help anti-drug operations, including three Black Hawk helicopters which were delivered to Mexico on Wednesday.

Mexican Home Secretary Jose Francisco Blake meanwhile announced the additional deployment of thousands of police officers to help secure the northeastern states of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, which border the United States.

India test fires nuclear capable surface-to-surface missile

NEW DELHI, 25 Nov—India Thursday tested a nuclear capable surface-to-surface Agni I missile from a test range in Odisha, eastern India, reported the Indo-Asian News Service.

The news service quoted defense sources as saying the missile can strike a target 700 km and was tested as part of user-trials from a facility on Wheeler Island in the district of Bhadrak, about 200 km from the state capital Bhubaneswar.

Six people killed, 26 injured in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 25 Nov—Up to six people were killed and 26 others wounded in separate bomb attacks in northern and central Iraq on Wednesday, the police said.

The deadliest attack during the day was in the town of al-Sheerqat, some 290 km north of Baghdad, when a twin roadside bomb explosions targeted a leader of a local Awakening Council group, killing three people and wounding 23 others, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The first blast struck the car of Hameed Hamiesh, the leader of the local paramilitary group, damaging his car and causing no casualties, the source said. Few minutes later, another roadside bomb went off targeted a crowd of people who gathered to look at the scene of the first blast, killing three and wounding 23 others, including some Sahwa members, the source said, adding that Hamiesh himself survived the double blasts unhurt.

Earlier in the day, the police said that three people were killed and three others wounded in attacks in Baghdad and the Iraqi Provinces of Nineveh and Anbar. Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities.—Xinhua
Science

US astronomers report sighting of unusual galaxy

LOS ANGELES, 25 Nov—Using NASA’s Spitzer Space Telescope, astronomers have caught sight of an unusual galaxy that has illuminated new details about a celestial “sandbar” connecting two massive islands of galaxies, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) reported on Wednesday.

The galaxy has an unusual ratio of radio to infrared light, as measured by the Very Large Array and Spitzer, making it stand out like a beacon, said JPL in Pasadena, Los Angeles.

The discovery shed light on celestial “sandbars,” or filaments, which are known to span vast distances between galaxy clusters and form a lattice-like structure known as the cosmic web, JPL said.

Although immense, these filaments are difficult to see and study in detail. Two years ago, Spitzer’s infrared eyes revealed that one such intergalactic filament containing star-forming galaxies ran between the galaxy clusters called Abell 1763 and Abell 1770. Now these observations have been bolstered by the discovery, inside this same filament, of a galaxy that has a rare boomerang shape and unusual light emissions, said JPL. Hot gas is sweeping the wandering galaxy into this shape as it passes through the filament, presenting a new way to gauge the filament’s particle density, according to JPL.

Researchers hope that other such galaxies with oddly curved profiles could serve as signposts for the faint threads, which in turn signify regions ripe for forming stars.—Internet

US designates ‘critical’ polar bear habitat in Arctic

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—The US government designated “critical habitat” for polar bears who live on Alaska’s disappearing sea ice, a move that could impact new oil and gas drilling projects in the Arctic.

The Fish and Wildlife Service set aside 187,000 square miles (484,000 square kilometers) off Alaska as the threatened bears’ habitat, which means any project that could impact the animals’ way of life must undergo careful review.

“This critical habitat designation enables us to work with federal partners to ensure their actions within its boundaries do not harm polar bear populations,” said Tom Strickland, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

Nevertheless, the greatest threat to the polar bear is the melting of its sea ice habitat caused by human-induced climate change. We will continue to work toward comprehensive strategies for the long-term survival of this iconic species.”

The move falls short of barring any drilling or other activity in the area, but “identifies geographic areas containing features considered essential for the conservation of the bear that require special management or protection.” US environmental advocates earlier this month warned that polar bear habitats could be disrupted if oil companies eager to exploit the Arctic for fuel were to experience an accidental spill like the BP gusher in the Gulf of Mexico. The Fish and Wildlife Service acknowledged that the designation, which includes swaths of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas off northern Alaska, “encompass(es) areas where oil and gas exploration activities are known to occur.”—Internet

Technology

Facebook moves closer to trademarking ‘face’

NEW YORK, 25 Nov—Facebook has moved a step closer toward trademarking the word “face”—at least in certain contexts.

The company’s 2005 application with the US Patent and Trademark Office received a “notice of allowance” Tuesday, which means Facebook now has six months to show that it uses the trademark and pay a $100 fee, said Cynthia Lynch, administrator for trademark policy and procedure at the agency. Or, it can file for an extension.

Even if it’s approved, Facebook wouldn’t have a trademark on “face” in every instance, only in online chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards for the “transmission of messages among computer users in the field of general interest and concerning social and entertainment subject matter,” according to the Patent and Trademark Office’s database entry on the application. It oddly exempts uses “primarily featuring or relating to motoring or to cars.”—Internet

Paper wins over e-books for travel guides

DRESDEN, 25 Nov—It sounded like a better, lighter way to pack for a trip to Germany a Kindle with a Lonely Planet guide to Germany and the 844-page brick of a book.

Yet to my surprise, the 10-day visit to Munich, Dresden and Berlin turned into a lesson about the pitfalls of cramping an old medium — the book — into a new one — the electronic reading device.

It’s a good thing that I had the foresight to bring a paper copy of Lonely Planet’s “Germany,” borrowed from the public library. My plan was to bring it as a backup in case something went wrong with the Kindle, but leave it in the hotel room to lighten my backpack. Instead, I ditched the Kindle and carried the book around.

That made me sad, because the Kindle, and the e-reading revolution, promises so much.

The e-reader from Amazon.com Inc is light and can store not only the travel guide, but all the bulky novels I’ve been meaning to catch up on. A built-in dictionary lets me look up strange words.

The Kindle lets me type notes, highlight passages, and find them easily again. I added tips on tipping and transit fares as well as a reminder to visit a concentration camp memorial outside Berlin. The Kindle also lets me add bookmarks, the digital equivalent of the folded corners, or doggie ears, that I’ve marred many paperbacks with in the past.

Preparing for the trip, there was no need to go to a book store or even a computer. I just bought the book through the Kindle’s wireless connection.—Internet

Mobile phone firms face big gov’t charges in India

LONDON, 25 Nov—Vodafone and other mobile phone companies operating in India could be forced to pay more than one billion dollars (750 million euros) each to the government, officials told Thursday’s ‘Financial Times’.

The Indian government came under fire for the alleged undervaluation of the second-generation mobile licences it issued in 2008, forcing telecoms minister Andimuthu Raja to resign.

A report by India’s national auditor found the government gave spectrum to existing operators — Bharti Airtel, BSNL and Vodafone — beyond the set time limit without charging any upfront fees, resulting in eight billion dollars lost revenue.

“This is payback time,” a senior government official told the newspaper. “Those who were given more at less will have to pay something back to the government.”

“The exact amount is being worked out but BSNL, Bharti and Vodafone are the ones that benefited the most so they will pay the most,” the official added.
US medical group warns against excessive alcohol consumption on holidays

Los Angeles, 25 Nov—The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) urged Americans on Wednesday to refrain from excessive drinking during the holiday season. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to serious injury and death, the ACEP warned. If people refrain from excessive drinking, drunk-driving accidents, heart problems and home injuries can be prevented, the group said. People should use good judgment when they get together with family and friends, it said. “Very few things are more heartbreaking than to see a family suffer the loss of a loved one because of an alcohol-related tragedy, and during the holidays, people take risks. A fun holiday celebration can turn into a nightmare in the blink of an eye, and it can happen to anyone, and we don’t want that to happen,” Dr Sandra Schneider, ACEP president, said in a society news release.

Each year in the United States, 79,000 deaths and many more injuries occur as a direct result of excessive alcohol consumption, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. —INTERNET

Health Tip: Help avoid dry skin

Skin changes are common as you age, including skin that’s dry and itchy.

The Cleveland Clinic says you can avoid dry skin by taking note of these risk factors:

* Not drinking enough fluids.
* Spending too much time in the sun.
* Exposure to dry air.
* Being a smoker.
* Being under stress.
* Having less active oil and sweat glands, a common condition as people age.

Danish researchers have come up with a recipe for preventing and treating obesity: a diet high in proteins and low in refined starches such as white bread and white rice.—INTERNET

Health

Statins OK for patients with abnormal liver function

London, 25 Nov—Long-term use of cholesterol-lowering statins does not increase the risk of liver disease in patients with abnormal liver function, and can actually improve liver function, according to a new study that challenges widespread belief.

The researchers also point out that this study is the first to show that statins provide a substantially greater cardiovascular benefit in patients with abnormal liver function than in those with normal liver function.

The study, published in the 24 Nov online edition of The Lancet, included 437 patients with moderately abnormal liver tests believed to have non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. Statins were given to 227 patients, while the other 210 (the control group) received no treatment.

After three years of follow-up, the patients taking statins did not have a higher rate of liver problems than those in the control group. In addition, levels of alanine aminotransferase (ALT) — a biomarker of liver problems — decreased or normalized in the patients taking statins but worsened in the control group.

The investigators also found that patients with abnormal liver tests who took statins had a 39 percent to 68 percent reduced risk of cardiovascular events such as heart attack and stroke. —INTERNET

Japan’s exports expand 7.8% in Oct

Tokyo, 25 Nov—Japan’s exports expanded for the 11th straight month in October, up by 7.8 percent year-on-year to 5.723.6 billion yen (68.95 billion US dollars), the finance ministry said Thursday. The rate of exports growth, however, continued to slow in the reporting month, hitting a new low in 11 months against the backdrop of global economic slowdown, it said.

Trade surplus rose 2.7 percent to 821.9 billion yen (9.89 billion dollars) with imports expanding 8.7 percent to 4,901.7 billion yen (59.05 billion dollars). Exports to countries in the European Union dropped 1.9 percent to 655.3 billion yen (7.89 billion dollars), marking the first fall in 11 months.

The figures are measured on a customs-cleared basis before adjustments for seasonal factors. —Xinhua

Irish government unveils four-year economic plan

Dublin, 25 Nov—The Irish government on Wednesday published a four-year recovery plan that involves a record budget cut of 15 billion euros (about 20 billion US dollars) over the next four years in order to reduce the country’s deficit.

The four-year plan includes 6 billion euros (about 8 billion dollars) in spending cuts next year and another 9 billion euros (about 12 billion dollars) between 2012 and 2014. It also includes income tax increases, deep cuts in social welfare expenditures and a reduction of 10 percent or more in the minimum wage, one of the highest in Europe.

The plan, described as a "blueprint for a return to sustainable growth in our economy," was unveiled by Prime Minister Brian Cowen, Finance Minister Brian Lenihan and Environment Minister John Gormley.

The government has already made clear that an “adjustment” of 15 billion euros (about 20 billion dollars) will have to be made over the next four years.

The plan confirms that 10 billion euros (about 13 billion dollars) will be saved by way of cuts in spending and 5 billion euros (about 7 billion dollars) by way of tax increases.

According to the plan, the government will reduce the cost of the public sector pay and pensions bill, social welfare, and public service programs, and achieve savings in social welfare expenditure of 2.8 billion euros (about 3.7 billion dollars). —Xinhua

Brazil’s consumer confidence hits record high

Rio de Janeiro, 25 Nov—Brazil’s Consumer Confidence Index (ICC) reached record-high 125.4 points in November, up 2.7 percent from October, according to a new study. It is the ninth consecutive monthly ICC rise and represents an 8.6 percent growth year on year, said the study released by the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) on Wednesday. The ICC also accumulated a rise of 11.6 percent year to date.

The FGV says the positive indicator is mainly due to the increase in the confidence levels of poorer consumers, boosted by the announcement of a rise in the minimum wage and the certainty that the government’s social programs will remain unchanged under the new administration. —Xinhua

Business
China’s emission control efforts bring business opportunities

BEIJING, 25 Nov.—Li Zongwei, chief financial officer of a solar energy company, was passionate while talking about the company’s plan. “We are planning to expand our production capacity of over 700 megawatt (MW) per year by 2011, with 600 MW at our headquarters and 100 MW at another base in Hainan Province, to increase its nameplate capacity to 1.7 gigawatt (GW) PV modules for higher demand.”

Li was talking in Beijing at the Global Green Think Tank Summit, an event held from Monday to Thursday to promote low-carbon economy with the theme of “the age of low-carbon economy: opportunities in a global emerging market”.

“We have won the 10 MW bid for the solar power plant of Dunhuang Project in Gansu Province, and are further exploring the domestic market,” he said, “We believe that the market expansion would be more exponential than it is now.”

Founded in 1987 in Baoding, Hebei Province, Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Ltd has taken 10 percent of the world’s solar market, according to Li.

He is very optimistic about China’s new energy market, which has the central government’s support. The government has accelerated the construction of solar, hydropower, nuclear, and wind power capacities. The solar power capacity soared to 300 MW in 2009. According to the country’s long and mid-term development plan, the figure is expected to reach 1.8 GW by 2020.—Xinhua

Alleged Aussie counterfeiters arrested

SYDNEY, 25 Nov.—Australian police say they have torpedoed a scheme to produce and distribute nearly $400,000 in counterfeit Australian banknotes.

Six men in Sydney and one man in the United States were arrested Wednesday after a joint investigation by the New South Wales and Australian Federal Police, the Reserve Bank, Customs and the US Secret Service.

Three large printing presses and more than 800 $50 counterfeit notes were seized in Sydney. In San Francisco, the Secret Service arrested a 36-year-old Australian national who allegedly was in possession of more than 900 counterfeit Australian notes. Commander David Stewart of the Australian Federal Police in Sydney told the Australian Broadcasting Corp the suspects were very sophisticated. “It was quite technically savvy and they obviously have connections,” he said.

The investigation began in April when the Reserve Bank noticed high-quality fake $50 notes circulating in Sydney. The state police in New South Wales also began an investigation into counterfeiting activities by outlaw motorcycle gangs, known as “bikies” in Australia. Police said a total of 7,700 counterfeit notes have been found in Australia and the United States with a face value of almost $400,000.

“Australian currency is very difficult to counterfeit as it is printed on a polymer base with clear “windows” embedded in the face of the note.”—Xinhua

Norovirus sickens 131 people in Illinois nursing homes

CHICAGO, 25 Nov.—The norovirus has sickened 131 people including residents and staffs in three McHenry County nursing homes in Illinois of the United States, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Outbreaks of norovirus are very common at this time of year and the administrators at those homes are cooperating to stop the virus from spreading, according to local health officials.

The viral infection is very contagious, and commonly pops up at places where large numbers of people gather, including nursing homes and schools, said Mary Lou Ludicky, a communicable disease coordinator of McHenry County Health Department.

Ludicky also mentioned that norovirus could be difficult to stop because it could survive for days on tables, door knobs and other surfaces.

In suburban Cook County, 59 clusters of the illness have been identified since the end of October at several schools, but no cases have been reported in long-term care facilities, according to the local officials.

Norovirus causes symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea and fever and affects people of all ages. The viruses are transmitted by consuming contaminated food or water, person-to-person contact, touching contaminated objects and putting hands in mouth subsequently, as well as sharing food or eating utensils with someone who is affected.

The affected nursing homes, refusing new admissions, have taken extra precautions including posting signs at the entrance to alert visitors, giving a list of tips of prevention and sending infected staff and food workers home, who will not be allowed back to the facility for 24 and 48 hours respectively, once their symptoms are gone.—Xinhua

China, Russia sign 13 deals valued at $8b

MOSCOW, 25 Nov.—Representatives and financial institutions from China and Russia on Wednesday signed 13 agreements worth eight billion US dollars.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov, the two chairmen from each side of the Joint Commission for China-Russia Regular Meetings of Heads of Government, attended the signing ceremony held at the fifth China-Russia economic and trade summit forum.—MNA/Xinhua

A visitor touches a piece of furniture made of rosewood at the rosewood culture festival in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 25 Nov, 2010. The four-day festival kicked off here Thursday, showcasing rosewood furniture and craftworks from nearly 60 furniture makers nationwide.—Xinhua

Xinhua, NBC forge business partnership in TV news service

NEW YORK, 25 Nov.—Xinhua News Agency and the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) here Tuesday to establish a multi-level business partnership in the area of international TV news service.

It marked the latest marketing endeavor in North America of the China Xinhua News Network Corporation (CNC), CNC’s TV arm created one year ago.

CNC, which is aimed at setting up channels around the world, now gathers an average of 800 minutes of Chinese and English news content each day, the longest in that regard among the world’s media organizations.

The network has launched its Chinese and English channels earlier this year with coverage already reaching the Asia-Pacific region, North America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.—Xinhua

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Kalay area achieving progress with roads and bridges

Article & Photos: Kalay Win Thu

While strolling on Panmun Creek Bridge, I remembered the occasion on its inauguration ceremony with applause of the local people and active and smiling their faces. Indeed, the local people are pleased with better transport due to opening the bridge.

Panmun Creek Bridge, reliable one for Kalay, Gangaw and Chin State, is located on Kalay-Gangaw Road at the foot of Chin mountain range.

Panmun Creek originates from Webula Village at the foot of Chin mountain range and flows into Myittha River near Natshaung Village.

As the creek originates on Chin mountain range, its current is speedy. Now, a bridge has been built on the creek for ensuring better transport of the local people.

Various sizes and types of vehicles are driving along the bridge. Express buses and cargos running along the routes of Kalay-Mandalay, and Kalay-Monywa pass the bridge. Passenger buses and express buses plying along Kalay-Doenwe-Tinthar-Ashaysee road also pass the bridge.

The government has built roads and bridges in urban and rural areas including border areas for ensuring their equitable development. Likewise, Kalay Township has got many small and large bridges.

During the 20-year period, the government constructed Phone Creek Bridge on Kalay-Kalewa Road, Kabani Bridge and Panmun Creek Bridge on Kalay-Gangaw Road, Myaung Creek Bridge near Hsedaw Village, and Kalewa Bridge (Myittha) on Kalay-Kalewa-Myoma-Yargyi-Monywa Road.

The over 100-mile Kalay-Tamu-Kalewa Highway has been upgraded to the India-Myanmar friendship road. At present, a pontoon bridge across Nerinzara River on Kalay-Tamu-Kalewa road is being upgraded. Thanks to small and large bridges, Kalay Township is gaining development momentum.

Now, the local people can take three hours for travelling along Kalay-Tamu road and more than one hour along Kalay-Kalewa road. The 82 miles long Kalay-Gangaw road becomes 4-5 hours drive.

Better transport can strengthen unity and amity among national brethren, contribute to swift flow of commodities and develop the livelihoods of the local people.

Southern and northern parts of Kalay Township had lagged behind in development in the past. Thanks to small and large bridges, the local people can now overcome difficulties in the transport sector. They will remember gratitude of the State on construction of roads and bridges in their area.

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The Prime Minister visited the Maha Muni Buddha Image and offered flowers, water, and lights to it.

He inspected tasks for all-round renovation of the image and made cash donations to the image.

The Prime Minister and entourage arrived at Sittway in the evening. In meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people, the Prime Minister elaborated on occurrences of natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, forest fires, and tsunamis being faced by many countries due to world climate changes; needs of residents to raise awareness and stability, community peace, the rule of law, national unity and emergence of a modern, developed nation; tasks to expedite agricultural farming for greater national development to industrialize the nation; and their own by making good use of foundations built by the government, providing encouragement to children to pursue basic and higher education, continued restoration of stability and peace, the region and their own by making good use of foundations built by the government, providing encouragement to children to pursue basic and higher education, continued restoration of stability and peace, the

government has rendered various types of assistance for their basic needs.

The Prime Minister made cash donations for rebuilding of damaged residences in the village. On arrival at Kyaukpyu, the Prime Minister inspected progress in rebuilding the women’s hostels of the education college. He called on the deputy principal and teachers to sharpen the abilities of the students in order that the youngsters will have higher reasoning power, moral conduct, self-discipline, and a strong sense of Union Spirit. He also nudged the teachers to study regularly to be skilled in the subjects they teach.

In his inspection tour of Kyaukpyu General Hospital, the Prime Minister gave instructions to the medical superintendent,
**MoA, MoU signed for Shweli (2), Bilin hydropower projects**

YANGON, 25 Nov — Ministry of Electric Power-1 signed MoA with Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co., Ltd from China and Asia World Co Ltd on Shweli (2) hydropower project through JV/B.O.T system yesterday. Before the ceremony, President of Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co., Ltd Mr Yuan Xianghua called on Minister for Electric Power-1 U Zaw Min at Department U Kyee Soe signed the MoA with Mr. Yuan Xianghua and signed the MoU with U Tun Myint Naing, Chairman of the Asia World Co Ltd, and exchanged the documents. U Myint Zaw, Director-General of the Hydropower Implementation Department, and an official from Shwe-swam-in Co Ltd signed an agreement on handing over and taking over of the machineries and equipment for Thaukyegat (2) hydropower project.

Minister U Zaw Min attended signing of MoA on Shweli (2) hydropower project. —MNA

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Minister U Zaw Min delivers an address at a ceremony to sign MoA and MoU on Shweli (2) and Bilin hydropower projects. —MNA

Minister U Zaw Min attends signing of MoU on Bilin hydropower project.—MNA

**Commander attends shooting prize presenting ceremony**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin on 23 November attended prize presenting ceremony for Commander’s for Shield Shooting Contest at local battalion in Shwebo. The commander presented championship shields and cash awards to winning men’s and women’s teams. Later, he inspected harvesting of monsoon paddy in Kyekan Village of Wetlet Township. He viewed paddy threshing by machines and cordially greeted the farmers.—MNA

**2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium continues its 9th day**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—The 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium organized by emporium organizing committee continued its ninth day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall of the Gems Museum here today. Foreign and local gem merchants observed jade lots to be sold through the tender system and competitive bidding system, and put the bid into tender boxes for gem lots.

The 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium which is first time in Nay Pyi Taw will continue till 29 November. —MNA

Local and foreign gem merchants observing jade lots at 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

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Korean film stars Song Il Gook ...

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During their stay in Myanmar, Jumong and Lee Hana will also meet journalists at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on the morning of 26 November. So, journalists can grab the golden opportunity to interview the Korean film stars for their experiences in the field of acting.

In addition, they will receive Myanmar fans at Dagon Centre in Yangon at 2.30 pm on 26 November. Myanmar fans will be able to embrace the opportunity to greet the Korean film stars. After the meeting, Jumong and Lee Hana will attend the opening ceremony of the Korean film festival at Thamada Cinema Hall.

Korean actor Song Il Gook (Jumong) and actress Lee Hana will visit Posco Theatre in Mingaladon, Yangon, at 11 am and the Shwedagon Pagoda in the afternoon on 27 November. They will leave Myanmar for the Republic of Korea that evening.

Korean actor Song Il Gook (Jumong), 39, started to win the support of Myanmar fans for his role in Korean TV series “Hero who will make history”. He stars in the Korean TV series “Love boundary” that is on in Myanmar now.

Actress Lee Hana, 28, stars in TV series “Women of the Sun”, “Alone in Love” and “Merry Deagu Round up”. Of them, the TV series “Women of the Sun” meets the heart and soul of Myanmar fans. The TV series is that her elder sister, the adopted daughter, left natural daughter Lee Hana at a railway station, and Lee Hana reunites with her parents when he comes of age.

Jumong and Lee Hana will contribute towards the Myanmar-Korea cultural and art exchanges programme. So, Myanmar fans are happy with the visit of the Korean film stars.

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Western Australian gov’t calls for Chinese investment in Oakajee port and rail project

Canberra, 25 Nov—Western Australian (WA) State Premier Colin Barnett called for Chinese companies Wednesday to invest in the state’s 4.4 billion US dollars stalled Oakajee port and rail project.

The project is a joint venture between Australia’s Murchison Metals and Japan’s Mitsubishi.

Analyst said that once completed, the Oakajee facility would serve as the gateway for more iron ore investments in WA.

“I welcome Chinese companies playing a bigger role because China is the market for this iron ore,” Barnett told Fairfax Radio.

“The price of iron ore is 160 US dollars a tonne, it wasn’t that long ago it was 80 US dollars a tonne so Oakajee is a goer, a big goer. What I’m trying to do is align the various commercial and investment entities so that it goes ahead.”

According to The Australian newspaper, the call came after several Chinese companies, including Sinosteel and Ansteel, have expressed interest in taking a stake in the project. Questions have recently been raised over the completion of Oakajee with speculations the project’s partners Mitsubishi and Murchison Metals are having difficulties with financing, because Mitsubishi wants to pull out.

Earlier this month Murchison Metals said the project in WA’s mid-west would be delayed for up to six months, as it waited for key agreements to be finalized.

This NOAA satellite image taken on 24 Nov, 2010 at 12:45 am EST shows mostly clear skies in the East after a cold front passed offshore. In the Plains, cloud cover associated with a new storm continues to increase. Internet

Implanted heart devices have ‘real-world’ benefits

California, 25 Nov—Implantable devices designed to control heart rhythm and efficiency while preventing sudden death among heart failure patients are as effective at ensuring patient survival in real-world situations as they are in controlled study environments, new research suggests.

The finding is based on an analysis of nearly 186,000 patients outfitted with either an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD), a cardiac resynchronization therapy device (CRT), or a defibrillator combined with a CRT (a CRT-D).

The study authors noted that the observation is somewhat surprising, given that some of the patients not enrolled in structured studies have already experienced a cardiac event and are therefore prescribed such devices to prevent a recurrence.

This would suggest that real-world heart failure patients, as a whole, might be more vulnerable to fatal events than those tracked in a study setting. “I’m very encouraged that survival after defibrillator implant is as good as it is for as long as it is,” co-author Dr Leslie A. Saxon, chief of the division of cardiovascular medicine at the University of Southern California’s Keck School of Medicine in Los Angeles, said in a news release from the American Heart Association. “There’s a lot of good news here,” she added. Saxon and her team reported their observations in the 22 Nov online edition of Circulation. Crunching the numbers, the authors determined that 92 percent of ICD patients survive one year out from device implantation. The same is true for 88 percent of CRT-D patients, they noted. Five years out, those figures dipped to 68 percent for ICD patients and 54 percent for CRT-D patients.

Indonesia’s another volcano on red alert

Jakarta, 25 Nov—Indonesia’s volcanology agency has raised alert level of a volcano in East Java, Mount Bromo, and declared dangerous zone of 2.5 km from the crater, officials said on Wednesday.

The raise of the alert level comes as Indonesia has conducted relief works after the eruption of Mount Merapi volcano in Central Java that killed more than 320 people and displaced over 400,000 others. The volcano still threatens the people as it remains on top alert. “We have raised alert level of Bromo to the top since yesterday (Tuesday) as the mount seismic activity has risen,” head of Indonesia’s Volcanology Agency Surono told Xinhua. Mount Bromo of 2,329 metres high had entered the phase of eruption since last week, the mount has shot ash containing debris and other material since, but it was not at the dangerous level Agus Budianto, head of sub-unit of volcano observation at the agency said.—Xinhua

People wait for UTA Trax trains at the Trolley Station in downtown Salt Lake City on 23 Nov, 2010. The weather service issued a blizzard warning for Utah amid forecasts of strong winds, heavy snow and possible whiteout conditions on Tuesday night.—Internet

Colombia, Peru launch joint anti-drug op on border

Bogota, 25 Nov—Colombia and Peru are conducting a joint operation in their Amazon border areas against drug and weapons trafficking activities of armed rebel groups, it was announced Tuesday.

“It is a joint effort to destroy the gathering place of these drug trafficking groups, to cut and neutralize the mobility corridors of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)’s southern wing,” the Colombian Navy said in a statement posted on its website.

The operation, dubbed “Colper Amazonia 2010,” began on Monday and will continue for three more weeks, during which seven Colombian navy units will be deployed on the Amazonas and Putumayo Rivers, the main rivers of Colombia which also border Peru, it said.

“Canon vessels, towers, light and heavy patrol units, and speed patrols of the Colombian Navy will perform surveillance, prohibition and support operations,” it said.

The “Colper Amazonia 2010” will enhance training, interoperability and integration of the ground, air and water units from the two countries, as both governments hope to strengthen military cooperation to boost up border security, according to the statement.

Colombia and Peru share a border of 1,662 kilometres, including rivers and jungles, where rampant illegal activities of rebel groups have become a growing concern for both countries. —Xinhua

“Experience China” cultural activities kick off in Geneva


The artistic show at the Assembly Hall of Palais des Nations, the headquarters of UNOG organized by China’s State Council Information Office (SCIO) “is part of its effort to promote the Chinese culture overseas,” SCIO Director Wang Chen said.

In a welcome speech before the show, Wang said the “Experience China” cultural activities in Geneva “aim to share the Chinese culture with foreigners, including UN staff members.”

Through the activities, he added, the audience “may experience and feel vividly China, a country that is thriving with prosperity and unique traditions” without stepping their feet on China’s soil.

Sergei Ordzhonikidze, director-general of the UNOG, said on the same occasion that “Experience China” cultural activities “show us many faces of China’s rich and diverse culture heritage.”

He added that “it is an example that culture exchanges may generate mutual understanding among different peoples on the basis of a better world.”

The Chinese performers including well-known tenor Liu Weiwei, violinist Li Chuanyun and lutanist Wu Yuxia brought to the audience masterpieces of traditional and classical music of both China and as well as China’s traditional dances, breathtaking acrobatics and ballet. —Xinhua
Brazil cracks down in Rio drugs offensive

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Nov—Rolling out helicopter-backed armoured tanks, police in Rio launched a broad crackdown on gangs and drug-trafficking groups on Tuesday in 20 slums, killing at least two suspects, authorities said. “This Tuesday, all police are on the streets,” said Colonel Lima Castro, of the Militarized Police, adding that weapons and drugs had been seized. So far, 11 people have been arrested, authorities said.

Hundreds of heavily armed officers had moved into at least 20 of the city’s hillside slums, called favelas, by midday.

“We will do whatever it takes so that the good guys defeat those who prefer to live lives of crime,” President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said, referring to the offensive at a Petrobras event in Ribeirao Preto, Sao Paulo state.

Justice Minister Luiz Paulo Barreto meanwhile offered Rio Governor Sergio Cabral federal troops including elite police as backup forces for the crackdown.

Lives endangered by CBC report on Hariri killing: prosecutor

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TEHERAN, 25 Nov—Iran denied on Tuesday claims that its sensitive uranium enrichment work has been hit by technical problems and said its nuclear programme has not been harmed by the Stuxnet computer worm.

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And he welcomed the International Atomic Energy Agency’s latest report on Iran, saying his country had “cooperated” with the UN nuclear watchdog.

There was no indication yet how long the outage lasted, according to a senior diplomat familiar with the IAEA’s investigation.

The report did not say what the reasons for the outage might have been.—INTERNET

Iran problem with uranium enrichment

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 1st December (Wednesday) 2010, National Day, being public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV WIEBKE VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WIEBKE VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Comedian George Lopez’s wife files for divorce

Los Angeles, 25 Nov—George Lopez and his wife of 17 years are making their breakup official with her filing for divorce. Ann Serrano Lopez filed her petition, citing irreconcilable difference, on Tuesday in Los Angeles. The pair announced their breakup in September and said they would remain partners in a charitable foundation. They have a 14-year-old daughter, and Ann Lopez is seeking physical custody.

The filings do not offer any additional details about the split. The pair were married in September 1993 and did not list a separation date. The filing was first reported by celebrity website TMZ.

Bush memoir sells more than one million copies

New York, 25 Nov—More than 1.1 million copies of former President George W Bush’s memoir, “Decision Points,” have been sold since its release earlier this month, his publisher said on Wednesday.

More than 135,000 e-books were bought, and copies in print now number around 2.1 million. Crown publishers said.

Since “Decision Points” hit bookshelves on 9 November, Bush has been making rounds of the media to promote it. He has joked with Oprah Winfrey that he was “through with politics.” “A lot of people didn’t think I could read, much less write,” Bush cracked about the book to Winfrey.

His appearance on US morning chat show “Today” resurrected old animosity about his administration’s handling of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and he has defended the US-led invasion of Iraq, faulty intelligence that the former Iraqi government possessed weapons of mass destruction and his administration’s handling of the financial crisis.

Underwear invention protects privacy at airport

It’s a special kind of underwear with a strategically placed fig leaf design and a Colorado man says it’ll get you through the airport screeners with your dignity intact.

Jeff Buske says his invention uses a powdered metal that protects people’s privacy when undergoing medical or security screenings.

Buske of Las Vegas, Nev Rocky Flats Gear says the underwear’s inserts are thin and conform to the body’s contours, making it difficult to hide anything beneath them. The mix of tungsten and other metals do not set off metal detectors.

The men’s design has the fig leaf, while the one for women comes in the shape of clasped hands. It’s unclear whether it would lead to an automatic, more intrusive pat down by federal Transportation Security Administration officials.

Frenchwoman stuck in bathroom for three weeks

French firefighters freed a 69-year-old woman who spent three weeks trapped in her bathroom and whose nocturnal pleas for help — by tapping on pipes — were ignored by neighbours, police said Tuesday.

The woman emerged in a “very weakened” state when rescue workers, alerted by neighbours worried because they had not seen her for some time, broke into her home Friday in the Paris suburb of Epinay-sous- Senart to extricate her. She had got stuck after the bathroom door lock broke.

The woman, who is recuperating in hospital, survived by drinking warm water from the bathroom tap and at night-time tried to call for help by tapping on piping, police said. But neighbours in the apartment block said they thought someone was doing home repair work and launched a petition to find out who it was and have it stopped.

Susan Boyle’s album tops Billboard 200 for 2nd week

Beijing, 25 Nov—Susan Boyle’s second album “The Gift” topped the Billboard 200 album charts for a second week despite challenges from nine new competitors including R.ihanna, according to media reports Thursday. The former “Britain’s Got Talent” runner-up also scored a rare second-week sales increase, up 5 percent with 335,000 sales of her Christmas-themed album. The top nine albums all sold more than 100,000 each. Overall album sales in the chart week ending 21 Nov totaled 8.12 million units, up 2 percent compared to the comparable sales week of 2009.

No. 1: Susan Boyle’s “The Gift,” 335,000
No. 2: Jackie Evancho’s “O Holy Night,” 239,000
No. 3: Rihanna’s “Loud,” 207,000
No. 4: Josh Groban’s “Eclipses,” 191,000
No. 5: Kid Rock’s “Born Free,” 189,000
No. 6: Rascal Flatts’ “Nothing Like This,” 165,000
No. 7: Keith Urban’s “Get Closer,” 162,000
No. 8: “Glee” Christmas album, 161,000
No. 9: Taylor Swift’s “Speak Now,” 146,000
No. 10: Nelly’s “5.0,” 63,000—Xinhua

Scottish singer Susan Boyle sings “I Dreamed a Dream” on the Danish relief show “The Copenhagen Collection” to raise money for women in Africa and for the victims of the Haiti earthquake at the Tivoli Concert Hall in Copenhagen on 30 Jan, 2010.

Xinhua

Zhang Yujian performs a stunt of eating a light bulb in Mudanjiang City, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 22 Nov, 2010. Zhang ate two bulbs during his performance Monday. His best record is said to eat three bulbs in 120 seconds.

An actress performs on stage at the Nine Theater in Beijing, capital of China, 24 Nov, 2010. “Instruction of Destroying The Earth”, a comedy drama about hostile pollution and environmental protection, is aimed at raising the green awareness in China.

In this undated product image provided by Rocky Flats Gear, a variety of the company’s radiation shielding underwear is shown. Rocky Flats Gear’s Jeff Buske says his invention uses a powdered metal that protects people’s privacy when undergoing medical or security screenings.

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XINHUA
Edgy Inter scrape into Champions League knockout round

Inter Milan’s Argentine midfielder Esteban Matias Cambiasso (R) celebrates with teammate French forward Ludovic Blasianon after scoring against Twente during their Group A Champions League football match at San Siro stadium in Milan. — INTERNET

Messi scores in 9th straight game for Barcelona

Athens, 25 Nov — Lionel Messi scored in his ninth consecutive game for Barcelona, increasing his career total to 150 goals and helping clinch a second-round Champions League berth with a 3-0 win at Panathinaikos on Wednesday night. Pedro Rodriguez put Barcelona ahead in the 27th minute, and Messi tapped in Adriano’s cross in the 62nd for his 23rd goal in 18 games this season, including six in five Champions League matches. Messi has 15 goals in Barcelona’s last nine matches.

Rodriguez added another goal in the 69th as Barcelona (2-0-3) assured itself of Group D with a win. Former Brazilian forward Ronaldo had gone 19 games without scoring for Barcelona, increasing his top goal total to 23rd in the Champions League.

Dead rats, razor blades and referees shouldn’t mix

Paris, 25 Nov — For once, it was understandable although not necessarily right that Arsene Wenger complained. No two ways about it: His team, Arsenal, should have been awarded a penalty when its substitute striker, Carlos Vela, was hacked down in front of goal by Alberto Rodriguez, a Peruvian defender for Portuguese side Braga.

Because this was the Champions League, Hungarian referee Viktor Kassai had two extra assistants to help him. Two extra pairs of eyes that are meant to spot and help weed out the cheaters who push, shove, trip and otherwise foul in the box.

Two extra pairs of eyes that European soccer boss Michel Platini hopes will, with time, demonstrate that referees don’t need video replays to aid their officiating, because humans — in sufficient numbers — can do the job just fine.

Beckham lands in Australia, minus ‘Posh’

Sydney, 25 Nov — Football superstar David Beckham flew into Australia Thursday for an exhibition game with his team LA Galaxy, but minus his popstar wife Victoria who opted to stay at home. The former England captain said he was “honoured” to be in Australia for this weekend’s game against former A-League champions Newcastle Jets at their 26,000-capacity stadium north of Sydney.

“We’re honoured to be here, this is something the players have talked about and are excited about,” said Beckham, 35. “We’re here to enjoy ourselves but also here to perform as well and fully win.” Beckham said Spice Girl-turned-fashion designer Victoria, who was widely reported to be accompanying her husband, was in the United States celebrating Thanksgiving with their three children, Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz.

Rooney marks return in winning Champions League style

Glasgow, 25 Nov — Manchester United clinched a place in the last 16 of the Champions League after a Wayne Rooney penalty three minutes from time secured a 1-0 win over Rangers at Ibrox here on Wednesday. The English international had rattled the crossbar with a header and Allan McGregor saved well from Michael Carrick and Dimitar Berbatov as the home side, whose squad was ravaged by injuries, looked to hold on for a point.

However Steven Naismith’s goal on Fabbro late on presented Rooney with a spot-kick that he smashed past the goalkeeper as the Old Trafford side claimed their fourth win in a row and fifth clean sheet of Group C.

Manchester United’s English forward Wayne Rooney celebrates after scoring a penalty during their UEFA Champions League Group C football game at Ibrox in Glasgow, Scotland. — INTERNET

Carroll wows, Spurs beat Bremen to advance to knockout round

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Dazzling makeover for Autumn’s career

BEIJING, 25 Nov—Meili Autumn, a Hawaiian makeup artist living in Beijing, knows where she is going in life. Though most recently she has applied makeup to American pop star Chloe Wang, as well as the entire cast of Chinese movie Case Sensitive, due to hit the screens next year, her success is fresh and her experience limited. “It was now or never,” she said. “I had to follow my dream or else shame on me.” Born in Hawaii to parents of Chinese descent, Autumn spent her years of higher education at Brown University, majoring in East Asian studies.

“I always knew I wanted to be a makeup artist, but my parents wanted me to have a degree so I choose Chinese instead,” she said. After graduation, four years ago, Autumn moved to Shanghai. There she lived a carefree life, earning enough cash to survive through occasional bar work and teaching English. She soon realized it wasn’t enough. “I was 23 and had no career,” Autumn said. “I realized that to follow my dream, I had to move back and learn about cosmetics. So she returned to Hawaii and started working for MAC Cosmetics.—Xinhua

WEATHER
Thursday, 25th November, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy over Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing Region and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (5°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin, Rakhine States and Bago Region, (7°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 (3°C), Pindaya (6°C) and Heho (7°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.31) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw
Minimum temperature on 24-11-2010 was 96°F. Maximum temperature on 24-11-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-11-2010 was (68%).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 24-11-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 25-11-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-11-2010 was (67%).

Total sunshine hours on 24-11-2010 was (9.6) hours.

Rainfall on 25-11-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.76) inches at Mingaladon, (96.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.62) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (18:30) hours MST on 24-11-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 26th November 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy over Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Yangon 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 continuation of light rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-11-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-11-2010: 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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- We favour peace and stability
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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

KOreaN filM starS Song II Gook And Lee Hana Arrive At Yangon

Yangon International Airport was extraordinarily crowded with passengers, journalists and fans waiting for the arrival of Korean actor Song Il Gook (Jumong) and actress Lee Hana, who they take to their hearts.

Journalists and Korean film lovers were excited to see the Korean film stars they love. It was at 6.45 pm when the two Korean film stars arrived at the airport by flight TG-305. After taking a rest at the lounge, actor Jumong and actress Lee Hana got into the terminal building. Then, journalists were busy taking photos of the Korean film stars receiving a rousing welcome from their Myanmar fans shouting “Jumong! Jumong!” out of joy.

In response, Jumong and actress Lee Hana waved to their supporters. The crowds were postiling and yying with one another for the attention of the Korean actor and actress. Being surrounded completely by people, the two film stars could hardly move to the car waiting for them. Myanmar fans could not greet and look the film stars to their heart’s content.

Jumong and Lee Hana put up at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon for three days from 25 to 27 November. They will attend the opening of the 5th film festival of the Republic of Korea at Thamada Cinema Hall in Yangon on 26 November afternoon.

Korean Actress Lee Hana arrives at Yangon International Airport.

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Korean Actor Song Il Gook (Jumong) meets journalists and Myanmar fans at Yangon International Airport.

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