Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 33rd day

Twelve questions raised, answered, one proposal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct— The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 33rd day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here today.

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 382 representatives.

Today, 12 questions were raised and answered and one proposal was discussed.

U Thaung of Mawleik constituency asked whether the existing political parties are included in the term “other organizations” expressed in the 1963 Law Safeguarding Public Property.

Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo replied that a court concerned would decide whether the existing political parties are included in the term “other organizations” when they were charged under the 1963 Law Safeguarding Public Property after looking into each case.

Afterwards, Dr Maung Maung Wint of Bahan constituency asked how the State-owned media would be reformed to attract the people and how efforts were being made to promote the media as the fourth estate which could serve the interests of the people.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 32nd day

Three questions answered; two bills, one proposal and one report submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — The 32nd-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here, this morning, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 206 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin answered the questions about rail transportation raised by two representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Khin Maung Htay of Mandalay Constituency No-10 who said whether there is a plan to change the schedule of Yangon-Mandalay express trains from running in the daytime to at the night for enabling passengers to arrive at their final destinations the next morning by taking a night train and to go back their regions at the night after completing their daily works during the daytime, the deputy minister replied that Myanma Railways heard the convenience of the people and their satisfaction of taking the night train.

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Myanmar-Thai writes a page in history together

At the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, a delegation led by Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on a goodwill visit to Myanmar on 5 October.

President U Thein Sein held a meeting with visiting Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and party at President Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 October evening.

President U Thein Sein said in his greetings at the meeting that he, on behalf of the Myanmar government and the people, heartily welcomed the Thai Prime Minister and goodwill delegation; he warmly welcomed the goodwill visit of the Thai Prime Minister after her assumption of office; he firmly believed that the goodwill visit of the Thai Prime Minister will further strengthen existing friendly relations between the two countries.

The visiting Thai Prime Minister discussed cooperation matters between the two countries, border affairs, border trade, future tasks for Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, and construction of motor road from Thiangannmaung to Kawkareik. The President discussed cooperation of the two countries in smooth implementation of Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) among Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, and promotion of trade and investment between the two countries.

Myanmar and Thailand are next-door neighbours. The two countries share both the geographical border and culture. The Thai PM's goodwill visit to Myanmar is considered to be a drive to foster existing friendship and cooperation between the two nations.

Workshop on promotion of Myanmar’s economics sector in ASEAN’s economics community held

YANGON, 6 Oct—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) launched a workshop on promotion of Myanmar’s economics sector in ASEAN’s economics community at the office of RUMFCCI (Headquarters) in Lanmadaw Township here this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myant Swe, Regional Minister for Electricity and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo, President of RUMFCCI U Win Aung and Vice Presidents, CEC members, Adviser at the President Office U Myint and Director General K Kesavapany and officials concerned of ISEAS were present in the event.

On the occasion, the Director of ISEAS made an address and Adviser U Myint led to the discussion. After that, the Chief Minister took a documentary photo with those present at the workshop.

The workshop is from 6 to 7 October. MNA

National seminar on protection of copyright and related rights and their contribution to national development opens

YANGON, 6 Oct—National seminar on the protection of copyright and related rights and their contribution to national development jointly organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and World Intellectual Property Organization under the supervision of the Ministry of Information was opened at Traders Hotel here today.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Information Development U Soe Win, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture, chairman of the MWJA and personnel, Director Mrs Gao Hang of the Copyright Development Service Division of Geneva-based WIPO in Switzerland and members.

Deputy Minister U Soe Win, speaking on the occasion, said that national seminar on the protection of copyright and related rights was held last time in 2008 and today’s seminar was the fifth of its kind.

He noted that development of copyright protection at national level called for systematic measures in consideration of culture and interests of the nation. He said that those present at the seminar wished for interests of different fields and thus he hoped cooperation between those holding the same views on exchange of knowledge would be beneficial to every one.

Director Mrs Gao Hang delivered a speech and the opening ceremony ended with greetings of MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit). Next, the deputy minister together with personnel and guests posed for documentary photo.

Scholars discussed copyright and related rights. The seminar continues tomorrow. MNA

Small-skill livestock breeding of cow on schedule

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Food and Agriculture Organization held a workshop on implementation of developing plan for small-skill livestock breeding at Amara Hotel here this morning. Director-General of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Professor Dr Myint Thein gave an opening speech and Officer Mr Vinod Ahuja of FAO Livestock Policy presented the planning tasks.

The four-year programme for the implementation of small-skill livestock breeding of cow will be carried out in 13 wards of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Yangon and Mandalay Regions. MNA

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—According to the 12:30hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River in Hinthada is (1270) cm. It may reach its danger level (1342) cm during the next (48) hours commencing this noon, said the Meteorology and Hydrology Department. MNA

Donate blood
One civilian killed, 16 injured as militants attack bus in S Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH, 6 Oct—One civilian was killed and 16 others injured Thursday morning when militants attacked a passenger bus in southern Afghanistan's Helmand Province, spokesman for provincial government said.

“A passenger bus was travelling from western Herat Province to capital City of Kabul but a group of militants intended to stop it in Houzi Khosh area in Gerseshk District in the wee hours Thursday but the driver deliberately ignored to stop the bus for fear of passengers’ life,” spokesman for provincial government Daud Ahmadi told Xinhua.

He said the armed militants shortly opened fire on the running bus killing a child and injuring 16 people including eight women, four men and four children.

Ahmadi blamed Taleban militants for the attack, however, the militant group has yet to make comments.

Russia threatens to stop cooperation with US over missile defence

MOSCOW, 6 Oct—Russia said Thursday that the US approach to the deployment of a missile defence system in Europe was “unacceptable” and that Moscow may stop cooperation with Washington in this field.

In a statement, the Russian Foreign Ministry said the recent US-Spain agreement on deploying a missile defence system in Europe, saying it is unacceptable to Moscow.

The statement said the plan was not discussed collectively, nor did it take into account a position of all the countries concerned.

The two NATO members announced Wednesday to deploy four American counter-missile ships at the Rota naval base on Spain’s southwestern coast. Russia said such a practice could negatively affect security and stability in Euroatlantic region. “Things go on the same way, then the chance to render the anti-missile defence from issue of confrontation to issue of cooperation, which was created at the Russia-NATO summit in Lisbon, could be lost,” said the statement.

Troops rescue midwife from militants in S Philippines

COTABATO CITY, 6 Oct—State security forces rescued Thursday a midwife kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf terrorists last July.

According to Felicisimo Khu, head of the Directorate for Integrated Police Operations for Western Mindanao, the midwife Evangeline Taverisma was rescued by police and military in the village of Kappung in the southern Philippine Province of Sulu.

Khu said there was a resistance from Abu Sayyaf but later abandoned their captive after sensing they were outnumbered.

The Abu Sayyaf militants were asking some 15 million pesos (354, 861 US dollars) ransom for the release of the 57-year-old hostage.

The victim was on her way home from work when she was snatched at gunpoint in Sulu Province.

The Abu Sayyaf group, active in southern Philippines, was founded in the 1990s and has perpetrated a number of high-profile attacks, including kidnapping, bombing and beheading. The Philippine military estimates the group currently has less than 400 members.
Japan quake rebuilding drives demand for New Zealand timber

Wellington, 6 Oct—New Zealand’s timber industry has received a boost in demand from the reconstruction of areas affected by the March earthquake and tsunami in Japan, although China continues to dominate demand, New Zealand’s Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) announced Thursday.

Log exports reached an estimated 6.9 million cubic meters during the April-June quarter, according to the MAF’s forestry production and trade figures.

It was the ninth consecutive quarter of growth underpinned by the large volume of log exports, said Andrew Doube, MAF’s acting manager of sector infrastructure.

Demand from China accounted for 59.6 percent of total log export volumes in the quarter, compared with 53.7 percent in the same quarter last year.—Xinhua

Biomarker gene target identified to track Huntington’s disease

Washington, 6 Oct—Scientists have identified a biomarker gene that could be used to follow the activity of Huntington’s disease as well as the response patients might have to neuroprotective treatments.

Huntington’s disease, a devastating genetic disorder that causes degeneration of nerve cells in the brain, affects more than 15,000 Americans, and at least 150,000 are at risk of developing the disease.

There is no known cure or treatment for the disease — which starts with changes in mood, judgment, memory, and other cognitive functions and inevitably leads to increasing physical disability, dementia and death.

The new research describes the discovery and validation of a blood test that could assist in the monitoring of disease activity and in the evaluation of new medications.

“We know how to diagnose HD. What we don’t have, however, is a simple test to tell us whether the disease is active and progressing or responding to new medications,” said Clemens Scherer, MD, in the Centre for Neurologic Diseases at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.—Internet

In Kodak’s troubles, a snapshot of an icon’s fall

Rochester, 6 Oct—Blindsided by a digital revolution, Eastman Kodak is teetering on a financial precipice after a quarter-century of failed efforts to find its focus.

The 131-year-old company that turned picture-taking into a hobby for the masses has tried to bat down sudden talk of bankruptcy.

Kodak insists it has no intention of filing for bankruptcy protection. But investors are unsure it has the financial wherewithal to complete its decade-long turnaround — and employees worry more job cuts are on the way.

The collapse of such a legendary brand would reverberate through not only American business but would also have a profound cultural effect on generations worldwide who took their first snapshots with cameras bearing the unmistakable yellow-and-red K logo.—Internet

Smoking can kill 40 mn more people

Washington, 6 Oct — Smoking could cause 40 million excess deaths among smokers, who also suffer from tuberculosis (TB), by 2050, new research says.

Once smokers develop the disease, they are more likely to die from it, meaning that smoking can single-handedly undermine the goal to reduce TB mortality by half between 1990 and 2015, says the research.

The study, led by Sanjay Basu from the University of California, San Francisco, used a maths model to determine the effect of smoking on future TB rates, the BMJ (British Medical Journal) reports.

It shows that from 2010 to 2050 smoking could lead to 40 million excess TB deaths worldwide - from 61 to 101 million.

They also conclude that if current smoking trends continue, the number of excess TB cases could rise from 256 to 274 million - 18 million new cases in total. —Internet

A new drug to reverse diabetes?

London, 6 Oct — American researchers are working on a drug that could help prevent or even reserve Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease linked to lifestyle.

The research involves a natural cell chemical compound known as NMN, which when injected into diabetic mice normalised their blood sugar levels.

The chemical governs how cells use energy. The jabs lowered high levels of cholesterol and triglyceride blood fats. Researchers are now working on a way to administer NMN to mice in drinking water, according to the journal Cell Metabolism.

In future, they hope to develop a ‘nutraceutical’ pill that can be taken like a vitamin to combat Type 2 diabetes, the Daily Mail reported.

“Once we can get a grade of NMN that humans can take, we would really like to launch a pilot human study,” said study leader Shin-ichiro Imai from Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis.

Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease, is linked to lifestyle.

In this photo, Procter & Gamble marketing director Kevin Hochman talks about the new packaging for Ivory soap brands at P&G’s Cincinnati headquarters.—Internet

5 Korean overseas plant orders contract 18.3 pct

Seoul, 6 Oct — Overseas industrial plant orders won by South Korean builders contracted 18.3 percent on-year in the first three quarters, a government report showed Thursday.

South Korea won 41.4 billion US dollars in overseas orders to construct industrial plants during the January-September period, the Ministry of Knowledge Economy said.

The ministry said overseas plant orders grew 29.1 percent on-year if the deal with United Arab Emirates (UAE) was excluded. South Korea signed an 18.6 billion dollars deal in January last year to build nuclear power plant. By region, orders from the Americas soared 212 percent on-year to 5.16 billion dollars for the first nine months of this year, with orders from Europe and Asia growing 56.5 percent and 54.6 percent respectively.—Xinhua

In Japan, triglyceride blood fats are normalised in diabetic mice.
Student-built electric car sets speed mark

PROVO, (Utah) 6 Oct—An electric car designed and built by engineering students at a Utah school set a world land speed record for its weight class of 155.8 mph, officials said.

The speed was the average of two runs at the Bonneville Salt Flats for the “Electric Blue” car built as a seven-year project by more than 130 Brigham Young University students, a BYU release said Tuesday.

“This is a wonderful closure to 31 years of teaching at BYU and many projects,” Carter said after the record was certified. “But this is the one that takes the cake. I’m done.”

The aerodynamic vehicle used lithium iron phosphate batteries to achieve speeds as high as 175 mph on one of its runs. “Electric Blue” competes in the “E1” class, which includes cars weighing less than 1,100 pounds.

Scienet’s ‘developing safer breast implants using nanotechnology’

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—Researchers at the University of Akron are exploring how nanotechnology may enable the future development of safer breast implants as an alternative to silicone rubber, minimizing health complications.

The only material option available to women undergoing breast reconstruction and augmentation is based on silicone rubber. While no medical device is 100 percent safe and effective, there is an extraordinarily high rate of complications reportedly attributed to silicone breast implants.

Lead researcher Judit E Puskas, PhD, ME, and her colleagues are currently developing an alternative nanostructured material to silicone rubber that will minimize complications.

The new material will also be able to deliver cancer drugs locally to improve the efficacy of treatment and minimize side effects associated with chemotherapy.

“If successful, our material could be used for implants with drug delivery capabilities,” says Puskas.

“With new nanotechnology, the materials will also be able to develop alternatives based on new nanotechnology for the women who opt for a device made of synthetic materials,” she added.

The review is published in WIRE’s Nanomedicine and Nanobiotechnology.

Nose could help reveal accurate time of death

LONDON, 6 Oct—The inside of your nose could help pinpoint the time of death, especially if it was within the previous 24 hours, scientists say.

Tiny finger-like projections lining the nose called cilia continue to beat after death, even though it slows down gradually at a predictable rate.

Accurately estimating the time of death has been a challenge for forensic teams as indicators of body temperature or decomposition rate can be confounded by a number of factors including temperature, and whether the person was involved in a struggle, say, shortly before death. Cilia, however, seems relatively immune to environmental factors, researchers say.

Biagio Solarino of the University of Bari in Italy and his colleagues suspected that cilia continue to beat after death. So they took a scraping of the inside of the nose from 100 cadavers to examine the cilia.

Reefs coped mass extinction earlier than Earth

LONDON, 6 Oct—Researchers had always assumed it took the Earth as long as five million years to recover from the species collapse.

However, a new research has proved that reefs came into existence soon after the great mass extinction as soon as the conditions normalised.

An international team, including the paleontologist Hugo Bucher from the University of Zurich and his team of researchers, has proved reefs already existed again in the southwest of what is now the USA 1.5 million years after the mass extinction.

Metazoan organisms such as sponges, serpulids and other living creatures dominated the reefs.

Metazoan-dominated reefs had already developed during the Early Triassic, much farther than was previously assumed and as soon as the environmental conditions more or less returned to normal; the reef began to grow again due to metazoan organisms that had played a secondary role in the reefs up to then.

“This shows that, after the extinction of dominant reef creators, metazoan were able to form reef ecosystems much sooner than was previously thought,” Bucher said.

The study appears in Nature Geoscience.

72-million-yr-old armoured dinosaur’s brain being ‘recreated’

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—Scientists have gained valuable insights into the brain of a 72 million-year-old dinosaur after its skull broke down recently.

Lead researcher Tetsuto Miyashita, a University of Alberta master’s student in paleontology, and his colleagues took a rare look inside the skull of a Euoplocephalus and came away with unprecedented details on the brain and nasal passages of the animal. CT scans from undamaged Euoplocephalus skulls are helping the team to reconstruct the twisted, looping nasal passages and brain chamber.

The researchers claimed that the entire brain of a Euoplocephalus would fit inside a coffee mug, but the size was not small for a dinosaur.

They also claimed that the dinosaur possibly generated sound through its looping nasal passages.

The reconstructed inner ear was tuned for this ‘nasal roar’, as the length of the ear indicates that the dinosaur was sensitive to low-frequency sounds.
Russia sends Intelsat telecom satellite into space

MOSCOW, 6 Oct—Russia launched a US Intelsat telecom satellite into space early Thursday, aboard a Zenit carrier rocket from a space centre in Kazakhstan, the Russian Space Agency Roskosmos said.

The satellite, produced by Orbital Services, separated from the rocket at around 0330 GMT Thursday and started taking up its geostationary orbit, the Interfax news agency quoted a Roskosmos official as saying.

The Intelsat-18 satellite is equipped with 32 transponders and will provide telecommunications services to customers in East Asia, the US West Coast and the Pacific Region for an expected life-span of 15 years.

The Zenit-2SB, a medium-lift two-stage rocket, is produced by the Yuzhnoye Design Bureau in Ukraine.

Intelsat, originally formed as the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, is an intergovernmental consortium which operates the world’s most extensive satellite network, comprising more than 50 satellites.—XINHUA

Cable thefts disrupt trains, and a village

LONDON, 6 Oct—Stealing cable for scrap metal has become a common crime in Britain, with recent thefts disrupting rail service in London and blacking out a village.

Commuters into Liverpool Street Station were delayed Tuesday morning after thieves, under the cover of darkness, climbed gantries and removed several hundred feet of cable, the Evening Standard reported. Sparks jumping from the live wires caused a fire, forcing the local Police to evacuate many homes.

“Only our family and friends could have done it,” one resident said. “It’s disgusting, it’s time for the police to do something about it.”

The thefts have been so common that the police have set up a special task force to investigate.

Mike Price said he and his wife were about to watch their favourite TV programme, “Strictly Come Dancing.” “We cut our losses and went to bed, then we were woken up when the lights came back at around quarter to four,” he said. “When we found out it was cable thieves, we were pretty mad. But then you are getting cables stolen from the railway and lead taken from churches, it is pretty sad really.”

Karen Taylor of the White Hart Inn said diners were able to finish their meals by candlelight but did not stay around to drink as they might have. The power went off again Saturday, and she said the combined disruptions cost the inn its profit for the weekend.—Internet

Tabloid’s mistaken story makes Knox guilty

LONDON, 6 Oct—A British tabloid ran a prepared-in-advance “Amanda Knox guilty” story on its Web site, complete with a colorful description of Knox “sobbing uncontrollably.” The Daily Mail was one of a number of newspapers and broadcasters in Britain to report wrongly that an Italian appeals court had upheld Knox’s murder conviction. The Guardian said. The Guardian, one of the country’s most respected papers, made the same mistake, based on an incorrect translation of the verdict.

But the Mail went further, running a full story that included quotes from the prosecutors, who said “justice has been done.” In fact, the Italian court threw out the guilty verdicts against Knox, a former University of Washington student, and her Italian ex-boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito.

“As Knox realized the enormity of what Judge Hellman was saying she sank into her chair sobbing uncontrollably while her family and friends hugged each other in tears,” the Mail reported Monday. In fact, the appeals court found Knox and Sollecito were convicted on unreliable evidence of killing Meredith Kercher, a Leeds University student who shared a house with Knox in Perugia.

Panasonic unveils first robotic hairdresser

BEIJING, 6 Oct—The annual CEATEC technology in Tokyo gives Japanese technology companies a chance to let their hair down and show off robots far, far too odd for Western consumption.

Robot unicyclists and ‘robot companions’ are regulars at the show - often unveiled by otherwise normal technology companies. This year, Panasonic unveiled the first robotic hairdresser - as well as a robot ‘doctor’.

Panasonic’s robotic hair washer uses advanced robot ‘fingers’ to massage the scalp while washing your head with jets of water and soap - rather like a car wash for your skull.—XINHUA

A national duty

* Our traditional heritage
* Love we more and more
* The inborn Myanmar duty
* Earth cannot swallow race
* But can other races
* So terrifying the danger is
* Never abandon traditional values
* Ever be sensible
* Prudent we always are
* Honesty the best policy
* Roots we discover and preserve
* Showing dignity to world
* All with dynamic efforts

Mgyo Myat Myat Myint Maung (Trs)
Sweet melodies, aesthetics of life

Sweet melodies whisper the aesthetics of life. When sweet melodies touch the ears, what they please is not just the ears, but also the heart. And what exactly is the feeling at that moment?

Life is nature. Aesthetic of life means aesthetic of nature. Do you want the life to be bed of thorns or bed of roses? Do you want to see the positive side of life or face raging infernos of life? If you want a pleasant life, you need to extract aesthetic from the life.

Aesthetics of life lie in music. We can extract essence of Dhamma (religion) from the songs and vice versa. Melody is the harmonious combination of beat, key, rhythm, which creates melodious arts. Sweet melodies will emphasize invaluable aesthetics of nature and lead to sensible life, adorning refined human culture.

I am looking forward to spectrum of such aesthetics of life illuminating Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions with great excitement.

It is love that makes the earth go round. Beauty is born out of love. When there is love, there is beauty and when love is ignored, beauty disappears itself.

“Beauty is in the eyes of beholder. Only there is love, there is beauty and life is meaningful”, there goes a song. Love and beauty go hand in hand and sometimes love leaves lonely customs.

There is a piece of lyrics that say “make a generous donation of loving-kindness”. Large donation of loving-kindness sounds great but generous donation of love is somewhat adverse meaning. None but monogamous marriage is ideal for a couple. And monogamy is an aspect of culture. It is the result of emergence of civilized societies. The song entitled “Love matters” of vocalist Tin Tin Mya which depicts “the world of the two” highlights this fact.

“We the couple...even in the old tent...or in the golden palace...love is what matters...I want to say that love is what matters...now we love...let our love continue then...darling.”

Songster Tin Tin Mya in the advanced age do not want to sing love songs anymore. But, her love songs are still on air. Because there is no end in love. Love cannot be faded away. The world will be doomed to its end on the day love disappears. I love to hear the sweet lyrics “now we love...let our love continue then” forever in my moments in this world.

If the term “couple” stands for three or four, the particular culture will turn upside down. Recently in a journal, a photo with a bridegroom in the centre hosting a wedding reception with two brides on his right and left appears. As the couple means three in that case, I feel some concern over the culture. If the love is so abundant that it can be offered to more than one, there will be doom and gloom.

Love differs from kindness. The better the kindness by its nature, the more it is offered generously. A song portraying the kindness comes into my head.

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All the sweet songs possess various types of beauty. The Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will present depicting love and loving-kindness, patriotism, nationalistic spirit, genuine beauty of strength, scene beauty, attributes of the Lord Buddha, attributes of Dhamma, attributes of truth, prestige of life, various beauties and varieties of aesthetics. Types of songs comprise classical songs, modern songs and religious songs. Only will the aesthetics create the essence and natural beauty. Aesthetics and beauty are invaluable property of the life. The life without beauty and aesthetics means the life with lack of attribute and glory.

It is required to adore aesthetics and admire the beauty as both beauty and aesthetics are essences of the life.

Subtlety and politeness are derived from teachings of the Buddha. Unlawful acts and politeness are opposite. Rudeness, cruelty, warfare and killing are thrived in the unlawful world. Where can we search for the peace?

The whole nature is filled with beautiful tunes. The nature exists on singing a song with beautiful tunes. So the essence of the music is the essence of the nature as well as the essence of the life. The essence of the life is liberation from desires. In order to stroll along the walk of aesthetics, petals of flowers and sweet songs are to be scattered. I wish for singing songs to get better life.

While singing, Dhamma songs comprising teachings, law of nature and aesthetics, we have clearly found out our quest for the peace taught by Buddha. It is worth to listen to the sweet songs when we realize the essence of the life. It is necessary to extract the essence of the life from the beautiful tunes. Let’s welcome the performing arts competitions.

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Union Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan replied that nowadays, the nation is being built as a peaceful, modern, developed and disciplined, flourishing democratic nation in realization of the market-oriented economic system in conformity with the constitution and multi-party democracy system. In doing so, there must be upright in legislative, executive and judicial powers of the State to achieve success in democratization process and to practice democracy perfectly. Moreover, he said he believes that check and balance system and cooperation tasks play a key role in practicing these powers separately in order that single person or organization may not practice these powers. This process too be called the fourth estate. Practising these systems, the country is being built and democratization process is in progress.

The majority accept that the newspapers, journals, magazines, books and publications, radio and television called the fourth estate is to watch the righteous use of power. While improving themselves, both media are to perform check and balance between them. The Ministry of Information has been striving for enhancing the State-owned media to have improved form and essence for discharging its duty successfully since their establishment. Therefore, the State-owned newspapers at the centre established their branches as sub-printing houses in cities of regions and states to enable the people to read the newspapers daily. A plan is underway to accelerate its tasks. In the past, the main houses of newspapers and sub-printing houses used 19 per cent of domestic newsprint. Now, four per cent of domestic newsprint only is used for improvement of its quality and form in colour and impression. In the future, better quality of newspapers will be presented to the readers after trying hard to increase the income of the newspaper. Moreover, a future plan has been adopted to deliver the colour newspaper.

With regard to the essence of media, information on political, economic and social affairs, development tasks and natural disasters at home and abroad are being presented in the newspapers for broadcasting in the ears of the readers and for proving relaxation to the people in line with the policies to inform, to educate and to entertain the people. At present, the readers are being provided with information presentation through entertainment and information systems. Training courses, seminars and on-job trainings on in-dept and effective writing are being conducted to the staff for improved presentation of editorials, news and articles. Policies were formulated for their operation through publishing and submitting groups. The publications in the group (1) are allowed to protect the rights of media persons in accord with the 12 press scrutiny principles. Moreover, a total of 21 principles of press scrutiny have been reduced to 12 points. After studying the principles exercised in ASEAN countries and global nations, those points were set to be in conformity with the current situations and to be a further pillar serving the public interests. Moreover, all journals, magazines, books and publications are to practise the freedom and responsibility and the freedom and reasoning power. If not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, Union peace and tranquility or public order and morality to express and publish freely on a wider scale for improving form and quality and cost-effective digital system to be on a par with the international community.

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In summary of enhancing the form and essence, State-owned media are being improved with material and skillful performances, upgrading the organizational setup with cooperation network.

While the State-owned media are standing tall on its better quality as the fourth estate, the private-owned media need to do so. In this way, the fourth estate will have the capabilities to adjust the remaining three estates through check and balance system. If they work their bases on ism, personality cult and sectarianism, the media will not be dutiful and there will arise weakness in the fourth estate. Only when they give priority to the national interest without focusing on ism, personality cult and sectarianism, will the fourth estate effectively serve the interest of the nation and the people. As all the media persons love the State and the people, adore the media need to do so. In this way, the fourth estate will become the fourth estate for serving the interest of the nation and the people. As all the media persons love the State and the people, adore the...
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serve the interest of the people step by step. With the aim of turning out the outstanding media persons and contributing to the emergence of the fourth estate, the National Information Prize Scrutiny Committee was formed with the participation of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and those of the literary world on 18-8-2011. The committee will present the best information award, the best byline award, the best news photograph award and the best cartoon award. While improving form and essence of the State-owned media, The Ministry of Information is encouraging the private-owned media to become the genuine fourth estate that will serve the national interest. The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and those of the literary world are to cooperate with the Ministry of Information to take up the duties for emergence of the fourth estate. Moreover, the entire people to be dubbed as the fifth estate are to participate in successful realization of democracy with their presence. This is why all the media will become the genuine fourth estate as quickly as possible so as to serve the public interest.

U Nyan Swe Win of Kyaukyi constituency asked there was a plan to upgrade the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department to a department which met international standard so that it could successfully carry out research work for breeding, educating and veterinary science.

Union Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein said Breeding and Veterinary Department had carried out tasks for livestock breeding and veterinary services, prevention and control of animal infectious diseases and boosting production of livestock and rural research work. Under the department, there were one the director-general office, 15 Nay Pi Taw, region/state livestock breeding and veterinary offices, 65 district LBV offices and 325 township LBV offices, and the department’s 996 veterinarians, 62 assistant veterinarians, 89 2nd assistant veterinary personnel were participating in implementing the tasks of the department, he said.

He continued to say that it was required to increase the number of veterinarians and the University of Veterinary Science had increased the enrollment of students from 200 to 270 per year.

The department’s laboratories in Yangon, PyinOoLwin, Taunggyi and Pathein had produced vaccines, and employees of the department had been carrying out prevention and control of animal infectious diseases.

Today, the department had carried out not only tasks for prevention and control of animal infectious diseases but also five tasks for boosting production of livestock breeding and fish and meat as part of efforts for reforming the department to become a reliable one which could carry out both livestock breeding and veterinary tasks.

The ministry had already sought approval from the State to compile new curriculums of the University of Veterinary Science within the framework of the university education council and to be applicable to current time. Besides, arrangements had been made to expand laboratories and livestock breeding farms for the theory and practice of the veterinary science, he said.

Accordingly, two representatives asked media questions on the transportations and Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied them. U Tha Sein of Kyauktaw constituency asked whether there was a plan to carry out a new project to repair Sittway Port and Kyaukawd, Ponnyayun and MyaukU jetties.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied that Myanma Port Authority had constructed Sittway, Kyaukkyu, Thandwe, Pathein, Mawlamyine, Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung ports to handle coastal and sea-going vessels.

Out of Sittway, Kyauktaw, MyaukU, Ponnyayun, Yathedaung and Buthidaung ports, Sittway Port was governed by the Myanma Port Authority as it was located within the port limit of the Myanma Port Authority. There were three pontoon bridges: one 120 ft long and 15 ft wide and two 26 ft wide and 11 ft wide wooden bridges at the Sittway Port. The condition of all bridges had a suitable level of strength and durability, and the ministry had repaired the No.2 Boatside Bridge at the cost of K5.4 million in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. For the Sittway Port, it was found that it was impossible to construct a ship basin in the Sakyokya Creek as it was narrow. Concerning Kyaukkyu Port, departmental watercrafts anchored at the previous pontoon of the port at high tide. The Ministry had been constructing a new pontoon bridge at the MyaukU Port at the cost of K12.9 millions in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

In 2011-2012 fiscal year, large sum of money are being spent on tarmacaking and Maggiepaholes, and ordinary repair funds on ordinary maintenance works, and construction for roads and bridges. As Ministry of Electric Power No.1 is implementing Shweli-3 Hydropower Project in Shan State (North) in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, vehicles used for the project and vehicles loaded with Pozolzan from Mi Popa, Kyaukpyuadaw Township of Mandalay Region will use the road desperately. The wooden big and small bridges on Twinne-Momeik Road are not strong enough. Due to heavy rains this year, a number of bridges were damaged.

Earthen Twinne-Momeik Road is being upgraded into gravel one step by step. Collaborative efforts will be made to maintain the road during the construction period of Ministry of Electric Power No.1 that will implement Shweli-3 Hydropower Project and Ministry of Construction.

U Nan Of of Moeynot constituency asked whether there is a plan to repair Htanbinkon Bridge in Monyo-Minlha road section for swarm commodity flow and convenience of travelers. In response, the Union Minister said that Htanbinkon Bridge is located across the Myitmakha River at milepost No. 105 in Monyo-Minlha Road. Htanbinkon Bridge is now at ageing state as it was constructed in 1980. Construction group of Thayawady District led by superintending engineer has been carrying out maintenance works with annual budget allocation due to decaying bore pile and weakening Bailey frame.

In 2011-2012 fiscal year, works on substitution of wooden floor and track way are being carried out for new structures, and wooden posts will be replaced in open season. Minlha-Moeynot Road in Moeynot Township will be constructed as a sturdy concrete bridge in 2012-2013 fiscal year by spending a large sum of budget. U Ko To Tun of Aunglan Constituency asked how arrangements will be made to construct detour in Aunglan and whether or not related ministry will implement it at opportune time. In response, the Union Minister said that Yangon-Pyay-Mawgyaw Union Highway lies across Aunglan Township of Magway Region. The road section of Aunglan Township is 38 miles long ranging between milepost Nos. 193/7 and 231/7. Max Myanmar construction Co Ltd was allowed to repair roads and bridges on 28-6-2011 from Shweli-2 to Shweli-10 and 28-6-2011 to Taguung-Taka Road. Length of road between milepost Nos 2200/0 and 2260/0 in downtown Aunglan is six miles long. Until 31-5-2011, the road consisted of 16-foot-wide three-mile-long tar road and 32-foot-wide three-mile-long tar road sections. (See page 10)
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As from open season of 2011-2012 fiscal year, Max Myanmar Construction Co Ltd will carry out upgrading works on road sections between kilometre Nos 221/4 and 224/4 into 32-foot-wide three-mile-long tar road. In coordination with the related government department, arrangements will be made for extension of road for bicycles and motorbikes. If average passing traffic on the increase, survey of construction for new detour appropriate to increasing vehicles will be conducted.

Pya-Aungman-Magway Road meeting set standard will be constructed in 2011-2012 fiscal year. There is no plan for construction of detour in Aungnan for now.

In response to the question raised by U Maung Maung of Thayawady Constituency about whether or not the Union Government Office has instructed for formation of enforcement committee on systematic industrial sewage disposal for prevention and control means.

The Hluttaw then put U Soe Win’s proposal on the record with the approval of the representatives.

The 33rd-day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw adjourned at 3:20 pm and the 34th-day session continues tomorrow in Nyaungbinkwin and Thabawtlaik-Thenpyu-Mawtaung Road townships.

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advantage of the darkness and the period when passengers are asleep were informed, passenger trains were allowed to run in the daytime on railroad sections which are likely to be under threat with the aim of ensuring safety of the people and passengers.

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companies on mutual benefit at 18 inland blocks. When more natural gas are found there or explored and produced by Myanmar Oil and Natural Gas Enterprise, plans will be carried out to more distribute CNG (compressed natural gas). Regarding the question raised by U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No-6 who asked whether there is a plan to make a similar programme of changing banknotes with new ones for the convenience of local people in their trading as it was very convenient for the people in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon to change adequately K 50, K 100 and K 200 banknotes with new ones. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Tin Than replied that Central Bank of Myanmar in accord with the Central Bank of Myanmar Law engages in circulation of local currency such as banknotes or coins as a sole producer, circulating various kinds of banknotes including small banknotes such as K 50, K 100 and K 200 banknotes are being carried out from Central Bank of Myanmar (Nay Pyi Taw) to 30 branches of MEB, form Yangon Bank of MEB to 141 branches of MEB in lower Myanmar, from Mandalay branch to 139 branches of MEB in upper Myanmar depending on leftover banknotes and size of branches. Besides, Central Bank of Myanmar distributed K 185 million including small banknotes from K 10 to K 500 to All-Bus Line Control Committees in Yangon and Mandalay from 22 January 2008 to 30 September 2011 and K 2328 million to markets in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay from 8 August 2008 to 30 September 2011.

The deputy minister continued to say that, in conveying cash to Sittway, Kyaukpyu and Thandwe District Bank branches in Rakhine State in chartered flight and to Yangon Economic Banks in Tanintharyi Region and Kachin State, small banknotes are regularly included; new 50-kat, 100-kat and 200-kat notes are included in the salaries paid to departmental staff in Nay Pyi Taw District since May 2011, those in Yangon Region since July 2011 and those in Mandalay Region in March, 2011; small banknotes will be paid to departmental staff in capitals of States and Regions and countryside as well; the workforce of the staff is compiling; after compilation, the notes will be distributed to them, depending on the amount of small banknotes held in reserve by Central Bank of Myanmar. Member of Bill Committee U Hsai Paung Naung read out the report of the Committee on discussions of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives about Private School Registration Bill sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments.

The Hluttaw agreed amendment paragraphs (4), (8), (10) subparagraph (a), and (16) subparagraph (r) approved by Amyotha Hluttaw.

The insertion of amendment paragraph (8) subparagraph (h) (v) of Pyithu Hluttaw was approved as part of bill as there is no objection to insertion while the approval of the Hluttaw was sought. A Hluttaw representative submitted the proposal to discuss the disagreements of Amyotha Hluttaw on Private School Registration Bill sent by Pyithu Hluttaw to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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Chairman of Bill Committee U Mya Nyin submitted the report of the committee on Farmland Bill approved and sent by Pyithu Hluttaw. The Hluttaw decided that the Union Government or Union level institution will send back the bill for amending after the Union Government adopted policies and compiled data step by step and the work is underway to make the bill comprehensive.

U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (3) submitted the proposal that “the Union Government is urged to issue a regulation necessary to allow private or public or joint venture system to undertake public water supply, partly or entirely”. The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal as a Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw announced that Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the proposal are to enlist at Amyotha Hluttaw Department.

Chairman of National Planning, Economic, Monetary and Tax Affairs Committee U San Pyae submitted the report of the committee on the proposal “to transform the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to mining-developed country” submitted by U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency (9). The Hluttaw approved the proposal as amended in the committee’s report and things to be undertaken will be sent to the Union Government.

The 32nd-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 11.30 am and the session continues for 33rd day at 10 am on 7 October.

At today’s session, the deputy ministers answered three questions raised by Hluttaw representatives; two bills were submitted; one of them was decided to discuss at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and another one, as the work being carried out, one new proposal was submitted, and one report of National Planning, Economic, Monetary and Tax Affairs Committee was submitted.—MNA

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Pilot in fatal NYC chopper crash was experienced

New York, 6 Oct.—The man at the helm of a private helicopter that crashed into the East River on Tuesday, killing one passenger and injuring three others, was an experienced commercial pilot who owns a company that manages a local airport. Investigators are still trying to determine why the helicopter went down shortly after takeoff from a riverbank heliport.

Emergency crews arrived within seconds of the crash to find the helicopter upside-down in the murky water with just its skids showing on the surface. The pilot, Paul Dudley, and three passengers were bobbing, and witnesses reported a man diving down, possibly in an attempt to rescue the remaining passenger.

New York Police Department divers pulled Sonia Marra, 40, from the water about 90 minutes after the Bell 206 Jet Ranger went down at around 3:30 pm. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Jackson’s girlfriend talks calls, shipments

Los Angeles, 6 Oct.—Dr Conrad Murray’s complicated love life became entangled with the life and death of his patient Michael Jackson, prosecutors suggested Tuesday as they called a parade of women witnesses who received phone calls from the doctor as Jackson was near death.

The evidence was designed to show that the doctor was trying to juggle his medical practice, personal life and superstar patient all at the same time, and was so distracted he failed to give Jackson proper care. Murray’s phone records from the day Jackson died were displayed in court as a backdrop for testimony of those at the other end of the cell phone calls. Three of them were current and former girlfriends and one was the manager of Murray’s Houston office. Nicole Alvarez, who lives with Murray and is the mother of his small son, was a key witness. —Internet

Brazil approves obesity drug banned in US, Europe

Santos, 6 Oct.—Brazil on Tuesday approved the use of an anti-obesity medication, sibutramine, which has been banned in Europe and the United States, officials said.

The National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) said it would allow sales of weight-loss medications which are based on amphetamines, but allowed sibutramine under heightened surveillance. The drug will be allowed to be prescribed to patients seeking to lose weight but only if they do not have cardiovascular problems. Anvisa director Dirceu Barbano told the state news agency Agencia Brasil.But one Anvisa board member, former health minister Agenor Alves, dissented.

If a number of countries took this off the market based on scientific evidence, we cannot ignore that evidence,” Alves said. —Internet

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Souniders claim third US Open Cup in a row

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—Seattle Sounders won their third successive US Open Cup final here on Tuesday after second-half goals from Freddy

Freddy Montero of the Seattle Sounders FC holds the US Open Cup trophy after defeating the Chicago Fire 2-0 in the 2011 Lamar Hunt US Open Cup Final.—INTERNET

Montero and Osvaldo Alonso gave them a 2-0 victory over Chicago.

Not since the 1967-1969 New York Greek-Americans had a team won three consecutive US Open Cups, which features clubs from all levels of US talent but typically matches two Major League Soccer clubs in the final.

Montero, a 24-year-old Colombian striker, netted a rebound off a save from Jeff Parke’s header in the 77th minute to give the Sounders the lead.

Cuban midfielder Alonso wrapped up the win with a goal six minutes into stoppage time in front of 35,615 spectators in the 98th edition of the American club championship event.

US veteran goalkeeper Kasey Keller, the Sounders captain who will retire at the end of the season, made four crucial saves.—INTERNET

How do you solve a problem like Lionel Messi?

BUENOS AIRES, 6 Oct—By common consensus the world’s best player, Lionel Messi is shy and softly spoken off the pitch and is more likely to be found playing on his PlayStation than tearing up the dancefloor in his local nightclub.

As problem players go, Messi is not an obvious candidate, but for fans of Argentina he remains a frustrating enigma.

World-beating for Barcelona, he is a different player in the sky blue and white of his country and his record of 17 goals in 62 internationals is a poor return for a man who scores goals in his sleep for Barca. “I am not going to win any games on my own, just as I don’t win games on my own with Barcelona,” he protested in a recent interview on Argentine radio.

How to get Messi playing for Argentina like he plays for Barcelona has become something of a national obsession in his homeland, where suspicions fester about his commitment to the country’s cause.—INTERNET

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ROME, 6 Oct—Italy strike pair Mario Balotelli and Giampaolo Pazzini will be out of action for the next month which will see the building of privately-owned football stadiums, junior government minister Rocco Crimi said Wednesday.

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But that will soon be a thing of the past as the government is set to approve a law that will remove most of the obstacles.”I’m very happy that the law relating to stadiums has been approved ... it’s an important step,” said Crimi.

“It will now pass into parliament and I hope that it will be quickly approved to give the country a framework that will allow sports societies to have modern, secure and efficient stadia.—INTERNET

Rafael Nadal (L) and Carlos Moya of Spain pose with the Davis Cup Trophy in 2004. INTERNET

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ROME, 6 Oct—Italy strike pair Mario Balotelli and Giampaolo Pazzini will both miss Friday’s Euro 2012 qualifier against Serbia in Belgrade through injury.

Italy’s chief medical officer Enrico Castellacci revealed on Wednesday that both players had been sent back to their clubs to receive treatment.

Manchester City forward Balotelli has a back problem, while Inter Milan’s Pazzini is suffering from pain in his heel.

Italy coach Cesare Prandelli reacted by calling up in-form Roma forward Pablo Osvaldo, who has scored in his last three matches.—INTERNET
**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule**

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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

**Friday, 7 October**

**View on today**

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3. Morning News
4. Dhamma Puja Song
5. Nice & Sweet Song
6. Health Programme
7. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
8. Teleplay (Traffic)
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**Li Na becomes first Chinese to reach WTA Championships**

**BEIJING, 6 Oct—**Chinese tennis star Li Na on Thursday became the fifth singles player to qualify for the prestigious TEB BNP Paribas WTA Championships which would be held in Istanbul, Turkey on 25 to 30 October, 2011, becoming the first Chinese singles player to book a spot on the WTA season-ending tournament.

“Year has been the most successful of my career so far and I’m very happy to have qualified,” said Li Na. “I’m proud to be the first Chinese woman to qualify in singles for this event.”

Li Na enjoyed a historic season in 2011, twice making into the Grand Slam finals and taking the title of Roland Garros. She turned out to be the first Asian singles player to become a Grand Slam champion. Li equaled the Asian-best world number four ranking during the season. Her success aroused the tennis fever both at home and abroad. According to the stats of CCTV (China Central Television), her French Open final against Francesca Schiavone attracted more than 100 million audience to watch through TV.

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—The Thai delegation led by Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Kingdom of Thailand, who were on a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, visited Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw at 8:40 pm yesterday.

On their arrival at the pagoda, they were warmly welcomed by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay and officials concerned.

The Thai Prime Minister and her entourage paid homage to the pagoda, and offered flowers and water to Buddha Patima Jade Image in the cave of the pagoda. They then made cash donations to the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

After that, they observed the white elephants in the precinct of the pagoda.

Later, the Thai Prime Minister and party on their departure for Thailand by the special flight at 10 pm were seen off by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and departmental officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.