Yudhoyono delivered an opening speech.

The documentary video on the 18th ASEAN Summit was shown.

Then, President U Thein Sein, the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries had documentary photos taken and the ceremony came to an end.—MNA
**People’s Desire**

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* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
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**Conservation of cultural heritage, providing visitors with detailed facts stressed**

Union Mines Minister calls for conserving environment in gems mines

**Union Mines Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan at Maha Aung Myaybonsan Buddhist Temple. — MNA**

Union Mines Minister U Kyaw Hsan instructed the officials concerned to keep on preservation of ancient pagodas and buildings by delineating boundaries of their compounds and protect them from encroachment, provide visitors with detailed historical facts, keep the places clean and tidy, take measures against erosion of Ayeyawady River bank near Sinkyon Fort in Inwa Ancient City and conserve the wooden floors of Ancient Maha Aung Myaybonsan Buddhist Temple for perpetuation of national cultural heritage. — MNA

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**Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik inspects tasks for proper drainage of Uru Creek. — MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 May — Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik called for ensuring environmental conservation and rights of the public in gems mining in meeting with Kachin State Minister for Mines, patrons and vice chairmen of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association in Phakant Township in Kachin State on 8 May. The Union minister visited gems mines, tasks for proper drainage of Uru Creek and Underground Jade (3000 tons) Museum in Phakant Township. — MNA

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**YSL Welding Supply Ltd gives dinner to customers**

Yangon, 10 May — YSL Welding Supply Ltd., Yangon, and Thai-Kobe Welding Co., Ltd, Bangkok, hosted a dinner in honour of their customers at Traders Hotel here on 8 May.

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**Dinner of YSL Welding Supply Ltd and Thai-Kobe Welding Co., Ltd in progress. — NLM**
Gun battle kills militant, blast wounds four Afghan police

KANDUZ, 10 May—Gun battle between Taliban militants and security forces left a Taliban militant dead while a mine planted by militants wounded four policemen in Kunduz Province 250 km north of capital City Kabul on Monday, officials said.

“Security forces killed a Taliban militant, Qari Abdul Waheed, and captured another in Dash-e-Archi District at 01:00 pm local time today,” District governor Shakh Sadudin told Xinhua.

There were no casualties on security forces, he contended. In a related incident, a roadside bomb organized by Taliban militants struck a police van, wounding four police constables in the neighbouring Qalai Zal District on the same day Monday, District police chief Abdul Majid said. “A mine planted by Taliban rebels struck a police vehicle leaving four policemen injured,” Majid told Xinhua.—Xinhua

Indonesia waiting for Singapore’s decision on hijacked ship’s rescue

JAKARTA, 10 May—The Indonesian government was waiting for a decision from Singapore regarding efforts to free the MT Gemini ship and its crew, which some of them Indonesians, from Somali hijackers, a minister said here on Monday.

Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs Djoko Suyanto was quoted by Antara news wire as saying that the Indonesian government continued to communicate with the Singapore government for the release of the ship which carried 25 crew members, of whom 13 are Indonesian nationals.

Earlier, the Indonesian Defence Forces Commander Admiral Agus Suhartono said that the liberation of MT Gemini very much depended on the Singapore decision because the ship was a Singapore-flagged commercial ship.

“Therefore, the efforts to release the pirated ship depend on the decision of the Singapore government,” the military chief said.

Singapore-based Glory Ship Management which owns the MT Gemini said the ship was pirated on April 30 while it was sailing to the port town of Mombassa, Kenya. It said the crew members included 13 Indonesians, five Chinese, four South Koreans and three Myanmarese.—Xinhua

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**Science**

**Raging galactic ‘winds’ of gas detected**

**Paris, 10 May** — A European space telescope detected “winds” of cosmic gas streaming from galaxies that may have the power to bring star formation to a halt, astronomers say.

The winds discovered by the European Space Agency’s Herschel infrared space observatory blow at speeds of more than 600 miles a second, 10,000 faster than winds in a terrestrial hurricane, an ESA release said Monday.

These “winds,” or molecular gas outflows, are an important discovery because stars form from molecular gas, and these outflows are robbing some galaxies of the raw material they need to make new stars, researchers said. If the outflows are powerful enough, they could even halt star formation altogether.

Galaxies with the most vigorous outflows are losing mass at a rate of 1,200 times the mass of our sun every year, the astronomers said. These winds could be generated by the intense emission of light and particles from young stars, by shock waves from the explosion of old stars or they may be triggered by the radiation given off as matter swirls around a black hole at the center of a galaxy, they said.

“By catching molecular outflows in the act, Herschel has finally yielded long-sought-after evidence that powerful processes with negative feedback do take place in galaxies and dramatically affect their evolution,” Goran Pilbratt, ESA’s Herschel Project scientist, said.—**Internet**

**Renewables could meet nearly 80 percent of world’s energy needs by mid-century: UN climate panel**

**UNITED NATIONS, 10 May** — Nearly 80 percent of the world’s energy needs could be met by renewable energy by mid-century, and the renewable sources can play a key role in fighting global warming, a UN spokesman said here Monday. “Today, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report that concluded that close to 80 percent of the world’s energy supply could be met by renewable energy sources by the middle of this century, if backed by the right enabling public policies,” Farhan Haq, the UN spokesman, said at a daily press briefing.

“With such policies in place, the world would cut its greenhouse gas emissions by about one third, compared to business-as-usual projections,” Haq said. “It could also help to meet the goal of keeping the rise in the global mean temperature from exceeding two degrees Celsius in the 21st century, a goal recognized by countries in the Cancun Agreements.” The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in 1988. Its main objective was to assess scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant to the understanding of human induced climate change, potential impacts of climate change and options for mitigation and adaptation.—**Xinhua**

**NASA sets 16 May shuttle launch target**

**CAPE CANAVERAL, 10 May** — NASA says the launch of space shuttle Endeavour will take place no earlier than next Monday on a mission lasting 16 days rather than the original planned 14. If the launch does in fact occur on the 16th, liftoff would be at 8:56 am EDT, a NASA release said Monday.

Kennedy technicians have installed and tested new wiring that bypasses the suspect electrical wiring connecting the switch box to fuel system heaters that scrubbed the original launch date. Workers said they expected to close out Endeavour’s aft compartment where the repairs were done and begin launch countdown preparations Monday.—**Internet**

**Technology**

**Google to launch online music service**

**San Francisco, 10 May** — Google Inc could launch a new online music service as early as Tuesday, which will be similar to a service recently started by Amazon.com Inc. The Wall Street Journal said, citing people familiar with the matter.

The Journal said Google is likely to announce the service at its annual Google I/O developers conference in San Francisco, adding that the service will operate in a testing mode initially and not be available to the public at large.

In April, Amazon unveiled a service that allows customers to store about 1,000 songs on its web servers for free instead of their own hard drives and play them over an Internet connection directly from web browsers. Google could not immediately be reached by Reuters for comment.

The Journal said Google has not sought licenses from the four major recorded-music companies and the new feature is likely to include a system that functions much like a remote hard drive.

Users could listen to songs they have uploaded to the service in a “streaming” mode, but will not be able to download the files, the daily reported. Earlier in the day, Google-owned YouTube said it will add more than 3,000 mainstream movies for users to rent from Monday.—**Reuters**

**Apple, Conde Nast reach “New Yorker” iPad deal**

**NEW YORK, 10 May** — Apple Inc and magazine publisher Conde Nast reached a deal to offer the New Yorker on the iPad device in the latest sign that relationships are improving between the technology company and content owners. Conde Nast said iPad editions of other magazines will also be available by subscription through Apple’s In-App Purchase system on the popular App Store. Titles including Vanity Fair, Glamour, Golf Digest, Allure, Wired, Self and GQ will be available in coming weeks.

Publishers have eyed fancy digital versions of print publications for tablet computers like the iPad but have held back because of what they considered onerous terms. “Over time, we’ll see subscriptions leading to greater and greater scale, helping to drive overall industry growth,” said Robert Sauerberg, Conde Nast president, in a statement.—**Reuters**

**YouTube founders buy social media analytics firm**

**BEIJING, 10 May** — YouTube’s founders announced Monday that they brought a social media analytics firm, which helps businesses keep track of what’s being said about them on Facebook and Twitter, media reports said Tuesday.

Chad Hurley and Steve Chen, who sold YouTube to Google for 1.65 billion US dollars in 2006, said they planned to integrate Tap11 and Delicious with their new San Mateo, California-based Internet company AVOS. Hurley said the goal is to “create the world’s best platform for users to save, share, and discover new content.”—**Xinhua**

**French Nao robots are seen at the 2011 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2011) in Shanghai, east China, on 9 May, 2011.**—**INTERNET**
**Health Tip: Caregivers, don’t ignore your own health**

Caring for someone else during a serious illness can take a lot out of you. The American Academy of Family Physicians says it’s important to take care of yourself as you care for someone else. The academy offers these suggestions:

* Get regular checkups with your own doctor.
* Eat a healthy, nutritious and balanced diet.
* Find time for plenty of sleep.
* Schedule time for 30 minutes to 60 minutes of exercise at least four days per week.
* Help manage stress with techniques such as meditation or deep breathing exercises.
* Take some time for yourself every once in a while.

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**Spinal fracture surgery reduces death risk by 44 pc**

**LONDON, 10 May—** A new study has suggested that surgery reduces the likelihood of death by up to 44 percent for those suffering spinal fractures, compared with those who are just given bed rest and painkillers. Those treated with a pioneering procedure, in which balloons are inserted into fractures before the cavity is filled with bone cement, had particularly high survival rates. Experts said that the study is the first to prove the benefits of surgery in spinal fractures and will lead to better treatment for patients.

“We’ve known for a long time about the benefits of minimally invasive surgical intervention in the reduction of pain but this is the first time we seem to have robust data showing that it can highly contribute to saving lives. Treating vertebral fractures by balloon kyphoplasty is cost effective and prevents people from lingering in pain. We now have even more compelling reasons to make sure that this procedure becomes the standard of care for spinal fractures and ensure more patients have access to it,” the Telegraph quoted Michael Kotirba, Consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon at Croydon University Hospital, as saying. The study showed for the first time that surgery is a far better option.—Internet

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**Jaguar Land Rover launches $1.6 bln bond issue**

**MUMBAI, 10 May—** Luxury carmaker Jaguar Land Rover has launched a £1.0 billion ($1.6 billion) bond sale, the company’s Indian parent Tata Motors said, as part of a drive to refinance debt and develop its operations.

Jaguar Land Rover said in the statement on Monday. Tata Motors bought Jaguar and Land Rover from US Ford Motor Co in 2008 for $2.3 billion — a purchase that coincided with the global financial crisis that hit sales of the luxury cars. The Indian company took a $3 billion loan to finance the purchase. Jaguar Land Rover swung back to profit last year following a deep sales downturn during the financial slump. An investor roadshow will be held in Europe and the United States ahead of the planned three-part bond issue. The three tranches will include a sterling bond and a dollar bond issue, both with a seven-year maturity. The final tranche will be a 10-year dollar-denominated bond.

Last week Jaguar Land Rover said it was looking for a partner in the fast-growing Chinese car market. It plans to invest five billion pounds ($8 billion) in developing new high-performance vehicles over the next five years.

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**Home values tumble 3 percent**

**SEATTLE, 10 May—** Home values in the first quarter fell 3 percent from the fourth quarter of 2010, the largest drop between quarters since 2008, a home value index indicated.

The Zillow Home Value Index Released Monday indicated the median home value fell 8.2 percent in a year-over-year comparison to $160,600 in the first quarter of 2011, the Seattle-based real estate information market-place said in a release.

Home values have fallen 29.5 percent since they peaked in June 2006, the organization said. “Home value declines are currently equal to those we experienced during the darkest days of the housing recession.

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Myanmar, Thai to enhance bilateral ties, trade and investment

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein who was in Jakarta of Indonesia met Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva of Thailand at Jakarta Convention Centre (JCC) in Jakarta at 4.30 pm on 7 May.

Together with the President, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia U Nyan Lin and senior departmental officials attended the meeting. The Thai Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Kasit Piromya, Deputy Minister of Commerce Mr. Alongkorn Ponlaboot, Thai Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia Mr. Thanatip Upatising and high-ranking officials.

At the meeting, the President and the Thai Prime Minister focused on strengthening mutual friendship and relations and boosting trade and investment.

— MNA

Union Home Affairs Minister receives British Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May — With the aim of cementing bilateral friendship between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Britain, British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Richard Heyn called on Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko at the minister’s office here this evening.

— MNA

Proficiency course for officers of Budget Dept opened

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May — The opening ceremony of Proficiency Course No. (1/2011) for officers of Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the ministry here this morning, with an opening address by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

The five-week course is being attended by 51 trainees.

— MNA
President U Thein Sein attends ASEAN meetings in Jakarta

**President U Thein Sein attends informal meeting between ASEAN leaders and representatives of Civil Society Organizations.**—MNA

NAI PYI TAW, 10 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the meeting between Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and representatives of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), the informal meeting between ASEAN leaders and youth representatives and the informal meeting between ASEAN leaders and representatives of Civil Society Organizations held at Jakarta Convention Centre (JCC) Merak Room-1 on 7 May afternoon.

At 2 pm, President U Thein Sein attended the meeting between Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and representatives of AIPA.

At the meeting, ASEAN Alternate Chairman Indonesian President Dr Susiloe Yudhoyono extended greetings and explained matters related to transition from AIPA to People-Centered ASEAN and close cooperation between ASEAN and AIPA.

Next, the AIPA representatives discussed continued cooperation between ASEAN and AIPA, bridging the economic development gap between the ASEAN region, realization of UN Millennium Development Goals, food and energy security, risk management, protection of women and children, settlement of disputes in a peaceful way, cooperation in the issue of climate change and promoting human rights in the ASEAN region.

Then, the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and representatives of AIPA cordially discussed their views.

President U Thein Sein attended the informal meeting between ASEAN leaders and youth representatives at 3.30 pm.

At the meeting, ASEAN Alternate Chairman Indonesian President said that the emergence of ASEAN Community in 2015 cannot rely solely on governments but it also depends on cooperation of the peoples of ASEAN countries. Programmes on education, creative industry and culture are being carried out for the common interest of ASEAN nations. And these tasks will facilitate the emergence of People-centered ASEAN.

Next, the youth representatives said they support the establishment of ASEAN community and they will try to promote the sectors of leadership, creative industry, exchange of visits between ASEAN youths and cultural exchange. Then, the ASEAN leaders and the ASEAN Secretary-General discussed their views. Later, President U Thein Sein attended the informal meeting between ASEAN leaders and representatives of Civil Society Organizations.

At the meeting, the Indonesian President discussed emergence of unconventional global challenges, cooperation between governments and social organizations in acquiring the objectives of 2015 ASEAN Community, development of human resources, job creations and promoting of health care and cooperation in important regional issues.

Next, the representatives discussed matters related to maritime security, risk management, climate change, cooperation in food and energy security, ensuring people with low-income gain access to health care, poverty reduction, addressing armed conflicts in a peaceful way, prevention of sexually-transmitted diseases and making pregnancy safer and reproduction and prevention of violence against women.

Then, the Heads of State/Government and representatives of CSOs cordially discussed their views.

MNA

A & I Ministry to assist farmers with boosting quality and quantity of crops

NAI PYI TAW, 10 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called for assistance for farmers on calculation of domestic and foreign market demand at first work coordination meeting on development of agricultural sector of the country, hosted by his ministry here yesterday.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Than explained reform of national-level agricultural development committee and its work plans. Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw discussed anti-flood and land reclamation work committee and prioritized works.

The Union minister and deputy ministers, departmental heads observed pre-mechanized farming 500-acre model farmland in Nyaungbingyi Village, Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District. They also visited integrated farm and sugarcane plantation in Zeyathiri Township and Pyinmana Township.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing speaking at coordination meeting.—MNA

Regional development undertakings in Sagaing Region inspected

NAI PYI TAW, 10 May—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye visited Diesel Locomotive Shed (Ywathaung) in Sagaing on 7 May.

The Chief Minister inspected No (3) inter-district gravel road and production process at wood-based factory, Kaung Sein Weaving Factory and Shwe Myanmar Foundry in Sagaing Industrial Zone.

He also oversaw new 200-bed Sagaing Township People’s Hospital which is under construction.

On 8 May, the Chief Minister looked into renovation of Maha Sikkongyi Pagoda in Sagaing and site chosen for construction of Sasana Beikmmandaw, and observed nursery of Sunnmarya, Kaung-hmuadaw Pagoda.

In the afternoon, he visited People’s Hospital in ChaungU Township where he presented cash assistance for the twin sisters weighed nine pounds and ten ounces. Next, the Chief Minister called for better health care standard in meeting with health staff, committee members of administration board of the hospital and townswelders at the hospital.—MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 10 May — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and wife at Assembly Hall of the Jakarta Convention Centre (JCC) in Jakarta of Indonesia at 7 pm on 7 May.

Together with the President were Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah of Brunei Darussalam, Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen of Cambodia, Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Tham-mavong of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Prime Minister Dato Sri Mohammad Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak of Malaysia, President Mr. Benigno Aquino of the Republic of the Philippines, Senior Minister Professor S Jayakumar on behalf of Prime Minister Mr. Lee Hsien Loong of the Republic of Singapore, Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva of Thailand, Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, the deputy ministers and senior departmental officials, ministers of ASEAN countries, high-ranking officials, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, ASEAN permanent representatives and guests.

First, the Indonesian President and wife cordially greeted President U Thein Sein and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries.

Next, the Indonesian President, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General posed for documentary photos.

Then the dinner followed at Assembly Hall where Indonesian President Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono extended greetings. Afterwards, the Indonesian President and wife hosted dinner to Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and guests.

During the dinner, the Indonesian orchestra entertained those present with songs.
Nay Pyi Taw, 10 May—The Steering Committee for Making Arrangements for Hosting the XXVII SEA Games held its first meeting at the Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here this afternoon, with an address by Patron of the Steering Committee Vice-President Dr. Sai Mauk Kham.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that Myanmar will host the XXVII SEA Games in Nay Pyi Taw in December 2013. The biannual games have been held since 1959. So far, Myanmar has hosted them two times: in 1961 and 1969. Due to various reasons, Myanmar will host the games for the third time in 44 years. To host such games is a source of national honour.

The functions of the Steering Committee that also comprises Union ministers and deputy Union ministers are: (1) to host SEA Games successfully, (2) to raise funds in line with financial rules, (3) to build sports grounds and lodging houses on schedule, (4) to win victory in all the games Myanmar will participate in, and (5) to hold the opening and closing ceremonies on a grand scale in accordance with Myanmar traditions.

The building of sports grounds and gyms is in progress. Zabuthiri Stadium and Zeyathiri Stadium, each of which has 30,000-seating capacity, are being built, and so are gymnasia and swimming pools. He called for sector-wise reports on the building of more high-standard gymnasia and a 5200-seating capacity sports village, and other management buildings. It is required to camp talented athletes for the games to bring honour to the motherland. Myanmar has planned to organize 30 sports events. Myanmar stood first with 104 medals in the 1961 SEA Games, and with 149 medals in 1969 SEA Games, indicating that Myanmar emerged champion every time it hosted SEA Games.

All those responsible are to try with all seriousness for another milestone in the Myanmar history of hosting SEA Games. In addition, other subcommittees such as security, fund raising, health, transport, accommodation, reception, management, awarding and recording subcommittees will be formed as necessary.

He spoke of the need for training enough number of young interpreters for the sports teams from contestant countries, and training referees and juries at home and abroad for getting ISO certificates.

In conclusion, he urged those responsible for successfully holding the XXVII SEA Games to exercise the President’s guidelines such as transparency, undertaking, working in accordance with the law, and putting public desire at the forefront as fundamental principles, and instructions given by the Steering Committee: to host XXVII SEA Games on a grand scale, to set another milestone in the Myanmar’s sports history, and to show athletes and guests from various countries that Myanmar people are by nature very polite, hospitable and kind-hearted.

Chairman of the Steering Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan reported on participation and medals won by Myanmar in previous SEA Games, the 30 sports events and gold medals for XXVII SEA Games, requirements of sports grounds and gyms to be built, sports grounds and gyms under construction, proposed sports events, more sports grounds and gyms and management buildings to be constructed, halls that needs renovation, daily programmes in the MICC, formation of the Steering Committee and subcommittees, samples of logos and mascots, nomination for interpreters and referees and juries, requirements of sports equipment, daily schedules and scrutinization for main sponsors and co-sponsors.

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True patriotism

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* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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Chinese twins born in single body with two heads

Beijing, 10 May— A hospital in southwestern China says conjoined twin baby girls with a single body and two heads have been born at its facility.

A staffer surnamed Wang at Sining City Central Hospital in Sichuan province says the girls were born Thursday.

Wang said Tuesday that the parents, who are farmers, did not want to have the babies at first, fearing they could not afford to keep them alive. She said they transferred the twins to a hospital in the nearby metropolis of Chongqing to be examined by experts. According to the local Huaxi Metropolis Daily, the twins weighed 9 pounds (4 kilogrammes) and measured 20 inches (51 centimetres). They have two spines, two esophaguses and share other organs. Doctors were quoted as saying it would be nearly impossible to separate them. — Internet

Tropical storm Aere kills 15 in Philippines

Manila, 10 May—Fifteen people were killed and nearly 70,000 people were forced from their homes as tropical storm Aere pummeled the Philippines, the government said Tuesday.

The death toll from Aere, which hit on Sunday, was raised from nine, with six more people reported killed in floods, landslides and road accidents, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre said.

However, after two days of heavy rains across the main island of Luzon, the storm had weakened and was exiting the northern Philippines on Tuesday morning, according to the national weather bureau.

“The storm is moving away from the country in a north, northeast direction,” the bureau said, adding it was expected to move close to Japan’s southwest coast by Thursday. It said Aere’s maximum sustained winds had fallen to 65 kilometres (40.3 miles) an hour, from 95 kilometres (52.7 miles) an hour on Sunday. The disaster agency said that nearly 70,000 people had been forced to leave their storm-hit homes on Luzon, and the initial estimate of damages to the farming sector was more than $2.7 million. — Internet

Strong tremor jolted southern Philippines

Cotabato, 10 May — A 5.8 magnitude earthquake jolted Mindanao island in southern Philippines early Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said.

The quake hit at 3:13 am local time (19:13 GMT Monday) with the epicenter located 160 kilometres east southeast of General Santos City at the depth of 35 kilometres.

Officials are still determining if there were damages brought about by the quake.

The Philippines sits in the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, an area where continental plates collide producing frequent earthquakes and volcanic activities.

The worst earthquake in the country happened on 16 August, 1976 after a tsunami caused by a quake between 5,000 and 8,000 people in the Moro Gulf Region in southern Philippines. — Xinhua

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US first full face transplant patient makes first public appearance
BEIJING, 10 May—America’s first full face transplant recipient, Dallas Wiens, made his first public appearance at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, according to media reports on Tuesday. Sporting a goatee and dark sunglasses, Wiens, the 25-year-old Fort Worth, Texas, man, said on Monday his new face feels natural just weeks after a 15-hour procedure that gave him a nose, lips, skin, muscle and nerves.
Wiens said he was able to smell again and breathe through his nose normally, adding his 4-year-old daughter told him when she saw him after the operation: “Daddy, you’re so handsome.” Wiens lost all of his features and eyesight in November of 2008 after being hit by a car.

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**Too short’ NYC woman seeks 12m dollars for firing her from job**

A 4-foot-8 Bronx woman has sued a city job counselor for firing her from her gig as a Parks Department janitor in Queens because he thought she was too short to do the job.

In a lawsuit filed last week against the city and counselor Louis Marchi, Sandra Petersen has claimed the counselor got her booted from Parks, and she is now seeking 12 million dollars in damages for alleged discrimination.

Petersen, 51, said she never had a problem at work until she asked Marchi about switching her assignment.

“I could do the job. The managers really liked me and knew I worked hard,” she told The New York Post.

Petersen landed the six-month, subsidized city job in June, a position that was later extended by several months.

But she hoped to work as a home health aide and wanted to discuss the change with Marchi.

“He said: ‘You’re too short. Are you sure you’re working for Parks?’ Petersen recalled from their first meeting.

I lost sleep. I lost appetite. I was crying. I was going out of my mind. I felt humiliated,” she said.

**UK border agency rediscovers Einstein’s immigration papers after 80 years**

Border chiefs at London’s Heathrow Airport have been left stunned by the discovery of immigration papers belonging to German-born scientist Albert Einstein that go back to the time he escaped dramatically from Nazi Germany almost 80 years ago.

The landing card marks the legendary scientist’s arrival in the United Kingdom. Einstein was Jewish and escaped to England with a bounty on his head as an enemy of Adolf Hitler’s regime, the Daily Mail reports.

According to the smudged document, the “father of modern physics” arrived at Dover on 26 May, 1933 from Ostende, Belgium. He describes his occupation as a professor and being of Swiss nationality. On the reverse, Einstein states to immigration officers that he is bound for Oxford.

The major historical find will now go on display at Liverpool’s Merseyside Maritime Museum after curators snapped it up.

**“Thor” hits Chinese cinemas**

*Thor*, directed by Kenneth Branagh, arrived in Chinese theaters on 2D and 3D screens on Sunday, souh.com reports.

“The” by director Gu Changwei, is adapted from the Marvel Comics series about the legendary Norse warrior “Thor” and god of thunder. Strong box office draw Natalie Portman, Anthony Hopkins and Chris Hemsworth headline the big-budget movie.

The Marvel film is a departure for Branagh, whose previous directing credits include an adaptation of Shakespeare’s Hamlet and As You Like It.

Friday’s opening in North America will also mark the official start of a simmering box office summer season that will amassed smash hit franchise “Kung Fu Panda 2.” “Pirates of the Caribbean 4” and “Transformers 3.”

Reportedly, Chinese theaters expect to gross box office takings with the imported 2D original.

The enthusiasm of many moviegoers had been dented because the 3D version will be dubbed into Chinese.

**Convict disguised as woman recaptured in Egypt**

An escaped Egyptian prisoner was recaptured as he fled a police ambush disguised as a woman in the Suez canal city of Ismailia, security sources said on Saturday.

Adel Mohammed Dasaqu, 35, escaped from Cairo’s Abu Zaabal prison earlier this year while serving a three-year sentence for robbery and extortion.

He was accused of using fierce dogs to force shopkeepers and other people to pay him protection money.

Dasaqu was injured when he tried to escape by jumping from the third floor of a building as police closed in on Thursday, the security sources said.

They said he was dressed in a woman’s outfit, including a burqa that covers the face.

“He suffered broken arms and legs. He is now being held at a military prison,” one source said.

It was the second time that security forces have recaptured him since he broke out of Abu Zaabal during the chaos that accompanied the uprisings that ousted President Hosni Mubarak on 11 February. He was captured about a month ago but managed to escape from an Ismailia prison hospital where he was being held.

**Whitney Houston voluntarily enters rehab**

NEW YORK, 10 May—Whitney Houston is back in rehab.

A representative for the superstar confirmed Monday that Houston is undergoing treatment. Kristen Foster says Houston is in an out-patient programme for drug and alcohol treatment. She says it is a voluntary measure and part of Houston’s “long-standing” recovery process.

The 47-year-old, one of the most successful singers in pop music history, has battled problems with drug addiction for years. But in 2009, as she released a comeback album, she declared herself healthy and sober. However, her 2010 tour overseas was troubled: Houston canceled some dates due to illness and received negative reviews from fans who were disappointed in the quality of her voice and performance.

Earlier this year, she gave an uneven performance in tribute to cousin Dionne Warwick at music mogul Clive Davis’ annual pre-Grammy gala.

It’s unclear how long Houston will be in rehab or where she’s being treated; Foster had no further comment. However, Houston has been visible recently: Last week, she sang on stage with Chaka Khan during Prince’s concert in Los Angeles.
Rodriguez treble boosts Liverpool’s Euro charge

LONDON, 10 May—Liverpool boosted their late challenge for a top four finish in the Premier League as Maxi Rodriguez’s hat-trick fired the Reds to a 5-2 victory against Fulham on Monday. Kenny Dalglish’s side romped into a three-goal lead within the first 16 minutes at Craven Cottage, with Rodriguez scoring three times before Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer allowed Dirk Kuyt’s weak shot to squirm into the net.

Moussa Dembele got one back for Fulham but Rodriguez struck again for his second hat-trick in three games and Liverpool suggested the fifth goal to complete the demolition.

Steve Sidwell’s late strike meant little to Fulham and Liverpool’s five-star display lifted them above Tottenham in fifth place and within four points of fourth placed Manchester City in the race for the final Champions League spot. The Catalans boast the likes of Xavi and Andres Iniesta, two key players in Spain’s World Cup-winning side last year, while Lionel Messi is already being hailed as one of football’s all-time greats. “Everyone has acknowledged how great a team Barcelona are but Manchester United are in this final,” Ferguson told US-based satellite radio station Sirius XM. “Everyone has said this is not a good Manchester United, that we are not this or that.” —Internet

Sagna calls for Arsenal ‘killer’ instinct

LONDON, 10 May—Bacary Sagna has accused his Arsenal teammates of being “too nice” and urged them to toughen up in pursuit of silverware. The Gunners are set for a sixth successive season without a trophy after a 3-1 defeat away to Stoke on Sunday ended their already fading Premier League title hopes. Arsenal’s weakness at defending setpieces was exposed again when an unmarked Kenwynne Jones bundled in Stoke’s opening goal and Sagna said such errors would have to be eliminated if the north London club, who beat champions-elect Manchester United 1-0 last time out, were to win the title next season.

“We are too nice. We have to fight a bit more. We have to push them as much as they push us and be a bit more killer,” full-back Sagna told Arsenal TV Online. —Internet

Chievo deal almost fatal blow to Juventus CL hopes

ROME, 10 May—Juventus hopes of qualifying for this season’s Champions League were virtually erased on Monday after Chievo fought back from 2-0 down to force a 2-2 draw with the Turin side. The draw — which saw the Juventines booted off the pitch by their home fans — leaves the Old Lady five points adrift of Udinese, who occupy the fourth and final Champions League spot with just two matches remaining.

Juventus coach Luigi Delneri said his side had suffered a momentary blackout when they conceded the two goals in just over a minute. “We have paid a high price for a minute’s madness, there was a blackout,” said Delneri. —Internet

Ferguson backs United to test Barcelona

MANCHESTER, 10 May—Sir Alex Ferguson has insisted Barcelona will not have it all their own way when they meet his Manchester United side in next month’s Champions League final at Wembley. While both teams are on the brink of winning their respective domestic titles, it is Barcelona, who de-feated United in the 2009 final, that are widely re-garded as the pre-eminent club currently playing in Europe.

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Cycling rocked by Belgian cyclist’s death in Giro

MILAN, 10 May—Hurting down an Italian mountain pass at a speed that only a car would normally reach, Belgian cyclist Wouter Weylandt lost control of his bike for just a split second. In a sport where the smallest mistake can have catastrophic consequences, it proved lethal.

Weylandt tumbled to his death Monday in a downhill crash during the third stage of the Giro d’Italia, with the riders going 40 mph to 50 mph at the time. It was the first fatality at the Italian race in 25 years and the first at one of the sport’s showcase tours in 16 years. —Internet

NASCAR walking fine line in policing its policy

CHARLOTTE, 10 May—The boys, it seems, are still having it at, and NASCAR, to no surprise, still has no defined line on its year-old policy of letting drivers settle their own scores. That’s the comundrum NASCAR leaders faced Monday as they huddled to review a pair of weekend altercations at Darlington Raceway that raised attention to the ratings-challenged series, but tested the limits of how just far feuds should be permitted to play out.

The first, between Juan Pablo Montoya and Ryan Newman, happened behind closed doors with only NASCAR’s top officials present to witness a Friday meeting that “did not go as well as we had hoped.” Rumor has it that Newman punched Montoya in the meeting, a claim neither driver would confirm or deny. —Internet

Klitschko wants 50th career knockout against Haye

HAMBURG, 10 May—World heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko is confident he can unleash his 50th career knockout punch against WBA champion British David Haye in July. “I really want that 50th knockout. It is like a golden number,” Klitschko, who holds the WBO, IBF and IBO belts, said on Monday. “I really respect him. He is a great boxer with an impressive record but I will be well prepared. David Haye is going to be my 50th knockout,” the Ukrainian added after refusing to shake hands with Haye during the joint press conference.

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Real reach agreement to sign Sahin from Dortmund

MADRID, 10 May—Real Madrid have reached an agreement to sign German-born Turkish international Nuri Sahin from Borussia Dortmund for six seasons, the Spanish club said on Monday. The Spanish giants said the 22-year-old midfielder “has a knock for distributing the ball as well as recovering it.” With a powerful left foot and an eye for ball placement, he is also a master at free-kicks, the club added on its website.

Real gave no financial details but German media put the value of the transfer at around 10 million euros ($14 million). Sahin, who was under contract with the German side until 2013, made his league debut with Dortmund in 2005 when he became the youngest player to play and score in the Bundesliga at the age of 16. He scored six goals that season to help Dort-mund win its first Bundesliga title since the 2001/02 campaign.

JUVENTUS' Alex Delneri celebrates after scoring the fourth goal of the match against Fulham during their premiership match at home to Fulham at Craven Cottage football stadium, London. —INTERNET

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Sony to restore PlayStation Network by end of May

Tokyo, 10 May—Sony said Tuesday it aims to fully restore its PlayStation Network, shut down after a massive security breach affecting over 100 million online accounts, by the end of May. Sony also confirmed that personal data from 24.6 million user accounts was stolen in the hacker attack last month. Personal data, including credit card numbers, might have been stolen from another 77 million PlayStation accounts, said Sony Computer Entertainment Inc. spokesman Satoshi Fukuoka.

He said Sony has not received any reports of illegal uses of stolen information, and the company is continuing its probe into the hacker attack. He declined to give details on the investigation. Sony shut down the PlayStation network, a system that links gamers worldwide in live play, on 20 April after discovering the security breach. The network also allows users to upgrade and download games and other content.

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. on 10-5-2011 was (61%). Rainfall on 10-5-2011 was (Nil). Maximum temperature on 9-5-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 10-5-2011 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-5-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 10-5-2011 was (Nil).

**Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)**
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The Indonesian President, Alternate Chairman of ASEAN, first extended greetings.

Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries held a discussion on extension of research centres for food security and energy security sectors, coordination in food delivery, promoting of cooperation with ASEAN+3 countries, consuming of renewable energy in addition to petroleum and natural gas for energy security, implementation of ASEAN power grids for electricity security, holding of ASEAN Fair to be held in Bali in 2011, and promoting of Small and Medium Enterprises.

After the session, lunch was served.—MNA