President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend cash donation for construction of Thattathattaha Pagoda and meditation centre on Udayayanthi Hill in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for construction of Thattathattaha Pagoda and the meditation centre on Udayayanthi Hill, here, was held at the Dhammayon on the hill at 9 am today, attended by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovaçaariya Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery Presiding Abbot Abbadiha Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara and members of the Sangha, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President Thih Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Union Ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers and their wives, departmental heads, religious associations, wellwishers and guests.

First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa.

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win and congregation presented cash donations to the funds for construction of a meditation building at Thattathattaha Sasana Yeiktha Meditation Centre to Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt.—MNA
**UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

At present, building an education-centred human society can modernize the nation and keep it abreast of other nations. In consequence, the nation will be peaceful while people can be united with sound foundations in the changing situations.

All the citizens are to abide by Our Three Main National Causes as national duty. To be able to successfully uphold the objectives: Our Three Main National Causes, the nation needs political, economic and defence might. In fact, continuously turning out highly-qualified human resources plays a pivotal role in strengthening of above might.

As a matter of fact, the government is striving for development of human resources across the nation including new generation youths. As a main task, the education sector is to focus not only on improvement of modern science and technology but also on harmonious development of arts.

Basic education is a key role in education sector. It is necessary to nurture the youths with literature for firmly adorning the genuine patriotism and the Union Spirit. Emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia can educate the people to be rational. As such, they would have strengthened mental power with consideration.

High IQ people can build a law-abiding human society. Moreover, they will have firm patriotism and capabilities of preserving national culture. Nowadays, a new nation is being built through a new system. Therefore, all the teachers in education sector are to uplift human resources for promotion of education standard while discharging their duties in the basic education sector.

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**Myanmar, US to boost bilateral relations**

*PAPERS IN PERSPECTIVES*

**Saturday, 20 August, 2011**

Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr. Larry Dinger, Charge d’Affaires of the United States Embassy at the ministry at 8 am today. During the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and matters of mutual interests.

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**Ayeaywady Bridge (Nyaungdon) to come into service soon**

*PAPERS IN PERSPECTIVES*

**Saturday, 20 August, 2011**

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint fixing the final golden screw to Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).

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**Sports Ministry to hold Champion Cup Tournament-2011**

*PAPERS IN PERSPECTIVES*

**Saturday, 20 August, 2011**

Yangon, 19 Aug—Ministry of Sports plans to hold Champion Cup Tournament 2011 (CCC) in Nay Pyi Taw. Sports activities include Sepak Takraw, billiard and snooker and tennis from 2 to 8 September, weightlifting, chess and boxing from 12 to 18 September, traditional boxing, cycling and track and field from 22 to 28 September.

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**Paper-reading session on “Using quality paddy strains for brighter future”**

*PAPERS IN PERSPECTIVES*

**Saturday, 20 August, 2011**

Resource persons from both Myanmar and Japan read their papers.

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**Corrigendum**

Please read “resident and non-resident citizens” instead of “nationals and foreigners living in the nation” in the lines 4 and 5 of paragraph 2 of the
Twin explosions rock British compound in Kabul

KABUL, 19 Aug—Two suicide bombers attacked a British compound in the Afghan Capital on Friday, killing at least twelve people and wounding two, police and eyewitnesses said. An official from the British Embassy, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the incident, confirmed that there had been an attack against the British Council building on the west side of Kabul. He said the British Embassy was in contact with Afghan authorities at the scene.

A spokesman for the Taleban, Zabiullah Mujahid, claimed responsibility for the attack. The two blasts occurred in the early hours of Afghan Independence Day, marking Afghanistan’s full independence from Britain in 1919. It was unclear whether the attack was related to the anniversary.

A police official Farooq Asas said a suicide bomber detonated a car laden with explosives outside the compound. At least one militant attacked the compound on foot, Asas said.

Afghan policemen secure the area near a road block formed by security forces on the road leading to the site of an explosion in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 19 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Common childhood virus kills 81 Vietnamese kids

HANOI, 19 Aug—Vietnam’s Prime Minister has put the country on alert as hand, foot and mouth disease continues to surge, killing 81 children and sickening more than 32,000 nationwide so far this year.

A government website said Friday that Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung has called for stepped-up efforts to prevent and control the spread of the common childhood illness. It is raging hardest in the country’s south, where nearly 80 percent of cases have been reported.

The disease is typically mild, with its telltale symptoms of rash, mouth sores and blisters covering hands and feet. However, the World Health Organization’s acting country representative for Vietnam says a more severe strain has been identified in about a third of the cases.

Billowing dust storm engulfs downtown Phoenix

PHOENIX, 19 Aug—A billowing wall of dust engulfed downtown Phoenix on Thursday, cutting visibility to a few hundred yards and delaying flights at the international airport, authorities and news reports said.

Driving rains and winds gusting at nearly 60 miles per hour also buffeted San Tan Valley, southeast of Phoenix in the early evening, according to the National Weather Service.

Roaring gusts downed trees and power lines in Pinal County, trapping drivers in their cars and preventing commuters from reaching their homes south of the state capital.

“This storm hit during a very busy time for traffic, bringing down power lines over several miles on top of cars with visibility near zero,” Pinal County Sheriff’s Office spokesman Elias Johnson said in a statement. Deputies “will keep residents out until we can determine their safety is no longer at risk,” he added.

The dust storm prevented planes from taking off or landing at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport for about 40 minutes, The Arizona Republic newspaper reported. A call to the airport seeking confirmation of the delays was not immediately returned on Thursday.—Reuters

Rising hunger in south Ethiopia despite lush green

SHEREBENIO, 19 Aug—Malnourished children are flocking into feeding centres in this forested corner of southern Ethiopia after a drought in East Africa extended into this normally fertile region.

While the famine in southern Somalia has grabbed headlines, southern Ethiopia is teetering on the brink of a food crisis. The Ethiopian government says 250,000 people need food aid amid what the UN says is the worst drought in 60 years. An aid organization and agricultural officials say the number of people who need emergency food aid in Ethiopia is bigger, around 700,000. The rains never came as they usually do late February to the end of May. If they fail again in August, there won’t be a harvest in September. People without food aid will “definitely be in trouble,” World Food Programme officer Yohannes Desta said. “Do these people have enough resilience to survive? I don’t think so.”

About 1.3 million southerners received aid earlier this year from a government safety net programme that ended in June, Yohannes said. Most of those people, whom he calls the “poorest of the poor,” still require emergency relief, but instead must scrape by on the few crops they have left or through the goodwill of more fortunate family members or neighbours.

Afghan official: 21 people killed by roadside bomb

KABUL, 19 Aug—A roadside bomb killed at least 21 passengers travelling on a minibus Thursday in western Afghanistan, another example of civilians being caught in the crossfire of fighting between Taleban militants and the US-led coalition.

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A Somali woman from southern Somalia holds her malnourished child in a refugee camp in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 17 Aug, 2011. INTERNET

A dust storm moves to consume Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Ariz, on 19 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET
Mosquito resistance to bednets fuels malaria worries

LONDON, 19 Aug—Mosquitoes can quickly develop resistance to insecticide-treated nets, a study from Senegal shows, raising fears that a leading method of preventing the disease may be less effective than previously thought.

Researchers who studied malaria infections in a village in the West African country found that growing resistance to a common type of insecticide by Anopheles gambiae mosquitoes — the species responsible for transmitting malaria to humans in Africa — is causing the disease to rebound.

“These findings are of great concern,” the researchers, led by Jean-Francois Trape from the Development Research Institute in Dakar, wrote in a study in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal on Thursday.

Despite decades of efforts to beat it with insecticides, indoor spraying, bednets and combination drugs, malaria still kills nearly 800,000 people a year, most of them babies and young children in sub-Saharan Africa.

Trape pointed to studies from Africa and South America which have suggested resistance to common insecticides is on the rise, and said this could have serious implications for malaria control strategies, particularly since there are few alternative insecticides that are effective, cheap and safe for humans.

BoFA cutting 3,500 jobs this quarter

SINGAPORE, 19 Aug— Bank of America is cutting 3,500 jobs this quarter according to an internal memo, as the biggest US bank grapples with its $1 trillion problem-loan portfolio and growing economic concerns. The job cuts at Bank of America, expected to be completed by the end of September, are the latest in a series of lay-offs across the global finance industry.

“The third quarter reductions in force are not part of the New BAC Project, through which employees and managers are working to transform policies, practices and organizations to better align to the company’s customer-driven strategy,” an internal communications seen by Reuters said. Bank of America was not immediately available for comment outside regular US business hours. Executives at the bank are still discussing the possible range of cuts, but one person familiar with the situation said at least 10,000 jobs are likely to be eliminated as part of a wider review, the Wall Street Journal said in a report. Bank of America had around 280,000 employees at the start of 2011, according to its annual report. Investors believe Bank of America may also need to raise money by offering new shares to help absorb billions in legal and credit costs stemming from its 2008 purchase of Countrywide Financial Corp.

Eager to shed assets and rebuild its battered capital base, Bank of America said on Monday it plans to sell its $8.6 billion Canadian credit card portfolio to TD Bank Group.

Milk better than H₂O for child dehydration

HAMILTON, 19 Aug— Milk is a more effective way of countering dehydration in children than a sports drink or water, researchers at McMaster University in Ontario say.

Principal investigator Brian Timmons, research director of the Child Health and Exercise Medicine Programme at McMaster University, says milk replaces sodium lost in sweat and helps the body retain fluid better. In addition, milk provides protein — not found in other drinks — that children need for muscle development and growth, Timmons says.

“Children become dehydrated during exercise, and it’s important they get enough fluids, particularly before going into a second round of a game,” Timmons says in a statement.

“Milk is better than either a sports drink or water because it is a source of high quality protein, carbohydrates, calcium and electrolytes.” —Internet

Manufacturing gauge drops to 2-1/2 year low

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug— Factory activity in the US Mid-Atlantic region slumped to a nearly 2-1/2 year low in August and home resales unexpectedly dropped last month, dampening hopes for a quick revival in economic growth.

Other data on Thursday also pointed to a bit of inflation in the economy, which could make the Federal Reserve hesitant to ease monetary policy further to stimulate the economy.

Global stocks dropped on the extremely weak regional manufacturing data that investors viewed as a sign the recovery was on the rocks. But economists cautioned against reading too much into the survey, which was conducted during a period of exceptional turmoil in financial markets.

The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank’s business activity index plummeted to minus 30.7 in August, the lowest level since March 2009 when the economy was in recession, from 3.2 in July. A reading below zero indicates a contraction in the region’s manufacturing.

Only 1 in 5 medical malpractice cases pay

ATLANTA, 19 Aug— Only 1 in 5 malpractice claims against doctors leads to a settlement or other payout, according to the most comprehensive study of these claims in two decades.

But while doctors and their insurers may be winning most of these challenges, that’s still a lot of fighting. Each year about 1 in 14 doctors is the target of a claim, and most physicians and virtually every surgeon will face at least one in their careers, the study found.

Malpractice cases carry a significant emotional cost for doctors, said study co-author Amitabh Chandra, an economist and professor of public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

“They hate having their name dragged through the local newspaper and having to go to court,” he said.

The study might seem to support a common opinion among doctors that most malpractice lawsuits are baseless, but the authors said the truth is more complicated than that.

They noted influential earlier research in New York State concluding that just a tiny fraction of the patients harmed by medical mistakes actually file claims.

Trial lawyers say cost is a barrier to bringing a claim to court. There are very high up-front costs for hiring expert witnesses and preparing a case. Doctors, hospitals and their insurers often have significant money and legal firepower. Some states also have caps on malpractice awards. So, usually, only very strong cases with high expected payouts are pursued.—Internet
Russia loses newly launched telecom satellite

MOSCOW, 19 Aug—Russia lost contact with a communications satellite shortly after its launch Thursday, the government space agency said, the latest in a series of failures that has dogged the nation’s space programme.

The Express-AM4 satellite, described by officials as Russia’s most powerful telecommunications satellite, was launched atop a Proton-M booster rocket from the Russia-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The satellite was to be put into a geostationary orbit to provide digital TV broadcasting for Russia’s far eastern regions. Broadcasters said that the failure would likely delay the planned transfer to digital TV. The Briz-M upper stage has experienced several failures, most recently in February when its malfunction led to the loss of a Russian military satellite.

In December 2010, another technical glitch led to the loss of three GLONASS-M navigation satellites, which were to be part of Russia’s navigation system competing with the US Global Positioning System, or GPS.

That misstep eventually cost then-space chief Anatoly Perminov his job.

Critters moving away from global warming faster

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug—Animals across the world are fleeing global warming by heading north much faster than they were less than a decade ago, a new study says.

About 2,000 species examined are moving away from the equator at an average rate of more than 15 feet per day, about a mile per year, according to new research published Thursday in the journal Science which analyzed previous studies. Species are also moving up mountains to escape the heat, but more slowly, averaging about 4 feet a year.

The species — mostly from the Northern Hemisphere and including plants — moved in fits and starts, but over several decades it averages to about 8 inches an hour away from the equator.

“The speed is an important issue,” said study main author Chris Thomas of the University of York. “It is faster than we thought.”

Included in the analysis was a 2003 study that found species moving north at a rate of just more than a third of a mile per year and up at a rate of 2 feet a year. Camille Parmesan of the University of Texas, who conducted that study, said the new research makes sense because her data ended around the late 1990s and the 2000s were far hotter.

Federal weather data show the last decade was the hottest on record, and 2010 tied with 2005 for the hottest year on record. Gases from the burning of fossil fuel, especially carbon dioxide, are trapping heat in the atmosphere, warming the Earth and changing the climate in several ways, according to the overwhelming majority of scientists and the world’s top scientific organizations.

As the temperatures soared in the 2000s, the species studied moved faster to cooler places, Parmesan said.—Internet

Map shows all ice movement in Antarctica

PASADENA, 19 Aug—Researchers conducting a NASA-funded study say they have used radar data to create the first complete map of the speed and direction of ice flow in Antarctica.

First complete map of the speed and direction of ice flow in Antarctica, derived from radar interferometric data from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency’s ALOS PALSAR, the European Space Agency’s Envisat ASAR and ERS-1/2, and the Canadian Space Agency’s RADARSAT-2 spacecraft.

Created using radar observations from a large number of international satellites, the map shows glaciers flowing thousands of miles from the continent’s deep interior to its coast — and will be critical for tracking future sea-level increases from climate change, a release from NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, said Thursday. “This is like seeing a map of all the oceans’ currents for the first time.

It’s a game changer for glaciology,” said Eric Rignot of JPL and the University of California, Irvine. “We are seeing amazing flows from the heart of the continent that had never been described before.”

Rignot and Irvine colleagues Jeremie Mouginot and Bernd Scheuchl used massive amounts of data captured by European, Japanese and Canadian satellites to remove out cloud cover, solar glare and land features masking the glaciers.

Using NASA technology, the team painstakingly pieced together the shape and velocity of glacial formations.

The map revealed glacial formations moving as much as 800 feet per year across immense plains sloping toward the Antarctic Ocean.—Internet

Software said to improve GPS accuracy

COLUMBUS, 19 Aug—US researchers working on the accuracy of GPS location say they have set their sights on the third dimension with software to improve altitude measurements. While most people are generally concerned with pinpointing their own location in two dimensions on Earth’s surface, the third dimension of altitude has always been available through GPS — but the accuracy has always been lower than that of the horizontal coordinates, researchers at Ohio State University said.

They’re working on software that in initial tests provided vertical accuracy to centimeter-scales — a matter of inches, a university release said Wednesday. As the level of GPS precision increases, the researchers say, so do potential applications of the technology for scientific research, said Dorota Grejner-Brzezinska, OSU professor of civil and environmental engineering.

For example, extremely accurate measurements in the vertical dimension could identify changes in hazardous regions at high altitudes, recognizing small shifts in soft, loose land that may be prone to landslides, researchers said. The software could be used to measure how quickly glaciers at high altitudes are melting, they said.—Internet

Map shows all ice movement in Antarctica

In this image provided by Space Centre Yuzhny on 18 Aug, 2011, the Proton-M booster rocket with Express-AM4 satellite is lifted for a blast off at the Russia-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on 15 Aug, 2011. Internet

In this Feb, 2010 file photo, the Palm Pre Plus, left, and the Palm Pixi Plus are shown in San Francisco. In a dramatic reshuffling, Hewlett-Packard Co on 18 Aug, 2011 said that it will discontinue its tablet computer and smartphone products and may sell or spin off its PC division, bowing out of the consumer businesses. The announcement comes just two years after spending $1.8 billion on smartphone maker Palm, which gave HP the webOS software that has been praised by critics but largely been ignored by the marketplace. Internet
Kachin State Government makes good headway in negotiations over conflicts between Union government and KIO

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—A forwarding letter with the heading “Requesting again for Peace of Kachin State” dated 5 August 2011 under the signatures of Chairman of Myitkyina Council of Churches in Myitkyina, Kachin State, Reverend U Ma Dein Zone Kyan and Secretary Bishop Canon Arbyaham Zaw Khaung was delivered to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein. The following is a translation of the full text of the letter.

Your Excellency,

1. Myitkyina Council of Churches is saying prayers that the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar achieves success in ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

2. We are encouraged by the information that a good headway has been made by Kachin State Government in the negotiations over the conflicts between the Union government and KIO under the guidance of the Union Government for restoration of stability and peace in Kachin State.


4. We request that Your Excellency keep giving guidance with benevolence till stability and peace is restored in Kachin State.

Bishop Canon Arbyaham Zaw Khaung
Secretary
Myitkyina Council of Churches
Myitkyina

Reverend U Ma Dein Zone Kyan
Chairman
Myitkyina Council of Churches
Myitkyina

Myanmar delegation arrives back from Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—At the invitation of Mr Neomal Perera, Deputy Minister for External Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Maung Myint paid a goodwill visit to Sri Lanka from 15 to 18 August.

While in Colombo, the deputy minister called on Mr G L Peiris, Minister for External Affairs of Sri Lanka.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint held discussions with Mr Neomal Perera about promotion of bilateral relations and exchanged views on further cooperation in international issues. After meeting, the delegation was hosted a dinner by Sri Lankan Deputy External Affairs Minister Mr Neomal Perera at the Galle Face Hotel.

On 16 August, the Myanmar delegation visited the Maha Bodhi in Anuradhapura and the Myanmar monastery there. Next, the Myanmar delegation called on Mr Berty Premalal Dissanayake, Chief Minister of the North Central Province who hosted a luncheon to the delegation.

The Myanmar delegation on 17 August paid homage to the Buddha Tooth Relic and visited the International Buddhist Museum where Myanmar gallery is opened.

Next, the Deputy Minister met the Charge d’Affaires a.i., staff members and their families at the residence of Myanmar ambassador in Colombo. Myanmar delegation left Colombo and arrived back to Yangon yesterday. —MNA

Turkish warplanes hit 28 PKK targets in N Iraq

ANKARA, 19 Aug—Turkish warplanes bombed 28 targets of the banned Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) in northern Iraq on Thursday night for the second day, the General Staff of the Armed forces said in a statement posted on its website on Friday.

The operation targeted only the PKK, and the necessary attention was paid to avoid any harm to civilian people in the region, the statement said.

Turkish artillery also hit 96 targets in Qandil Mountain, Zap, Avashin-Bashyan and Kharkurk Regions, it said, adding Turkish military’s similar operations both in Turkey and abroad would continue with a great determination.

On Wednesday, the PKK attacked a military convoy at Cukurca Town in the southeastern Province of Hakkari, leaving eight Turkish soldiers and one village guard dead and 15 soldiers wounded.

Xinhua

Hluttaw representatives arrive Nay Pyi Taw to attend Hluttaw meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Representatives of respective Hluttaws who are attending the second regular sessions of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw reported to Hluttaw Office here today.

A total of 427 Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives reported to the Hluttaw Office today and officials concerned have ensured accommodations, catering and transportation for them in advance.

Office manuals published by Union Civil Services Board are on sale at sales counters, providing to Hluttaw representatives for study.

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Representatives of respective Hluttaws reporting at Hluttaw Office in Nay Pyi Taw to attend the second regular sessions of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw. —MNA

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Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint meets Deputy Minister for External Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Neomal Perera. MNA

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President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend cash donation…

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin and family, and Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and family donated cash to the funds for construction of a meditation building each. The Deputy Com-
Stake driven, Bo tree planted…

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The members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta and religious verses.

The President, wife and party offered alms to members of the Sangha.

President U Thein Sein drove nine stakes at the designated place for Bo tree and sprinkled scented water on them. He also drove nine stakes for Maha Bodhi Pagoda and sprinkled scented water on them.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union Ministers, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council and wellwishers simultaneously drove stakes for the places of Maha Bodhi Pagoda, Animita Pagoda, Yadana Sinkama Pagoda, Yadanagaya Gold Chamber, Azapala Pagoda, Musaleinda Dragon and Yazayatana Lunlun plant.

The President carried out ground breaking and so did Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party.

Next, the President fed the Dragon with nine pieces of rice, milk and drinking water.

Next, the President made ritual offerings to the Dragon. The President planted a Bo tree after keeping jewellery into the place of Bo tree. He fed fertilizer and water to the tree.

The Bo tree was grafted from the Bo tree in Sri Lanka.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services also fed fertilizer and water to the Bo tree.

Thattathatta Pagoda will be built with a view to ensuring peace and tranquility in Myanmar, enabling those facing difficulties to visit Seven Great Places of Buddhism in Gaya of India to easily pay homage to replicas at home and developing the nation.

Edifices of Seven Places where Buddha sojourned for seven days will be built with the right angle, distance and size of the edifices in Bodh Gaya. Under the advice of Abbots, the pagoda will be built in line with the treatises and religious traditions.

In doing so, engineers and Myanmar handicraft professionals will be sent to Bodh Gaya for observing the works of religious edifices.

Any person may gain access to Thattathatta Pagoda along Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon concrete road via Clematis Roundabout on Razathingaha Road of Nay Pyi Taw.

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Stake driven, Bo tree planted...

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In addition, Thattathattaha meditation centre is under construction.

The meditation centre will comprise one pagoda, 24 meditation buildings, one preaching hall and one refectory hall. Meditation buildings will be built in circle shape like 24 Paççaya circle of Pathana Desana with Laymyethna Pagoda at the centre.

The meditation centre will take responsibilities for food and accommodation of Yogis.

Any Vipassana Desana may be lectured at the centre in line with Theravada Vipassana practices preached by the Lord Buddha. The preacher Sangha will stay at the centre as guest Sangha in rotation to lecture practices of meditation to the Yogis.

Photo shows original Seven Places where Buddha sojourned for seven days.—MNA

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President U Thein Sein, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi vow to cooperate for national interest

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—President U Thein Sein received Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at his office in the Presidential Residence at 4 p.m today.

Frankly, President U Thein Sein explained measures of the government for national interests. The President and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi tried to find out potential common grounds to cooperate in the interests of the nation and the people putting aside different views.—MNA
As result of implementing economic objectives with... (from page 16)

In order to improve the whole economic infrastructure of the nation, we have to review basically the monetary policy, fiscal policy, trade policy and investment policy to amend the laws, rules and procedures as necessary in the interest of the nation and the people. Therefore, we are holding talks with economic experts, departmental officials and related associations and organizations with a variety of cases, the government, and the people have to keep working together till the resolutions of the workshop are accomplished.

Distinguished guests,

When it comes to the world’s economy, it is common knowledge that the global financial crisis, climate changes, food security and energy shortage have become challenges of the world countries and people. We have to conserve the environment in all seriousness and take account of the possible impact of climatic changes with change of climate change macroeconomic is external variable. So, it is hard to overcome the efforts on the macroeconomy. Such natural disasters as cyclone “Nargis” and cyclone “Giri” had strong impact on Myanmar’s economy, but the recovery strength came from our domestic economy due to the cooperation of the government, the Tatmadaw, the people, international and regional organizations and international non-governmental organizations.

Our country has made economic reforms since 1988. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, macroeconomic reforms were made systematically. Therefore, our country did not suffer much in the 1997 Asian financial crisis and the 2008 global financial crisis. The reforms protected the nation’s economy from the crises to some extent, so the impact on the national economy was not strong. That is one of the external variables.

From 1988 onwards, there was a gradual fall in foreign countries’ Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Myanmar. Some years later, western countries imposed economic sanctions against our country. So, there have been many external influences on the macroeconomy. We had to address so many issues amid the external influences on the self-reliant basis for national development.

As a result of implementing economic objectives for economic development, the nation’s economy is now on the track to development. We can achieve greater success if we approach the present fiscal and monetary policies, banking services, and macroeconomic policies for industrial development in combination with such supporting policies as infrastructure development policies and institutional framework policies in order to speed up the economic growth momentum and conform to the objective conditions of the world. It is notable that those points make considerable contributions towards the Myanmar’s macroeconomy.

One of Myanmar’s economic objectives “Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well” has been realized with the building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy”.

The economic objective “Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system” has remained unchanged. For economic growth of the nation, we have not only to boost domestic productivity for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system and to widen the local market alone but also to gain greater shares in the international market. Our country can enjoy economic development only if all the goods can be delivered to both local and international markets, in other words we can enjoy both domestic and international markets independently. There was a slowdown in the national economy in recent years. External support for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system was low despite earnest efforts to boost local productivity and achieve the New Millennium Targets. Some local products were banned from the international market, and that caused effects on the economy of farmers. Therefore, our country had to make all-out efforts to achieve the New Millennium Goals.

Distinguished guests,

Economic development of a country somewhat means improvement of the macroeconomic infrastructure. So, in general, economic development of a country is measured based on its Gross Domestic Products (GDP) and changes, job opportunities for people, and changes in values of exports. In order for improvement of the macroeconomic infrastructure, every country must have the ability to discover and achieve the goals of boosting production, creating more job opportunities, free trade and stability of price, and ensuring smooth foreign trade. In its bid to implement the four macroeconomic goals, the government cooperates with NGOs, social organizations, profit organizations, non-profit organizations and shareholders are all responsible for ensuring good governance. All those responsible must have good conduct and behaviours for the efficiency of the nation.

Distinguished guests,

Self Governance is of vital importance in societal governance. If only each individual can practise freedom, responsibility and discipline harmoniously and correctly, can democratic practices thrive among stakeholders in the whole society, leading to emergence of a society contributing to good governance. If only there is good governance, can there be good society and vice versa.

The first five-year period is the most important period in building modern, developed democratic nation. If only we can take firm, right steps in this five-year period, can we see the promising future of the nation. To ensure there is a sustainable economic system, we need to promote quality of management in putting macroeconomic policies into practice and distributing resources, and have to avoid coordination failure, top down and corruption. It is every one’s knowledge that we are diminishing the role of government but highlight the role of private sector to stress the market economy. Although we are decreasing the role of the government, the governmental departments, need to have increased efficiency and effectiveness. In building the nation, people and private sector play sector-wise roles, calling for cooperation, discussion and coordination, and so on. We cannot hope that the national economy can keep pace with other economies just with the government’s efforts to be good governance, but we have to specially rebuild the spirit, qualifications, efforts and coordination of the private sector, the key player of the national economy, to create good business environment. I would like to urge you to strive for this.

In nations, human and institutional ability has become crucially important. As for the role of the institution, they must be the ones that understand the policies, vision and missions of their own country and have the ability to accumulate knowledge. They should not be superficial organizations but must have certain objectives and act with efficiency and effectiveness.

Distinguished guests,

As a part of good governance, we can achieve proper, fair and promising environment in the market only if the economic structure is ethical, accountable and proper and disciplinary environment. We need to have flexibly operative and moderately competitive market economic system to create innovative, modern and systematic private sector. Only then, there will emerge jobs among people, providing property and income. Only then, we can utilize resources in right places.

Only mutual trust between the government and the people can smooth away barriers to public failure and run the administrative mechanism, contributing to development of the society.

In the reform of macroeconomic policies, there might be situations of sacrifices so as to achieve better results for the people and that we need to prepare in our mind for it. Scholars and officials concerned are also to focus on flexibility and correct ratio of policy reforms in pursuing mixture of macroeconomic policies.
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“Analysis of Myanmar’s Budget”; Dr Zaw Oo, the paper “ASEAN Economic Community in 2015: Opportunities and Challenges for Late Entrances”; Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, the paper “Reforming Government-Business Relations in Myanmar”; Dr Tin Maung Maung Than, the paper “Myanmar and the Political Economy of Development”; and Dr Khin Maung Lwin, the paper “Green Economy and Green Development”.

Ambassador (Retd) U Kyaw Tint Swe chaired the Session (2). Deputy Director-General of the Planning Department Daw Win Myint read the paper “Reforms for National Productivity and Income National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development...”;

Attendees raised queries over the points stated in the papers and made suggestions. The first-day session of the workshop ended at 7.50 pm.

Today, nine persons read nine papers. The workshop continues tomorrow.

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President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets those attending National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development.

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(As result of implementing economic objectives with...)

In conclusion, we have invited not only Union Ministries, but chief ministers of Regions and States, bankers, businessmen, representatives of institutions, who will implement the works at grassroot levels, to this workshop. And also, we have invited economists and representatives from other worthwhile fields. I would like you to make suggestions and also assess and coordinate the strength and weaknesses, and advantages and disadvantages of the results of discussion.

As the macroeconomics has a wide field, there can emerge suggestions from different aspects. Each person’s point of view may prove his own case, but I would like to urge you to make coordination for better status at policymaking level. Then we can adopt work programmes through such discussions and assessment. To conclude my speech, I would like to urge the government and the entire nation, people from all walks of life, to give a hand in promoting macroeconomic policy as a national duty to ensure further social and economic development.

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Purchase of electricity agreement signed

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The signing agreement on purchase of electricity between Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Shweli (1) Hydropower Co Ltd took place at the ministry here on 17 August.

It was attended by Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Myint Zaw, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Aung Than Oo, departmental officials and responsible persons of the company. Managing Director U Khin Maung Zaw of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Mr Jiong Quei of Shweli (1) Hydropower Co Ltd signed PPA agreement on purchase of electricity.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV AN BINH VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN BINH VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-2 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DIBENA UNITY VOY NO (139)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA UNITY VOY NO (139) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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Carried out by a group of Chinese researchers, headed by Prof. Wang Chen with Beijing Chao-Yang Hospital under the Capital Medical University, the study was published by the famous internal medicine journal Ann Intern Med on Tuesday.

Chinese herbal medicine effective in treatment of H1N1 Influenza

Beijing, 19 Aug—A controlled trial has found that Chinese herbal medicine decoction maxingshigan-yinqiaosan has a similar efficacy to oseltamivir in reducing time to fever resolution in people suffering mild H1N1 influenza virus infections.

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Participants of the trial were 410 young adults aged 15 to 59 years with laboratory-confirmed H1N1 influenza.

The researchers concluded that both active intervention, alone and in combination, were effective in reducing time to fever resolution in young adults with H1N1 flu, and therefore suggest that maxingshigan-yinqiaosan may be an alternative to oseltamivir.

A model displays a creation by designer Pallavi Goenka during the second day of the Lakme Fashion Week in Mumbai, India, on 18 Aug, 2011.

Four-year-old killed by dog in Australia
Melbourne, 19 Aug—A four-year-old refugee from Sudan has been killed by her Melbourne host’s dog. The pittbull cross-breed attacked Ayen Chol on Wednesday. A five-year-old girl and 30-year-old woman were also injured. Ayen died at the scene.

Her cousin said the dog chased the injured woman into the house, then attacked the five-year-old. As Ayen’s mother intervened, it turned on her.

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Photo taken on 17 Aug, 2011 shows the baptism, the cathedral and the campanile (the “Leaning Tower”) (from L to R) at the Duomo Square (Piazza del Duomo) in Pisa, central Italy. Standing in a large green expanse, Piazza del Duomo houses a group of monuments well-known all over the world. The four masterpieces of medieval architecture, the cathedral, the baptistry, the campanile (the “Leaning Tower”) and the cemetery had a great influence on monumental art in Italy from the 11th to the 14th century.


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Her welcoming remarks said that she was happy as private sector also moves to provide information to the public about the importance of healthy growth and protection for children.

“The expo is expected to help Indonesia achieve targets in the MDGs, especially points number four, five and six, which are reaching gender equality, reducing infant and maternal mortality rate, increasing mother’s health as well as reducing spread of HIV/AIDS and other contagious diseases,” said Guemelar at “Mom’s Babies and Kids Expo” on 19-21 August.

She said that based on Data of Demographic Survey 2007 released by the Central Bureau of Statistics every five years, Maternal Mortality Rate due to pregnancy, giving birth and after giving birth was still at 228/100,000 of live birth.

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Sugarland tour resumes in NM after stage tragedy

ALBUQUERQUE, 19 Aug—Sugarland returned to the stage on Thursday for their first performance since a stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair killed five people. The Grammy-winning country duo asked its Albuquerque audience for a moment of silence in honor of those who were wounded “and the beautiful lives that were lost.”

Sugarland members Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush were minutes from performing at the fair in Indianapolis last Saturday when 60 to 70 mph winds knocked the massive stage onto the audience. Four were killed instantly, another person died later. About four dozen others were hurt.

On Thursday, the duo was joined on stage by their entire crew as Nettles sang “Love,” from their “2008 “Love on the Inside” album. Then they took a break and promised to return for a professional show that would begin the healing through “the power of music.” Because the band’s elaborate set and instruments were destroyed in the stage collapse, Sugarland performed in front of the basic black shell of the pavilion stage, with just lights and a little smoke. They used new instruments that were delivered to Albuquerque earlier in the day — even the media passes were generic.

Bieber book to examine singer’s Christianity

NEW YORK, 19 Aug—A new nonfiction book will examine teen pop star Justin Bieber’s belief in Christianity that he has referred to in interviews and when speaking to fans. The book, titled “Beliebe! Faith, Fame and the Heart of Justin Bieber,” will be released in 27 September by Christian book publisher Worthy Publishing.

The book is being written by American journalist Cathleen Falsani, who has covered religious topics for several years and has interviewed well-known figures from singer Bono to President Barack Obama when he was still an Illinois state senator. Bieber, 17, will not be interviewed for the book.

Bat interrupts town hall meeting

Officials in a New Hampshire Town said a meeting of selectmen was interrupted for about two minutes by a bat. The Epping selectmen said the bat showed up about 46 minutes into the town hall meeting and remained in the room for about two minutes until it was successfully chased from the building.

“There was a bit of a frenzy. I called for a recess, but they chose to keep filming, and the bat was chased out the door, eventually,” Board Chairman Karen Falcone said.

Officials said the bat interrupted a discussion about placing a no-right-turn sign on Depot Road.

Bat transports keys for golf course

Officials at a Maine golf course said they are employing their 6-year-old golden retriever to bring golf cart keys back to the clubhouse.

The owners of the White Tail Golf Course in Charleston said Kaleigh’s job started as a joke when a golfer handed the keys to the dog to see if she would bring them back to the clubhouse, WABI-TV, Bangor, reported Thursday.

The owners said Kaleigh now spends most of her days bringing keys to the clubhouse from golfers who are finished with their carts.

San Diego beach odors a mystery

Officials in California’s San Diego County said they have been unable to find the source of a mysterious odor reported on the county’s beaches.

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Hollywood star Brad Pitt, facing camera left, on set during the filming of World War Z near George Square, Glasgow Scotland on 17 Aug, 2011. —REUTERS

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Chelsea capture Lukaku

LONDON, 19 Aug—Romelu Lukaku declared it was a dream come true after completing his move to Chelsea from Anderlecht. The London club have confirmed on their website that the deal has been finalised after the two clubs agreed a fee, thought to be between £15m and £20m, for the highly-rated 18-year-old earlier this month. The striker underwent a medical at the Blues’ training ground in Cobham last week and will now be available for Saturday’s Barclays Premier League game against West Bromwich Albion.

Barclays launch the magic of football

LONDON, 19 Aug—Barclays have confirmed on their website that the deal to bring The Magic of Football video series exclusively to YouTube. Footage of Dynamo performing for top-flight Barclays Premier League players, including Nani, Jermain Defoe, Gary Neville, Bobby Zamora, Rio Ferdinand, Jermaine

US group closes deal to take over Roma

ROME, 19 Aug—A US group of American investors led by Boston executive Thomas DiBenedetto has finally closed a deal to take over the Roma soccer club, four months after a preliminary agreement was reached. The deal makes the Internet

Quinney, Gainey share 1st-round lead at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, 19 Aug—Jeff Quinney and Tommy Gainey shot 6-under 68s on Thursday to share the lead after one round at the Wyndham Championship. Quinney had eight birdies, including five in a row early in his round, to start strong in his last chance to qualify for golf’s postseason. Gainey had five birdies and an eagle in his matching his career-best round. Both players are chasing their first PGA Tour victory.

Nadal needs 3-tiebreaker match to advance

MASON, 19 Aug—Rafael Nadal wanted to play a lot of tennis at the Western & Southern Open, though maybe not all in one day. Nadal survived a three-set, three-hour match to advance on Thursday. The top three players in the men’s bracket advanced on Thursday. Djokovic beat qualifier Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-1 in a ragged match, improving to 31-0 on hard courts this year and 55-1 overall.

Walcott backs Wenger to strengthen

LONDON, 19 Aug—Arsenal winger Theo Walcott is “sure” manager Arsene Wenger is on the verge of strengthening his squad. Wenger has come under pressure from fans to add to his ranks this summer, even before the sale of captain Cesc Fabregas to Barcelona earlier this week. And now, after an opening-day draw at Newcastle United and a hard-fought home win over Udinese in their Champions League play-off and with injuries mounting ahead of a crunch period that involves matches against Liverpool and Manchester United, Walcott has joined the calls for new recruits.

“This team has always been known for being young. But we can’t use that as an excuse any more. We have to win something this season,” he said. “It is important to have a mixture of experience and young players - but the boss knows what he is doing. He has picked up great players before. Only time will tell what he is going to do. Internet

Cech out for up to a month

LONDON, 19 Aug—Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech has been ruled out for three to four weeks after suffering a knee injury in training. The 29-year-old Czech Republic international fell awkwardly at the end of training yesterday and will now miss Saturday’s Barclays Premier League match with West Bromwich Albion and the following weekend’s visit of Norwich City. Manager Andre Villas-Boas will pick Hilario or Ross Turnbull inbetween the posts as new signing Thibaut Courtois is on loan at Atletico Madrid. He said: “Petr Cech yesterday suffered a medial ligament injury and will be out for three to four weeks. “It was the end of training, a normal training incident. “He fell awkwardly with his weight on top of his. We expected much worse when we saw the incident.”

Nadal scrapes into Cincinnati quarters

MASON, Ohio, 19 Aug—World number two Rafa Nadal scraped into the quarter-final of the Cincinnati open after beating fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco 6-7 6-7 7-6 7-6 in a fierce battle on Thursday but his rivals all had comfortable paths into the last eight.

Four of the top eight seeds have reached the quarter-finals with world number one Novak Djokovic and rivals Roger Federer and Andy Murray having little trouble.

Nadal will face Mardy Fish in the quarter-finals after the American beat France’s Richard Gasquet 7-5 7-5.

World number one Djokovic took his season record to 55-1 with a straight forward 6-3 6-3 win over Czech Radek stepanek.

Djokovic showed some signs of weariness and conceded that it was a game he needed to push himself through.

Britain’s Andy Murray had a relatively comfortable 6-2 7-5 win over American qualifier Alex Bogomolov.

The win gave Murray revenge for his poor defeat to Bogomolov in Miami earlier this year. Murray will now play Frenchman Gilles Simon, who produced the only real surprise of the day when he beat fifth-seeded Spaniard David Ferrer 6-4 6-4.

Switzerland’s Federer, looking relaxed and composed, took just 55 minutes to defeat American James Blake 6-4 6-1 and he will now meet Czech Tomas Berdych who easily dealt with the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, on 18 Aug, in Mason, Ohio. Internet

Fernando Verdasco, from Spain, left, congratulates Rafael Nadal, also from Spain, after a match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, on 18 Aug, 2011, in Mason, Ohio. Internet

Jeff Quinney

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Romelu Lukaku has completed his move to Chelsea.—INTERNET

Street magician Dynamo has performed for Premier League players such as Nemanja Vidic.

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Jenas and Nemanja Vidic will be released via the Barclays Football Channel: www.youtube.com/barclaysfootballtv.

The series features the Bradford born street magician traveling the country visiting Barclays Premier League club cities and venturing into training grounds performing unique football themed magic. Football fans can win tickets to Barclays Premier League games every 90 minutes.

Theo Walcott is confident Arsene Wenger will bring in fresh blood.—INTERNET

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Sao Paulo draw 1-1 with America-MG

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Aug — Favorite against the struggling America-MG in the 17th round of the 2011 Brazilian Championship, Sao Paulo meandered to a frustrating 1-1 draw on Thursday.

Sao Paulo scored the game’s first goal in the closing minutes of the match. In the 87th minute Kempes scored an amazing goal, connecting a bicycle kick that drove the ball into the upper left corner of the Sao Paulo goal, catching veteran keeper Rogerio Ceni off guard.

Although disappointing, the result propelled Sao Paulo into third place with 33 points. The team missed the opportunity to land in second place due to second place Flamengo’s loss.

In the next round of play the team will receive Palmeiras in a cross-town showdown on August 21.

America-MG remain in twentieth and last place of the tournament with 12 points. In the next round of play the team will play Atlético-PR on August 21.

Gold medalist Jennifer Connolly of the United States (C), silver medalist Alkhasandra Hersemienia of Belarusia (L), and bronze medalist Grace Loh of Australia pose for group photos during the awarding ceremony of women’s 50m backstroke at the 26th Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, a City of south China’s Guangdong Province, 18 Aug. 2011. Xinhua

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12:30 pm
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1:20 pm
7. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games
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8. Selected Songs
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9. International Science News
2:05 pm
10. Cultural Dances
2:15 pm
11. Documentary
2:50 pm
12. International News

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

State of the Sea
The Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and south Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
As result of implementing economic objectives with variety of strategies, national economy is now on track to development.

Cooperation among regional countries more effective than doing business individually in pursuit of economic growth.

Union Ministers, deputy ministers, ministers of Region and State governments, departmental officials, economic experts, entrepreneurs, representatives from associations and other attendees, first, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you.

The workshop aims to make macroeconomic policy reforms to scale up economic development. In order to put this objective into reality, we will seek pragmatic approaches to the reforms to be made with the advice and suggestions from the economic experts, representatives from governmental departments and banking associations, entrepreneurs, and officials from other associations and organizations.

Distinguished guests, The National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was held last May. Now, the Central Committee, Work Committee, subcommittees, and State and Region subcommittees for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation are implementing the eight tasks under the Action Plan for the convenience of rural people in their livelihoods. Only now can experts and ministries organize the national workshop on promotion of the macroeconomic policy due to its broad sphere. All countries have made macroeconomic reforms in a period or another for economic and social development. A country has different location, natural resources, population, objective conditions, international relations and historical ground from country. So, they have different levels of economic strength. However, the same point is that successive governments and the people of every country tried to keep abreast of other countries in development.

Our new government is in pursuit of the goal of building a modern and developed nation in order to catch up with other countries. Economic growth lies at the centre of that drive.