Workshop successfully concludes with package of pragmatic ideas

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development designed to boost economic growth of Myanmar went on for the third and last day at the Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, this noon.

It was attended by Union ministers, deputy ministers, Region and State ministers for Planning and Economy, Hluttaw members, heads of department, representatives from political parties, officials from NGOs, journalists and invited guests. Adviser at the President Office Dr U Myint, Chairman of Session (6) “Seeking Strategies and Follow-up Programmes for Macroeconomic Development”, assessed important ones of the proposals submitted by resource persons.

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Resolutions passed at the workshop will be adopted as future programmes. The government and the entire people will have to work together in stepping up the macroeconomic policy for economic and social development.

Bridges under constructions on Road Network of Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on his inspection tour of Paybin Bridge on Pathein-Ngapudaw Road of Ayeyawady Region Road Network Development Project on 19 August heard reports on construction of Paybin, Salu and Wegyi bridges presented by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Thu.

Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works gave a supplementary report. The Union Minister inspected drilling of bored pile and construction of approach structures on Ngapudaw bank.

He looked into construction of gravel section of Pathein-Ngapudaw Road. He also viewed construction of Salu Creek Bridge.

Paybin Bridge on Pathein-Ngapudaw Road is of RC bored pile type at lower structure and of steel truss floor at upper structure. The facility will be 720 feet long and 24 feet wide flanked by three feet wide pedestrian way. Water clearance will be 98 feet wide and 17 feet high. It can withstand 60-tonloads. Salu and Wegyi bridges will be of RC type and they will be 60 feet long each.
Building prosperous economic community

Today, the world is coping with many challenges inclusive of global financial crisis, climate change, food security, and energy shortage. So, many countries are diverting more resources into environmental conservation to ease the adverse impact of climate changes.

Since 1988, Myanmar has been making economic reforms. As a result of the macroeconomic reforms made systematically by the Tatmadaw government, the nation did not suffer much effects of the global financial crisis. However, the nation’s macro economy was under external influences due to the fall in international official development aid and economic sanctions imposed by western countries.

So, the government is working hard with natural resources and internal strength for national development. Macroeconomic policies should be applied in combination with other related policies for improvement of present fiscal and monetary policies, banking systems, and trade and industries.

Now, it's building a modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development and all-round development of other sectors of the economy, exercising the market economy. The nation can enjoy economic growth only if domestic products are delivered to both national and international markets.

In this regard, quality control is a high priority. Reviews must be made from all aspects for sustainable development. Only then will it be possible to bridge the gap between the rich and poor. Every citizen will have access to the fruits of the tasks.

The participation of the government is being decreased and that of the private section, being increased in the tasks to ensure proper evolution of the market economy. The role the cooperation and discussions of the people play is becoming important. The people are therefore urged to work hard in concert, rebuilding the morale, capabilities, hard work and unity of the private sector to set up a prosperous economic community.

17,407 acres of poppy fields destroyed

YANGON, 21 Aug—From 1 September, 2010 to 6 August, 2011, a total of 17399.5 acres of poppy fields were destroyed in Regions and States. Furthermore, from 7 to 13 August, 2011, five acres in Momauk Township and 2.5 acres in Pinlaung Township of Shan State were destroyed and thus a total of 17,407 acres (7044.51 hectares) of poppy fields have been destroyed in 2010-2011 poppy cultivation season. MNA
Iran to unveil new cruise missiles in August

TEHRAN, 21 Aug—The Iranian Defence Ministry will unveil the new generation of its long-range cruise missiles later in August, local satellite Press TV reported Saturday. Mohammad Eslami, deputy head of the Industry and Research Institute of the Iranian Defence Ministry, said Saturday that the projectiles are to be unveiled on 22 Aug on the occasion of the national “Day of Defence Industry,” said the report.

“The (new) missile has a longer reach compared to (Iran’s) previous cruise missiles,” Eslami was quoted as saying. “With accurate programming, these missiles can target the enemy quickly and with the speed of lightning,” he said.

In July, Iran said that it test-fired two ballistic missiles with the range of 1,900 km into the Indian Ocean from the desert area of Iran’s central Province of Semnan, in the Iranian Bahman month, 21 Jan to 20 Feb. And in June, it announced the launching of a radar system which could detect cruise and ballistic missiles.

Flooding in eastern India leaves dozens dead

KOLKATA, 21 Aug—Dozens of people have died and tens of thousands have been displaced in India’s West Bengal state due to heavy rains that have overwhelmed rivers and flooded 15 Districts.

The state government says at least 11 people have died since Friday from flood-related causes, including drowning and injury from collapsed homes. A total of 47 people have died in such accidents since the monsoon season began weeks ago in the eastern Indian state.

Rain, traffic, land contribute to deadly Pa flood

PITTSBURGH, 21 Aug—The flash flooding that killed four people and forced others to swim to safety or climb onto car roofs was a freak accident caused by heavy rainfall that overwhelmed the sewer system just as rush-hour traffic clogged low-lying city streets, officials said Saturday.

A mother and her two daughters died in Friday’s flood after becoming trapped in their vehicle and rising water pinned it to a tree. Another woman’s body was washed into the Allegheny River, where she was found Saturday morning. Back-to-back storms pounded the city with 3 to 4 inches of rain. The water drained rapidly onto Washington Boulevard, a main street near the Allegheny River on the city’s east side, with a force too great for a pair of sewer pipes 9 feet in diameter. The torrent blew off 60-pound manhole covers.

NATO drone crashes in east Afghanistan

JALALABAD, 21 Aug—A pilotless plane of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) has crashed in Nangarhar Province in east Afghanistan, spokesman for the provincial government said on Sunday. “An ISAF drone crashed in Naranig Bagh neighborhood in provincial capital Jalalabad City at around 9:00 pm local time on Saturday,” Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told Xinhua.

Abdulzai also said the incident caused no loss of life on the ground according to initial investigation. Meanwhile, purported Taleban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told local media via telephone from undisclosed location that the militants shot down the drone.

Mexican soccer match suspended because of gunfire

MEXICO CITY, 21 Aug—A First Division Mexican soccer match was suspended Saturday after gunmen opened fire on police outside the stadium in the northern City of Torreon, causing players and referees to run for cover.

Local clubs Santos and Morelia were tied 0-0 at the 40-minute mark when the shots were heard inside the stadium.

Television footage showed the players and referees dashing off the field to take cover inside the stadium.

Trio roadside bombs kill seven Afghans, wounds 16

KABUL, 21 Aug—A string of three roadside bombings organized by militants in the militancy-hit Afghanistan claimed the lives of seven people including four civilians and injuring 16 others on Saturday, Afghan officials confirmed.

In the latest wave of using roadside bombs as lethal weapon, the militants planted a mine on a road in Helmand Province, 555 km south of Afghan capital Kabul, leaving four civilians dead.

“A mine planted by militants struck a civilian car in Naw Nad District at around 12:30 pm local time (0800 GMT) leaving all the four commuters aboard dead,” a Press release issued by Helmand’s provincial administration said.

Earlier, two more identical incidents in the western Herat and eastern Nangarhar Provinces claimed the lives of two and one person respectively and injuring 16 others.
Adult vaccinations protect children

Regular vaccinations for adults can help protect children, seniors and people with weakened immune systems, but few American adults get the recommended immunizations, experts say. A recent report from the non-profit Trust for America’s Health found that less than one-third of adults in the United States get an annual flu shot and only 2 percent are vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough. Adults should stay current on their vaccines for many reasons, according to Dr William Schaffner, chairman of the preventive medicine department at Vanderbilt Medical School in Nashville, Tenn. Doing so not only protects adults against many diseases, it prevents them from transmitting those diseases to family members, infants and elders, bolstering public health in general.

Getting the Tdap vaccine against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus is particularly important. “Young babies are the most vulnerable [against whooping cough],” Schaffner said in a Society for Women’s Health Research news release. “Everyone needs to get vaccinated who will have contact with babies in the home.”

Health Tip: Using a Nasal Spray for Allergies

A nasal spray can help many allergy sufferers find relief from symptoms, but it’s important that the spray be used correctly. The American Academy of Family Physicians mentions these suggestions when using a nasal spray:

* It may take as long as two weeks before you notice the spray’s full effect.
* At least once per week, wash the canister that delivers the spray.
* Before you spray, sniff air into each nostril to allow the medication to go deep inside the nose.
* Aim the spray straight toward the back of your head.
* If used correctly, the spray shouldn’t leak from your nose or down your throat.
* Stop using the spray for a few days if you have a headache or feel pain in the nose.
* Use the medication as directed by your doctor, and store it out of direct sunlight.

Test for Calcium buildup may spot heart attack, stroke risk

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—A calcium test performed with the assistance of a CT scanner seems to provide insight into the likelihood that certain patients at moderate risk of heart problems will have a heart attack or stroke, researchers say.

The study, published in the 19 Aug issue of The Lancet, sought to determine whether a test of calcium in the arteries is more helpful at estimating risk than a blood test that examines levels of C-reactive protein.

Gold at record on S Korea exchange

SEOUL, 21 Aug—Gold prices hit a record price in Seoul on Saturday, climbing to $234.30 per don, as the price has climbed 14 percent in the past month. On the Korea Gold Exchange, the price of gold has added more than $33 per don in the past month, Yonhap reported. A don is the equivalent of 3.75 grams. In New York on Friday, gold for December delivery rose to a record $1,852.20 per troy ounce, as investors flocked to the precious metal, which is seen as a safe haven when other investments appear risky. A troy ounce weighs more than a standard ounce, as there are 12 troy ounces to a pound.

Gold has climbed sharply since the financial crisis hit. In Korea, gold was at $101.08 per don in August 2008.

Did the market get it wrong about Hewlett-Packard?

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—Hewlett-Packard has announced that it will either spin off or sell its PC and mobile computing business units. After this announcement, the market took HP’s stock price down 20 percent. My question is: did the market get it wrong about Hewlett-Packard?

IDC and other tech industry observers will note that while Apple has roughly 15 percent of market share of unit sales of personal computers, Apple has roughly 90 percent of all earnings created by sales of personal computers. Apple has purposefully avoided the low-margin commoditized segments of the personal computer market. The same can said about the mobile computing segments.

Renowned management theorist Peter Drucker said that only two things matter in a company: innovation and marketing; everything else was a (commoditized) expense. Innovation provides for differentiate products and services; marketing conveys the value of that differentiation.

Without a clear sense of product differentiation in the personal computer and mobile computing segments, products will be seen as commoditized. One should expect few profits without innovation and differentiation.

So, was HP’s decision a good one? I would say yes. Capital that is currently allocated to these low-margin segments is a waste. Redeploying such capital seems smart. Now, what about HP’s purchase of Palm. Yes, it’s wasted money. But, it’s a sunk cost. HP’s management must look forward not back. It’s about admitting that they used something, it didn’t work, now they’re moving on. With HP selling at half of its 52-week high, it seems to be a buy.
New report: Aliens will fix Global Warming ... or Kill us

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—If or when intelligent extraterrestrials discover us, it’s anybody’s guess what they’ll do. They might befriend us. They might eat us.

As Carl Sagan once noted, they might find amusement in some talent we have that they lack and use us as entertainment, just as we keep sea lions in captivity because of their remarkable ability to balance rubber balls on their noses.

All of these scenarios and more are fleshed out in a new article in the journal Acta Astronautica by researchers at Pennsylvania State University.

One possibility they’ve raised has garnered more attention than any other: An extraterrestrial civilization might notice our planet by detecting changes in the spectral signature of Earth—the light radiated by our planet and atmosphere—caused by greenhouse gas emissions. And they might frown upon our behavior.

The group’s thinking goes like this: From the rate of change of the chemical composition in our atmosphere, the aliens will deduce our rapid expansion and, because of that, possibly view us as a threat, thinking we’ll soon pursue resources on other worlds. “If [they] doubt that our course can be changed, then they may seek to preemptively destroy our civilization in order to protect other civilizations from us,” the researchers write. (Several media outlets have inaccurately reported that NASA is behind the new report. One of its authors, astrophysicist Shawn Domagal-Goldman, recently began working at NASA, but wrote the paper with former colleague Seth Baum and a co-author of the new paper. “We’re not really saying this is going to happen, but it’s a possibility.”

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Plane crashes in Canadian Arctic, 12 killed

RESOLUTE BAY, 21 Aug—A chartered Boeing 737-200 plane crashed Saturday afternoon as it was approaching an airport in Canada’s Arctic region, killing 12 people and injuring three, police said.

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Over two million affected by monsoon rains, flooding in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 Aug—Heavy monsoon rains and flooding have reportedly affected over 2 million people in Pakistan’s southern Sindh and eastern Punjab Provinces.

Local meteorological department predicts more rains in the days ahead, posing a threat to more people in the country.

The National Disaster Management Authority says over 200,000 people have been affected in flood-hit areas in interior Sindh. Media quoted the authority as saying 100 villages were flooded in Badin District of Sindh after a breach in a major salinity drain.

As a result of the flooding, people have in some cases been left marooned and have to be evacuated by Navy boats. Pakistan’s biggest eastern Punjab Province was also affected by monsoon rains and flooding, according to officials. Flooding of the Sutlej river has inundated several villages in Kasur District, Punjab Province.

Syed Arshad Hussain, the district coordination officer for Kasur, a city on the eastern side of Punjab bordering India, said that relief centres have been set up in eight locations and the authorities are making all other arrangements to help the affected people. He also said an assessment of needs was under way.

Famine refugee camp has houses of sticks, cloth

DADAAB, 21 Aug—Kaltumo Barre’s home is a flimsy, dome-shaped skeleton of sticks and ragged cloth.

Her kitchen is three twisted iron rods stuck in the ground outside, shielded from the wind and sandstorms by more sticks and tattered clothes.

Inside, the floor is dirt, and it smells of urine from the two youngest of Barre’s five dastecaked children who share the space with her.

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DaikU Township growing Hsinthukha strain rice on broader scale

By Reporter Peinzalok Thein Nyunt

Fourteen scientific methods are being applied across the nation to boost rice per acre yield to over 100 baskets. Bago Region is replacing conventional with mechanized farming to meet the rice per acre yield of more than 100 baskets. As part of the drive, it is organizing local farmers to choose quality rice seeds. So far, its sown acreage of rice with quality seeds is over 255,000.

For horizontal expansion with quality rice seeds, DaikU Township in Bago Region is enjoying scientific methods. So far, it has put over 1470 acres under rice with quality seeds of several strains including Hsinthukha.

On our trip to DaikU, we dropped in the field of Hsinthukha strain rice grown with scientific methods near Dayei-mee Village on 16 June. Manager U Myint Aung of DaikU Township Agriculture Service said that the township was taking measures for extensive cultivation of high-yield quality rice with the 14 scientific methods; that up to that then they had put 75 acres under Hsinthukha strain rice and 25 acres under Hmaawy (2) strain rice with the seed-bed method, and that only that year did they begin use of the seed-bed method to grow rice. He added that they got Hsinthukha strain rice seeds from Gadok and Paukdabin quality rice farms; that Hsinthukha strain rice thrived in their region; that it could be harvested when it was at the age of 135 days; that the per acre yield of Hsinthukha strain rice was expected to exceed 100 baskets; that Hsinthukha strain rice was of high quality with higher per acre yield, and the output of rice grains in the milling process was higher than that of other strains of rice; and that therefore, farmers would make greater profits that year.

Administrator of DaikU Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Swa Aung said that since the early monsoon, the Township Myanmar Agriculture Service in cooperation with agricultural work coordination groups had been organizing local farmers to apply the 14 scientific methods, by staging demonstrations in Gadok Phayagyi, Paukdabin, DaikU Myoma, Hsapa Farm, and Natkin agricultural camp; and that they took measures to ensure that local farmers could draw farm subsidies in time and settle the agricultural loans.

Farmer U Thaung Nyunt who grows rice with the seed-bed method at Plot No. 410-B/7 of Economic Holdings No. 271/1 said that his rice field was successful. It was heartening to view thriving rice plants of Hsinthukha strain rice fields which looked like a very large green carpet. Thriving rice plants of Hsinthukha strain rice in the field were eye-catching. He said that in addition, they would grow such quality rice strains as Hsinnweyin, Yadana Aung and Yadanaote as summer rice to distribute quality rice seeds to local farmers. Local farmers of Bago Region are therefore making increasing profits from their rice farms and enjoying better socioeconomic life. Bago Region is believed to maintain its image of being second granary of the nation forever.

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Three killed, 17 injured in hospital blast in north China city

An injured man receives medical treatment at the People’s Hospital in Changzhi of north China’s Shanxi Province, on 20 Aug, 2011. A boiler exploded early Saturday in the Chenggu Hospital in Changzhi, Shanxi Province, and two others died while being rushed to the emergency room, the city government announced in a statement. The injured people are being treated at the hospital and all are described in stable condition.

Online photos show that half of the boiler room was destroyed after the blast. Local authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the accident, the statement said. —Internet

Taipuyan, 21 Aug—Three people were killed and 17 others injured, two severely, after a blast ripped through a boiler room in a hospital in northern Chinese City of Changzhi Friday, local authorities said.

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Mumbai, 21 Aug—Somali pirates hijacked a chemical-oil tanker with 21 Indian sailors on board Saturday from near an Omani port, although the exact location was unconfirmed.

India’s Directorate General of Shipping said the Fairchem Bogey, managed by Mumbai-based Anglo-Eastern Ship Management, was hijacked while anchored in Salalah port. A Salalah-based shipping source said the vessel was being loaded with methanol when it was seized.

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**Workshop successfully…**

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the President Office U Htet Aung, who chaired Session (4), the five papers on investment opportunities; and Chairman of Myanmar Orient Bank U Mya Than, who chaired Session (5), the four papers on finance and monetary policy.

U Tun Aung Kyaw from the Modern People’s Party, Director-General of the Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department Dr Aung Myo, Secretary of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Ko Ko, U Soe Maung from the Democracy and Peace Party, and Dr Phone Win from the Mingalar Myanmar Association raised queries. Professor (Retd) Daw Yee Yee Myint from Yangon Institute of Economics, Director Dr Daw Wah Wah Maung of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, Chairman Dr Sein Maung of the First Private Bank Ltd, Chairman Dr Sein Myint of the Myanmar Engineering Society, Chairman (Retd) Dr Than Nyunt of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, and President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung held round discussions.

Union Ministers U Soe Thein and U Hla Tun made further clarification. The workshop ended at 3 pm.

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**Tractors, agricultural loans handed over to farmers**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—A y e y a w a d y Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung yesterday viewed loading bags of rice onto MV Putia Asia vessel to be exported to the Philippines at Wedaung Port in Pathein. At Kyontongale, a workshop was organised to hand over power-tillers, agricultural farm in Pantawun Township, the Region Chief Minister attended the ceremony to hand over power-tillers to agricultural production societies and disburse capital loans to six micro-credit societies and handed over four tractors and 32 power-tillers to the agricultural production-society chairmen. Entrepreneurs presented K 16 million for 10 societies to chairmen. The Shwe Pyi Pone Private Credit Society Chairman shared K 3 million to 50 vendors, 40 shop owners and two tri-shawl owners.

**Apply appropriate techniques, urges Dy Construction Minister**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint instructed officials to ensure top quality and use proper techniques on his inspection tour of roads and bridges in Ayeyawady Region on 19 August. The instructions came after the deputy minister had heard reports on progress of construction works and collection of machinery and equipment submitted by officials.—MNA

**Murder and robbery exposed**

YANGON, 21 Aug—Daw Ohnma Khin, a teacher living on Aung Mingala Street, No. 3 Ward of Kayan Township, Yangon South District, on 22 June 2011, on her return from school, found her elder sister Daw Hmwe Hmwe Khin, aged 52, who lives the same house with her, dead with red rubber band used for tying things to bicycle carrier around her neck in a chair in her bedroom. She then found that cash and gold jewellery including the victim’s gold necklace worth about K 5.9 million stolen and asked the Kayan Police Station for investigation.

The authorities concerned then investigated Aung Kyaw Phyo, aged 21, living on Bo Myat Tun Street in No. 3 Ward of Kayan Township and Zaw Lwin Oo (a) Zaw Lwin, aged 23, from Shwebosu Village, who were under suspicion of the murder and robbery, and found that Aung Kyaw Phyo was a pupil of the victim and often slept for nights at her house from 8-grade to matric. On the day the murder happened, he went to the victim’s house for two times by motorbike. Zaw Lwin Oo was in need of money to repair his motorbike and Aung Kyaw Phyo took him to the victim’s house. Aung Kyaw Phyo first got into the house ahead of Zaw Lwin Oo shouting to the victim as “Teacher”. Daw Hmwe Hmwe Khin who was in the bedroom shouted “thief, thief” as she saw him all of a sudden. Zaw Lwin Oo ran into her, covered her mouth and she fell down and died. They then moved her into the chair, wrapped her neck with red rubber band, made the victim appear to commit suicide by hanging.

The Kayan Police Station brought the two to trial at Yangon South District Court.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
Admonishment sought for world largest steel Buddhist scriptures pagoda

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Assistant Director U Hlay Aung Kyaw of Hinthada District Immigration and National Registration Department explained issuance of citizenship scrutiny card at Kyangon Township BEHS on 10 August.

Drugs, marijuana seized

YANGON, 21 Aug — Zayetgyi Drug Squad arrested Zhaung Zhone Phyint (a) Zhone Phyint, 32, with 1960 WY tablets, one magazine 1960 WY tablets, one Pho Tint, 50, with 3.4293-kilo marijuana.

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Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin inspects tasks of Food and Drug Administration Division (Yangon).—MNA

Prevention against overflow of canals undertaken in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint inspected proper flow of water at drains in Chanayethazan, Maha-aungmye and Aungmyethazan townships yesterday morning.

Local people participated in prevention against flood with the use of bags of sand along Shwetachaung Canal.

The Region Chief Minister visited the relief camps at the Dhammayazons of Sutaungpyae Chanthaya Pagoda on 91st Street between 29th and 30th streets in Chanayethazan Township and in the precinct of Phayangawu Pagoda in Aungmyethazan Township and inspected providing health care services to the people.

Over 100 servicemen led by Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of the local station undertook prevention against floods with the use of bags of sand along Shwetachaung Canal along southern part of 35th Street.—MNA

Ethnic clothes of Lawwo made of orchid fibre to be showcased at World Orchid Conference

YANGON, 20 Aug—At the 20th World Orchid Conference will be held in the Republic of Singapore from 13 to 20 November, Myanmar Floral Fanatics Association is preparing to run a booth there.

The association is preparing to showcase Lawwo-ethnic female traditional costumes woven with fibre made from stalks of orchids growing in Kachin State, Myanmar orchids, hybrid orchids adorned with orchids. Moreover, Central Executive Committee Member of the association Dr Saw Lwin will read a paper on “Current trends of Myanmar Orchids and Prospects” at the conference.

The World Orchid Conference is held every three years in different nations across the world. The previous conference was held in USA and Africa will host the conference in 2014.

Turkish jets strike at PKK in Iraq

ANKARA, 21 Aug—Turkey’s military says its warplanes have bombed 20 suspected Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq in a third day of cross-border strikes. The military says on its website Saturday that 85 other rebel targets were also hit with artillery fire in Friday’s assault.

It said all planes returned to their base safely and that work is under way to assess the damage and losses caused. Turkey launched its latest cross-border offensive on Wednesday, hours after eight soldiers and a village guard were killed in an ambush near the Iraqi border.

Some 40 soldiers have been killed in attacks since July by rebels of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK.

The group is fighting for autonomy in southeast Turkey. Tens of thousands of people have been killed in the conflict since 1984.
Irene moves over Caribbean, seen becoming hurricane

MIAMI, 21 Aug—Tropical Storm Irene formed east of the Leeward Islands on Saturday and was expected to become a hurricane in the next two days heading on a northwestward track through the Caribbean that may threaten Florida.

At 11 pm (0300 GMT), Irene, the ninth named storm of the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season, was packing winds of 50 miles per hour and was about 95 miles east of Dominica, approaching the Leeward Islands, the US-based National Hurricane Centre said.

Tropical storm warnings were issued for many of the Leeward Islands, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the south coast of Dominican Republic, the centre said after a US Air Force Reserve “hurricane hunter” aircraft investigated the storm.

“Some strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours and Irene could become a hurricane on Monday,” the NHC said.—Reuters

Three generations of NY family die in I-95 wreck in NC

WILSON, 21 Aug—A New York family returning from Disney World was devastated Saturday evening when women representing three generations were killed in a wreck on Interstate 95 in eastern North Carolina.

Trooper GG Barnes of the North Carolina Highway Patrol said early Sunday that a 22-year-old woman, her mother and grandmother were killed when the family’s SUV blew a tire on northbound I-95 in Wilson County, the driver lost control and the vehicle overturned. Barnes identified the victims as Rosanny Marte, 22; Angela Marte, 46; and Rosa Marte, 71. Five other family members in the vehicle — including the husbands of Angela and Rosa Marte, and Angela’s two other children and nephews — remained hospitalized early Sunday with non-life-threatening injuries. Barnes said the family is from New York City.—Internet

Four high school athletes killed in NJ crash

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, 21 Aug—A sport utility vehicle carrying eight members of a southern New Jersey high school football team crashed Saturday on the Garden State Parkway, killing four players and injuring four, authorities said.

It wasn’t immediately clear where the teenagers were coming from or where they were going when the SUV crashed at about 11:45 am. The crash, which occurred in the southbound lanes of the parkway near exit 38A in Egg Harbour Township, created lengthy traffic jams in the area for most of Saturday afternoon.

The driver apparently lost control of the SUV as it went around a crest in the road and came upon heavy traffic, said Sgt. Julian Castellanos, a state police spokesman. The SUV overturned several times, ejecting two passengers, one of whom was struck by a passing car, Castellanos said.

The driver and two passengers were pronounced dead at the scene; a third passenger died at a hospital. Four others were taken to hospitals for treatment of injuries believed to be non-life-threatening.

State police confirmed that all eight were players on the Mainland Regional High School football team in Linwood and ranged in age from 15 to 17. Their names weren’t immediately released.

The crash comes just weeks before the school year begins.—Internet

Norway massacre survivors return to scene of crime

UTOYA (Norway), 21 Aug—Survivors of a massacre which claimed the lives of 69 people in Norway last month carried flowers to the site of the killings Saturday, laughter blending with tears as they remembered the joys of an island youth camp that turned into a scene of horror.

Stine Renate Haasheim, who survived the shooting spree on Utoya island, said her feelings ranged from emptiness and extreme grief to joy when she returned to the place she had visited each summer for more than 10 years before the 22 July massacre.

“There was an extreme mix of feelings because it was very difficult and we are still in grief, but at the same time I was looking forward to seeing Utoya. I was hoping that in some kind of way it will still be the same island as it used to be,” the 27-year-old lawmaker told The Associated Press after returning from Utoya.

“For me it was really important, I wanted to go back as soon as possible.”

Four killed in light plane crash in Russia’s St Petersburg

MOSCOW, 21 Aug—A light plane crashed near Russia’s second largest city St Petersburg Saturday, killing all four onboard, according to the local rescue service.

The crash happened 50 km from the city near the town of Ropsha, the source told Russia’s Interfax news agency.

The cause was still unclear and an investigation was underway, the source said.

It was the second light plane crash near St Petersburg in four days. On 16 Aug, three people were killed when a private light plane crashed in an area south of St Petersburg.—Xinhua

Last bodies pulled from Venezuela helicopter crash

CARACAS, 21 Aug—Venezuelan authorities have pulled the final four bodies from the wreckage of a military helicopter that crashed into the Caribbean Sea this week with 10 people on board.

Communication Minister Andres Izarra tweets that the helicopter has been brought to the surface and the four remaining bodies were recovered on Saturday.

One sargeant was rescued alive after Wednesday’s accident and the other nine died, including Vice Admiral Luis Berrios Pardo. Searchers earlier found the other five bodies.

The wreckage of the Bell 412 helicopter was found off the coast of eastern Anzoategui state.—Xinhua

Survivors and their relatives of the 22 July attack visit the island of Utoya in Norway on 20 Aug. 2011.—Internet

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Over half of Australians with hearing loss do nothing to correct

According to Professor Graeme Clark, who created the cochlear implant for moderately to profoundly deaf people, many Australians with hearing loss were often embarrassed by their condition, so that they do not do anything to improve the problem.

“It’s obvious that the stigma of hearing loss still has a major impact on people’s quality of life, but it must be remembered that hearing loss affects people of all ages, from newborns to elderly people - and there’s nothing to be ashamed of,” he said in the survey released on Sunday.—Xinhua

Over, 1000 sailors attend 3rd Qingdao International Sailing Week

QINGDAO, 21 Aug—The third Qingdao International Sailing Week kicked off Saturday evening, and over 1,000 sailors around the world will compete here in five events in two weeks.

A dialogue among world’s celebrities on sailing events will be held alongside three international sailing events, namely the Mayor’s Cup International Sailing Rally, the Qingdao International Sailing Regatta and the 2011 International Optimist Sailing Regatta, from 20 Aug to 4 Sept, according to local sports administration.

Besides, over 400 sailors will attend the 2011 National Funboard Championship and the National Laser, Laser Radial Elite Regatta in the sailing weeks, said Lin Zhiwei, head of local sports administration.

Attracting 15 teams from Singapore, South Korea and China’s coastal cities, the Mayor’s Cup International Sailing Rally will start from Weihai, east China’s Shandong Province, on 29 Aug and conclude in Qingdao on 4 Sept, according to Lin.

According to Lin Xinhua that 50 teams from Australia, Russia, South Korea and dozens of domestic cities will take part in the Qingdao International Sailing Regatta.

About 450 teenage athletes from 12 countries and regions will take part in the 2011 International Optimist Sailing Regatta during the coming two weeks.—Xinhua

China becomes South Africa’s biggest export destination

BEIJING, 21 Aug—China became South Africa’s top export destination at the end of 2010 due to strengthened bilateral trade links, according to South African ambassador Bheki Langa.

Investment between the two countries surged to nearly seven billion US dollars at the end of last year, the ambassador told Xinhua in a recent interview.

China Customs statistics show that trade between China and South Africa reached 25.6 billion US dollars throughout 2010. Imports from South Africa reached 14.8 billion US dollars during the same period.

Langa said what South Africa exported to China were mainly primary products and they hope to export products with more added-value to the Chinese market in future.

South Africa’s abundant mineral resources will provide good opportunities for potential investors in China, he added.—Xinhua

L American project for dengue control launched in Cuba

HAVANA, 21 Aug—Experts from several Latin American nations Saturday launched a project to monitor and control dengue in the region.

The scheme resulted from “the exchange of experiences among specialists from more than eight American countries,” said Guadalupe Guzman Tirado, director of the Dengue Collaborating Centre of the Pan American Health Organization, who was attending a regional dengue seminar here this week.

Tirado added that the project was “designed according to the peculiarities of every respective countries, as well as according to their gaps and strengths, that were identified while confronting the disease at continental level.”

People wearing masks participate in a parade of the Agonia Festival in Viana do Castelo in Portugal, on 19 Aug, 2011. —Xinhua

Internet
First lawsuits filed over deadly Indiana fair collapse

INDIANAPOLIS, 21 Aug—The first wrongful death lawsuits have been filed as a result of the stage collapse at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis last week which killed six and injured more than 40 others, lawyers said on Saturday. Suits were filed on behalf of Tammy VanDam of Wanatah, Indiana, 42, the mother of a 17-year-old daughter, and her partner Beth Urschel, 49.

VanDam was killed by the collapse of the stage after a high wind of blast wind whipped through the grandstand area just minutes before the country duo Sugarland was scheduled to perform. Urschel was severely injured.

Although Indiana law does not recognize the rights of same-sex couples, “this is an inequity we also intend to address in this lawsuit,” Kenneth J. Allen, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said in a statement.

“Yesmy’s death is not only devastating for Beth, it also leaves her daughter without a mother’s love and guidance during the most vulnerable stage of her life,” Allen said.

Runaway cow captures German hearts

MUNICH, 21 Aug — A runaway cow named Yvonne is on the loose in Germany and the manhunt — or moohunt — for the Bavarian bovine has captivated the country. The freedom-loving cow ran away from a small farm in summer, Yvonne is said to be an eight-year-old, light brown dairy cow, but only every search teams arrived to try to capture her.

The six-year-old animal would have probably never made the headlines if it hadn’t been for a near accident only days after she broke away. She trundled across a country road and almost collided with a police car.

An Austrian man is in jail after stealing lottery tickets worth 70,000 euro

LOEBEN, 21 Aug — An Austrian man is in jail after stealing lottery tickets worth 70,000 euro (£61,000) — with ever winning the jackpot. The national prosecutor’s office in Leoben said the unidentified 51-year-old man has confessed to the theft. He said he pocketed instant tickets valued at about 70,000 euro over several years from a local shop.

Each ticket costs one euro (87p). The maximum payout is 100,000 euro (£83,000). The prosecutor’s office said none of the stolen tickets resulted in a large win. The theft was discovered after the shop owner noticed bookkeeping discrepancies between the number of tickets sold and the profits from their sale.

Billy goat gives grief to tourists

VIENNA, 21 Aug — A German tourist couple visiting Austria had their hands full when a goat wouldn’t stop attacking them. To stop the butting, Steffen Prill was forced to grab the beast by the horns — and hold on.

Prill said he literally dragged it down the mountain slope they were hiking on toward the Tyrolean village of Ausservillgraten, near the Italian border. He and Anja Buder, his wife, said that every time Mr Prill let go, the horned assaults continued.

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May and has managed to hide successfully in the forests of southern Germany ever since.

Locals have reported a few sightings of the brown dairy cow with a white head, but every time search teams arrived to try to capture her, Yvonne had already hied it from the area and disappeared.

The autumn raspberries and wild fruits such as blackberries are beginning to appear on trees several weeks early as a result of the hot dry spring, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has said.

While the onset of autumn is controlled by temperature and day length, the unusually early colour being seen on trees such as maples, hazels and laburnum is a response to the dry soils left over from the spring, the RHS said.

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An autumnal scene in Kielder Water, Northumberland. — Internet

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Police: Woman faked baby torture

Police in St Petersburg, Fla., said they arrested a woman who told them text messages and photos indicating she was torturing her baby were a joke.

Investigators said Donald Callaway, 21, called 911 Wednesday and said his ex-girlfriend, Brittany Lester, 20, was sending him pictures and messages implying she was torturing their 1-month-old son, the St. Petersburg Times reported on Friday. Messages said Lester was going to “squeezing him until he’s gasping for air,” “urinate in a bottle and feed it to him” and “put him in the dresser and slam it,” investigators said.

FNMC "The new Light of Myanmar" Monday, 22 August, 2011

Miss Malaysia world 2011 Chen Tien Nee (C), first runner-up Tan Mei Yuan (L) and second runner-up Chua Yee See pose for photos after the Miss Malaysia world 2011 pageant in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 20 Aug, 2011.

Xinhua

Street boy-turned-singer ends reality show journey as runner-up

SEOUL, 21 Aug—Sung-Bong Choi, South Korea’s manual worker-turned-international singing sensation, ended his months-long reality show journey on Sunday with a second-place finish to a female dancing competitor in the final round of the “Korea’s Got Talent” TV audition show.

Dubbed Korea’s “Susan Boyle,” who shot to fame on a British TV talent show, Choi’s episodes has hit the headlines of news media at home and abroad, pulling at the heart strings of millions around the world.

Choi, 22, who ascended to the top-two position with his powerful baritone, was defeated by a 17-year-old high school girl student, Ju Min-jeong, who has already been branded “Poppin’ Dance Empress” among her fan groups here.

Smelly Taxi app rates cab odors

A Chicago man said he created an iPhone app to allow taxicab passengers in major cities to warn others about bad odors in the vehicles.

Adam Saffro, 32, said he was inspired to create the “Smelly Taxi” app when he entered a rather pungent cab near his home in the River North neighborhood.

“It was literally the worst-smelling thing I’ve smelled in my life,” Saffro said. “It was probably a combination of terrible body odor and urine.”

Saffro said the app lets users rate the smell of their cab on a scale of one to five, with one being the worst, in the categories of odor, professionalism and cleanliness.

Airline delayed due to film star urinating

BEIJING, 21 Aug — A Paris-to-Dublin flight was delayed two hours after French actor Gerard Depardieu urinated in the plane during its takeoff Tuesday evening.

The 62-year-old was apparently drunken and tried to stand up after asked to wear seatbelt during takeoff, according to a passenger who witnessed this scene. The passenger said in an interview on French radio that the star announced “I need to piss, I need to piss” when he stood up. Then “he stood up and did it on the ground,” said the passenger.

Depardieu sat back and the plane returned to the parking area to be cleaned, said a stewardess of the plane. The cleanup delayed the flight for two hours.

Disney reveals two new movie projects

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug—Walt Disney Studios Saturday disclosed the ongoing production of two new movies, included one directed by Academy Award winner Pete Docter.

The studio made the revelation at the “D23 Expo,” the Disney version of Comic-Con, to 4,200 fans gathered in Anaheim Convention Centre.

For the first of the two movies, Docter and his team has just started designs and sets and is anticipating castings, according to the studio. It will take a look inside people’s minds and is set for release on 30 May, 2014.

The story will take the audience inside the head, “how we forget, why certain songs get stuck in our heads,” Docter said.

“It’s a place that we’ve all been to but have never seen,” he added.

The second is an untitled feature about dinosaurs to be directed by Disney veteran Bob Peterson and is set to hit the theaters on 27 November, 2013.

It is set in a world where an asteroid missed the Earth, thus allowing the creatures including humans and dinosaurs to keep living and evolving side-by-side. Peterson got the inspiration from a World’s Fair he attended as a child where he saw animatronic dinos created by Disney, he told The Hollywood Reporter.
Wieber wins 1st US gymnastics title in a rout

Jordyn Wieber competes during the floor exercise at the US gymnastics championships, on 20 Aug, 2011, in St Paul, Minn.

St Paul, 21 Aug — The rest of the world should consider this a warning from Jordyn Wieber. The 16-year-old Wieber won her first title at the US gymnastics championships in a rout Saturday night, sending a message to Russia, China and Romania in the process. Her final score of 121.300 points was 6.15 points ahead of McKayla Maroney, and will only solidify her status as a favorite for the world championships in Tokyo in October.

“I definitely wanted to send a message that I’m capable of getting good scores,” Wieber said. “But I wanted to do well here first, so I definitely had both things going through my head. It feels really good. It’s a definite confidence booster.” Wieber’s victory was the biggest at nationals since USA Gymnastics began using the open-ended scoring system in 2006. — Internet

Couples leads by 1 at Senior Players Championship

Harrison, 21 Aug — Fred Couples shot a 3-under 68 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead after the third round of the Senior Players Championship, the Champions Tour’s final major of the season. Couples is at 11-under 202 for the tourney and is trying for his first Champions Tour title since a seven-stroke victory last October at theAdmin Staff Small Business Classic in Texas.

Since his fourth victory on the senior tour, Couples has struggled with his back, but the injury has healed following a non-traditional procedure in Germany six weeks ago.—Internet

Djokovic looks for super six in final against Murray

MASON, 21 Aug — World number one Novak Djokovic looks to make it an unprecedented six out of six in Masters series titles when he takes on Britain’s Andy Murray in the final of the Cincinnati Open on Sunday but both players say their bodies are feeling the strain. Djokovic, who has a 57-1 record this season, has already claimed nine tournaments in what has been a remarkable year of dominance in the sport and he is the clear favorite for the US Open, starting in New York on 29 August.

Murray beat American Mardy Fish in his semi-final on Saturday but said he was hampered by fitness problems “I was struggling physically. That’s frustrating for me, because that’s something I haven’t struggled with for quite a long time,” said the Scot. The pair met in the final of the Australian Open in January with Djokovic winning in straight sets and the Serb came out on top again in the Rome semi-finals four months later. But Djokovic also recalled that Murray beat him here in the 2008 final — one of seven Masters triumphs for Murray. Internet

Cardinals, Fitzgerald agree to $120 million deal

TEMPE, 21 Aug — The Arizona Cardinals and Larry Fitzgerald have agreed to an eight-year deal that could pay the star receiver as much as $120 million, making it one of the richest deals in the NFL. Fitzgeraldasion president Michael Bidwill appeared at a hastily called news conference Saturday night to announce the agreement. Fitzgerald insisted he “hates this part of sports.”

Simpson leads by 2 shots after 3 rounds at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, 21 Aug — Webb Simpson never lost his cool. He was rewarded with one of the hottest stretches of his young career. It put the local favorite in position for his first PGA Tour win. Simpson shot a 6-under 64 on Saturday to move to 15-under 195 and take a two-stroke lead after three rounds at the Wyndham Championship.

Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

Norwich City 1-1 Stoke City

An injury time equalizer from Kenwynne Jones helps Stoke to claim a point after Richie De Laet had scored Norwich’s first home goal back in the Premier League.

Wolves 2-0 Fulham

Kevin Doyle & Matt Jarvis strike before half-time as Mick McCarthy’s men maintain 100% start to Premier League

Norwich 1-1 Stoke

Sunday, 27 August

Norwich 1-1 Stoke

Bolton 2-3 ManCity

Wolves 2-0 Fulham

London, 21 Aug — Ten-man Norwich City were denied a first Barclays Premier League win when Kenwynne Jones headed in a stoppage-time equaliser for Stoke City at Carrow Road.

Ritchie De Laet had scored against his old club to put the Canaries in front at the break. After Jon Walters saw his penalty saved following Leon Barnett’s red card on the hour, it looked as if Norwich would hold on - only for Stoke’s pressure eventually to tell with Jones nodding in from close range.

Despite the partisan atmosphere in the 27,000-strong crowd, it was Stoke - coming on the back of their midweek Europa League tie, who made the early running, as Walters got in on the overlap to fire an angled shot at John Ruddy. — Internet

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Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

More than 50 rockets fired from Gaza, Israeli killed

GAZA, 21 Aug—An Israeli man was killed on Saturday in a rocket strike launched from Gaza, medics said, the latest death in a three-day spasm of violence that has killed more than 30 people.

Israeli security officials said seven other people were wounded, including two children, by more than 50 rockets fired from the Hamas-ruled territory Saturday. In Gaza, an Israeli air strike wounded a Palestinian man seriously, medics said.

A militant group called the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) claimed responsibility for the deadly rocket strike at a house in the southern City of Beersheba. Hamas’s armed wing claimed responsibility for another attack that destroyed a home in the town of Otakim.

It was the first time in months that Hamas had declared its involvement in rocket attacks against Israel, after largely observing a de facto truce since the end of a three-week offensive in January 2009.

Police Minister Yitzhak Aharonvitch said Israel’s response would be “tough.”—Reuters

Turkish jets strike at PKK in Iraq

ANKARA, 21 Aug—Turkey’s military says its warplanes have bombed 20 suspected Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq in a third day of cross-border strikes. The military says on its website Saturday that 85 other rebel targets were also hit with artillery fire in Friday’s assault.

It said all planes returned to their base safely and that work is under way to assess the damage and losses caused.—Internet
Production of oil and gas inspected at well No. 166

YANGON, 21 Aug—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay yesterday looked into test-production of oil well No. 166 in Pyay Taungtan oil field of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

The General Manager of the oil field reported on production of initial production. Managing Director U Aung Htoo and officials of MOGE gave supplementary reports.

The Union Minister gave instructions on drilling more wells at sand layers that stores oil and natural gas and efforts to be made for drilling more deep wells in Pyay region. He presented cash rewards to the crew that successfully drilled the well No. 166 and then inspected the well.

Well No. 166 was drilled into 8200 feet underground. At the depth of 7550 feet, test-production of oil and gas could be launched. In the initial production, the well produced 33 barrels of oil and 9.735 million cubic-feet of natural gas per day. At present, about 4.5 million cubic-feet of gas is produced by controlling the pressure at the well, and natural gas is being supplied to Kyangin Cement Plant under the Ministry of Industry-1.

KIA destroys 32 houses, school in Khayan Hti-dam Village, Khaunglanphu Township, Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—KIA set fire to 22 houses to the ground on 13 August and 10 houses and one basic education primary school on 19 August in Khayan Hti-dam Village, Khaunglanphu Township, Kachin State. Due to the insurgent group’s atrocities, 66 villagers fled for Lagya Village. Officials concerned are taking arrangements for addressing their basic needs and education of their kids in the village.—MNA

Bogota, 21 Aug—Brazil claimed their fifth FIFA U-20 World Cup crown on Saturday, beating Portugal after extra time in Bogota, the first time they have won the competition since 2003.

The FIFA U-20 World Cup Colombia 2011 ended as it began, with rain teeming down in prelude to the match for third place at El Campin in Bogota.

And for the second time in the competition, following on from their fightback in the Round of 16 against Cameroon, Mexico came from behind to beat France and take third place on the podium, El Tri’s best finish in the competition since 1977, when they ended runners-up. Les Bleus did not go away too disappointed, however, having completed their best ever campaign in the competition, despite conceding 12 goals, the joint-worst defensive record alongside Costa Rica and Guatemala.

The battle for the bronze medal was followed by the tournament showpiece, in which Brazil claimed their fifth title in the category, avenging the penalty shoot-out defeat they suffered against Portugal 20 years ago and erasing the memory of their loss on penalties to Ghana in the Egypt 2009 final.

Brazil claim impressive fifth title

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

Sharapova and Jankovic into Cincinnati final

MASON, 21 Aug — Russia’s Maria Sharapova will face Serbian Jelena Jankovic in the Cincinnati Open final after the pair enjoyed solid victories in their semi-finals on Saturday. Sharapova recovered from a poor start to beat fellow Russian and world number two Vera Zvonareva 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 to reach her fourth final of the season while Jankovic beat Germany’s Andrea Petkovic 7-6, 6-1.

Sharapova, ranked seventh in the world, will play for her 24th career title and second of the season following her victory in Rome but she had to come back from dropping the opening set against Zvonareva. Jankovic, who won the title two years ago, had a struggle in the first set against Petkovic, who looked hampered by heavy strapping on her leg.