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

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

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

True patriotism
- It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

SPDC Member U Tin Aye attends ceremony to honour outstanding students in TadaU Township

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye attended the ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for the 2009-2010 academic year in TadaU Township, District Mandalay Region, this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by officials from Mandalay Region, District and Township governmental departments, principals, teachers, outstanding students, members of social organizations and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, U Tin Aye said upholding the Our Three Main National Causes — Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of the National Solidarity and Perpetuation of the Sovereignty — the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have laid down political, economic and social objectives and have been making efforts for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The ceremony to honour the outstanding students was held as part of efforts for improving the human resource of the country, for encouraging the students and for uplifting the education standard.

As today is the Knowledge Age, the power of the country would rely on the knowledge, he said. He stressed the need for working hard with commitment for generations to achieve the human resource development for uplifting the power of the country.

He continued to say that the State has been implementing the five-year short term plans of the 30-year plan for uplifting the National Education

SPDC Member U Tin Aye presents a prize to the headmistress.— MNA

Chin State lush, green with thriving tea farms

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

In Myanmar society, mango is regarded as the most delicious fruit, and tea, the most delicious leaf. And tea is consumed in three types: dry tea, raw tea and black tea. Dry tea is used to make green tea; raw tea, tea salad; and black tea, tea.

In Myanmar, tea has been popular since the time of monarchs. A historical document says that on arrival at Namhsan in Shan State (North) on his inspection tour around Shan State, King Alaung Si Thu gave tea seeds to Palaung nationals to grow.

Then, Shan State grew tea on a commercial scale and became a tea land of Myanmar.

A thriving tea plantation in Kyawbok Farm in Haka.
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Preserve and maintain cultural heritage to promote world tourism

Myanmar is blessed with natural scenic beauties. It still has vast tracts of invaluable natural forests, a large array of biodiversity and a lot of ancient pagodas. There are also many tourist destinations and resorts for ecotourism.

Such beautiful sceneries attract tourists. Bagan Archaeological Region with its cultural heritage is well-known in the global tourism. Particularly, the beautiful sunset of Bagan is so attractive to the tourists that they cannot stand waiting to view such a beauty when they visit Bagan.

Moreover, Myanmar has its famous unspoilt beaches such as the Ngapali, Ngwebaung, Hsetse and Chaungtha, which are the best beach resorts for tourists. Laying on the surface of Inlay Lake in Shan State (South) is a unique place in the Inlay region.

With the increasing number of tourists, measures are being taken to promote the Myanmar hotel and tourism. Tourism companies on their part are required to cooperate each other for the promotion of tourism.

As the number of tourists is on the increase, not only will the State earn more foreign exchange but also the world will witness the natural scenic beauties plus peace and stability of Myanmar. All in all, it is necessary to preserve and maintain Myanmar’s cultural heritage and beautiful sceneries. And better services will have to be provided to catch the attention of tourists.

In the evening, Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Nguyen Thi Xuan Thu hosted a dinner to the Myanmar delegation at Bao Son Hotel.

The joint commission meeting continued on 23 November morning, and both sides inked the agreed minutes of the meeting.

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On 22 November morning, the deputy minister together with Myanmar Ambassador U Khin Maung Soe, visited Research Institute for Aquaculture No. 1. On 23 November afternoon, the deputy minister met the Myanmar ambassador and embassy staff in Hanoi. On 24 and 25 November, the deputy minister together with the Myanmar Ambassador visited Ha Long Bay and Hai Phong including the fishery processing factory and regional development tasks.

Book “Forty-Day Kunlon Battle” in circulation

Yangon, 26 Nov—The book “Forty-Day Kunlon Battle” by Hla Thaung came out today.

The work is based on firsthand experiences of officers and other ranks who engaged in the battle in which Myanmar armed forces, Myanmar Police Force members, local militia and residents risked life and limb to repulse the attacks launched from 19 November to 28 December 1971 by Burma Communist Party (BCP) with the intention of occupying and declaring the whole area on the eastern bank of the river Thanlwin an independent region.

The book is distributed by Pyay Myanmar Book Centre (Ph: 384219), 188, 38th Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. A copy is priced at $500 kyats.

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The family inclusive of Maung Ye Lin Tun of Dalla BEMS No. 1 secured K 200,000 award. Calsome gave three K 100,000 awards to the consolation prize winners.

Assistant Marketing Manager U Sai Lin Tun Kyaw of MDC Co Ltd presented prizes to the winners. Prize winning families have the opportunity to participate in the Calsome Family Telematch Contest to be held in Hmyawzin Island on 9 January 2011.

Calsome Family Challenge events were held at Ocean (East Point), Sein Gay Har (Pamai), Sein Gay Har (Pyay Road), Junction Centre Maw Tin, and Orange Supermarket (N-Okkalapa).—MNA

Dy FM attends 7th Meeting of Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back in Yangon yesterday evening after attending the 7th Meeting of Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation held from 22 to 24 November in Hanoi, Vietnam, at the invitation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam.

The meeting took place at the conference hall of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on 22 November. The meeting was presided over by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Nguyen Thi Xuan Thu. Two sides focused on trade, industry, investment, finance and banking, fishery, forestry, health, education, etc.

Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe also attended the meeting.

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Number of world’s poorest countries doubled since 1970s

Geneva, 26 Nov—The number of very poor countries has doubled in the last 30 to 40 years, while the number of people living in extreme poverty has also grown two-fold, a UN think-tank warned Thursday. In its annual report on the nuclear forces of 49 least developed countries (LDCs) in the world, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said that the model of development that has prevailed to date for these countries has failed and should be reassessed.

“The traditional models that have been applied to LDCs that tend to move the LDCs in the direction of trade-related growth seem not to have done very well,” said Supachai Panitchpakdi, secretary general of UNCTAD.

“What happened is that in the past 30 to 40 years, the number of LDCs have doubled so it has actually deteriorated, the number of people living under the poverty line has doubled from the 1980s.”

Iran displeased with UN nuclear agency report

Tehran, 26 Nov—Iran’s nuclear chief on Thursday expressed displeasure over a report issued this week on its nuclear programme by the UN atomic agency, which included information on how low centrifuges were functioning than previously believed. The semi-official Mehr news agency quoted Ali Akbar Salehi, head of Iran’s nuclear department, as saying the International Atomic Energy Agency should just inspect the nuclear facilities and not give out any details like “how many kilograms of uranium or how many centrifuges we have.”

Iran has repeatedly accused the agency’s inspectors of leaking information found during their inspections to the US and its allies.

Earlier this week a report by agency head Yukiya Amano said inspectors found that centrifuges at the facility in central Iranian town of Natanz were not operating during a 16 Nov visit. Centrifuges enrich uranium into fuel to power nuclear plants but if enriched to much higher levels, the uranium can be used as the material for an atomic bomb.

In the report, Amano said Iran had not provided the necessary cooperation to show that all nuclear material in the country was involved in peaceful activities only.

Air strike kills three militants in Afghan Province

Ghanzi, 26 Nov—Air raid against Taleban militants killed three and injured another in the eastern Ghanzi province on Friday, provincial police chief Zerawar Zahid said.

“Four Taleban rebels were planting mine on a road in Shams village outside provincial capital Ghanzi city at 03:00 am local time but fortunately the airpower of international troops acting upon intelligence report dropped bomb and killing three rebels including their commander Mullah Muzamil on the spot,” Zahid told Xinhua. Another militant was badly injured, he added.—Xinhua

Two killed in oil tankers ablaze at Jordanian-Iraqi borders

Amman, 26 Nov—Two people were killed and 12 others were injured when a fuel tanker exploded at the Jordanian-Iraqi border area, according to the security sources.

The fuel tanker that was carrying oil from Iraq on the way to Jordan, exploded in an area between the Jordanian-Iraqi borders as it was unloading the oil, Public Security Department Spokesperson Major Mohammad Khatib said in a press release Thursday.

Khatib said the explosion was attributed to an error in the unloading of oil, adding that there are several persons still missing as a result of the fire that broke out and set 20 tankers ablaze.—Xinhua


Teenage boys survive 50 days adrift in South Pacific

WELLINGTON, 26 Nov—Three teenage boys set adrift for 50 days in a small boat in the South Pacific survived on coconuts, a seagull they managed to catch and by drinking rain and then sea water, rescuers said on Friday.

“It was a miracle we got to them,” said Tai Fredricson, first mate on the fishing boat that rescued the boys.

“They are in incredibly good shape for the time they have been at sea. Somehow they caught a bird, I don’t know how, but they caught it. They ate it, that is what is recommended (in survival manuals),” Fredricson told New Zealand media.

The boys, from the New Zealand territory of Tokelau, disappeared from its Atafu atoll on 6 October.

After an extensive air and sea search failed to find the teenagers, their families became convinced they had died at sea, and two weeks ago held a memorial service for them on the tiny coral atoll, a Maritime New Zealand spokesman said on Friday.

Reuters

3rd blast rocks NZ mine where 29 workers died

GREYMOUTH, 26 Nov—Another underground blast ripped through a New Zealand coal mine on Friday almost a week to the minute after an earlier explosion caused the country’s worst mining disaster in decades, with 29 killed.

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Unidentified members of the Australian special jet-engine rescue crew arrive at Hokitika Airport, New Zealand, Friday, on 26 Nov, 2010.—INTERNET

Women gather in the village of Doukoukoune, central Niger to collect food aid in 2005. —INTERNET

Oil trucks queue at a refinery in 2007. An oil tanker exploded in an accident on the Iraqi-Jordanian border on Thursday, killing two people, injuring at least 12 others and setting 19 other trucks ablaze, an official said.—INTERNET

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Dinosaur die-off cleared way for gigantic mammals

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—They just needed some leg room: New research shows the great dinosaur die-off made way for mammals to explode in size some more massive than several elephants put together. The largest land mammal ever: A rhinoceros-like creature, minus the horn, that stood 18 feet tall, weighed roughly 17 tons and grazed in forests in what is now Eurasia. It makes the better known woolly mammoth seem a bit puny.

Tracking such prehistoric giants is more than a curiosity: It sheds new light on the evolution of mammals as they diversified to fill habitats left vacant by the dinosaurs. Within 25 million years of the dinosaurs’ extinction fast, in geologic terms overall land mammals had reached a maximum size and then leveled off, an international team of scientists reports Friday in the journal Science. And while different species on different continents reached their peaks at different points in time, that pattern of evolution was remarkably similar worldwide.

“Evolution can happen very quickly when ecology permits,” said paleoecologist Felisa Smith of the University of New Mexico, who led the research. “This is really coming down to ecology allowing this to happen.” Anyone who frequents natural history museums knows that the end of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago ushered in the age of mammals, and that some of them were gigantic.

Microsoft ditches Drive Extender, customers furious

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—Microsoft recently announced the decision to drop the Drive Extender feature found in several of its server products, including Windows Home Server (code-named “Vail”), Small Business Server 2011 Essentials, and Windows Storage Server 2008 R2 Server Essentials. Drive Extender is a storage technology that enables the use of internal and external hard drives for additional storage on a server.

Folder Duplication for specific shared folders on servers is one of the capabilities that allow for the maintaining of two copies of a shared folder on separate hard drives to help protect against the failure of a single hard drive.

Microsoft cites several reasons for the decision. Since SBS 2011 and Storage Server are business offerings, those customers will find storage alternatives in hardware RAID, and application compatibility and data portability solutions. For Home Server users, the justification for dum- ping Drive Extender is that many “large hard drives of over 1TB are reasonably priced, and freely available. We are also seeing further expansion of hard drive sizes at a fast rate, where 2TB drives and more are becoming easy accessible to small businesses,” according to a Microsoft blog post.

Openness to virtual operators key in 4G mobile

PARIS, 26 Nov—Openness to virtual operators will be an important criteria in awarding frequencies for Fourth-generation (4G) telecoms services in auctions next year, a French minister said Thursday.

France currently has three mobile network operators and a fourth is set to begin operating within two years, plus a dozen so-called virtual operators which buy bandwidth from the network operators to offer services to the public.

“I want the attribution procedure for the frequencies to remain open to each of the four network operators,” said Industry Minister Eric Besson at an industry conference.

However, the procedure to award the frequencies should contain “criteria that values openness towards virtual operators,” he said.

Deficit hit men target NASA’s post-shuttle plans

CAPE CANAVERAL, 26 Nov—NASA’s effort to farm out astronauts’ space station trips to private companies over the next decade is under fire again, this time by federal deficit hit men. Spacelfight vendors stand to lose $1.2 billion in NASA funding in 2015 under a proposal by the co-chairmen of President Barack Obama’s bipartisan deficit commission.

Eliminating federal funding for commercial rocket rides is just one of dozens of ideas put forth earlier this month. It was No 24 on the list and, outside of space circles, was barely noticed, overshadowed by proposed cuts in Social Security benefits and a call for higher taxes.

NASA isn’t overly worried, for now. Neither are the entrepreneurs who are counting on government dollars to hurry their spacecraft and rockets along; they’re used to the Earth-mired roller coaster ride. Besides, few if any observers expect the proposed cut to muster enough support.

But the fact that commercial spacelfight was targeted underscores the vulnerability and controversy of the Obama administration’s plan to get American astronauts to the International Space Station via commercial craft once the space shuttles stop flying next year.

Australian Senate approves $35b broadband network

CANBERRA, 26 Nov—The Australian Senate on Friday approved legislation that enables the government to roll out a 36 billion Australian dollar ($35 billion) high-speed national broadband network.

The Senate’s final two-week session of the year was extended an additional day to vote on the enabling legislation that was opposed by the major opposition party. The legislation was passed 30 votes to 28. It is expected to become law on Monday when it is voted on in the House of Representatives where key Greens party and independent lawmakers have pledged their support.

The fiber optic broadband network was a major campaign issue at August elections that returned Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s centre-left Labour Party with a minority government. Opposition leader Tony Abbott’s conservative Liberal Party had promised a smaller, slower AU$6 billion network with a range of technologies including optical fiber, wireless and DSL.

Open skies for virtual operators? 4G auction details

Screen grab issued by Bethesda Softworks shows a scene from the videogame “Fallout 3,” a post-apocalyptic gaming adventure. The games company is building on the rock star debut of its successful game “Fallout: New Vegas” with the December release of a new chapter of the epic exclusively for play on Xbox 360 consoles.

Internet

This artist’s rendering provided by Sierra Nevada Space Systems shows the company’s Dream Chaser spacecraft docking with the International Space Station.

Internet
Merkel.—upcoming talks between Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela

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Health

More than 600,000 people killed by 2nd-hand smoke

LONDON, 26 Nov—Secondhand smoke kills more than 600,000 people worldwide every year, according to a new study. In the first look at the global impact of secondhand smoking, researchers analyzed data from 2004 for 192 countries. They found 40 percent of children and more than 30 percent of non-smoking men and women regularly breathe in secondhand smoke.

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Children stand next to banners displayed during a march to mark World AIDS Day in Olongapo city, Zambales, northern Philippines in 2008. The Philippines on Thursday reported a sharp jump in HIV-AIDS cases which runs against a global trend of declining infection rates, with young homosexual men most at risk.—INTERNET

Health Tip: When breathing is rapid and shallow

Tachypnea is the medical term for breathing that is abnormally rapid and shallow. If you have the condition, the University of Maryland Medical Centre says possible causes include:

* A chronic respiratory illness, such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
* An infection of the lungs, such as pneumonia.
* Chest pain.
* A blood clot in the lung, sometimes called a pulmonary embolism.

Symptoms of rapid, shallow breathing should not be self-treated, and are “generally considered a medical emergency,” the hospital warns.—Internet

Obesity epidemic threatens fido, fluffy, too

NEW YORK, 26 Nov—Before sharing your Thanksgiving leftovers with your pampered pets, take note: The obesity epidemic in the United States is enlarging cats and dogs, not just their over-fed owners.

Overweight pets are a serious health issue today, experts say. About half of the nation’s companion animals some 90 million cats and dogs are tipping the scales, according to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention. “As a practicing veterinarian for almost 20 years, I’ve never seen this many overweight pets,” said Dr Ernie Ward, author of Chow Hounds: Why our dogs are getting fatter — A Vet’s Plan to Save Their Lives. “We’re witnessing the supersizing of America’s pets before our very eyes.”

The cause of obesity in people and pets is the same, added veterinarian Dr Joe Wakshlag, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. “The Centres for Disease Control [and Prevention] says that America has become ‘obesogenic,’ meaning that we live in a world that promotes increased food intake, unhealthy food choices and reduced physical activity.”

“Our pets live in the same world and are suffering the same consequences of obesity.”

Like their owners, portly pets are at risk for developing diseases such as arthritis, diabetes, kidney and heart disease, high blood pressure and many forms of cancer.

Internet

Business

China has 38.64 million 3G users by end of October

BEIJING, 26 Nov—The number of third generation (3G) mobile telecommunication users in China tripled year-on-year with the figure reaching 38.64 million by the end of October, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT). Approximately 25.38 million users were new subscribers in the past year.

The number of 3G users of each of China’s top three telecommunication operators, China Telecom, China Mobile and China Unicom, exceeded 10 million by the end of October, the MIIT data showed Wednesday.

Earlier this month, the ministry said that China aimed to have 150 million 3G mobile users by 2011, while investment in 3G development would hit 400 billion yuan. The number of mobile phone users were up by 94.83 million to reach 842 million during the Jan-Oct period, while fixed-line subscribers decreased by 13.65 million to about 300 million during the same period, the MIIT said.

China Mobile, with 575 million subscribers as of the end of October, now is the world’s largest mobile carrier.

INTERNET

Russian bank plans to buy German shares in Gazprom

MOSCOW, 26 Nov—Russia’s national development bank (VEB) is considering the repurchase of German E ON Ruhrgas’ shares in Russian state gas monopoly Gazprom, said an energy ministry official on Thursday.

“We proceed from the fact that E ON is willing to sell. In this connection, we need to decide on how to repurchase the stake,” the unnamed official was quoted as saying by the RIA Novosti news agency. Currently the German company has a 3.6-percent stake in Gazprom and is viewed as the main foreign shareholder in the company.

The official added that one of the options was the stake’s repurchase by VEB. So far it would not be desirable if Gazprom repurchased the share package, he said.

The official also said that any clarity on the issue will come soon. Russian media reported that both companies expected the deal to be approved during the upcoming talks between Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.—Xinhua

Japanese government said on Friday. It marked the 28th month of decline for the country’s key consumer price index (CPI), which excludes volatile fresh food prices.

In terms of product, prices of cigarettes rose 38.6 percent and energy prices climbed 4.0 percent. The preliminary core CPI for the Tokyo’s 23 wards fell 0.5 percent for November. It forecasts a further nationwide decline because it has been considered an indicator of broader price trends. In September, consumer prices in the country declined 1.1 percent from a year earlier.—Xinhua

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Newcastle airport shut after jet skids off runway

LONDON, 26 Nov—Newcastle International Airport was closed Thursday after a passenger jet skids off the runway, but there were no reported injuries, the local fire service said.

The Thomson Fly Boeing 737-800 jet carrying 188 passengers from Arrecife in the Canary Islands “had gone very slightly off the runway,” according to Tyneside and Wear fire service group manager Keith Carruthers.

All passengers and crew disembarked safely shortly after the incident, which happened at 9:00 pm (2100 GMT).

The airport will remain closed until the aircraft has been moved.

Up to six inches of snow has fallen on the city of Newcastle, over the last 24 hours as Britain experiences its earliest widespread snowfall for 17 years.

Sophisticated drug tunnel found in San Diego

SAN DIEGO, 26 Nov—US authorities on Thursday found a sophisticated tunnel used to smuggle drugs between Mexico and San Diego, the second such discovery in the region in less than a month.

The half-mile passage runs from a residence in Tijuana to a warehouse in San Diego's Otay Mesa area, the San Diego Tunnel Task Force said in a statement.

Federal border patrol, drug enforcement, immigration, and customs enforcement agents in the task force arrested several suspects and seized an undetermined amount of marijuana in a tractor-trailer on US soil, the statement said.

The statement said authorities believed more marijuana was being stored inside the tunnel. Agents were working with the Mexican military on the investigation.

Officials said they will release further details of the probe Friday afternoon.

Earlier this month, federal agents made one of the largest marijuana seizures in the United States when they confiscated 20 tons of marijuana they said was smuggled into the country through another tunnel connecting warehouses on either side of California’s border with Mexico.

Mexican authorities seized more than four tons of pot from the warehouse south of the border.

The secret passageway ran the length of six football fields and had lighting, ventilation and a rail system to send loads of illegal drugs from Mexico's border with California into California.

Cyclone may hit Fiji

SUVA, 26 Nov—Members of the Fiji National Disaster Management Office Pajilai Dobui said Tuesday, announcing the first such global study of its kind.

Saudi Arabia arrests 149 suspected of Qaeda links

RIYADH, 26 Nov—Saudi Arabia arrested 149 people from 19 cells linked to al Qaeda over the past 8 months and foiled attacks against government and security officials as well as journalists, the Interior Ministry said on Friday.

It said in a statement it had confiscated 2.24 million riyals ($597,237) from al Qaeda when it tried to collect money and spread its ideology during the Muslim pilgrimages of Haj and Umra in Saudi Arabia.

“In the past eight months 149 people linked to al Qaeda were arrested, among them were 124 Saudis and 25 were from other nationalities,” Mansour Turki told journalists at a news conference.

He said the attackers were also planning to target government facilities but did not say whether they included oil installations.
2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium continues

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — The 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium organized by the emporium organizing committee continued today at Mani Yadana Jade Hall of the Myanmar Gems Museum here. Patron of the central committee for organizing the emporium Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint and Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan visited the emporium.

Foreign and local merchants observed jade lots to be sold through the competitive bidding system and bought 66 jade lots.

At 3 pm, Ministers U Ohn Myint and U Kyaw Hsan together with Vice-Chairman of the work committee for organizing the emporium Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Secretary of the central committee Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and officials viewed the purchasing of jade lots through competitive bidding system.

The 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium continues till 29 November.

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Chin State lush, green with thriving tea farms

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Now, Chin State has emerged as another tea land of Myanmar. In an interview, Deputy Manager of Chin State Myanma Agriculture Service U Thein Zaw said that in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, Chin State was pursuing the motto “Chin State must be a tea land soon”; that in that regard it put over 10,000 acres under tea from 2000-2001 to 2005-2006; that as the second phase, it grew 10,000 more acres of tea in 2006-2007; and that then Chin State’s acreage of tea farms reached 20,400.

He said that soil and climate pattern of Shan State are similar to that of Chin State, so tea grows well in Chin State; that in Chin State, almost every township ran tea farms; that mostly, tea was grown on a commercial scale in Falam, Tiddim, Tonzang, Kyikha, Thantland, Reedkhawda and Haka in Falam District; and that Falam District had 13,638 acres of tea farms.

He added that in Mindat District, tea was grown on a large scale in Kanpetlet, Matupi, Rezwa and Mindat; and that the acreage of tea farms in the district touched 6762.

He said that of the 20,400 acres of tea farms, 2884 acres can be harvested; that average per acre yield of tea was 50 viss; and that the Myanma Agriculture Service was providing local farmers with advanced agricultural methods.

Deputy Supervisor U Myint Aung of Kyawbok Farm under the Myanma Agriculture Service in Haka said that Chin State had started to use the grafting system to farm tea; that under the target, Falam District had to nurture 1,200,000 grafts; Mindat District, 700,000 grafts; and Haka Township, 200,000 grafts; that up to that time, Chin State had nurtured 1,809,219 tea grafts; and that the grafts would be planted in new farms and in vacant places of old farms.

Distributing its tea to markets, Chin State has started to reap the reward of its hard work in pursuit of the motto. In the region, households make black tea on a manageable scale. Tiddim Township distributes black tea to Kalay; Haka Township, to Gangaw; Kanpetlet Township, to Saw and Chauk; and Mindat and Matupi townships, to Pakokku.

Due to scientific agricultural methods and systematic distribution methods, Chin State’s tea production is on the increase year by year. In addition, Chin State is seeing more and more tea farms in its highlands and plains. Surely, Chin State will soon achieve its goal.

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The tea exhibition in Haka, Chin State.

A tea nursery in Kyawbok Farm, Haka.
SPDC Member U Tin Aye attends ceremony...

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The plans were drawn in accordance with the political, economic and social objectives of the State to achieve a new education system that meets the international standard. Meanwhile, measures are being taken to achieve the objectives of the basic education sector, he said.

The objectives are: (1) all citizens of the Union of Myanmar to complete the basic education and to become healthy citizens possessing high moral standards; (2) to lay down plans for running vocational trainings in the interest of the State; (3) to give priority to study of the science which can help boost production; (4) to give priority to study of the arts to conserve the culture, arts and literature of the State and (5) to build an infrastructure to help assist basic education students to be able to learn the tertiary education, he said.

Besides, the objectives for the higher education sector were also laid down, he said. They are: (1) to produce scholars who possess Myanmar characters and who respect the professional ethics; (2) to produce scholars who will serve the interest of the nation; (3) to give priority to teaching arts and science which can help promote vocational education’s; (4) to conduct research that benefits the country; (5) to train the citizens to take pride in their work and (6) to help improve the intelligence and skills of the people who are taking part in the nation building tasks, he said.

Today, the State has been making efforts for achieving the human resources development as the nation building tasks, he said.

In accordance with the desire of the people, the State is planning to practice the disciplined flourishing democratic system in the country, he said.

There are three sine qua non for the democratic system. There are: (1) prevalence of law and order; (2) increase in per-capital income and wealth and (3) a country where many scholars who are healthy and having high moral standards are living, he said.

He continued to say that to uplift the national education standard and to achieve the objectives, the State has established a total of 40801 basic education schools — 29,155 primary schools, 6424 post-primary schools, 2,944 middle schools and 2,278 high schools and 169 universities across the country.

Playing the major role in developing human resources and promoting the national education standard, teachers are held in high esteem as the most fundamental and noblest professionals for development of Myanmar society.

Teachers are a driving force behind generating a prosperous future of the nation as only with a bright future of students, can the nation win respect and admiration of regional and neighbouring countries.

Contributions made by parents are an important part in promoting the education standard in a life-long learning society. So, it is required of parents to nurture their children into human resources. The national education goal can be achieved only through teachers’ arts of teaching in line with the education policy and directives, contributions of parents and students’ perseverance in studies. If parents constantly evaluate and guide the studies of their children, taking advice from teachers, the youth will become human resources with good moral conduct.

Outstanding students and younger generations of TadaU Township have to keep studying hard to become reliable intellectuals and intelligentsia.

In conclusion, he urged teachers to do their best in nurturing students in accordance with the national education programmes in order that the youth will become all-round developed citizens; parents to extend a helping hand to education staff for promotion of the national education standard; and new generations to emulate the success of the outstanding matriculation students in the 2009-2010 academic year.

Education Officer of Mandalay Region U Kaw

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Commander meets Yangon Command sports contingents

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than yesterday met sports contingents representing Yangon Command who are going to take part in Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Sports Competitions at the hall of the command.

It was also attended by senior military officers of the command, managers and coaches and athletes.

The commander greeted members of golf, boxing, swimming/water polo and shooting teams and heard reports on the teams presented by officials.

Then the commander gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements.— MNA

Mayor opens upgraded roads

YANGON, 26 Nov — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inaugurated upgraded two roads here today.

The upgraded Kyaungsthar Road in Thingangyun Township is 2988 ft long and 12 ft wide and Myawady Mingyi Road in Shwepaukkan Myothit Township is 1800 ft long and 12 ft wide. They were inaugurated in the presence of the mayor yesterday.

Mayor U Aung Thein Lin also assisted in upgrading of streets in Thingangyun and South Okkalapa townships.

Go shopping at Eco Echo Exhibition (EEE) 2010

YANGON, 26 Nov — Eco Echo Exhibition (EEE) 2010 is held here yesterday. It includes talks by economists and entertainments. Myanmar Institute of Economics Graduates Association (MIEGA) will publish Eco Echo journal Vol.1, No.1.

In addition, food stuff, personal goods, a variety of service and automobiles are displayed.

ASEAN-China youth delegation visits National Museum

YANGON, 26 Nov — Delegates to ASEAN-China youth friendship camp, accompanied by camp director as well as Director of the National Library Daw Mya Oo and officials, visited the National Museum (Yangon) on Pyay Road here this morning.

The youths observed the exhibits of the pavilions around the museum.

Members of the delegation of respective countries presented traditional dances at the National Theatre.

ASEAN-Chinese youth delegation members visit National Museum— MNA

Geology alumni to pay respects to teachers

YANGON, 26 Nov — Old students who got B.Sc (Geology) in 1968, 1969 and 1970 will organize the 8th ceremony to pay respects to their teachers at Myanmar Engineering Society on Hline University Campus in Hline Township here on 5 January 2011.

All old students are invited to attend the ceremony. Those wishing to make donations may contact U Myint Wai (Ph: 641192, 641950), U Tin Kyaw Than (571028, 09-50-02581) or U Tint Naung (225569, 09-20-05629).— MNA

A & I Minister receives foreign guests

YANGON, 26 Nov — A delegation led by ex-member of Japanese House of Representatives and experienced adviser to Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association Mr. Hideo Watanabe, accompanied by staff members of Japanese Embassy to the Union of Myanmar, made a courtesy call on Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Hlay Oo at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation here at 6 pm yesterday.

The call focused on boosting Myanmar-Japan friendship and agricultural production, and rural development.

Minister U Hlay Oo also received a delegation led by Chairman Mr J K Choi of Auto Industrial Group based in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, at his office here later that evening.

They held discussions about investments in the agricultural sector. — MNA

Visitors seen at booth of Supercool tyres at Eco Echo Exhibition at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township.— MNA

Officials of Settlement and Land Records Department and Survey Department at the harvesting of monsoon paddy in Taikkyi Township on 3 November.— Myanma Alin
Agreement on Consulting Services for Shweli (3) Hydropower Project inked

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—A ceremony to sign the Agreement on Consulting Services Part 1, 2 and 3 for Shweli (3) Hydropower Project between Hydropower Implementation Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and AF-Colenco Ltd of Switzerland was held at the hall of the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, departmental heads and officials of departments and enterprise, Chief Executive Officer Mr Roberto Gerosa and members of AF-Colenco Ltd of Switzerland.

Director-General U Myint Zaw of Hydropower Implementation Department and Vice President Mr. Jean-Francois Belin of AF-Colenco Ltd signed the agreements and exchanged notes. Later, they posed for documentary photo.

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Construction Minister looking into roads, bridges in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 24 November looked into maintenance of roads and bridges along Sittway-Ponnagyun Road and earthworks on Ponnagyun-Yathedaung Road.

The minister viewed the site for construction of Samnati Creek Bridge on Ponnagyun-Yathedaung Road, progress of rail-cum-road Pikauk Bridge on Sittway-An Road, expanding of Kyauktaw-Paletwa new road, maintenance of Kyauktaw-Mrauk-U-Minbya Road, and construction of Hsinkhondaing River Bridge on Pauktaw-Minbya Road.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Tin Soe of Bridge Construction Special Group (8) reported on construction of bridge and bored piles for Hsinkhondaing and Sunye river bridges.

Chantha Shwemyay Co is upgrading Kyauintaung-Sittway section of Yangon-Sittway Road. As Yangon-Sittway road section No. 1 and An-Sittway section No. 2 will be upgraded to 12 feet wide asphalt road on 34 feet wide earthwork, two Road Special Groups of Public Works and 18 companies are speeding up their construction tasks.

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Harvesting ceremony held in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—A harvesting ceremony was held at farmer U Aung Thein’s paddy plantation at holdings No. 18, field No. 595 in Muyong Village of Mon State on 16 November.

Director U Naing Win of the Settlement and Land Records Department, officials of Township Settlement and Land Records Department and villagers attended the ceremony.

Similarly, monsoon paddy plantations in Mudon, Kyainmyaw and Chaungson townships were harvested. Later, the director held a discussion with officials of state/district/township staff officers at the office of Mon State Settlement and Land Records Department.

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Pwekauk Diversion Weir to ensure water sufficiency...

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Pwekauk Diversion Weir is located on Gelaung Creek near Yaythayaukgon Village in PyinOolwin Township. Although the plan was implemented to build Pwekauk Dam in the past, the design of the dam was changed to construct the diversion weir due to cracked limestone at the floor of the dam and seeping of water.

As the open season has come now, the construction tasks are being carried out with the use of many heavy machinery for completion of the works on schedule. The area has 48.65 inches of rainfall annually. Gelaung Creek has 40 square miles of watershed area and it has 45,500 acre-feet of inflow water annually.

The diversion weir is of broad crest type and of 300 feet long broad crest weir. The diversion weir will have three 5 feet by 5 feet sand excluders and 160 feet long embankment. The current of diversion weir is 25,770 cubic-feet per second and the sand excluder, 4547 cubic-feet per second.

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The diversion weir will irrigate 200 acres of farmlands and supplies potable water to PyinOolwin and Yadanabon Myothit.

In the near future, Pwekauk Diversion Weir will facilitate the local people in PyinOolwin and Yadanabon Myothit with water for public consumption and for agricultural purpose and electricity.

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Storms, not airport security, slow holiday travel

A woman touches an interactive touch screen at the Acer global news conference in New York, on 23 Nov, 2010. Acer Inc, the world’s No 2 PC vendor, unveiled a range of tablet computers to tech rivals in the fast-growing market. Chief Executive Gianfranco Lanci announced at the news conference in New York on Tuesday that the tablets would come with 5-, 7-, and 10-inch screens. —INTERNET

BISMARCK, 26 Nov—A planned boycott of airport security scanners was a bust, but holiday travelers in the western US had to contend with a chaotic mix of snow, sleet and ice.

The powerful storm system closed roads and delayed flights from Anchorage to Salt Lake City, and promised to bring messy wintry weather to much of the Dakotas on Thanksgiving Day. Freezing rain glazed roads across the Midwest, and at least three traffic deaths in Iowa were blamed on the weather.

But the cascading delays and monumental lines that many feared would result at airports from the so-called National Opt-Out Day didn’t materialize Wednesday, one of the busiest travel days of the year.

The loosely organized Internet campaign encouraged travelers to protest new security screening by boycotting body scanners that can see through people’s clothing and insisting on the more time-consuming pat-downs. But few passengers seemed to heed the call.

Gazprom trims 2011 investment programme to $26bn

MOSCOW, 26 Nov—Gazprom’s board of directors has approved a 2011 investment programme of $16.36 billion (26.02 billion US dollars), down 10 percent from its revised 2010 budget, the Russian gas monopoly said on Tuesday.

The board also approved a 2011 budget that foresees revenues for the year at 3.9 trillion roubles (down 10 percent), and investments at 3.8 trillion roubles (down 10 percent). Half of revenues are expected to be secured from exports, and the rest from domestic operations.

In September, Gazprom increased its 2010 investment programme by 13 percent to 905.2 billion roubles, while 86.5 billion roubles will go toward long-term financial investments, including the development of the Arctic Shtokman and Prirazlomnaya fields and the North and South Stream pipelines.

The budget also sees liabilities, expenditure and investments at 3.98 trillion roubles and borrowings at 90 billion roubles.

In currencies, the dollar was down demand for crude.

China will slow and drag below $84 a barrel as the market perceives that the government will implement more measures, “he said. “I think the market perceives that things are still very rosy in China.

Half of China’s antibiotics fed to animals

BEIJING, 26 Nov—Nearly half of the antibiotics produced in China are being fed to livestock rather than used to fight viruses in people, experts say.

Of the 210,000 tons of antibiotics made in China each year, 97,000 tons end up in animals, Xiao Yonghong, a professor from the Institute of Clinical Pharmacology of Peking University, was quoted as saying by People’s Daily.

Research by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences found that more than 50 percent of livestock breeders in Shandong and Liaoning Provinces added antibiotics to their animal fodder. “The overuse of antibiotics is common now, which has led to a rising death rate among animals as their immune systems are depressed,” he said.

Also, antibiotics remain detrimental to people’s health after intake,” said Qi Guanghui, deputy head of the feed research institute under the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

“Attention should be paid to the problem of antibiotic intake via daily food consumption because that will increase the possibility for drug-resistant bacteria to develop in human bodies,” said Huang Liyu, director of the Institute for Disease Prevention and Control of the People’s Liberation Army. For example, a 650 gram premature infant born in Guangzhou developed resistance to seven kinds of antibiotics, which was suspected to be due to his mother’s daily intake of meat and eggs that contained remnants of antibiotics, the People’s Daily report said.

A farmer feeds his chickens in Dalhua village of Rongxian county in the Guanzhi region on 29 June.

Asian markets lower as Europe debt worries linger

BANGKOK, 26 Nov—Asian stock markets were lower Friday as concerns about the possibility of further bailouts for debt-laden European nations and tensions on the Korean peninsula kept buying appetite in check.

Oil prices hovered below $84 a barrel as traders mulled whether economic growth in China will slow and drag down demand for crude.

In currencies, the dollar was up against the yen and the euro.

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Russian manned spacecraft lands on Earth

MOSCOW, 26 Nov—A Russian manned spacecraft returned to Earth and landed in the central steppes of Kazakhstan early Friday safely, said the Mission Control outside Moscow.

The Soyuz TMA-19 spaceship, with three astronauts aboard, departed from the International Space Station (ISS) earlier in the day in automatic mode.

The space capsule carrying the 25th ISS crew landed as expected at around 07:46am. Moscow time (0446 GMT) in northern Kazakhstan, some 84 km away from the Arkalyk city. On board the spacecraft were US and Russian astronauts Doug Wheelock, Shannon Walker and Fyodor Yurchikhin, who all finished a five-month tour to the space station starting from June. —Xinhua

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Managua, 26 Nov—Nicaragua's Ometepe Island has been recently added to the list of UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves, local media reported on Monday. The nomination was approved unanimously by the International Coordinating Council of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme.

UNESCO representative to Nicaragua, Juan Bautista Arrien, said the main ecosystems and landscapes of the planet will be represented in this network for the conservation of biological diversity, scientific research, and the observance of sustainable development models. Arrien said that being part of this World Network will facilitate the cooperation and exchanges at regional and international levels and it also strengthens Nicaragua's commitment to boosting the values of “love the mother Earth.” “As organized people, we are going to work to strengthen all the mechanisms to allow the defence and protection of natural resources,” she added.

Peru, Chile sign bilateral agreements
LIMA, 26 Nov—Peru and Chile on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding on increasing mining cooperation and a judicial cooperation agreement to extradite condemned persons between the two countries, a statement of the Peruvian Government said.
Peruvian President Alan Garcia and his Chilean counterpart Sebastian Pinera, who is on a one-day official visit to Peru, witnessed the signing of these agreements at a ceremony that took place in the House of Government in Lima.
The memorandum was signed by Peruvian Energy and Mines Minister Pedro Sanchez and the Chilean Ambassador in Lima Fabio Vigo.

Queensland has highest Chlamydia rate in Australia
BRISBANE, 26 Nov—Australia’s Queensland has the highest rate of Chlamydia infection in the country and infertility is expected to increase sharply in the future, said health specialists on Wednesday at the 2010 Australian Chlamydia Conference in Brisbane.
“Queensland is experiencing the highest number of notified chlamydia cases of men and women in Australia, with 15,159 new cases already diagnosed in 2010 to the end of October,” said Willa Huston from the Institute for Health and Biomedical Innovation at the Queensland University of Technology.
Robbery suspect used police phone

Police in Oregon said a man who stopped by a police station to call his parents was arrested and charged with a bank robbery from the previous day.

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The neighbours, with whom the pensioner had already been quarrelling for months, called the police when they heard the loud drilling.

Tequila expected to fetch $3.5 million

The Mexican distillers of a bottle of tequila encased in platinum said they hope it will set the record for the world’s most expensive bottle of the liquor. Hacienda La Cappila, based in Capilla de Guadalupe, said the bottle, which also has more than 4,000 diamonds totaling 328 carats, will tour European and Middle Eastern countries before being put up for auction, KABC-TV. Los Angeles, reported Thursday.

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Shakira nets 500,000 euros for charity with Spanish TV ad

MADRID, 26 Nov—Colombian pop star Shakira said Wednesday she had taped a Christmas television ad for a Spanish sparkling wine in exchange for a donation of 500,000 euros (660,000 dollars) to her charitable foundation.

The spot was filmed on Saturday in Barcelona and the money paid by the company Freixenet will be used to build two schools, one in Haiti and the other in Colombia, the Grammy-winning singer told a Barcelona news conference.

“Education is a birthright and a quality education is the only tool that a child has to turns dreams into reality,” the 33-year-old said. “Since I was a girl I have been aware of the tough reality faced by many children.”

Under the deal Freixenet will also produce a videoclip for Shakira’s song “Sale el sol” as well as a documentary about the singer’s philanthropic work, whose Pies Descalzos foundation already manages six schools in Colombia.

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The spot was filmed on Saturday in Barcelona and the money paid by the company Freixenet will be used to build two schools, one in Haiti and the other in Colombia, the Grammy-winning singer told a Barcelona news conference.

“Education is a birthright and a quality education is the only tool that a child has to turns dreams into reality,” the 33-year-old said. “Since I was a girl I have been aware of the tough reality faced by many children.”

Under the deal Freixenet will also produce a videoclip for Shakira’s song “Sale el sol” as well as a documentary about the singer’s philanthropic work, whose Pies Descalzos foundation already manages six schools in Colombia.
Ronaldo confident of win over ‘strong’ Barcelona

**Madrid, 26 Nov** — Barcelona are a tough proposition but Real Madrid will gain the upper hand when the Spanish giants clash in the first classic of the season on Monday, Real’s Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo predicted on Thursday. “Barcelona is still a very difficult team. We are there to fight for the league title,” he told reporters on the sidelines of a promotional event.

“We know they are playing at a good level and for this reason it will be an important and beautiful game. May the best team win. And the best team will be Madrid,” the 2008 FIFA World Player of the Year added. Ronaldo rejected suggestions that the match would be decisive like a final, claiming it is just “another match”.

“We have one point more, we are playing away but we are going with the intention of getting a result. It is not a final because there are still many matches left,” the 25-year-old said. “The teams are very good, they are very close but with a distinct playing style. Barca use more ‘tactical’, we play more with the goal of going as far as possible as quickly as possible,” he added, using the Spanish term used to describe Barcelona’s short-passing style. —Internet

Wenger hopes Fabregas only out for a fortnight

**LONDON, 26 Nov** — Arsene Wenger was optimistic Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas would be sidelined for just two weeks with the hamstring injury he suffered in the Gunners’ Champions League loss at Sporting Braga.

Arsenal midfielder Cesc Fabregas grimaces after injuring his hamstring in the 2-0 defeat to Sporting Braga on 23 November. —Internet

Capello to help England’s push for 2018 WCup votes

**LONDON, 26 Nov** — England coach Fabio Capello will draw on contacts cultivated during almost 50 years in soccer to help the country’s late scramble for votes in the 2018 World Cup contest. England’s bid is limping into Thursday’s decision by FIFA’s executive committee amid fears that a BBC investigation into the bidding process will anger the voters.

Capello will be part of England’s delegation in Zurich next week which also features newly engaged Prince William and former national team captain David Beckham. Capello points out: “I know a lot of people because I started to play professionally when I was 18 and now I am 64.” The Italian will tell the FIFA executives that they should vote for England because it “is the home of football.” —Internet

Fedexer on fire, but Tour Finals just ‘starting’

**LONDON, 26 Nov** — Roger Federer insists his imperious form in the group stages of the ATP World Tour Finals counts for nothing now he has reached the semi-finals. At the end of a frustrating season by his own high standards, Federer seems to have saved his best until last and has ripped through his three round-robin matches with the air of a man who has a point to prove.

David Ferrer, Andy Murray and Robin Soderling are all ranked in the world’s top eight but none could even take a set off Federer in the prestigious end-of-season event at London’s O2 Arena this week. This was Federer at his sublime best. —Internet

Ronaldo players celebrate winning the men’s football gold medal against the United Arab Emirates at the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou. —Internet

Japan end long wait for football gold

**Guangzhou, 26 Nov** — Japan won their first Asian Games football gold on Thursday with a 1-0 win over the United Arab Emirates who had created and squandered the best opportunities of the final. Defender Yuki Saneto scored the only goal of the game in the 73rd minute to give Japan their seventh win in seven matches at the Guangzhou Asiad.

“I’m delighted to have scored the winning goal, because in the semifinal I made some mistakes,” said Saneto. I wanted to do something special in this match.”

**UAE’s assistant coach Hassan Al Abdooli said his team had been unfortunate to lose.”Our performance was beautiful and we have played in a way which people like to watch,” he said. “We were unlucky, but that’s football.” In a tight opening half, the UAE shook off the defensive cloak which had frustrated South Korea in the semifinal before delivering a winning sucker punch in extra-time. —Internet

Rooney apologises to Manchester United fans

**GLASGOW, 26 Nov** — Wayne Rooney has tried to make his peace with Manchester United’s fans by saying sorry for the way his contract talks were concluded last month. The England striker appeared to question United’s desire and left open the possibility he might move to local rivals Manchester City. It left a sour taste with many United fans who, when Rooney did extend his Old Trafford contract by five years, felt he toyed with their emotions in the hope of getting a better financial deal.

Rooney, before scoring his match-winning penalty in United’s 1-0 Champions League victory over Rangers at Ibrox here on Wednesday, said: “I feel like I apologised to the fans but everyone keeps saying that I haven’t. If that is the case, then I apologise for my side of things.” I have made my point clear since I signed my contract that I am committed to this club for the long term. I want to be successful here.

“Everyone is saying that I was definitely going to Manchester City. Believe me if I had gone it wouldn’t have been in England.”

Manchester United forward Wayne Rooney reacts during the UEFA champions league group C football match against Glasgow Rangers at Ibrox in Glasgow, Scotland, on 24 Nov, 2010. —INTERNET

Werner replaces Broughton as Liverpool chairman

**LIVERPOOL, 26 Nov** — English soccer team Liverpool says Tom Werner will replace Martin Broughton as the club’s chairman beginning next Wednesday. Werner is also the chairman of New England Sports Ventures, which owns the Boston Red Sox and bought Liverpool for $480 million last month.

Broughton, who brokered the deal with NESV despite fierce opposition from the club’s previous American owners, Tom Hicks and George Gillett Jr, will step down from his interim position Tuesday in a move that had been widely expected.

Werner pledged Thursday “to work tirelessly for our supporters and deliver the best conditions for a winning team and silverware in the trophy room.”

NESV chief John Henry, who owns the Red Sox with Werner, says it has been “a pleasure” working with Broughton. —Internet
Haitian population.— Xinhua for years and could be even more devastating for the country. It also warned that the epidemic could last due to the poor sanitary conditions in this island loss. PAHO fears that cholera could quickly spread million Haitians are living in precarious tents since in Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s Capital. More than one first detection of the disease in October. According to the organization, the cholera outbreak has also sent 27,933 Haitians to hospital since the Thursday. PAHO is the Americas’ unit of the World American Health Organization (PAHO) said on .

The disease has caused the deaths of 140 people—Xinhua. Haiti cholera deaths top 1,500 PORT-AU-PRINCE, 26, Nov — The fatalities due to the cholera epidemic outbreak in Haiti have increased to 1,523 from 1,415 two days ago, the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) said on Thursday. PAHO is the Americas’ unit of the World Health Organization under the United Nations. According to the organization, the cholera outbreak has also sent 27,933 Haitians to hospital since the first detection of the disease in October. The disease has caused the deaths of 140 people in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's Capital. More than one million Haitians are living in precarious tents since a devastating earthquake last January, which caused around 250,000 deaths and massive property loss. PAHO fears that cholera could quickly spread due to the poor sanitary conditions in this island country. It also warned that the epidemic could last for years and could be even more devastating for the Haitian population.—Xinhua.

WEATHER

Friday, 26th November, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaina and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (6°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaina Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaina Region, (5°C) above November average temperatures in Mandalay Region and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (6°C) and Haka (7°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 25-11-2010 was 95°F Maximum temperature on 25-11-2010 was 95°F Minimum temperature on 26-11-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-11-2010 was (68%).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Rainfall on 26-11-2010 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 (4) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 25-11-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and East-central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 27th November 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Weather Outlook For Fourth Weekend Of November 2010: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Yangon Regions.

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Transmissions Times

Local Transmission

- (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST

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- Yoke Sone Monastery of Lai Kra Ancient City
- News
- Current Affairs ‘‘Shopping at the Departmental Store and Supermarket’’
- Music Gallery
- News
- A Journey to Shan Plateau
- Feel Pretty….in a Rawan Outfit
- News
- The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
- Myanmar Movie “Due to This True Harted”

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Pwekauk Diversion Weir to ensure water sufficiency in PyinOoLwin and Yadanabon Myothit

Article & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

Pwekauk Diversion Weir under construction with the use of heavy machinery.

With the aim of supplying water for public consumption and for agricultural purpose and contributing to development of in PyinOoLwin Township and Yadanabon Myothit of Mandalay Region, the government is building Pwekauk Diversion Weir in PyinOoLwin Township.

We the news crew of Kyemon Daily left Nay Pyi Taw for Mandalay by train to observe progress of Pwekauk Diversion Weir. With the assistance of retired head of department U Win Maung of Natayygan (Amarapura) Sub-station of Construction (2) of Irrigation Department in Mandalay, we conveniently proceeded to Pwekauk Diversion Weir construction project. On arrival at the project site, we met Assistant Director U Thein Htay Aung, Staff Officers U Aung Myo Swe, U Hla Win Myint and U Myint Pe who explained facts about construction of the diversion weir.

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Tatmadaw Football Tournament (N-W Command Zone) kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin attended the opening of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament (N-W Command Zone) on 24 November.

The commander, senior military officers of the command, departmental officials, servicemen and their families and guests watched the football match.

In N-W Command Zone (Monywa), altogether six teams are competing in the tournament which will be held up to 29 December. —MNA

Model paddy field harvested in Tamu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Head of Tamu Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Aung Aye Chan Lwin and Manager of Tamu District Myannya Agriculture Service U Win Swe together with U Ye Khauk of Htantabin Village in Tamu Township and staff of Township Settlement and Land Records Department harvested the 5.82-acre field of Ayeya Min paddy strain of U Ae Cho in Mannaw plot No. 256 in Mannaw Village, Indaing Village-tract, yesterday.

The per acre yield of the monsoon paddy field hit 74.30 baskets.

MNA