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Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference has been held in amity and unity yearly with lofty objectives since 2000: to raise the standard of Myanmar traditional medicine in all aspects, to improve the Myanmar traditional medicine, to enforce rules of conduct for Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners, and to provide better health care to the people with traditional medicine. I am proud and glad that the conference is in its 11th anniversary this year.

I wish you harmony in holding talks and exchanging views at the conference held in line with fine traditions and greater success in working together to make Myanmar traditional medicine popular worldwide.

It is very heartening to note that there have been many achievements that will go down in the annals of the history of Myanmar traditional medicine due to the efforts of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners who have been making in harness for more than a decade or since the first conference. The government has been dedicating itself to nation-building tasks hand in hand with the entire people in its bid to enable the discipline-flourishing modern and developed Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of other countries in the international community. In that regard, boosting production of healthy and fit human resources is necessary for the nation. Today, both urban and rural people across the Union of Myanmar place trust and reliance on Myanmar traditional medicine. And Myanmar traditional medicines are commonly used in rural areas, whose

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**Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga).—MNA**
Preserve, promote cultural heritage

Soon after human beings settled in the land, later known as Myanmar, the country saw the dawn of civilization. Objects of aboveground cultural heritage indicate that the nation stood with its own territory and culture, which is further supported by objectives discovered below the ground.

Bagan, one of Myanmar archaeological regions, has a very large number of pagodas, stupas and temples. Many artistic paintings are still on the walls of their precincts; and many artistic works, in archaeological buildings.

Now, the Ministry of Culture is excavating Mongmao, Pinle Myohaung in Myittha Township, and Wadi Myohaung in Natogyi Township, apart from city states with high civilization such as Vissano, Dagaung, Hanlin and Srikestra. It stills discovers ancient buildings, mounds, burial urns, and utensils.

Wadi Myohaung in Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region, has been excavated since 2008-2009. Bronze and stone artifacts, oyster shells, mica sheets, charcoal, four-edged daggers, and iron nails were found in the third excavation. These artifacts are similar to that unearthed in Vissano, Hanlin and Srikestra city states. So, it is deduced that Wadi Myohaung was part of Pyu city state.

In addition, according to the brick foundations of the buildings, city walls, iron and earthen utensils, and pieces of broken earthen pots of early Pyu Period, Wadi Myohaung was established in early Pyu Period.

Archaeological buildings and artistic artifacts are priceless as they are the nation’s cultural heritage. If the people continue to preserve archaeological buildings and artifacts region-wise, and excavate ancient regions for evidence of cultural heritage, Myanmar’s cultural heritage will last long.

OSIM opens new showroom at Junction Maw Tin

YANGON, 5 Dec—in order to fulfill the desire of those interested in healthy lifestyle products and OSIM members, the opening of new shop of OSIM took place at OSIM showroom at No. 307, in third floor of Junction Maw Tin at the junction of Anawrahta Street and Lanthit Street in Lannadaw Township of Yangon today.

The latest imported devices—uSoffa Petit, uKimono, uSquee Warm, uRelax, UPa Pa Hug—are available at fair price at the showroom in addition to One Day Only Special Discount programme from 10 am to 6 pm to mark its debut.

Moreover, the X’mas promotion programmes will also be introduced at reasonable price at OSIM showrooms in Traders Hotel, Grand Mee Yahta Hotel, Casabella-Ygn, Casabella-Mdy and OSIM Maw Tin. Any interested persons may phone (240769 and 09-5156645) to get further information.—MNA

People’s Desire

Myanmar traditional ... residents make up the majority of the nation’s population, and in far-flung areas. The government is implementing national health plans it has laid down systematically to provide health care to the entire people. Traditional medicine practitioners use herbs that grow naturally in abundance in the nation along with marine and land products and animal products. Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are therefore under a duty to collectively conserve those sources to avoid their scarcity and extinction and to ensure their sustainable development.

In the drive for improving Myanmar traditional medicine into an internationally recognized medicine, it is required to speed up the momentum of doing scientific research in compounding traditional medicines, and to coordinate modern medicine and traditional medicine with the use of modern equipment in diagnosing diseases. Being originally effective with fine traditions, Myanmar Traditional medicine is a source of national pride. On the occasion of the 11th Myanmar traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference, I would like to urge you to work harder and more harmoniously than ever in carrying out scientific research for Myanmar traditional medicine to achieve international recognition and respect as reliable medicine.

In conclusion, I wish you success in working together to put the noble objectives and work programmes of the conference into reality and to ensure that traditional Myanmar medicine lasts as long as the world exists and gains international reputation for its potency.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Kingdom of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar Mr Apirat Vienravi at the birthday reception of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej at the ambassador’s residence in Yangon on 5 December.

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Russian airliner makes emergency landing, two dead

MOSCOW, 5 Dec—Two people died and dozens were injured on Saturday when a Russian airliner ran off the runway during an emergency landing at Moscow’s Domodedovo airport, a Russian aviation official said. The Tupolev-154 plane, operated by Dagestan Airlines, took off from Vnukovo airport, also outside Moscow, and made an emergency landing nearly 30 minutes later after all three engines failed.

“Two people were killed,” said Sergei Izvolvsky, an official at Russia’s state-owned aviation agency. Russian news agencies said the two dead were passengers. “The planes’ three engines stopped working nearly 80 kilometres (50 miles) away from Domodedovo and the navigation system failed. The reason why is not yet known,” Izvolvsky said. At least 87 passengers were hospitalized at various clinics near the airport, said Timur Skimatov, a spokesman at the transport ministry.

The plane was carrying 163 passengers and nine crew, said Izvolvsky at the Russian aviation agency. 

Pakistani police say they have arrested five militants suspects linked to last year’s attack on the country’s military intelligence agency that killed 30 people.

Police chief Aslam Tareen said on Friday that the men had confessed to orchestrating the attack on the offices in the eastern city of Lahore with guns, grenades and a car bomb. Tareen says the suspects had links to the Pakistani Taleban and were planning new attacks on Shiite Muslims during a religious holiday beginning next week.

Release of top Taleban fighters concerns US

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—The United States has expressed its concern to the Afghan government about reports Afghan security forces have freed captured senior Taleban for payment or political motives, a US State Department spokesman said on Friday. Reuters was first to report on 30th November at the freeing of top Taleban fighters was widespread, with President Hamid Karzai and his powerful brother among those authorizing and requesting releases.

“It is something that we are concerned about, and we have discussed with the Afghan government,” State Department spokesman PJ Crowley told reporters.

“We need to work together with the Afghans to ensure that the security forces are able to perform their important functions free of inappropriate political influence,” he added. The practice is so frequent that the Taleban has organized a committee that works solely to get their fighters out of jail.

The releases, which were confirmed to Reuters by several sources familiar with a range of cases, also raise questions about the capacity and political will of Afghan security forces meant to be taking over from foreign troops starting next year.

US forces will begin drawing down numbers from next July and NATO hopes to meet Karzai’s 2014 target for all security to be provided by Afghan police and military.

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LOS ANGELES, 5 Dec—The US military’s secretive X-37B unmanned spaceplane slipped out of orbit and landed itself in early morning darkness Friday at a California airbase after a successful maiden flight that lasted more than seven months, the Air Force said. The stubby-winged, robotic craft fired its engine to begin re-entry into Earth’s atmosphere and autonomously landed at 1:16 am PST at coastal Vandenberg Air Force Base, 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

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Jobless rate jump casts cloud on recovery

Nonfarm payrolls rose 39,000, with private hiring gaining only 50,000, just a third of what economists had expected, a Labour Department report showed on Friday. The unemployment rate jumped to 9.8 percent from 9.6 percent in October. The weak report was a surprise given the relative strength of some other recent economic signals, including robust retail sales. Economists had expected 140,000 new jobs and a steady unemployment rate. While the data raised a warning flag, many analysts cautioned against reading too much into it. “The report comes as an unwelcome bucket of cold water,” said Nigel Gault, chief US economist at IHS Global Insight in Lexington, Massachusetts. “We’re reluctant to take it at face value and suspect that it is an outlier on the downside but it does underline that the recovery remains a gradual one.”—Reuters

San Francisco, 5 Dec—Google Inc is promising to do a better job of weeding out copyright violations on the Internet. As part of a crackdown announced Thursday, the Internet search leader said it will respond to complaints about pirated material posted on its YouTube video site and other services within 24 hours. Google didn’t specify what its average response time is now, but many copyright holders have griped in the past about the company taking too long to remove videos or other content posted illegally.

Under federal laws, websites aren’t held liable for hosting unauthorized copyright content, as long as they remove the pirated material after being notified of the problem. That can be a daunting task given that Google’s search engine indexes more than 1 trillion unique Web links and about 35 hours of video is uploaded to YouTube per minute. YouTube was swamped with pirated video in its early days, outraging television broadcasters and movie studios. The rampant violations prompted Viacom Inc to sue Google and YouTube for $1 billion in damages, but a federal judge concluded Google and YouTube had followed the law in a ruling earlier this year. Viacom plans to appeal that decision Friday.

Google has tried to prevent pirated video and music from appearing on YouTube by introducing technology that automatically detects unauthorized content. Without providing specifics, Google said it will be introducing more tools to make it easier and quicker to flag copyright violations. The changes that will be rolled out during the next month will include countermeasures to allow people to challenge copyright complaints.—Internet

LVINIELD, 5 Dec—Chinese families are ready to hitch up their trailers and tow the RV industry out of its worst stretch in nearly two decades. The industry was driven into the ditch last year by the Great Recession. Sales plunged, plants closed and thousands of jobs were cut as orders for recreational vehicles dropped to their worst level since 1991. Now, RV makers such as Winnebago are starting to turn profits and have begun to hire. And dealers are ordering more RVs for their showrooms. This year, shipments of RVs ranged from entry-level pop-ups to spacious motor homes are expected to hit their highest level since 2007, when the economic downturn began.

The upswing is a sign that somewhat loosened credit, stable fuel prices and improved consumer confidence are inspiring Americans to buy more RVs. “Things are starting to look up,” says Tim O’Brien, president of an RV dealership in Lapeer, Mich, where sales are up 55 percent from a year ago. “People are ready to get out from underneath the frugality of the last couple of years and go out and have some fun and recreation,” he says.

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Job seekers take part in a professional placement network focus group exercise at the Workforce Alliance Career Center in West Palm Beach, Florida on 2 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

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confirmed that an oil leak was the likely cause of the blow-out.

“The aircraft would not have arrived safely in Singapore without the focused and effective action of the flight crew,” the report said. The report also pointed out that there were five pilots on board the superjumbo aircraft, with a combined total of 72,000 hours of flying experience, on 4 November when the incident took place. Those at the controls of the A380 struggled with more than a dozen system errors after the engine blew, the ATSB added.

The bureau said a suspected manufacturing problem with an oil pipe in one of the plane’s four Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines may have led to an oil leak. That could have sparked a fire in a hot part of the engine, causing a disintegration of one of the engine’s turbine discs. Pieces of the disc were then fired through a wing, cutting electronics and causing numerous system problems.—

**Bus with UMass students on ski trip crashes in Vermont**

**German man arrested for mailing tarantulas to US**

A German man who allegedly shipped hundreds of live tarantulas into the United States through the mail was charged on Friday with illegally importing wildlife. Sven Koppler, a 37-year-old German national, was arrested by federal agents late on Thursday, shortly after arriving in Los Angeles to meet an associate, US Attorney’s spokesman Thom Mrozek said in a written statement.

Mrozek said the investigation into Koppler began in March, when a routine inspection turned up about 300 live tarantulas in a package mailed to Los Angeles. US Fish and Wildlife Service agents then intercepted two more packages, one containing nearly 250 live tarantulas, wrapped in colored plastic straws. The second package was found to hold 22 Mexican red-kneed tarantulas, a species formally known as Brachypelma smithi that is protected under an international treaty.

Mrozek said Fish and Wildlife agents, conducting an investigation dubbed “Operation Spiderman,” ordered more spiders from Koppler and were sent a total of five packages containing dozens of live and dead tarantulas. According to the criminal complaint, agents believe Koppler has received about $300,000 for selling tarantulas to individuals in dozens of countries throughout the world.

**Man pleads not guilty to running vast spam network**

**Europe’s deadly cold snap maintains grip**

**The scene in northern Europe.**—

**Los Angeles, 5 Dec—**A 23-year-old Russian man accused of masterminding a vast worldwide spamming network pleaded not guilty Friday in federal court in Wisconsin to violating a US anti-spam law. The judge ordered Oleg Y Nikolaenko held without bond, saying he was a flight risk because of his access to cash and his lack of ties to Wisconsin or the US.

Nikolaenko was brought into court bearing bright orange prison pants and matching sweatshirt and shackled at the ankles. His attorney entered the plea as a Russian interpreter translated for the Moscow man. Prosecutors say Nikolaenko ran a network that involved placing malicious code on unsuspecting users’ computers and then hijacking the infected machines to blast out billions of e-mails. Internet security experts say the network was so massive that on some days it accounted for one of every three unwanted e-mails in the world.

Nikolaenko is charged with violating the CAN-SPAM act by intentionally falsifying header information in commercial e-mail messages and sending at least 2,500 spam e-mails per day, the minimum threshold for the charge. Prosecutors say his network was capable of sending up to 10 billion messages per day. The charge carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

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**Milwaukee, 5 Dec**—Northern Europe remains in the grip of heavy snow and freezing temperatures, with more cold weather forecast for the weekend. Dozens of people are reported to have been killed by exposure to the cold or in weather-related accidents. The snow continues to disrupt transport networks but many airports are resuming a more normal service.

In the Balkans, heavy flooding has forced more than 1,000 people to evacuate their homes. Temperatures in Poland have fallen to as low as -33C (-27F) in the past few days. Another 12 people froze to death across Poland on Thursday night, according to police, bringing the total killed there during this cold snap to 30. Police say many of the victims were homeless people. Around 150,000 people in the Polish city of Czestochowa were reported to be without heating on Friday.
Teenage Dutch sailor sets off to cross Atlantic

Dekker, 15, who is attempting to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world, has resumed her voyage. Writing on her blog on Friday, Dekker said she has already sailed 240 nautical miles (276 statute miles) since leaving Spain’s Canary Islands on Wednesday and has 540 nautical miles (621 statute miles) to go to her next port of call, the Cape Verde islands, off west Africa.

Help police! Someone’s stolen my snowman

A Parks Police officer takes photographs of a snowman in Richmond Park in south west London on 1 Dec, 2010. —Internet

US, South Korea reach highly coveted trade deal

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec — The US and South Korea have reached an agreement on America’s largest trade pact in more than a decade, a highly coveted deal the Obama administration hopes will boost US exports and create tens of thousands of jobs at home.

Wet floor foils Aussie stricker’s European tour

BERLIN, 5 Dec — Caught in a buff, a drunken 19-year-old Australian man led German police on a chase through Munich’s main train station late Wednesday before slipping on a wet floor where he was later apprehended unhurt.

Massey CEO ends profitable career marred by blast

Massey Energy Chairman and CEO Don Blankenship announced Friday that he will retire at the end of the month.—Internet

A Parks Police officer takes photographs of a snowman in Richmond Park in south west London on 1 Dec, 2010. —Internet

WRONG!!

Police were most definitely not amused. “This call could have cost someone’s life if there was a genuine emergency and they couldn’t get through. It was completely irresponsible,” said Chief Inspector Simon Black. A transcript of the call was released by the force to highlight what they said was misuse of the emergency number 999 system.—Reuters

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of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, still has to rely on agriculture. So, continued efforts are to be made in various sectors to develop the whole agricultural productive force both quantitatively and qualitatively.

In doing so, fully providing agricultural inputs also plays an important role. In order to fulfill the fertilizer needs of the nation, fertilizer plants like No.4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) have been opened by spending a huge sum of money, including foreign exchange. The nation’s fertilizer needs will be fulfilled only when those fertilizer plants can operate at full capacity.

For the plants to be able to operate at full capacity, there are two factors on the priority list – employment of skilled workers and smooth running of machinery. Departments concerned are therefore to conduct training courses both practically and theoretically in order to turn out skilled workers and to maintain and service the machinery on a constant basis.

The Prime Minister then noted that security measures are to be taken as the fertilizer plant has to deal with chemicals and its area is very large.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the experts of the People’s Republic of China and put some questions.

No.4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) construction started on 23 April 2007. It started production of urea fertilizers in November this year and the plant was opened today. Located on the area of 206.58 acres, the plant can produce 325 tons of ammonia and 500 tons of urea fertilizers a day.

The Ministry of Energy has opened No.1 Fertilizer Plant in Sale, Magway Region, No.2 Fertilizer Plant in Kyunchaung, Magway Region, No.3 Fertilizer Plant in Kyaws wa, Magway Region and No.4 Fertilizer Plant in Myaungdaga Village, Hma wby Township, Yangon Region.

No.5 Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) is under construction in Kangyidaunt Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region, and it will be opened soon.
Ministers and representatives of States and Regions attend opening ceremony of 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.—MNA

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Secretary-1 hosts dinner to traditional medicine practitioners

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo hosted a dinner to traditional medicine practitioners from states and regions who attended the 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at Amara Hotel here this evening.

It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, the attorney-general, deputy ministers, members of NHC, departmental heads, officials of Health Department under the Health Ministry and practitioners of Traditional Medicine Council. During the dinner, artists of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture entertained the attendees with their performance.

After the dinner, the Secretary-1 greeted traditional medicine practitioners who attended the conference in a cordial manner. —MNA

Saleroom of Champion Construction Materials Mall (Nay Pyi Taw) opens

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd (Member of Naing Group) opened the new saleroom of Champion Construction Materials Mall (Nay Pyi Taw) on Yazahtani Road in Paunglaung Ward 2 in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this morning.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tin Swe and Vice-Chairman of Naing Group Construction Co Ltd U Zaw Naing Oo formally opened the new saleroom.

Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe unveiled the signboard of the mall.

Stainless steel tanks are available at the saleroom.

Salerooms are kept open at No. 30/59 on Yazahtani Road in Paunglaung Ward 2 in Pyinmana Township, Tel: 067-25309, 21426 and 094924315, show room I at No. 2 on Mogaung Road in Sagawa Housing, Yankin Township, Tel: 01-400563, 400564 and 400565, show room II at 408, Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 01-200290, at No. 255 on 35th street between 80th and 81st streets in Yadana Bumi Ward in Mahaungmye Township of Mandalay, Tel: 02-72703, 91008197 and 91025792. —MNA

Weather report

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—According to the observation at 17.30 hrs MST today, low pressure area over southwest bay still persists. The system is under close watch for regeneration to intensity, Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced. —MNA
Army captures US teen hitman in Mexico

Cuernavaca, 5 Dec—Mexican soldiers captured a 14-year-old US citizen suspected of being a drug gang hitman as he attempted to travel to the United States. Edgar Jimenez, known as “El Ponchis,” worked for the South Pacific drug cartel in Morelos state, outside Mexico City, the army said on Friday.

The boy was caught late on Thursday as he boarded a plane in the city of Tijuana across from San Diego, California, with two of his sisters, one of whom is believed to be the lover of one of the cartel’s bosses, the army said.

The three Jimenez siblings reportedly had wanted to cross to San Diego, where they have relatives. “El Ponchis” made headlines last month as reports of his grizzly murders, including beheadings, surfaced. He acknowledged having killed at least seven people and the influence of drugs provided by a cartel leader, according to the army statement. It was not immediately clear what his nickname refers to.

Thomsons again top richest Canadians list

Vancouver, 5 Dec—The Thomson family kept a strong grip on their status as the wealthiest Canadians, seeing their net worth increase by 6.2 percent in 2010 to more than C$23 billion ($23 billion), according to a new survey. The Thomsons, whose holdings include Thomson Reuters Corp, were far ahead of the second richest Canadian, grocery store magnate Galen Weston, according to the survey released on Thursday by Canadian Business magazine.

It marked the 12th year in a row that the Thomsons, whose family holding company is Woodbridge Co Ltd, have held the top spot, according to the magazine. Weston, who has his net worth jump 31 percent to C$8.5 billion in 2010, allowing him to pull ahead of the energy-rich Irving Family of Atlantic Canada on the list of top 100 richest Canadians, according to the magazine.

The Rogers family, whose Rogers Communications Inc has publishing, cable-TV and telecoms interests, “ranked fourth,” according to the report. Vancouver businessman Jim Pattison, whose diverse holdings include automotive, food and media, took fifth spot. The magazine said the list was calculated based on the real and estimated value of investment the people held at the end of September. Andre Chagnon, founder of cable-TV and telecoms company Groupe Videotron, rounded out the list at 100th place with a net worth of C$40 million.

Among those with the most dramatic gains was Chip Wilson, founder of Lululemon Athletica Inc, who climbed from 78th to 49th place on the list with a net worth of C$1.25 billion, up nearly 67 percent from a year before. Research In Motion Ltd co-Chief Executive Jim Balsillie was among those who slipped in this year’s rankings, dropping to 30th place from 16th a year before, with net worth down 32 percent to C$1.8 billion.

Sweden says warrant for WikiLeaks founder complete

Stockholm, 5 Dec—Swedish authorities said on Friday the missing information in the European arrest warrant for alleged sex crimes against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange had been handed to British authorities.

“We sent it. They asked for complementary information and now they have it,” Swedish Prosecution Authority spokeswoman Karin Rosander said.

She said she did not know whether British authorities had judged the additional information to be enough to act on the warrant. “But one has to assume they do, at least we have not heard the opposite,” she added.

Sweden’s highest court on Thursday refused Julian Assange permission to appeal against a European arrest order issued for alleged sexual crimes, allegations Assange has denied.

Julian Assange’s British lawyer Mark Stephens told Reuters on Thursday the arrest warrant was sent personal investigation, saying “it did not comply with the law and was defective”. A Swedish police official said the complication had arisen because the maximum prison sentence had been listed only for the crime with the harshest punishment, while British authorities had required this to be outlined for all the alleged crimes.

Turkish, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan businesses implement joint projects

Ankara, 5 Dec—Business organizations from Turkey, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan Friday adopted an action plan to carry out joint projects to facilitate the integration of the four economies, local media reported on Saturday.

The organizations decided to implement 75 projects under 14 chapters, including transportation and logistics, finance, investments, energy security, tourism, education and culture, the semi-official Anadolu news agency said.

The plan, adopted at a gathering of business representatives in the Turkish city of Istanbul, is expected to boost prosperity and economic stability in the four countries and increase efforts for free movement of goods and people between each other.

The four countries’ businesses also established the Levant Business Forum to coordinate the implementation of the joint projects and expect new members in coming years, said the report.—MNA/Xinhua

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Russian, Italian leaders hail cooperation

Moscow, 5 Dec — Russian and Italian leaders on Friday hailed cooperation between the two countries during talks in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. “We have very good prospects for developing a strategic partnership that currently exists between our two countries,” Russian President Dmitry Medvedev was quoted by RIA Novosti news agency as saying.

Medvedev also called bilateral relations “excellent” in his meeting with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. Both leaders were satisfied to see bilateral trade return to pre-crisis level, and they spoke highly of the South Stream pipeline project that Italian and Russian companies have been working on.

The Italian prime minister also took the chance to dismiss media allegations that his relations with the Russian leaders were “too personal,” saying that “we have never discussed any matters of personal interest.” Moscow, meanwhile, agreed to allow the transit of military equipment and personnel across Russian territory to support Italian troops in Afghanistan.

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Participants take part in the donkey race in Lamu, Kenya, on 27 Nov, 2010. The traditional donkey race was held here Saturday, bringing in a large number of tourists to the small coastal town. Since the island has no motorized vehicles, transportation and other heavy work are done with the help of donkeys. Xinhua

A chemical tanker of 10,000 deadweight tons, which is bought by a Greek shipowner, is launched at Haimen Port in Taizhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 21 Nov, 2010. Xinhua

File picture dated on 5 November, 2009 shows workers walking past Burj Dubai, the world’s tallest man-made structure under construction, in the Gulf emirate of Dubai. Debt-laden Dubai is looking into a possible privatization of public sector firms and offloading international assets, but is waiting for the right time for a good return, officials said.

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Panel recommends expanding use of stomach bands

WASHINGTON, Dec 5—About 12 million more obese Americans could soon qualify for surgery to implant a small, flexible stomach band designed to help them lose weight by dramatically limiting their food intake. The Food and Drug Administration will make a final decision on the Lap-Band in the coming months.

The device from Allergan Inc is currently implanted in roughly 100,000 people each year and usually helps patients lose 50 pounds or more. Under federal guidelines, it has been limited to patients who are morbidly obese. On Friday, a panel of FDA advisers recommended expanding use of the device to include patients who are less obese. The panel voted 8-2 that the benefits of broader approval outweighed the risks.

If approved for wider use, the Lap-Band could be available to patients like Angela Denson, a 37-year-old Indianapolis woman who wants to lose 80 or 85 pounds. She said she has struggled with obesity since she started having children 20 years ago. “I’ve tried diet pills. I’ve tried Weight Watchers ... all different types of diet plans,” she said. — Internet

Experts keep close eye on badly injured whale

OLYMPIA, Dec 5—Experts are keeping a close eye on a badly injured whale seen swimming in south Puget Sound.

John Calambokidis (cal-uhm-BOK-eeh-deez) of Olympia-based Cascadia Research says he has received a number of calls from people wondering whether to recommend expanding the use of a stomach shrinking band currently approved just for the morbidly obese. — Internet

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LONDON, Dec 5—Fiery food mavens seeking to one-up each other now have to gear up for a whole new test of culinary bravado: the world’s hottest chili pepper. Yes, the Naga Viper, the latest claimant to the world’s hottest-pepper crown, outdistances its predecessor, the Bhut Jolokia, or “ghost chili,” by more than 300,000 points on the famous Scoville scale of tongue-scouring chili hotness.

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Response vessels and towing equipment were en route and expected to reach the ship Saturday evening. Engine failure early Friday disabled the vessel, which is managed by Alseas Marine, based in Athens, Greece. Responders said the vessel was left with limited power, but not enough to overcome 29-foot seas and winds blowing at 45 mph. Conditions calmed later in the day, allowing the ship to make headway and potentially avoid running aground before help arrives.

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Disney town sees death for 2nd time in a week

CELEBRATION, 5 Dec — The owner of a failed security business barricaded himself in his soon-to-be foreclosed home, shot at deputies and then killed himself in this well-groomed Central Florida town built by Disney. The 14-hour standoff came just days after the town’s first-ever homicide, unsettling residents who moved to the community for its safety and small town values. Authorities said the two deaths were not connected.

Craig Foushee, 52, barricaded himself in his home Thursday for more than 14 hours, according to an Osceola County Sheriff’s Office report. He shot at deputies several times, but they never returned fire because they couldn’t get a clear shot. No deputies were injured. Court records show Foushee was in the middle of a divorce, and it was apparent that his life was unraveling, neighbours said.

Early Friday, deputies deployed tear gas, entered the home and found Foushee dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. On the unusually crisp winter morning, the smell of the tear gas hung in the air on the upscale cul de sac. All of the second floor windows including the third-floor dormers were either broken or had bullet holes the size of baseballs. At least one streetlight in the shape of a lantern appeared to have been shattered by gunfire.

“Just because this is Celebration doesn’t mean everyone’s perfect,” said Eva Medved, who lived across the street from Foushee. “People die, people get divorced, people get in trouble.”

German hackers allegedly steal pop music

BERLIN, 5 Dec — Two young German computer hackers allegedly stole pop songs from Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake, Kesha and Kelly Clarkson, selling them online and forcing the advanced release of several singles, officials said on Friday.

A 17 year old high school student from Duisburg, and his alleged accomplice, a 23 year old unemployed man from Wesel, are under investigation for using a Trojan Horse to hack into the artists’ computers for about 12 months before being discovered, Duisburg chief prosecutor Rolf Haferkamp said.

During that time, they earned more than euro10,000 ($13,240) in illegal sales of tracks acquired from the stars’ computers. Haferkamp would not comment on specific songs that were stolen. Both of the alleged hackers live with their parents in the western German cities, which are about 20 miles (30 kilometres) apart.

According to local media reports, which identified the two as Deniz A an amateur disc jockey known as “DJ Stolen” and Christian M, the two had attached the Trojan to an MP3 file that was then sent to the official addresses of the stars, their managers and their record companies. — Internet

Mystery man in Chasen killing was career criminal

LOS ANGELES, 5 Dec — Whether he was a Hollywood hitman or an ex-con with a big mouth still isn’t known. One thing is certain about the man who shot himself to death when police converged on him to talk about the killing of Hollywood publicist Ronni Chasen: He was an armed career criminal possibly looking at another stretch in prison, whether he had any connection to Chasen’s death or not.

Documents obtained Friday by The Associated Press reveal that Harold Martin Smith, who acquaintances say had boasted of killing Chasen for money, was a convicted, two-strikes felon with a long criminal history. Smith, 43, had most recently been released from prison in 2007 after a robbery conviction. He was discharged from parole last year and had told neighbours at the seedy Los Angeles apartment building where he lived that he would never return to prison.

Producer of Spider-Man musical not climbing walls

NEW YORK, 5 Dec — Like a superhero after a bad beat-down, the Broadway musical starring Spider-Man has dusted itself off and is fighting back against perhaps its greatest nemesis — its own complications.

After the first preview performance Sunday, “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark” had to be halted five times because of technical glitches, two subsequent shows have each been stopped only once. That downward trend comes as a relief to lead producer Michael Cohl. “Clearly that is the objective.

That’s what I expect and I’m sure it’s going to happen,” he said. “We’ve worked out 80 percent of our bugs. We’re way ahead of the game.”

But the show will have to go on at least through the weekend without actress Natalie Mendoza, who has been sidelined after being hit in the head by a rope during the first preview.

Mendoza, who plays Spider-Man’s evil love interest Arachne — a part written by director and co-book author Julie Taymor — will be out “for a brief period” but remains with the production, Rick Miramontez, a spokesman for the show, said Friday.

Mendoza’s understudy, America Olivo, filled in for the first time Thursday, though there was no note in the Playbill about the replacement.

Cohl said the reported $65 million megashow will open as planned 11 Jan at the Foxwoods Theatre following an unusually lengthy six weeks of previews. He also doesn’t expect any changes among cast members or in the script.
**Humbled Mourinho wants Real response**

**Madrid, 5 Dec** — Jose Mourinho must pick himself and his Real Madrid team up from Monday’s 5-0 humiliation at Camp Nou as his side defend their 100 per cent home record against Valencia on Saturday. Real went into the Clasico unbeaten and a point ahead of Barcelona, however, the champions gave a football lesson to their bitter rivals and Mourinho’s first defeat in charge of Real is the biggest of his glittering career.

“It wasn’t the biggest humiliation of my career but yes, it was the biggest defeat of my career because I have never lost 5-0,” said Mourinho.

“However, the league isn’t over and it will be a title race right until the end of the season and will be up there.”

**Ancelotti promises Chelsea crackdown**

**London, 5 Dec** — Carlo Ancelotti plans to instil a stricter regime at Chelsea after his side’s disappointing recent run was extended by a 1-1 home draw against Everton. That result means Ancelotti’s side have won just one of their last six league games, a sequence that has seen them fall from the top of the Premier League and down to third place behind Arsenal and Manchester United.

Ancelotti was angered by his side’s second half display against Everton when they failed to hold onto the 40th-minute lead given them by Didier Drogba’s penalty, with Jermaine Beckford eventually heading the equaliser four minutes from time. Chelsea’s manager admits he is concerned by the length of the current slump and believes the way to reverse his side’s title challenge is by demanding a change of approach on the training pitch.

**Ogilvy takes 5-stroke lead in Australian Open**

**Sydney, 5 Dec** — Australian star Geoff Ogilvy shot a 5-under 67 on Saturday to increase his lead to five strokes after the third round of the Australian Open. Ogilvy, the 2006 US Open champion, had a 16-under 200 total at The Lakes. Australia’s Matt Jones, a stroke behind Ogilvy after two rounds, was second after a 71. Australians Greg Chalmers (66) and Alistair Presnell (67) were tied for third, six shots behind Ogilvy.

Ogilvy’s lone professional victory Down Under came in the 2008 Australian PGA. The seven-time PGA Tour winner bogeyed the final hole Saturday, a tough par-3. “I played so well the past few days, so I guess I can’t complain about that,” Ogilvy said. “I’ve given myself a little bit of room from the field, which is good.”

However, Ogilvy headed to the driving range after his round, upset with himself for pushing a five-iron right of the 18th green. “I would not normally rush to the range, but I wanted to get it out of my head straight away,” Ogilvy said.

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**London, 5 Dec** — Arsene Wenger believes Arsenal are capable of showing even better form as they aim to sustain a title challenge after going top of the Premier League with victory over Fulham. Samir Nasri’s brilliant double-strike earned a 2-1 win at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday and allowed Wenger’s team to take advantage of Chelsea’s dropping points against Everton and Manchester United’s game at Blackpool being postponed due to snow. It means the Gunners are one point clear at the summit despite failing to hit top form this season, yet Wenger expects even more improvement in the months to come. “At the moment we are where we are despite losing three games at home,” Wenger said. “Every game is a cup final and if you are not ready you don’t win. We have spirit and quality but face strong opposition, and it’s down to consistency. We are far from winning the championship yet but we have the desire and fight. ‘We are good enough to go on, that is for sure. Every single team struggles to be consistent.”

**Redknapp prepared for Keane Spurs exit**

**London, 5 Dec** — Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp will allow Republic of Ireland captain Roy Keane to leave White Hart Lane in the January transfer window. The 30-year-old, who was loaned out to Celtic for the second half of last season, has started just two games this campaign with Peter Crouch, Roman Pavlyuchenko and Jermain Defoe all first choices. "I think he’d like to move - he wants to play," said Redknapp.

“Keane’s not used to not playing. All his career, he’s played and been a big player and he wants to play. He could sit here and take his wages, but that’s not him. ‘He wants to play football. He trains hard, works hard every day, he’s shown a great attitude. ‘And probably the hardest decision I had to make was last week: I couldn’t get him on the bench. ‘It wasn’t easy when you respect somebody and what a good player he is or has been. It was hard, because he’s still a good player.”

**Ansonia Hotspurs’ Robbie Keane**

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**Redknapp’s coach Jose Mourinho (left) and defender Pepe take part in a training session at the Real Madrid’s sports city on 1 December, in Madrid. — Internet**

**Tiger Woods tosses grass in the air to check the wind on the fifth tee during the second round of the Chevron World Challenge golf tournament at Sherwood Country Club on 3 Dec, 2010, in Thousand Oaks, Calif. — Internet**

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WEATHER

Sunday, 5th December, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeayawady and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States. Lower Sangaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions, (5°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin State and Mandalay Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Machanbaw (2°C), Haka (4°C) and Pinlaung (5°C).

Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from East at (10:30) hours MST on 4-12-2010.

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Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
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Ministry of Health can cure malaria, hypertension, diabetes, tuberculosis, diarrhoea and dysentery well due to development of traditional medicines and therapies throughout respective periods

Secretary-1 attends opening of 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Dec—The 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference was opened at the hall of the Ministry of Health, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, the Attorney-General, deputy ministers, departmental officials, WHO Health Officer Mr Vinod Bura, officials under the Ministry of Health, members of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, responsible persons of Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Association, representatives of States and Regions, social organization members and guests.

First, the Secretary-1 delivered an address. He said:

Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference has been held in amity and unity yearly with its lofty objectives since 2000: to raise the standard (See page 9)

SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views traditional medicine producers’ booths.—MNA