NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an address in meeting with departmental heads of the Ministry of Health at the meeting hall of National Health Committee of the ministry this morning.

It was also attended by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Deputy Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, the directors-general, deputy directors-general and directors.

The Vice-President in his address said that the first purpose of his meeting with heads of department from the Ministry of Health is to acquire more knowledge of the functions and fulfil the requirements of the ministry. The ministry is constituted with the Department of Health, the Department of Medical Science, the Health Planning Department, the Department of Medical Research (Upper Myanmar), the Department of Medical Research (Central Myanmar), the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) and the Traditional Medicine Department.

When it comes to the Department of Health, there are a large number of hospitals, large and small, under Region and State Departments of Health. They have to take township level disease control and prevention measures simultaneously, and so some townships have their health mission accomplished, but some do not have.

Under each township Health Department are many rural health centres and sub-rural health centres that are overloaded with community health care and disease control tasks. So they are always in a tight schedule.

Regarding health care, the 929 hospitals can enhance the good reputation as well as tarnish the image of the ministry. Therefore, news ways and means are to be sought to remedy the weak points. The carrot and stick system is to be practised if necessary to monitor the tasks. Tasks are to supervised with better means to ensure that all health staff especially doctors and nurses to give patients as good treatment as they can and educate them about healthy lifestyle.

Cost-sharing system popular among the people is to be under assessment and to be exercised in compliance with the health policy of the State.

It is required to redraw necessary plans to improve the 14 universities under the Medical Science Department and sharpen the abilities of the doctors, nurses and assistant midwives.

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Keep your forests ever green

Forest and trees create favourable weather. If not, deforestation brings climate changes such as over heat, over cold and drought to the human society.

Forest plays an important role in social economic affairs for the human beings in economic, education, health, relaxation, environmental conservation, fine weather, conservation of bio-diversities and food sufficiency.

Although forests have been nurtured since ancient eras, the lands of forests are inevitably declining year after year through deforestation due to supplying necessary foods to the increasing number of people. Coverage of forest across the nation has been declining from 61 per cent in 1945 to 59 per cent in 1989, 52 per cent in 1998 and 47 per cent in 2010.

As part of efforts to prevent environments, the government reduces over reliance of the people on environment including forests through various ways and means. In so doing, all-out efforts are being made for establishment of national sanctuaries, formation of forest reserves and protected public forests, nurturing of forest plantations and holding monsoon tree growing ceremonies in regions and states to broaden horizons of the people to conserve forests and trees.

With harmonious participation of the people, various species of saplings are being grown in July of 2011 rainy season which was designated as tree growing period across the nation. Thus, all the people are to actively participate in the tasks to green their respective regions and conserve the forests and trees in the long-run.

Myanmar CPA Association to organize talk on 13 Aug

YANGON, 6 July — Mr Reza Ali, Head of Emerging Markets-Asia, ACCA, gives talks on “IFRS for SMEs” at Traders Hotel here on 13 August.

The talk is organized by Myanmar Certified Public Accountant Association. One may enlist for the talk with the fee of K 12,000 at No (1/19), Union Auditor-General’s Office, Yangon Training School, Thakhin Mya Park Street, (Ph: 214653) not later than 20 July. —MNA

People’s Desire

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Sports Ministry prepares for 5th inter-ministries football championship

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan views Nay Pyi Taw sports ground No.1 here yesterday.

During the tour of the sports ground No.1 and No.2 in Zabuthiri Township, the Union Minister inspected preparations for opening and closing ceremonies of the fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-ministries football championship. The Union minister also called for upgrading of the sports grounds. —MNA

Union Health Minister meets German, Danish Ambassadors, officials from UNFPA

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Denmark Ambassador Mr. Mikael Hemniti Winther. —MNA

MMCWA holds monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — The monsoon tree-growing ceremony-2011 of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Head Office) took place at the office Dakhinarathi of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

This morning, Danish Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Mikael Hemniti Winther at 11:30 am, and Asia and Pacific Regional Director Ms. Nobuko Horibé of UNFPA visited the ceremony-2011 of MMCWA (Head Office). It was also attended by Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint and Directors-General of the departime-nts under the ministry, and officials concerned. —MNA

A delegation from Myanmar Agro-based Food Processors and Manufacturers Association was welcomed by Chairman of the Association U Zaw Min Win and party at Yangon International Airport on 2 July.

Union Health Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Dr Mon Mon Aung, wife of the Union Minister for Health, member of the patrons of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Daw Ni Ni Win, President of Danish Ambassador and on going tasks on maternal and child health care with UNFPA.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and President Daw Nilar Thaw, Vice-President Dr Wai Wai Tha and CEC members planted saplings at designated places. A total of 118 saplings were grown in the monsoon tree-growing ceremony of MMCWA (Head Office). —MNA
British drone kills four Afghan civilians

KABUL, 6 July—A British Royal Air Force drone killed four civilians in the war-torn nation and injured two more during an attack on a Taliban commander, the Ministry of Defence confirmed Wednesday.

The defence department verified a report in Britain’s Guardian newspaper which revealed that four civilians died when a Reaper drone being controlled from a US Airforce base in Nevada attacked a truck carrying a known commander.

“On 25 March, a UK Reaper was tasked to engage and destroy two pick up trucks,” the defence ministry said Wednesday. “Sadly, four Afghan civilians were also killed and a further two Afghan civilians were injured.”

The group however is known to frequently fabricate and exaggerate statements for propaganda purposes, meaning it remains possible he was not kidnapped or killed.

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British soldier goes missing in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 July—A British soldier went missing in southern Afghanistan on early Monday morning, the UK Ministry of Defence confirmed. Few details about the disappearance were immediately released.

The Ministry said the British soldier was based in Central Helmand Province and was reported missing in the early hours of Monday. “His next of kin have been informed and they will be updated as the operation continues,” a brief statement said, adding that an extensive operation to locate him is underway.

A statement from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force ISAF confirmed one of its service members had gone missing. “An ISAF service member has been listed as duty status whereabouts unknown in southern Afghanistan,” the multinational force said, giving no other details.

Some media reports cited a Taleban spokesman as saying that the militant group had kidnapped the British soldier before executing him.

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US drones kill six people in Pakistan’s Waziristan

MIRANSAR, 6 July—Two US drone aircraft fired three missiles into a house in Pakistan’s North Waziristan Region on the Afghan border on Tuesday, killing at least six people, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The drone strike took place in Mir Ali town, 24 km (15 miles) east of the region’s main town of Miransar.

“Taliban is one of the most brutal and ruthless groups that has been attacking innocent civilians and local authorities,” a local intelligence official, who declined to be identified, told Reuters adding that four militants were killed in the strike. —Reuters

S Korean base in Afghanistan comes under attack

SEOUL, 6 July—A base for South Korean reconstruction workers in Afghanistan came under another apparent rocket attack, the foreign ministry said Wednesday.

Rocket-propelled grenades fell outside the base, located in the Afghanistan City of Charika, the 12th attack this year. No casualties have been reported.

The incident marked the seventh since the death of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the US Twin Tower terrorist attacks on 11 Sept, 2001. He was killed in Pakistan by US forces in May.

Officials suspect the series of attacks might have been linked to retaliatory attacks by bin Laden sympathizers.

South Korea currently has some 340 troops stationed in the conflict-ridden country to help protect a team of civilian reconstruction workers, and has beefed up security around the base for aid workers amid fears of terrorist threats. —Xinhua

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 6 July—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time. A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 34054 Afghan people were killed and 41638 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 6 July.

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Casualties of Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 6 July—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 6 July reached 706487 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1279888, according to the news on the Internet.

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China launches experimental satellite

JUQUAN, 6 July—China on Wednesday launched an experimental orbiter in the country’s Shijian satellite series from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwestern Gansu Province.

The satellite, was sent to space at 12:28 am (Beijing time) by a Long March II-C carrier rocket, according to the launch centre.

The orbiter, developed by China Spaceasi Co Ltd under China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, will be used to conduct space scientific experiments, the company said.

It has been the 139th flight of the Long March rocket series.—Xinhua

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StartUp

Twitter buys analytics startup

BackType

NEW YORK, 6 July—Twitter announced on Tuesday that it has acquired BackType, a San Francisco-based startup that helps publishers measure the impact of their social media use.

Financial details of the transaction were not released.

Twitter, in a message on its @TwitterGlobalPR feed, said BackType would “focus on creating tools for our publisher partners.”

BackType said it would be relocating to Twitter headquarters in San Francisco.

“Our vision at BackType has always been to help our customers understand the value of engagement on Twitter and other social platforms,” BackType said in a message announcing the sale on the company website.

“Joining Twitter gives us the opportunity to bring insight to tens of millions of publishers around the world that are using Twitter to communicate and connect with their audience,” the company said.

Twitter, which was founded in 2006, announced last week that Twitter users are sending 200 million tweets a day, up from 65 million a day one year ago.

Internet

Science

Study looks at ‘controlled’ forgetting

LUND, 6 July—Researchers in Sweden say a new study shows we can train ourselves to forget by controlling and intentionally forgetting unwanted memories. The assumption that we can control our forgetfulness has been controversial ever since Freud asserted it at the beginning of the 20th century, but researcher Gerd Thomas Waldhauser of Lund University says Freud was correct. In the same way as we can control our motor impulses — for example instructing the brain not to try and catch a red-hot ember thrown out of a fireplace — we can control our memory. Through EEG measurements of study volunteers attempting to forget facts, the research showed the same parts of the brain are activated when we restrain a motor impulse and when we suppress a memory, a Lund University release said Tuesday.

Controlled forgetting could be helpful in some situations, Waldhauser said. People suffering from depression often dwell on negative thoughts that might best be repressed or forgotten to help the individual emerge from the depression. But there are possible consequences of deliberate repression of memories, he said. “We know that ‘forgotten’ or repressed feelings often manifest themselves as physiological reactions,” Waldhauser said.—Internet

Technology

Expression-reading glasses tell you when to shut up

WASHINGTON, 6 July—New shades can tell you if your conversation partner is bored, confused, or angry. We’ve all been part of a conversation where we wish we had stopped talking a few sentences sooner than we did.

Researchers from MIT and Cambridge have now developed a pair of glasses that can read the facial expressions of your conversation partner and let you know if your words are hitting their mark, or if you should simply stop in your tracks.

Using a miniscule camera to monitor the action, compact computer hardware built into the glasses tracks 24 parts of the human face and infers emotions from this collective data.

In addition to studying facial movements, the futuristic specs are intelligent enough to glean important mood information from factors such as speech pattern, skin moisture, and body language.

When the glasses notice that something is amiss, a connected microphone quietly whispers the information into the wearer’s ear.

Should things get particularly dire, a small red light on the inside of the glasses flashes to indicate that it’s time to keep quiet. The possible applications of such a technology are staggering. Law enforcement officials could use them as a first line of defence against lies and deceit, while retailers might equip their associates with a pair to make sure each sales pitch is perfectly received.

The technology is still early, with just prototype versions of the shades now in testing, but should they ever be introduced at a consumer level, they just might make our conversations a tad less awkward.

INTERNET

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INTERNET
Gum disease delays pregnancy, fertility conference hears

A pregnant woman in Ygos-Saint-Saturnin, southern France. Women who wish to fall pregnant should be advised to brush their teeth and floss regularly as gum disease affects chances of conception, a fertility conference in Stockholm was told.—INTERNET

STOCKHOLM, 5 July—Women who wish to fall pregnant should be advised to brush their teeth and floss regularly as gum disease affects chances of conception, a fertility conference in Stockholm was told on Tuesday.

Periodontal disease can delay the time it takes to conceive by two months on average, an effect similar to that of obesity in women, the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) heard at its annual meeting.

The evidence comes from a medical study conducted in western Australia on a group of 3,416 pregnant women, most of them young and of Asian background. It took women with gum disease just over seven months to become pregnant, compared to an average five months for counterparts with healthy gums. For non-Caucasian women with gum disease, the period increased to a year. The study took other factors such as smoking and body weight into account.

The suspected culprit is inflammation caused by oral bacteria, which may have a knock-on effect on tissue in the reproductive system, doctors believe.

This is the first time gum disease has been identified among the factors that affect the chances of a pregnancy, said chief investigator Roger Hart, a professor of reproductive medicine at the University of Western Australia in Perth.—INTERNET

Non-smokers’ lung cancer may be different

AMSTERDAM, 6 July—Lung cancer patients who never smoked have tumours that show greater genomic instability, researchers in Canada said.

Principal investigator Kelsie Thu of the BC Cancer Agency Research Center in Vancouver says as many as 25 percent of lung cancer cases worldwide occur in people who have never smoked, and these patients typically exhibit traits different from those of smokers.

They are more often women, Asian, have a higher incidence of epidermal growth factor receptor mutations, better responses to EGFR-targeting drugs and are more commonly diagnosed with adenocarcinoma, Thu said.

“We identified several genomic regions that were differently altered in the lung tumour genomes of smokers and never smokers,” Thu said in a statement. “We also found that a greater fraction of lung tumours that harbored genetic alterations in never smokers compared to smokers. The discovery that there are different patterns of genetic alterations in smokers and never smokers suggests that lung cancers in these cohorts are likely distinct diseases driven by different molecular mechanisms, and thus, may require different treatments.”

The findings were presented at the 14th World Conference on Lung Cancer in Amsterdam.—INTERNET

Nokia abandons Japanese market

TOYOY, 6 July—Nokia Corp, battered by the popularity of smartphones, is abandoning the Japanese market after a brief foray with luxury cellphones costing as much as 20 million yen ($250,000). The Finnish handset maker is closing its last store selling high-end Vertu cellphones in Ginza by the end of July. Previously, it had four such stores in Japan, according to Tomoko Morimari of Sunny Side Up, a Tokyo public relations company that has Nokia as a client.

She declined to say when the decision to leave Japan was made or how many Vertu phones Nokia sold in Japan. Nokia phones have never been very popular in Japan, where the market is dominated by offerings from Japanese electronics makers as well as the iPhone from Apple Inc.—INTERNET

Oil below $97 amid strong emerging market demand

SINGAPORE, 6 July—Oil prices hovered below $97 a barrel Wednesday in Asia amid investor optimism that strong crude demand from developing countries will offset weaker consumption growth in rich nations.

Benchmark oil for August delivery was down 13 cents to $96.76 a barrel at late afternoon Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Crude gained $1.95 to settle at $98.89 on Tuesday. In London, Brent crude fell 11 cents to $113.50 on the ICE Futures exchange.

Barclays Capital boosted its 2012 forecast for Brent by $10 to $115 per barrel on the expectation that robust economic growth in China, India, Saudi Arabia and Brazil will fuel greater crude demand.

“The quest for industrialization and urbanization has tended to dominate energy and oil usage over the past few years, a trend we expect to remain largely unaltered over the coming years,” Barclays said.

Oil has rebounded from near $90 last week. Traders on Tuesday shrugged off lower equities, a stronger dollar, the end of the Federal Reserve’s bond purchase program and the International Energy Agency’s release of 60 million barrels of oil from strategic reserves.

In other Nymex trading in August contracts, heating oil fell 0.6 cent to $2.95 a gallon while gasoline slid 0.4 cent to $2.97 a gallon. Natural gas futures dropped 3.8 cents at $4.33 per 1,000 cubic feet.—INTERNET

Chery’s June auto exports hit record high

HEFEI, 6 July—Automobile exports for Chery Auto, the country’s largest domestic carmaker, surged by 105.9 percent year-on-year to hit 16,500 units in June, setting a monthly export record since the 2008 global financial crisis, company sources said Wednesday.

The company’s total export volume for the first half of this year hit 71,827 units, up 88.5 percent year-on-year and accounting for 59.9 percent of the company’s annual export target, said company spokesman Jin Yibo. The company previously set an annual production goal of 320,000 units for this year, which will likely be achieved ahead of schedule, said Jin.—Xinhua
A handout photo shows former Cuban leader Fidel Castro (R) and Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez speaking during a meeting in Havana on 3 July, 2011. —Xinhua

Skier survives 800-foot fall in Wyoming

SALMON, 6 July—A skier was in critical condition at an Idaho hospital on Monday after taking an 800-foot plunge from a mountain in the Teton Range in northwestern Wyoming over the weekend, officials said.

Ryan Redmond, 33, of Delafield, Wisconsin, was skiing with friends in the high-elevation back country of Grand Teton National Park on Saturday morning when he lost control and careened down the south side of the Middle Teton, according to the park authorities.

Redmond was wearing a climbing helmet and his ski pole was equipped with an ice ax designed to break falls but “he was unable to self-arrest on the firm snow,” a park spokeswoman said in a statement.

Another skier used a cell phone to request aid from park rangers, who provided emergency medical treatment at the scene.

Hospital officials on Monday said Redmond was in critical condition in the intensive care unit. They said confidentiality rules prevented them from elaborating on his injuries.

Reuters

New York City celebrates 235th Independence Day with fireworks

NEW YORK, 6 July—New York City celebrated America’s 235th Independence Day with a 25-minute fireworks show on Monday night.

The show, which was called the 35th Annual Macy’s 4th of July Fireworks and believed to be the country’s largest of its kind, started at 9:25 pm over the Hudson River, the west waterfront of Manhattan.

More than 40,000 shells were fired from six barges floating in a line of two miles on the river, exploding on heights of about 300 metres. This year’s show was themed “Gift of Freedom” to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

Amanda Walter, a college student who came from Texas, said the event reminded her of the hardships American people had been through to gain independence.

“It’s the fourth time I came to watch the show. I’m so proud to be an American whenever I saw the amazing fireworks,” she said.—Xinhua

This photo released by Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) shows workers work at the construction site of Mansudae area before the 100th anniversary of the birth of Kim Il Sung, the late DPRK leader, in Pyongyang, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK). —Xinhua

Coin minted in 1789 auctioned in Australia

SYDNEY, 6 July—A coin minted in Spain in 1789 for Britain, and which was in circulation during the first years of the British colony in Australia, has been sold at an auction for AUSD 485,000 (USD 520,587), Australian media reported Monday.

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To keep them from being smuggled out of the territory, British authorities had a hole drilled in the centre of the coins, which devalued them somewhat but also made them easy to spot.

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This is one of 200 coins of its type preserved in private collections, Cuppens said.

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New pension rates, token of government’s attitude to public

In his inaugural speech, the President said that the new government would adopt policies and work programmes in accordance with the nation’s conditions.

And in his address to the government, he said that according to the reports by Hlutaw members, salary rates of State service personnel and pension rates would be increased in an opportune time.

At the meeting with members of Union level bodies, Region and State chief ministers, and deputy ministers, he urged them to work hard to fulfill the hopes of the people.

At the National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, he said that taking all the work programmes in all seriousness, the government would form the Central Committee and work committees to implement them in a systematic way.

The speeches of the President reflects benevolent attitude towards the public. Now, the eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation have been adopted, and respective committees have started tasks since 1 July.

According to Notification Nos 106/2011 and 107/2011 by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, retired State service personnel and political pensioners are allowed to draw increased pension rates as from July 2011. Increasing pension rates to help address basic needs of pensioners brings great benefits to the people and solve the adversities to an extent.

Now, State service personnel who have shouldered national service and retired from work with superannuation pension, old age pension and illness pension are in a position to solve daily issues of basic needs due to great gap between prevailing pension rates and consumer prices. Throughout the periods from the post-independence period, the State has been providing pensions plus Cost of Living Allowance based on economic strength as a token of its benevolent attitude to State service personnel. Therefore, pensioners are going to overcome hardships of basic needs.

To increase pension rates, it is needed to take account into inflation rate, State revolving funds, GDP and financial situations of neighbouring countries.

However, the government has been providing pensions at suitable rates for retired State service personnel who have shouldered State duties.

Myanmar’s existing Pension System is practiced according to existing Laws and Rules on retired service personnel. Unlike other countries that provide pensions based on contribution by State service personnel, Myanmar provides pensions with the government funds in proportion to services.

According to existing Civil Service Rules, a pension and gratuity are calculated based on last salary and service. The State has been providing CLA and increasing pensions occasionally for welfare of retired State service personnel and to help them surmount hardships due to increasing inflating rate.

After independence in 1948, the State has been increasing pensions of State service personnel. In 1956, it approved family pension in addition to pension of a staff member. In 1973, it increased pension service from 30 to 42 years, and family pension service, from 10 to 15 years. In 1977, it allowed temporary CLA on account of the-then national conditions. In 1988, it approved additional money apart from pensions. In 1989, it added temporary money and CLA to original pension rates. Moreover, it revoked the policy that a pension rate shall not exceed 600 kyats. In 1993, it increased pension rates by 25 per cent. In 1994, it increased family pension rates from half to four-thirds of the pension rates of retired State service personnel, and increased the term of family pension from 15 years to life time. In 2000, it doubled pension rates.

These facts show how much benevolent attitude that the State has towards service personnel according to national development.

The new government is implementing the policies step by step that has laid down. It reveals part of reforms in the time of the new government and compliance with the speech of the President for the convenience and comfort of the people.

The new government’s service is close to 100 days. During the period, it granted general amnesty to prisoners, held the National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation and adopted the eight tasks, organized workshops on promotion of national education, assessed mango grove swamps that were hit hard by Cyclone “Nargis”, conducted national workshop on preliminary project, workshop on improvement of furniture designs and quality control, second Region level workshop on round-assessments of basic needs of households, paper reading session on Pyithu/Amyotha Hlutaw committee members, ESCAP, conference on cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnamese entrepreneurs and seminars to speed up e-Government processes, took measures for adoption of free compulsory primary education system, hosting XXVI SEA Games in 2013 and opened media corners in Yangon for development of the media.

In addition, 21 literary scrutinization principles and 70 detailed literary scrutinization principles were reduced to 12 and 16 respectively. And it approved the system under which 82 journals and 96 magazines of various genres, periodicals and list of lottery results are submitted only after they have come out.

More than that, it opened railroad sections, hospitals, schools, bridges, high-class cinema halls and libraries, upgraded universities, launched more special train schedules, and incinerated seized narcotics and precursor chemicals.

The new government has a plan to complete in three years ongoing projects of roads, bridges, railroads, airfields and hydropower that were commissioned in the Tatmadaw government. If these projects are completed on schedule, the people can enjoy the fruits sooner. Now, pension rates have been increased and the people will soon enjoy the taste.

According to the figures, Myanmar has over 900,000 pensioners. So, the increment of pension rates will also benefit family members of the pensioners. For instance, a family has five members on average, that programme benefits over 4.5 million people. Some merchants and people say that the people are glad to know that pension rates are increased, but they worry that commodity prices will go up unnecessarily at the price dictation of rapacious traders.

Some independent veteran politicians say that the nation is witnessing political reforms as pension rates have been increased democratically to satisfy the long thirst of pensioners; and that they will participate in the government’s democratization processes with heart and soul in recognition of the government’s goodwill to political pensioners.

The people of Regions and States are expressing their pleasure the notification on increasing pension rates also covers old pensioners, and thanks to the government for priority to old pensioners.

It is also said nationwide that pension rates of retired State service personnel should have been increased far earlier; that the people take pride of and are happy with the announcement designed to enhance welfare of retired State service personnel; that they worry that greedy merchants will dictate commodity prices and resort to various political means taking full advantage of increased pension rates; that the government’s recognition of retired State service personnel who have contributed towards nation-building tasks gives further impetus to measures for shaping the future of the nation; that they share the happiness of pensioners and their family members; and that they are glad that the government has fulfilled the strongest desire of pensioners.

My eyes were filled with tears out of delight and ecstasy, hearing the words of the people from all strata of life.

Entrepreneurs should not manipulate market prices taking advantage of pension rate increase intended to long-term interests of the people. The State’s projects will be completed successfully on schedule and the nation and the people will enjoy economic development only if projects are prudent and beneficial to the people. Then, entrepreneurs can hope greater success in their businesses and prosperity.

State Constitution (2008) stipulates 57 articles that guarantee human rights. Increasing pension rates is part of improving human rights. Nonetheless, certain foreign radio stations are airing particular-designed stories as though the government were violating human rights. In fact, human rights in Myanmar are better than in past.

In conclusion, to increase pensions of over 900,000 pensioners in the nation amount to millions of kyats more a month from the State budget. It is indeed a landmark in the nation’s history showing the new government’s attitude to the public. And it indicates that the President’s address to the governing body has been put into deed in no time. Anyhow, increasing pension rates is one of the tasks the government has been carrying out in the national interests. Now, pensioners cannot hide their happiness and delight deriving from their increased pension rates.

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Carrot and stick system to be ...

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midwives. It is time to keep a good balance between quantitative and qualitative improvement. The Health Planning Department, the Department of Medical Research and the Department of Traditional Medicine, like the Department of Health and the Medical Science Department, need reforms to be able to contribute towards the projects and plans the government is implementing for national development.

The second purpose is to make preparations for a workshop on better health care this month to widely assess the functions of the whole ministry. The ministry needs to make arrangements in order that its health care is on a par with that of other ASEAN countries by 2015, ASEAN Integration Year.

The third purpose is to render assistance to make all necessary reforms to materialize the sixth of the eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation the government is implementing for improvement of the socio-economic life of rural people who constitute 70 per cent of the nation’s population.

According to the Plan for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, human resource development programmes will be laid down for providing community health care for 64,346 villages. Therefore, it is needed to take measures for bringing about enough number of village-level health workers, staff, midwives and assistant midwives.

The Union Minister reported on organizational setup of the ministry and duty and functions.

Directors-general and deputy directors-general of Health Department, Medical Science Department, Traditional Medicine Department, Health Planning Department and Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar) and deputy director of Central Medical Store Depot reported on departmental setups and functions.

After attending to the needs, the Vice-President gave instructions on submission on requirements of departments, undertaking the tasks after submitting the reports to the coming workshop, systematic carrying out the tasks of the Ministry of Health in rural region development and poverty alleviation projects, and staff to abide by rules and regulations and policies adopted by the State.—MNA

Union Labour & SWRR Minister receives UNFPA regional director

Union Minister for Labour and Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi receives Director of Asia and Pacific Region Ms Nobuko Horibe of UNFPA.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi received Director of Asia and Pacific Region Ms Nobuko Horibe and party of UNFPA based in Bangkok of Thailand at the Ministry of SWRR, here, this morning. They discussed assistance of UNFPA for implementation of a five-year plan for women development. Also present at the call were Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department and Head of Office U Sein Aye of the Ministry of SWRR.—MNA

Union Forestry Minister on inspection tour of forests in Mandalay Region

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun making speech in meeting with service personnel.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun on 4 July visited Thamnipyu nursery of Forest Department in Meiktila District and viewed Eucalyptus plantation and 600 teak saplings. He also viewed thriving 100 acres of village forests and 40 acres of other plantations of Arid Zone Greening Department in Sagaing Township.

He attended the monsoon tree growing ceremony at mile post 36/2 on No. 3 inter-district road and met staff. He visited Central Forest Development Training School Branch (Patheingyi). Yesterday, the Union Minister viewed round nurturing herbal orchids at Doekwin Nursery in Doekwin Village of PyinOoLwin Township.

At Myanmar Forest Training School in PyinOoLwin, he met departmental heads, instructors and trainees. He also visited Orchid Garden, Butterfly Fossil Museum and National Landmarks Garden at National Kandawgyi Gardens.

The Union Minister inspected Zeebin Forest of Forest Department in Nawngkhio Township. —MNA

Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales for 2011 continues

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales for 2011 continues for sixth day here today, and 9931 jade lots have been sold out so far through the tender system. Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htay visited the special sales today and gave instructions to officials concerned.

The special sales organized by the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium will be held till 13 July. Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and members of the committee have supervised the sales.—MNA
Union A&I Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at his office here yesterday evening.

They held discussions on establishment of Agriculture Research Centre for bilateral cooperation in the areas of agriculture and research.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw and departmental heads of the ministry.

Union F&R Minister receives Danish Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Danish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikael Hemniti Winther at his office here this morning.

They held discussions on matters of mutual interest between two countries. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.

Taninthayi Region honours outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Taninthayi Region held a ceremony to honour students who won 2011 matriculation examination with flying colours and presented cash donations at City Hall of Dawei this morning.

Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Khin Zaw delivered a speech.

Shwe Kanbawza Co Ltd. Max Myanmar Co and Maha Aung Myint Thu Co donated K 10 million each; Yuzana Co, K 5 million, Pyae Phyo Tun Co and Htoo Htoo Toe Co, K 2.5 million each; Po Thi Cho Power Supply Association, K 2 million; Dawei Co, K 1 million; and trawler entrepreneurs U Aung Win and U Hon Nu, K 500,000 each.

Taninthayi Region stood second in matriculation exam pass rate with 41.44 percent among Regions and States. In the region, three students won five distinctions; 18, four distinctions; 42, three distinctions; 81, two distinctions; and 467, one distinction.

The chief minister, the Region Hluttaw speaker and ministers presented gifts to universities that contributed to the region’s matriculation education, three schools with highest pass rates, 17 schools with over 50% pass rate, five schools with most distinction winners, and four schools with 100% pass rate.

Rakhine State plants 2000 trees at monsoon tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and State Forestry and Mines Minister U Aung Than Tin distributed saplings to participants at monsoon tree planting ceremony of the state held on the campus of Sittway University on 2 July.

The chief minister and wife planted a Gangaw tree at the ceremony, where 2000 wind-breakers were planted. He also inspected quality strain farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Sittway.

Repair to electricity, water and septic systems in some prisons

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is carrying the maintenance of prisons in cooperation with ICRC. Water and habitat Engineer Swiss Mr Eric Weissen from ICRC and two officers were allowed to visit Mawlamyine prison on 1 July. There, they inspected site chosen for sinking tube well, tube well, storage of water and construction of toilets and septic tanks.

They were conducted round by Director U Soe Soe Zaw from Myanmar Correctional Department (Mon/Kayin), prison officer in-charge and engineers. According to the preliminary survey of ICRC in Myaungmya, Hpa-an and Mawlamyine prisons, solar powered water pumping system is installed by Myanmar Correctional Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs in cooperation with ICRC.
Proficiency Course No. 23 for Chief Auditors concludes

NavPyiTaw, 6 July—The conclusion of Proficiency Course No. 23 for Chief Auditors took place at Union Auditor-General’s Office here this morning.

In his speech, Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung said that now new auditing offices have been set up in consistence with the formation of the new government. Auditing findings are to be discovered and reported with new views to meet the new systems of the organizations that have their accounts audited, he said, adding that staff members are to improve their skills as they are to be impartial in their tasks. In conclusion, he urged the trainees to have a sense of duty so as to make contribution towards the process of emergence of good governance and clean government.

International Open Chess Tournament kicks off

Yangon, 6 July—International Open Chess Tournament kicked off at Central Hotel here this morning.

The game is jointly organized by Sports and Physical Department, World Chess Federation (FIDE) and Myanmar Chess Federation.

FIDE General Secretary of ASEAN Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung delivering a speech in the concluding ceremony.—MNA

KIA blows up rail tracks between Hopin and Nankhwin of Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad

Tatmadaw, MPF, officials focusing on security of life and property of people

NavPyiTaw, 6 July—KIA is committing mine explosions on motor roads, railroads and bridges for killing and wounding the people in Kachin State due to the fact that the Tatmadaw opened limited fires for the sake of project and public security.

Yesterday evening, KIA group planted mine on the rail tracks between Hopin and Nankhwin of Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad. In the incident, rail tracks were cut off and sleepers were destroyed. Officials concerned received the information in advance and made necessary maintenance of the railroad in real time, so they made the first move to open the tournament where 73 chessmen from 11 countries are playing.

Well-wishers made cash donation for successful holding of the tournament. MNA

MFF to organize educative talk

Yangon, 6 July—Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association will jointly organize an educative talk at the hall of the federation in Insein Township at 2 pm on 9 July. The talk on Development of Union based on Rural Area with the sponsorship of Thet Paing Soe Co Ltd will be given by Dr Myo Thant Tin. Any person may attend it. MNA

Enamel wares satisfy...

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Merchants may directly contact the factory to purchase the products. The enamel wares are produced through new technology meeting set standards.

The products can endure 300 degree centigrade and they can be washed with water without losing quality. The factory plans to produce cheap steel products meeting high standards.

The Ministry of Industry-1 is focusing on providing the people with high quality products at reasonable prices. These products can substitute the places of imported ones and contribute to use of hygienic products. It can be said that production of enamel wares effectively fulfills the requirements of the people.

Photo shows Enamel Ware Factory (Mayangon) of Myanmar Pharmaceuticals Industries under Ministry of Industry-1.

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Massive dust storm sweeps through Phoenix area

PHOENIX, 6 July—A massive dust storm descended on the Phoenix area on Tuesday night, drastically reducing visibility and delaying flights as strong winds topped trees and caused power outages for thousands of residents in the valley. The towering dust cloud that hit the area had originated in an afternoon storm in the Tucson area before moving north across the desert, said National Weather Service meteorologist Paul Iniguez.

Before bearing down on the Phoenix valley, radar data showed the storm’s wall of dust had reached as high as 8,000 to 10,000 feet, he said.

Once it neared the valley, the cloud had fallen to some 5,000 feet, according to the weather service. KSAZ-TV in Phoenix reported the storm appeared to be roughly 50 miles wide in some spots, and it briefly blanketed the city’s downtown at around nightfall.

“We heard from a lot of people who lived here they’d seen.” Iniguez said. “We heard from a lot of people who lived here for a number of storms and this was the worst they’d seen.”

Toxic gas leak leaves five dead in Chongqing

CHONGQING, 6 July—An unidentified poisonous gas leak on Tuesday evening at a garment factory in Jiangjin District, Chongqing Municipality has left at least five people dead, local government said Wednesday. The accident happened at about 10:20 pm at the Chongqing 3533 garment dyeing general factory. Eight people were affected, among them five were confirmed dead, two were seriously poisoned and one slightly poisoned. The three are being treated.

Investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.—Xinhua

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CHONGQING, 6 July—A massive gas leak hit a factory in Jiangjin District, Chongqing Municipality on Tuesday evening, local government said Wednesday. According to local media, the gas leak occurred at a plastic products manufacturing factory in the Jiangjin District in the late afternoon of Tuesday.

The factory was producing a variety of plastic products, including plastic bags, plastic pipes, and plastic bottles. The leak occurred in the warehouse where the plastic products were stored.

The gas leak caused a large amount of black smoke to billow from the warehouse in Nanchang, the capital of east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 5 July, 2011. A fire broke out at the warehouse, where plastic products are stored in Nanchang on Tuesday.

Xinhua

Japan nuclear power plants to undergo stress tests

TOKYO, 6 July—The Japanese trade minister says the government is looking at conducting stress tests on the country’s nuclear power plants to quell heightened concerns about their safety.

The 11 March earthquake and tsunami triggered the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl. The power company that operates the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant has come under heavy criticism for failing to sufficiently prepare for the natural disasters.

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Banri Kaieda said Wednesday that all 54 reactors will undergo additional safety checks to gauge the facilities’ defenses against major calamities like earthquakes.

Internet

American nuclear power plants to undergo safety checks

WASHINGTON, 6 July—The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced Wednesday that it would start a series of safety tests on all nuclear power plants in the country. The tests are expected to take several months and will involve rigorous checks of the plants’ safety systems and procedures.

The move comes after the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear disaster in Japan last year, which caused widespread concerns about the safety of nuclear power plants worldwide. The tests will be conducted in the wake of the Fukushima Daiichi accident sparked by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami disaster. Internet

Galileo documents to be shown for first time

ROME, 6 July—Documents on the 17th century trial of Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei and Britain’s 16th century monarch King Henry XIII will now be exhibited outside the Vatican for the first time.

The exhibition marking the Vatican Secret Archive’s 400th anniversary will showcase around 100 documents from Rome’s Capitoline Museum from February next year.

The show titled “Lux in Arcana: The Vatican Secret Archives Revealed” will run till September.

“The inherent richness of this exhibition is amplified by the fact that it is being organised outside the Vatican, on the Capitol Hill which symbolically represents the heart of Rome and its relationship with the papal city down the centuries,” said Vatican secretary of state Cardinal Secretary Tarcisio Bertone.

The exhibit will include documents from World War II-era pontiff Pope Pius XII.

The archive was founded in the early 17th century and contains 84 km of shelves holding papal correspondence, state papers, books and records of ancient Christianity.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. BIDS are invited by the MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE, NO.44, COMPLEX, NAY PYI TAW, MYANMAR for the supply of
(A)EEB NO.1 (T) CONST-MOGE/EXP/(2011-2012) CAP
1. 20” LSAW API SL Grade x 46 3 LPE Coated Steel Line Pipe - 321,869 MTR
2. 20” FACTORY MADE O RADIUS HOT BEND - 210 NMB
(B)EEB NO.2 (T) CONST-MOGE/EXP/(2011-2012) CAP
1. 12” ERW API SL Grade x 42 3 LPE Coated Steel Line Pipe - 12,875 MTR
2. 8” ERW API SL Grade x 42 3 LPE Coated Steel Line Pipe - 17,703 MTR
3. 6” ERW API SL Grade x 42 3 LPE Coated Steel Line Pipe - 12,875 MTR
4. Steel Ball Valves and Spare Mating Flange - 1 Lot

(C)EEBNO.3 (T) CONST-MOGE/EXP/(2011-2012) CAP
1. NDT Service

Ind/EEBNO.4 (T) CONST-MOGE/EXP/(2011-2012) CAP
1. Assorted Sizes of Electrode E 6011 P - (75) TNE
2. Heat Shrinkable Sleeve & Closure Patches - 1 Lot
3. Pipe Lifting Equipment & Aligning Equipment - (10) Items

2. Commencing from 11th July, 2011 a complete set of bidding document shall be available at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No.44, Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar during office hour by payment to the order of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank attesting remittance of US$ 100 (US Dollars : One Hundred Only) in favour of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (or) FEC 100 (FEC : One Hundred Only) to the above office for each set of document.
3. Bids shall be accepted only from the bidders who officially purchased the bidding documents.
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Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

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Senior Chinese leader highlights Sino-Franco cultural exchanges

PARIS, 6 July—Senior Chinese leader He Guoqiang on Monday hailed language and cultural exchanges between China and France as the base for deepening bilateral relations. In his opening speech during the inauguration of the Chinese Language Year programme, He, a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), said, adding that French and Chinese, two languages with long history and deep culture, have built a bridge of dialogue and understanding between both peoples who geographically live so far away from each other.—Xinhua

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Healthy lifestyle associated with low risk of sudden cardiac death in women

WASHINGTON, 6 July—Adhering to a healthy lifestyle, including not smoking, exercising regularly, having a low body weight and eating a healthy diet, appears to lower the risk of sudden cardiac death (SCD) in women, according to a study to be published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. “Sudden cardiac death (defined as death occurring within one hour after symptom onset without evidence of circulatory collapse) accounts for more than half of all cardiac deaths, with an incidence of approximately 250,000 to 310,000 cases annually in the United States,” the authors write as background information in the study.—Xinhua

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Resourseful chefs find recipe for success at contest

Beef shoulder in crispy noodle rings, a main dish prepared by Hou Xingning.—Xinhua

BEIJING, 6 July—A team of five Beijing chefs cooked up a storm at the China World Hotel on June 24, presenting to local diners their prize-winning dishes at the 2011 Taipei World Championship of Cookery and Food Expo. The team competed with 500 top chefs from around the world and took the top spot at the contest in Taipei in May.

Shi Xiaoxiang, executive chef at Da Dong Roast Duck Restaurant’s Nanxincang branch, made the appe-
**Coaster riders stuck for 6 1/2 hours**

Riders of a Scottish roller coaster said they feared for their lives when the ride came to a halt and stranded them 90 feet in the air for more than 6 hours.

The nine riders, who included a 9-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl, said the Tsunami roller coaster at M&D’s theme park in Straitclyde Park, Scotland, came to a halt about 4:15 pm Sunday, and only three people had been rescued by 10:30 pm, the Scottish Daily Record reported Monday.

“I thought we were all going to die. It happened so suddenly,” said Razma Mian, 13.

**Drugs fall from buttocks at traffic stop**

Police in Connecticut said a motorist pulled over for not wearing his seat belt was arrested after drugs concealed in his buttocks fell out of his clothes.

West Hartford authorities said Dillon Livingston, 26, of Newington was pulled over while allegedly driving without his seat belt at about 9:15 pm Thursday and the bags of heroin and cocaine fell from his clothes while he was being questioned, the Hartford (Conn) Courant reported Tuesday.

Livingston, who was charged with failure to wear a seat belt and illegal possession, was released on $2,500 bail and is due in court 14 July.

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**Gaga to guest judge dance show**

**LONDON, 6 July—** Pop star Lady Gaga is all set to judge an upcoming episode of US dance reality show “So You Think You Can Dance”. Gaga will join judges Nigel Lythgoe and Mary Murphy on the panel.

“Lady Gaga will give great advice on how to handle yourself, how to be creative with what you do, and how to be a fabulous performer. Her help is going to be invaluable,” contactmusic.com quoted Lythgoe as saying.—Internet

**Jennifer Aniston’s ‘Hair Gate’ affair**

**WASHINGTON, 6 July—** The former ‘Friends’ star dyed her blonde locks brown and added a heavy fringe for her role as a raunchy dentist in ‘Horrible Bosses’. She admitted the new look was her idea, but studio chiefs fought her over the plan. “We had this wonderful period of time I do call Hair Gate. The studio was like ‘You can’t do that, we have to do this’,” she said. “They will know my name from the credits,” the Daily Star quoted her as telling the Chicago Sun-Times.

“I’m the one who insisted on the dark hair. I was doing a movie right before this and one after that had me looking more like me, and I knew this character had to be different... I just felt such a freedom,” she added.

**Hollywood stars look unnatural: Julianne Moore**

**LONDON, 6 July—** Actress Julianne Moore says she won’t go under the knife, saying many in Hollywood are increasingly looking unnatural.

The 50-year-old fears plastic surgery and facial touch-ups have become so common that it has become normal to look unnatural.

“Even with the laser stuff, the skin becomes so shiny. It’s like nothing sticks to it and it doesn’t have a normal patina,” contactmusic.com quoted her as saying.

“It’s hard to age,” she said, adding that this day I don’t know what to say about it,” Herrera said of obtaining her GED. “Deep down inside me, I’m excited. There’s just not words to express.”

“Math was the hardest part for me; I failed it three times,” she said. Herrera said she was inspired to get her degree while struggling to help her great-grandson with his homework. “He told me, ‘You need to go back to school, Grandma,’” Herrera said.

**Woman arrested for police horse tail tug**

Police in Iowa said a woman was arrested on an interference with official acts charge for allegedly tugging on a police horse’s tail.

Des Moines police said Teresa Scott, 41, of Des Moines allegedly gave Scout the horse’s tail a forcible yank at about 1:30 am while officers were clearing a congested area in front of the 101 Lounge in the Court Avenue District, The Des Moines Register reported Tuesday.

Scott was released from the Polk County Jail later Sunday morning.

** Woman, 79, earns her GED**

A 79-year-old Texas woman who went back to school on the advice of her great-grandson said she has earned her GED certificate after three years of study.

Tomasa Herrera of Fort Worth said the road to her high school equivalency certificate was beset with obstacles during the past three years including eye surgery, appendicitis, a broken leg and paralysis from the waist down, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Tuesday. “To this day I don’t know what to say about it,” Herrera said of obtaining her GED.

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**A screen grab from STV shows workers rescuing riders stuck on the Tsunami roller Coaster at the M&D theme park in Scotland. Click Here for the full video.”**

“‘My dad was saying it would be alright but there was a woman in front and she just cried the whole time. There was also a woman behind who was crying constantly. She had left her 15-month-old baby on the ground. I calmed down after a while but I was up there for 6 1/2 hours.’” Police said they were able to get water to the riders while Rope Support officers arrived and executed the rescue.

“Passengers were never in danger. This is a rare occurrence,” a spokesman for M&D said.

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Real Madrid signs Coentrao from Benfica

BERLIN, 6 July—Real Madrid this Tuesday confirmed the signing of left back Fabio Coentrao from Portuguese side Benfica.

Coentrao, whom Madrid have been tracking for several months, has agreed a six-year contract and moves to Spain in a deal that is worth around 30 million Euros.

Real Madrid will pay Benfica 20 million Euros in cash, while the remaining 10 million will be made up by the transfer of Argentinean central defender Ezequiel Garay to the Portuguese club.

Real Madrid confirmed the signing on Tuesday afternoon with a press release which read, "Real Madrid and Benfica have reached agreement for the transfer of the Portuguese player, Fabio Coentrao, who will now remain with the club for six seasons."—INTERNET

Barca extend Pedro contract

BERLIN, 6 July—Spanish and European Champions, FC Barcelona this Tuesday announced they have agreed to extend the contract of winger Pedro Rodriguez. The Spanish international who is yet another product of the Barcelona youth system, has agreed a contract that will keep him at the club until the end of June 2016.

Pedro has enjoyed an incredible two seasons as a fixture in the Barcelona first team squad, scoring 23 goals in the 2009/10 season and 22 goals in the campaign which finished in May with the conquest of the Spanish and European titles. The player, who celebrates his 24th birthday at the end of the month, arrived at the club in 2004 and progressed though the junior side into the B-team, where he worked with current first team coach, Pep Guardiola.—INTERNET

England defeats Japan to seal Group B first position at FIFA Women’s World Cup

BERLIN, 6 July—England striker Ellen White and midfielder Rachel Yankey stunned Japan 2-0 at the group favourites match to grab first position in Group B on Tuesday. In the other match Mexico gave away a 2-0 lead at injury time against New Zealand so both teams are eliminated from the tournament.

Group B leader Japan had problems against with the aggressive pressing by England so that they were unable to develop their short passing strategy.

Consequently England took the lead with 15 minutes into the match as Ellen White over lobbed Japan’s goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori from 20 meters. Japan needed some time to recover and to rethink their strategy but England’s well-positioned defence denied goal-scoring chances.

England remained clinical to seal the deal with the first opportunity in the second half at the 66th minute when midfielder Rachel Yankey netted the 2-0 lead from inside penalty area.—Xinhua

Germany defeats France 4-2 at group A at FIFA Women’s World Cup

BERLIN, 6 July—Defending world champion and host Germany remains a clean sheet as they defeated France in an exciting match owing to a brace by striker Inka Grings to seal first position at the last match day of group A in front of 45,687 spectators on Tuesday.

At the other match Nigeria sealed the only victory of the tournament against Canada thank to the goal midfielder Perpetua Nkwocha five minutes before the final whistle.

Both sides started nervous into the match. Germany had problems with the effective defence work by France. At the 25th minute midfielder Kerstin Garefrekes opened the scoring by a header for the host. Only seven minutes later striker Inka Grings doubled the lead to stun the ‘Equipe Tricolor’ before the break. After the break at the 56th minute French striker Marie Laure Delie headed home a corner after she was fielded eight minutes earlier. France’s goalkeeper Berangere Sapowicz invited Germany to extend the lead as Sapowicz fouled midfielder Fatmire Bajramaj inside penalty area to produce a penalty and to weaken her team due to the red card.—Xinhua

Brazil beats EGuinea 3-0 at Women’s World Cup

BRASILIA, 6 July—Brazilian’s brilliant front four got a frustrated Brazil on track for a 3-0 win over Equatorial Guinea to secure the top spot in Group D at the Women’s World Cup.

After the Africans neutralized the heavy favorites with dogged defending for 49 minutes, Erika controlled a loose ball on her chest, then tapped it from her right foot to the left to send a volley flying past goalie Miriam from 13 yards.

Five minutes later, Marta, the world’s top player, sent a low pinpoint cross into the center to Christiane for the second goal. Christine celebrated with jubilant body flips, and then added the third score from the penalty spot in injury time.

Brazil won Group D with nine points.

Brazil’s Cristiane performs a somersault after scoring her side’s second goal.—INTERNET

Junior Chinese, Russian athletes gather for sports meet

MOSCOW, 6 July—About 200 junior athletes from China and Russia gathered in the Russian city of Penza for the fourth youth sports games from 6 to 8 July.

At an opening ceremony on Tuesday night, two performers dressed like cuddly panda and bear, each representing China and Russia, won cheers from the crowd. Russian folk dances, pop songs, torch-lighting and fireworks marked the grand opening for the games, which is to be attended by about 200 young athletes.

Vasily Bokharyev, governor of the Penza Oblast declared the Games open. Feng Jianzhong, deputy chief of the General Administration of Sport of China, expressed confidence that the games “will serve to expand the Sino-Russian cooperation and exchanges in sports, as well as mutual understanding and traditional friendship between the two countries”.

Li Na of China, the first Asian to win a Grand Slam title at the French Open, presents balls to her fans at a celebration organized by the Women’s Tennis Association (WTA) at Sanlitun SOHO in Beijing, China, on 5 July, 2011. XINHUA

Nigeria Canada’s Christine Sinclair (front) fights for the ball during the Group A third round match against Nigeria at the 2011 FIFA Women’s World Cup at the Rudolf-Harbig-Stadion in Dresden, Germany, on 5 July, 2011. Nigeria won the match 1-0. Either team advanced to the next round.—INTERNET

Brazil’s teammates celebrate after striker Cristiane scored during the Group D match of the FIFA women’s football World Cup.

Internet

Paraguay’s Pablo Zeballos (R) vies with Edison Mendez from Ecuador during a match of the first round of Group C at the Copa America 2011 in the city of Santa Fe, Argentina, on 3 July, 2011. The match ended with a tie 0-0.—XINHUA

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Clash leaves 23 Afghan police, five civilians dead

ASSADABAD, 6 July—Gun battle between police and Taleban insurgents has left 23 policemen and five civilians dead in Nuristan province in eastern Afghanistan, provincial governor Jamrudin Badar said Wednesday.

“Taleban insurgents, many of them foreign nationals, have retreated and the district is in our control,” Badar told Xinhua. Five civilians were also killed and seven policemen injured in the clash, some of them in critical condition, he said.

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Meanwhile, Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taleban spokesman, claimed over 30 policemen were killed in the battle.

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The charity offered a •1,100 ($1,575) reward, and the cub was eventually recovered. Police were investigating the disappearance.—Internet
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People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
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VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Enamel wares satisfy demands of people

As lifestyles of the people are changing day by day, the Enamel Ware Factory No. 1 of the Ministry of Industry-1 located on Thamaing Railway Station Road in Mayangon Township is producing enamel wares to be put on open sales at fare prices.

In an interview, Factory Manager Daw Tin San told the news crew of Myanma Alin, “The enamel wares are manufactured as hygienic products to be able to keep foods safely. The factory is producing various types of enamel wares such as dishes, bowls, cups, rice bowl and food carriers by calculating the population of the nation and put them on sales.”

We saw systematic production of enamel wares and preparations for sales of them.

The Factory Manager further explained, “Under the guidance of the Union Minister for Industry-1, the factory directly sells its products to the customers. Likewise, Win Thuza Shops of the ministry also sell enamel wares. Moreover, the products are put on sales at special sales and at the public sites by market car. These products are available at various regions of the nation including pagoda PuJaniya festivals.”

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Pyeongchang of South Korea chosen by IOC as host city of 2018 Winter Olympic Games

DURBAN, (SOUTH AFRICA), 6 July—Pyeongchang of South Korea has been chosen as the venue for the 2018 Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) here on Wednesday.

Pyeongchang, which is bidding for the third consecutive time, defeated Munich of Germany and Annecy of France in the first round of voting.

MNA/Xinhua

Putao 2.09 inches
Kayan 0.98 inch
Hmawby 0.91 inch
Pathin 0.91 inch
Manung 0.83 inch
Sittway 0.78 inch
Gwa 0.78 inch
Namhsan 0.74 inch
Chaungzon 0.74 inch

Rain is likely to be scanty

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—According to the observations at 12.30 hrs M.S.T on today, the southwest monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal and the rain is generally scanty in the whole country. It is expected that the same condition will continue for the next 72 hrs commencing noon today.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall
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