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The meeting was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, (See page 6)
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Union A&I Minister attends commemorative ceremony of World Food Day-2011

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing made a speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, Resident Representative Mr. Giuseppe Romalli of FAO read out the message sent by Director-General of FAO, followed by the presentation of documentary video of World Food Day.

Later, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing presented best monsoon paddy producer prize to winner U Kham Pu of Tameon Village-tract in Mub Township, sunflower producer prize to winner U Zaw Min Tun of Hasegyi Village-tract in Yermadin Township, sugarcane producer prize to winner U Thein Naing of Pyinmana Township.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein presented best establishment prizes of plantations of the Forest Department to first-prize winner Hliegu Township, second-prize winner Pyu Township, third-prize winner Saw Township, and Union Minister U Win Myint presented prizes for best breeding of cow, for best hatching of egg, for best hatching of prawn feedstuff production (man) at amateur level (first class). (News on page 11) —MNA

Special civil appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct.—Special Appellate Bench, comprising of Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, and Judges U Myint Aung and U Aung Zaw Thein of Union Supreme Court, sat at No (1) Office of Union Supreme Court this morning and passed verdicts on eight special civil appeal cases. And seven special civil appeal cases were heard.—MNA

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Books, radio, newspaper donated to village library

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct.—As part of efforts to contribute to rural development and poverty alleviation, a ceremony to donate books, radio and newspaper with the Government of Taninthayi Region, Myanmar Libraries Foundation and village people was held at Sasanathiri monastery in Maungmeshaung Village of Dawei Township yesterday.

Taninthayi Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo gave an address at the ceremony. The well-wisher donated 630 books, a radio and K 24,000 for one year subscription of Myanmar Alin newspaper to Baw Mee-ein Library in Maungmeshaung Village. —MNA

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**Volcanic ash forces Buenos Aires airports to cancel flights**

Buenos Aires, 17 Oct—Two airports here suspended all or part of their flights on Sunday due to the volcanic ash cloud generated by Chile’s Puyehue volcano.

Argentine Transportation Minister Juan Pablo Schiavi confirmed that all flights had been canceled at the Jorge Newbery Airport, which provides domestic and regional services.

“All the companies which operate in the airport have canceled their operations. We hope that the ash cloud would disappear from the sky,” Schiavi told local television.

As to the city’s other airport, Ezeiza International Airport, Schiavi said that although it remains open, most airlines have decided to cancel or delay their flights until the ash cloud disappears.

The Ezeiza airport said that the air companies that have suspended their departures include American Airlines, Air France, British Airways, Air Canada, while Lufthansa, Aeromexico and South African Airways have announced delays.

In neighbouring Uruguay, more than a dozen international flights were also canceled at the Carrasco International Airport in Montevideo, most of which were flights to Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

Air traffic was also affected in Brazil, where airlines Gol and Tam announced that their flights on Sunday to Buenos Aires and Montevideo were also canceled.—Xinhua

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**Residential building fire kills nine in Russia**

Moscow, 17 Oct—Five children and four adults were killed when a fire engulfed a residential building in the Russian Region of Krasnoyarsk, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported Monday.

The fire was reported less than an hour after midnight in a village in the Siberian krai, according to the agency, which quoted local emergency officials as saying that a couple, their five children and two guests were sleeping in the building when it was ablaze. Firefighters worked for several hours at the scene, but did not prevent the flames from burning all the household goods inside and outside the building into ash. The cause of the fire was still under investigation, but the agency said that late reporting might have contributed to the severity of the tragedy.—Xinhua

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**Volcanic stain spreads off coast of El Hierro**

Madrid, 17 Oct—Sea stain caused by the underwater volcanic eruption off the coast of the island of El Hierro has grown to almost half the size as the island itself, according to the latest satellite photos.

The green stain, visible on the surface of the sea, was caused by sulfur expelled by the underwater volcano, which began to erupt on Thursday after several weeks of seismic activities.

Spanish government scientists have been investigating the eruption for several days.

Ramon Ortiz, coordinator of a government scientific team, on Sunday said the emission of sulfur could be the first of four stages of the eruption.

“The second stage could see a column of white smoke, the same colour as steam, which will then give way to some explosions that are black in colour,” he stated, adding that the explosions would not put the population at risk.

The final stage, according to Ortiz, could be “the creation of a small island from which a flow of lava could spread.” However, Ortiz said the possible creation of such an island would depend on the amount of lava expelled by the volcano.

He added that the volcano was currently expelling gas from an opening that is approximately one metre in diameter confirmed that the eruption would be visible when it reaches a depth of just 60 metres from the surface.

The Canary Islands’ regional government also raised the level of alert over the eruption on Saturday to “red,” which means that necessary logistic means will be mobilized for any future evacuations and interventions.—Xinhua

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**Two killed, six injured in suicide attack in N Afghanistan**

Kabul, 17 Oct—Two were killed including the suicide attacker and six injured Monday morning in a suicide attack in Maiman City, the provincial capital of Afghanistan’s Faryab Province, police said.

“A suicide bomber blew his explosive up near the vehicle of head of provincial intelligence department at around 8:30 local time (0400 GMT) in third sub-district of Maiman City,” a police official, who asked not to be named, told Xinhua.

He said the suicide attacker and a child were killed in the blast that also injured six people including a provincial intelligence official, three of his bodyguards and two civilians. The area is cordoned off by police.—Xinhua

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**One killed, two injured in light plane crash in New Zealand South Island**

Wellington, 17 Oct—A light plane crashed in New Zealand’s South Island on Monday, causing one person dead and two others injured, police said.

The Cessna Skyhawk crashed onto the Arrowtown Golf Course about 3.30 pm local time on Monday (2:30 GMT), landing in a gully. Its tail section has broken off and witnesses at the scene reported the plane was on fire, Radio New Zealand reported.

A man and a woman have been flown to hospital with serious injuries.

Police said the flight is believed to have left Invercargill and was attempting to land on a small airstrip next to the golf course.

A Civil Aviation Authority investigation was under way.—Xinhua
Japanese government on Monday downgraded its view of the economy for the first time in six months as an overseas slowdown weighed on output and exports, while a strong yen further clouded the outlook.

In its monthly report for October, the Cabinet Office said “the Japanese economy is still picking up although the pace has decelerated, while difficulties continue to prevail” due to the 11 March earthquake and tsunami. The previous report in September gave no reference to a slowing recovery. Tokyo lowered its assessment of exports, industrial production and personal consumption while warning that the effects of deflation still pose a threat.

The report stated that the pace of recovery in production is decelerating and that exports are levelling off. The government also warned of the need to pay attention to the yen’s persistent strength as it erodes the value of exporters’ repatriated earnings. Analysts warn Japan’s recovery from recession may continue to slow amid concerns about the health of the global economy and the impact of a strong yen on the nation’s exporters. Japanese companies have worked to quickly to restore production levels after supply constraints in the wake of the 11 March earthquake forced them to shutter plants.

But there are concerns that a strong currency could undermine them as an uncertain global outlook prompts more firms to scale back production. There are also concerns that a strong yen could speed up a shift of production overseas as companies search for lower labour costs. Japan has unveiled a plan to make $100 billion available to help companies make the most of the unit’s strength and acquire assets overseas, while boosting its oversight of foreign exchange markets against speculative moves.

The global TV market has deteriorated, and obviously the sooner we complete this the better, but we first need to finalize the negotiations, and whether we can do that this year or into the first quarter of 2012, there are some uncertainties with that planning,” Chief Executive Frans van Houten told reporters early on Monday.

Philips — the world’s biggest lighting maker, a top three hospital equipment maker, and Europe’s biggest consumer electronics producer — said negotiations to sell off most of its TV business to Hong Kong-based monitor-maker TPV were intense, constructive and taking longer than expected. Philips said it would aim to cut 4,500 jobs as part of the restructuring scheme to boost profits and meet its financial targets. That is about 3.7 percent of its non-TV workforce of just over 120,000, which had already been reduced by a 2009 program to cut 6,000 jobs.

Despite reiterating the firm’s 2013 financial targets of 4-6 percent sales growth, and a margin on earnings before interest, tax and amortization (EBITA) of 10-12 percent, Van Houten said Philips had a long way to go. “We are not yet satisfied with our current financial performance, given the ongoing economic challenges, especially in Europe, and operational issues and risks. We do not expect to realize a material performance improvement in the near term,” he said in a statement.

China’s gold output up 3.87 percent during January-August period

BEIJING, 17 Oct—China’s gold output rose by 8,436 metric tons, or 3.87 percent year-on-year, to reach 226.388 metric tons during the January-August period, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said Monday.

In August alone, China produced 31,889 metric tons of gold, up from 30.08 metric tons in July, the MIIT said in a statement on its website.

The combined output value of Chinese gold producers totaled 169.1 billion yuan (26.54 billion US dollars) in the first eight months of the year, up 23.14 percent year-on-year.

Gold producers’ profits soared 41.11 percent year-on-year to 20.43 billion yuan in the first eight months, the MIIT said. China is the world’s biggest gold producer and consumer. Its gold output reached 340.88 metric tons in 2010.—Xinhua

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TOYKO, 17 Oct—Women who smoke may hit menopause about a year earlier than those who don’t light up, according to a study that also notes an earlier menopause may influence the risk of getting bone and heart diseases. The study, which was carried in the journal Menopause, pooled data from several previous studies that included about 6,000 women in the United States, Poland, Turkey and Iran.

Non-smokers hit menopause between age 46 and 51, on average. But in all but two of the studies, smokers were younger when they hit menopause, between 43 and 50 overall. During menopause, a woman’s ovaries stop producing eggs and she can no longer get pregnant.

“Our results give further evidence that smoking is significantly associated with earlier (age at menopause) and provide yet another justification for women to avoid this habit,” wrote study author Volodymyr Dvornyk, from the University of Hong Kong. Dvornyk and his colleagues also analysed five other studies that used a cut-off age of 50 or 51 to group women into “early” and “late” menopause. Out of more than 43,000 women in that analysis, women who smoked were 43 percent more likely than nonsmokers to have early menopause.

Both early and late menopause have been linked to health risks. Women who hit menopause late, for instance, are thought to be at higher risk of breast cancer because one risk factor for the disease is more time exposed to estrogen.

Dvornyk’s team did not have information on how long women had been smoking or how many cigarettes they smoked each day, so his team could not determine how either of those factors may have affected age at menopause. For that reason, and a lack of data on other health and lifestyle factors linked to menopause, the analysis may not be enough to resolve lingering questions on the link between smoking and menopause, they said.—Reuters

Photo illustration of newborn babies in hospital. Babies who are born early and small are five times as likely as normal infants to develop autism, according to a two-decade-long US study released Monday. INTERNET

A woman smokes next to a cigarette pack in central Sydney on 12 October, 2011.—INTERNET

Smoking linked to earlier menopause
May existing mutual friendliness, mutual trust and bilateral cooperation a roaring success

Kyaw Ye Min

Many people are interested in Myitsone project and other countries but also the remarkable progress that opens the new chapter in the history of Sino-Myanmar relations. So it can be witnessed vividly that the two countries are cooperating in various sectors through comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership.

Especially, China rendered a lot of assistance for economic development of Myanmar after 1988. China built significant bridges, buildings and factories with its own money and provided technical assistance to Myanmar. Cash assistance, interest-free loans and business loans were also given to Myanmar many times. Cooperation has increased in the many projects of energy, electricity, transport and agricultural sectors. Cooperative efforts are being made in implementation of Kyaukpyu economic and technological development zone, deep-sea port, oil and natural gas pipeline and railroad construction projects for having access to economic and trade activities with India and Bangladesh through Myanmar-China border. The two countries will continue to cooperate in rendering necessary assistance for SEA Games 2013 and ASEAN Summit 2014 to be held in Myanmar.

In trade sector, China is the second largest trading partner of Myanmar. Trade volume between the two countries had reached near US$ 5.3 billion during 2010-11 fiscal year and it is expected to reach US$ 6 billion in 2011-12 fiscal year. In investment sector, China is the largest investor in Myanmar. It is learnt that China has invested US$ 15.8 billion in a total of 72 projects, which is expected to add with influx of Chinese investments into coming Dawei Special Economic Zone.

Moreover, China is a friendly nation which has long been on Myanmar side in UN and international arena. In the course of history, China has stood firmly with Myanmar, defending the truth and safeguarding the national interests of Myanmar. In addition, China respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Myanmar and its full cooperation with the latter in events and phenomena in border regions has proved its spirit of goodwill in Sino-Myanmar relations.

One good turn deserves another and Myanmar has strictly adhered to One-China Policy and showed its massive support in Taiwan, Tibet and Xinjiang Uyghur issues. It also stood on China’s side in restructurings of the United Nations. Now, the two neighbours have entered into Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation, which has paved the way for mutual strategic support.

Another point is that both Myanmar and China are developing nations which share the common interests in international and regional arena. Thus, Myanmar will safeguard the fair interests of China and vice versa. So, it is and will be clear that Sino-Myanmar relation is not an ordinary relationship but long-lasting strategic partnership.

Putting two and two together, Myitsone issue alone can hardly affect Sino-Myanmar relation in the face of mounting reciprocal measures, i.e. mutual benefits, interdependent relationship, ongoing joint-projects as well as potential bilateral work plans. Myitsone issue is to be settled through reciprocal coordination with China Power Investment Company, without harming the amity. There is no way this case cannot be successfully settled as the two nations have treated each other like brothers since time immemorial. I believe that the two sides could reach mutually acceptable agreement some time in the future.

Our Union in deed is like a big family. If the central State is of parents, the regions and states are of offspring. The parents will try to equally share all fruits of their efforts with their offspring and all offspring, in turn, need to look after the family’s interests without selfishness. Myitsone issue cannot be left to Kachin State to handle alone because of the case having occurred in Kachin State, but the entire nation has to face the pros and cons of the case. Likewise, advantages and disadvantages of oil and gas production in Rakhine Offshore is not merely concerned with Rakhine State but with the whole country which has to share its positive and negative impacts. So, parent-offspring relationship and family spirit are of vital importance. As the Myitsone issue is concerned with the entire nation, the whole family needs to join hands in seeking the solution with a strong sense of family spirit.

To put it in a nutshell, definitely no way Myitsone issue can ruin Sino-Myanmar relations. The President has vowed accommodation maintaining the status quo. Furthermore, Sino-Myanmar relations have been of deep Paukphaw relationship of Cooperation since the time of recorded history and now have entered Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation. Thus, the amity and friendly ties between the two neighbours would be going from strength to strength in the time to come. I wish existing mutual friendliness, mutual trust and bilateral cooperation between the governments and peoples of the two neighbours a roaring success.

Translation: YM+TKK

Sirius XM touchscreen-enabled Lynx receiver outed by Best Buy

NEW YORK, 17 Oct—Sirius XM has a new radio receiver coming soon called the Lynx SX1, a touchscreen-powered device that runs a modified version of the Android operating system. We know this because a now-removed Best Buy product page revealed the device to the Internet’s teeming masses before the retailer could pull the listing down.

The product page included an image (above) as well as a full set of details about the receiver (via Music Link). It sports a micro SDHC slot, so you can bring along some of your own music as well as listening to Sirius XM content. There’s also a built-in wireless chip and multitouch support for the touchscreen display. The rechargeable battery delivers 30 hours of operation on a single charge, according to the product documentation.

Unfortunately, the one thing that was missing from the Best Buy page was a release date. Though with the product shot looking so final, “soon” is probably a safe bet. It looks like the Lynx will retail (at Best Buy at least) for $249.99—Internet

Android App Tablet Review:
Facebook for Android

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct—Facebook for Android works on Android tablets as it does on Android smartphones. Because the app has been designed for a smaller screen, space isn’t used efficiently. There’s a lot of white space with text and photos much smaller than they need to be. However, it’s likely that a future, fully-optimized Honeycomb update will be launched one day.—Internet
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Union ministers who are members of rural development and poverty alleviation central committee, chief ministers of regions and states who are members of work committee, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his address said that today’s meeting was the first time for the work committee. As seventy percent of the population of the country is rural people, giving priority to long-term development of majority of people is fundamental. To instruct and supervise rural development and poverty alleviation tasks, the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has formed Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation. The working committee was formed to coordinate eight tasks adopted by the central committee with work committees of regions and states.

Respective Union ministers and chief ministers need to deal with tasks successfully and effectively in cooperation with rural people working for benefits of rural people, making field trips.

According to comprehensive survey on livelihood of household jointly conducted by UNDP and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, although poverty rate of the whole country decreased from 32% to 26%, it is found that enormous gap between urban and rural areas still lingers on. Except Sagaing Region, Bago Region and Mon State, poverty rate in rural area is higher than that of urban in the remaining regions and states. The poverty rate gap in some regions and states stands at seventfold.

In order to meet Millennium Development Goal, that State needs to apply itself to narrowing the gap between urban and rural areas, aiming at reducing poverty rate down to 16 % in 2015.

As it is required to carry out rural development and poverty alleviation tasks up to December 2015, ten work programmes for poverty alleviation are to be embraced as directives. They are:-

1. needs to make vertical extension more practical than horizontal extension
2. needs to grow marketable strains: if the output is from 50 baskets to 100 baskets per acre, they will be profitable and if the output is quality products, growers will be able to make more money.
3. needs to seek way to reduce cost of production to remedy less profit due to high production cost
4. needs for coordination between departments and villages to use harvesters and ploughing tools by purchasing them in combination and using them alternately to remedy time limitation between harvesting and ploughing times as paddy quality becomes terrible due to piling paddy on embankment after being harvested that lead to low income and reduce harvests.
5. ensuring distribution of seeds, fertilizer, pesticide.

The work programmes for poverty alleviation are to be carried out.

Rural people are to participate in rural public work for development of rural areas such as building irrigation facilities and roads it would help reduce poverty in rural areas.

Priorities should be given to farm and non-farm activities with the aim of creating job opportunities.

Work committees and sub-committees for rural area development and poverty alleviation have been set up in regions and states and they are working for the drive.

Therefore, the committees are to report on implementation of works and difficulties, the Vice-President said.

Afterswards, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing reported on distribution of seeds of rice, beans and main crops to farmers, production and distribution of special high-yield strains of crops by research departments, budget, cooperation with Vietnam and India to get high-yield strains of rice and arrangements for effective role of private sector.

Besides, he also reported on scientific agricultural methods, disseminating agricultural knowledge farmer to farmer and good agricultural practices for effective use of paddy strains.

He then elaborated on ongoing research works, transformation into mechanized farming, more investments at home and abroad in agriculture sector, implementation of irrigation systems and availability of water for agricultural purpose, disbursement of agricultural loans, arrangements for production of value-added products in realizing the one village-one product scheme, and attracting private entrepreneurs to invest in agriculture sector.

With regard to development of livestock and meat and fish production, Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein reported on progress of livestock breeding, fishery and production tasks in regions and states, formation of syndicates in meat and fish sector, participation of local people, production, consumption and surplus production and importing of meat and fish in respective regions, raising livestock breeding tasks on a commercial scale due to market demand, availability of investment, extended formation of integrated farms in regions and states and their work progress, cooperation of UN agencies in work sectors, invitation to entrepreneurs for formation of specialized companies, and joint ventures of national entrepreneurs and foreign investors.

Regarding development of rural area small-scale industries, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint reported on availability of raw materials, investment, technology and market being undertaken by Rural Area Small-scale Industries Development Supporting Committee, progress of these tasks in Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun submitted reports on drawing microfinance industry for development of cooperatives, efforts should be made to encourage producing energy from bio gas and it is needed to take measures for increased production of energy. Especially, supplying electricity to all rural areas is necessary for the rural area development task.

While encouraging sustainable development, emphasis should be placed on environmental conservation.

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Vice-Principal Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses …

(preparations for reformation of Myanmar Small Loans Enterprise to Myanmar Micro-Credit Supervisory Enterprise, fixing the capital, interest rate, service charges and licence fees, preparations for necessary works, and issuance of rules and regulations and directives under the law on completion of the respective laws.

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint reported on organizing, educating and monitoring tasks for development of cooperative works, production, trading, monetary service and transport tasks of already-formed cooperative societies, access to training courses, upgrading Cooperative Degree College to the university, and supervising the tasks under law and bylaws.

Union Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan elaborated on implementation of six tasks of forming township rural socio-economic development supportive committees, education, health, human resources development, telecommunication, and tapping-potable water; implementation of the tasks with 10 strengths; undertaking environmental conservation works; construction of 200 rural libraries and donation of publications in 2011-2012 fiscal year for human resources development; installation of DTH dishes in fur-fung areas; needs of the six tasks and providing cash assistance; and plans for carrying out related procedures.

Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein elaborated on development of solar, hydro, wind, biogas and scavenging energy for providing rural regions with electricity; measures for development; informing the rural electrification through media for public knowledge; works for rural electrification in Bago Region, Ayeyawady Region, Mon State, Taninthayi Region, Sagaing Region and Naga Self-Administered Zone using appropriate sources; distribution of solar lamps; plan for selling necessary machines with installment by the ministry.
Second regular session of and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and irrigation, courses forever.

These courses may be attended at the foot of Shwedagon Pagoda and Abhidhamma and Visuddhimagga course in English in the Sangha who have been conferred religious title or not, the Sangha will be perpetual existence.

Opening of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University is aimed at disseminating Desana of the Lord Buddha to the whole world, so priority is given on choosing eligible persons from abroad. Only when the adequate number of foreign trainees cannot be recruited, the eligible persons at home are admitted to attend the university for foreign missions. Those wishing to receive the completion certificates will have to meet the prescribed qualification, they will be admitted as trainees.

Without setting to secure the degree from the university, those wishing to pursue religious literature for preaching the religious friends from abroad may be admitted at about five/seats for observers. Moreover, those wishing to learn Buddhism literature may attend the Abhidhamma and Visuddhimagga course and Abhidhamma course in English in the ministry for separate fund for timely cultivation of crops on the farms. If an occasion arises, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to conduct feasibility study on restart of the dam was under the duty of Irrigation Department. The Irrigation Department terminated its all works in 2009 due to denial of budget allocation. Now, the government instructed the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to conduct feasibility study on restart of the embankment and seek investors. So, the Ministry is seeking and offering the project to committed investors at home and abroad.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has adopted a plan to assist the farmers with agricultural loans. As those who own more than 10 acres of farmlands have much capital of farming. Moreover, farmers can pawn or sell their farmlands to seek capital if necessary in accord with the forthcoming farmland law.

Priority will be given to disbursing agricultural loans to the farmers who own less than 10 acres of farmlands due to difficulty of agricultural capital. There is no plan to disburse loans to the farmers who own more than 10 acres of farmlands with much capital. Focusing on interest of farmers, the State disburses loans to farmers, and Region and State governments are to supervise farmers for effectively spending the loans on cultivation and production of crops.

With regard to the question asking that unequal rate of instrument registration fee means unequal chance for the people and whether there is a plan to visibly post the instrument registration fee for the people raised by U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency asked whether there is a plan to continue to implement Upper Hsedawgyi dam project in Madaya Township. In response, the Deputy Minister said that Irrigation Department started construction of Hsedawgyi dam project in 2006-2007 and carried out construction of approach road to the dam, buildings, clearing of alignment of the main dam, and concreting works. According to earlier plan, construction of the dam was under the duty of Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and construction of hydropower station was under Ministry of Electric Power No. 1. In July 2009, Htoo Trading Co through BOT system signed MoU with Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 on construction hydropower station of Hsedawgyi modulation dam, and coordinated construction of the dam with the Irrigation Department. The Irrigation Department terminated its all works in 2009 due to denial of budget allocation.

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U Khin Maung Myint of Yaksawk Constituency in his question said that construction of Kensington multipurpose dam project being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation started in January 2005 and terminated in November 2009, asking that whether there is a plan to resume construction works. In response, the Deputy Minister said that as from 2005-2006, conducting of geological study on compiling geological map, drawing designs of buildings and embankment, and concreting works of Kensington multipurpose dam project was completed by 13.05 per cent of the whole project.
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On completion, Kengkhiam dam with two generators in capacity of three megawatts each will generate 21 million kwh annually and it will benefit nearly 33,000 acres of irrigated area and greening of Meiktila Plane. So, budget submission to the government will be made to restart the construction of the multipurpose dam. Prioritized projects will be implemented according to the budget share.

In discussing the proposal raised on 30 September by U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency for submission ways to create a good budget system to Hluttaw for emergence of State-owned firms and State-owned companies agreeable to present situation after being scrutinized, U Aye Mauk of Maungdaw Constituency, U Maung Toe of Minbua Constituency, Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency, U Thein Lwin of Chauk Constituency, Daw Lè Win Swe of Tamwiy Constituency, U Nyi Lay (a) U Kyi Thaw of Gwa Constituency, U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency and U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hpaung Constituency said State-owned firms run by way of board or corporation or company or private fund, budget amount can be reduced, firms will develop as they can run freely and liable levies can be collected. In changing to a good budget system, it is suitable to practice the system after submitting report to Pyithu Hluttaw on findings and advices surveyed by a committee formed. It is required to scrutinize workable banking systems, more advanced computation, systems, replicated stc formation of organizations involved, employment of skillful staff and managers, response of global countries to Myanmar’s market, and balance between products and firms which are helpful to the new system. Apart from State’s budget system, giving power to economic centres to decide measures on their own, undertakings of economic organizations for seeking profits, and measures to be taken by the government through rules and regulations. It is needed to take measures for changing the system step by step as it is a key to interests of the State and the people. The proposal will bring fruitful result to the State.

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Special effects in the movies. Efforts are being made for emergence of modern studies. Thanks to encouragement to emergence of advanced movie system, many new cinemas have tested for another in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and other major cities. Concerted efforts are being made for presenting movies and videos will soon be shown across the nation through E-cinema system.

So, it can be seen that the State is assisting from all aspects for the development of film industry and those employed in film industry; presentation of Academy awards is a shot in the arm for and thus when conditions are mature, his ministry would coordinate with Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization for presentation of such award.

The Hluttaw sent that paragraphs 1 and 2 of the bill revoking the law on primary rights and responsibilities of 1964 Public Workers Act are part of the bill, which was confirmed and sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Hluttaw representatives U Paul Htan Taing, Paw Hlyan Wun, U Hla Swe, U Kan Nyunt, Dr Banya Aung Moe, U Sai Thant Zin, U Zhan Kham, U Mann Kan Nyunt, U Ohn Tin, U Maung Aye Tun, U

Kyahtoo bridge on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe road to be opened soon

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin and the Minister inspected preparation for the opening ceremony of Kyahtoo Creek Bridge built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group No.7 near mile post No.4700 on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe road.

The 800 feet long RC bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. The bridge will be opened in the near future.

Next, the deputy minister looked into tarmac works and installation of steel trusses at Ayeyawaddy Bridge (Pakokku) on Letpansang bank.

On 16 October, he inspected installation of steel trusses at the bridge on Pakokku bank. He also inspected approaches of DTH installation and building of asphalt concrete.—MNA
Performing Arts Competitions continues for third day

Performing Arts Competitions continued for the third day at the designated places in Yezin Universities’ Campus in Zeyathiri Township today.

Among the enthusiasts were Secretary of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, and members of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the central panel of judges and those from states and regions, team managers and contestants, departmental personnel and national race excursion groups.

A total of 10 contestants participated in the higher education level girls’ Maha Gita song contest and 12 in the basic education level boys’ Maha Gita song contest at the Assembly Hall of University of Agriculture.

A total of 15 contestants participated in the basic education level (10-15 aged) girls’ old/modern song contest and 11 in the amateur level (first class) men’s old/modern song contest at the Lecture Hall of University of Agriculture.

At the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science, 23 contestants took part in the basic education level (10-15 aged) girls’ dancing contest and 13 contestants in the amateur level (second class) men’s event.

At Padamya Hall of University of Agriculture, five contestants competed in the amateur level (first class) religious story narration (Kwetseik).

Nine contestants participated in the amateur level (first class) men’s and women’s song composing contest, 15 in the (second class) contest and 11 in the higher education level men’s and women’s contest at the training hall-2 of Agricultural research Department.

At the training hall-1 of Agricultural Research Department, seven troupes took part in the amateur level (first class) men’s Ozi troupe contest, and five in the basic education level (15-20 aged) men’s Ozi contest.—MNA
**US drone strike kills three Egyptians in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 17 Oct—A recent US missile strike in Pakistan’s tribal region killed three Egyptians linked to the Haqqani network, including one who played a key role in the Haqqani network, US officials said on Sunday.

The three men were killed on Friday when a drone fired missiles at a car near Miramshah, the main town in North Waziristan, US officials said, adding that the men had been identified as militants and a senior al-Qaeda militants, and had been killed by a US drone strike.

Medical scientists say parents should chill over house dust mites

WELLINGTON, 17 Oct—Parents wanting to help their children avoid asthma and other allergies are being told to give their toys a frosty reception by sticking them in the freezer. Medical scientists in New Zealand and Taipei have discovered that freezing and drying soft toys for at least 16 hours at minus 15 degrees centigrade resulted in a 95-per-cent reduction in dust mites, the microscopic bugs associated with a range of allergies, including asthma.

Other effective remedies for killing dust mites, commonly found in children’s soft toys, were tumble drying and washing with eucalyptus oil and detergent, the scientists from New Zealand’s University of Otago and Taipei’s Changhua Christian Medical College found. Dust mites were strongly associated with the development of asthma in children, and the severity of asthma was in proportion to the number of house dust mites a child was exposed to when sleeping with soft toys, said a statement from the university.

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**Steve Jobs honoured by Silicon Valley**

SILICON VALLEY, 17 Oct—Some of Silicon Valley’s top executives were set to gather at Stanford university on Sunday evening to celebrate the life and genius of the Apple founder Steve Jobs. Fitfully perhaps for a memorial of a man who was notoriously secretive, the precise location of the event and its guest list is still under wraps. It is being billed as strictly private, with no public or media coverage welcome.

Last week Jobs had a small private funeral following his death on 5 October, aged 56, from pancreatic cancer.

On Wednesday morning, another private event will be held at Apple’s Cupertino headquarters for the company’s employees to pay their respects to their deceased leader. Despite the primarily private nature of the commemorations, Jobs’s many admirers and fans have been able to express their sentiments through an outpouring of messages and cards to Apple stores and the company’s website. In California, the governor Jerry Brown declared on Saturday “Steve Jobs Day”.

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**Report says US spy aircraft kill 775 civilians in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 17 Oct—The US spy planes have killed up to 775 civilians, including 173 children, in 300 strikes in Pakistan’s tribal regions since the US drone strikes had started in June 2004, a report has said.

The report released on Saturday by the London-based Bureau of Investigative Journalism said between 1,141 and 1,225 persons were also injured in the strikes, mostly in Waziristan tribal areas near the Afghan border.

The report, quoted by the Dawn newspaper, has mentioned varying figures about the casualties in the attacks as it said that at least 2,318 people and a maximum of 2,912 people, the majority of them alleged militants, have been killed in these attacks.

Of the 300 drone strikes since 17 June, 2004, it said, 248 occurred during President Barack Obama’s first three years, rising to a frequency of almost one strike every four days. Talking to Dawn, the head of the US covert war investigations bureau, Chris Woods, said the data had been drawn from reputable media sources, including inter-national news agencies and credible Pakistani media.

Moreover, he said, the data was cross-referenced where possible against leaked US intelligence documents and diplomatic cables.

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**Claims day notice**

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Library book returned after 25 years

A Virginia woman said she returned a library book she checked out in 1986 and subsequently lost to end her “life of crime.”

Donna Corbus of Portsmouth said she checked out “Butterflies are Free” from the Norfolk Public Library in 1986 because she was considering auditioning for the play and the tome apparently wound up in a box marked “pictures” when she moved a short time later, The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot reported Tuesday.

“I am embarrassed to return this book, ‘Butterflies are Free,’ after such a long time,” Corbus wrote in a letter to the library. “My daughter, who was a baby at the time I borrowed the book, now has a master’s degree and just bought her first house.”

Corbus returned the book during an amnesty program, which allowed those with overdue books to make food donations instead of paying fines.

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16-foot python on roof — captured at last

A large female python that had been entertaining male companions on the roof of an Australian canoe club for years has been captured.

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Arsene Wenger hailed the Dutchman's contribution.

**London, 17 October — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger was full of praise for Robin van Persie after his double against Sunderland. The Dutchman was once again the difference for Arsenal as Wenger’s side saw off the Black Cats at the Emirates Stadium, writes Stewart Coggins.**

The striker fired the home side ahead after just 29 seconds, but Sebastian Larsson equalised with a brilliant free-kick just before half-time to level at 1-1. However, Van Persie produced a wonderful curling set-piece of his own to make it 2-1 with nine minutes left and send the Gunners up to 10th in the Barclays Premier League.

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 удивил команду президента, который изначально хотел отпустить его без пенальти.

Хотя Цизаре хотел продлить контракт с Джорджо, последний подписал соглашение с Лацио, где выступает до сих пор. В сезоне 2010/2011 он забил 26 голов за Лацио. Ещё в одном из матча он забил свой 100-й гол за команду.

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**United facing battle to qualify in Champs League**

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**Simpson takes over money list lead**

**St Simon’s Island, 17 October — The win on Sunday night at the McGladrey Classic was positive for Simpson. He made a birdie on the 17th hole to take the lead and finished the round with a 68.**

"I think coming in, finishing second is going to make it a lot harder for Luke," Simpson said. "But I’m sure he’s going to play well. He’s played well most every week this year. I still wouldn’t be surprised if I have a little work to do next week." Both players will tee it up next week at the Disney World with Donald attempting to regain his spot atop the TOUR money list to go with his position atop the European Tour’s money list. — Internet

**Boca stays on top in Argentina despite draw**

**Buenos Aires, 17 October — Boca Juniors and Belgrano played to a 0-0 draw on Sunday, a result that kept Boca on top in Argentina’s Apertura football tournament.**

Boca improved to 25 points, six ahead of Racing Club and newly promoted Rafaela. In other results on Sunday, Estudiantes defeated Rafaela 3-0, Argentina and Colon played a 0-0 draw, and Velez defeated Lanus 2-1. — Internet

**Indy 500 winner**

**Las Vegas, 17 October — Race car drivers always know the worst can happen whenever they get behind the wheel. On Sunday, it happened to one of IndyCar’s biggest and most popular stars. Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon died after his car became ensnared in a fiery 15-car pileup, flew over another vehicle and hit the catch fence just outside turn 2 in a season-ending race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.**

"Things happen in this kind of racing," said Wade Cunningham, also caught in the wreck. "It’s so close. Not much room for error. I was near the front of what caused all this, so I’m not thrilled about it. At this point, whose fault it was is kind of immaterial." — Internet

**Wheldon dies after massive wreck**

**Las Vegas, 17 October — Wheldon clipped another car and went hurtling through the air, his car bursting into flames as it flew into a fence. After just 11 laps, the race was over. Two hours later, track officials announced that Wheldon was dead. The Englishman was 33.**

**AEK Athens’ Eidur Gudjohnsen out for rest of season with broken leg**

**Athens, 17 October — AEK Athens will be without the services of Eidur Gudjohnsen for the rest of the season after the striker broke his right leg during a Greek Super League match on Saturday. The 33-year-old fractured the tibia and fibula of his right leg following a collision with Olympiacos goalkeeper Franco Costanzo in the first half of their game at the Olympic Stadium in Athens that ended in a 1-1 draw.**

Gudjohnsen is now slated to be sidelined from all footballing action for the remainder of the 2011-12 campaign after undergoing a surgery on Sunday. The Iceland international, who has featured for Chelsea and Barcelona among other clubs in his career, joined AEK during the summer transfer window on a two-year contract reportedly worth 650,000 euros-a-year minus bonuses. — Internet

**S P O R T S**

**Agassi wins hometown Champions Series event**

**Las Vegas, 17 October — Andre Agassi won his hometown Champions Series event Saturday night, beating Pete Sampras 8-5 in the Cancer Treatment Centers of America Championships at Thomas and Mack Centre.**

“This was the best, most energized crowd of the entire series so far this year,” Agassi said. “It meant the world to me that everyone came out tonight to support us. It was a very special feeling, and I can’t thank the fans enough. I felt pretty relaxed early on, and the crowd definitely helped me tonight.”

Agassi won for the second time this year to move into second place in the season standings, 800 points behind Sampras with three events left.

On Friday night in Los Angeles, Sampras beat Agassi 8-6 for his fifth victory of the season.In the semifinals, Agassi beat Jim Courier 6-3, and Sampras topped John McEnroe 6-4. — Internet

**A victory wasn’t in the cards for Simpson on Sunday but the money list title may be in his future. — Internet**

Dan Wheldon, front left, and another driver crash during a week that involved 15 cars during the IndyCar Series’ Las Vegas Indy 300 auto race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas on Sunday. — Internet
**Weather forecast for 18th October, 2011**

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HONG KONG, 17 Oct—American golfer Michelle Wie, once hailed as the future of women’s golf, said Monday that world number one Yani Tseng’s dominant form was inspiring her to become a better player.

Wie has failed to live up to her potential since turning professional amid a blaze of publicity shortly before her 16th birthday in 2005.

The Hawaiian-born player has won just two titles on the LPGA tour, and is currently sitting at 14th in the world rankings.

Meanwhile Taipei’s Tseng, who at 22 is the same age as Wie, has spent 36 weeks at the top of the world rankings, with 11 LPGA titles to her name and five majors.

“She’s an amazing golfer. I’ve competed against her since I was 14 and the way she’s improved, it’s very inspiring,” said Wie.

“She’s a very strong force out there, every week she’s in contention which I think is very impressive, and it makes me want to become a better player.

“She is someone who is definitely motivating to be better and become the best player in the world.”

Asked what it would take to catch her rival, she said: “A lot of hard work and dedication to try to bring my game to the next level.”

As a teenager Wie was accused of playing down the importance of the women’s game, and drew criticism for, among other things, saying she wanted to beat Tiger Woods.

“Tseng’s dominant form was inspiring her to become a better player.—INTERNET

Speaking at an HSBC charity golf day in aid of UNICEF at the Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club in Hong Kong, she said: “It’s kind of funny the stupid things we say when we’re 12 or 13. At the time what else did I know, I was young.—INTERNET
Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 35th day
One important proposal put on record, seven questions replied, one proposal discussed

NAV PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 35th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 382 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Today’s session, an important proposal was put on record, seven questions replied and one proposal discussed. In accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 133, U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency on 14-10-2011 and U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency on 17-10-2011 submitted proposals in paper that the Pyithu Hluttaw warmly recorded the granting amnesty under Order No. 49/2011 by President U Thein Sein and endeavours of the National Defence and Security Council. As there was no objection against the proposal, the Hluttaw approved it.

U Aung Hsan of Pabedan Constituency said that as eligible members of the Sangha submitted applications on religious titles for three consecutive years, he asked how departments concerned will confer religious titles on eligible members of the Sangha; and as International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University admits under-45 trainees, he asked whether there is a plan to reconsider relaxation of age limit for the trainees. Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung replied that at present, the number of applicants to take religious titles is more than the chosen number of eligible persons. As there are over 1000 applicants for religious titles yearly, it is much difficult to choose the eligible persons. Under the advice of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Sangha organizations, basic qualifications for respective religious titles were prescribed. For example, a total of 144 members of the Sangha of 1181 applicants were conferred religious titles in 2010 with the aim of raising value of the titles and scrutinizing the best eligible recipients. Although number of application is larger, the applicant members of the Sangha may not be conferred religious titles due to giving priority to qualification.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 34th day
Five questions raised, one bill approved, another one decided for rehearing

NAV PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 34th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw building here this morning.

The session was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 206 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun gave an answer to questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives. Regarding the question raised by U Sha Maung of Shan State Constituency (8) “whether there is plan to conserve forests outside forest reserves”, the Union Minister answered that Sustainable Forest Management is being implemented under 1995 Myanma Forest Policy and National Forest 30-year (between 2001-2002 to 2030-2031) Plan for fueling economic development of the nation, socio-economic development of rural people, and environmental conservation; yearly objectives of five-year projects are adopted in the framework of National Plan in undertaking conservation of natural resources and forests; district forest management projects based on establishing forests are implemented; forest resources reduction reaches 47 per cent; conservation works need be prioritized; long-term plans are drafted to replace degraded natural forests with established forests, to grow valuable plants to improve quality of natural forests, and to conserve the forests; the private sector was allowed to join the State in establishing forest plantations on lands of degraded forests since 2005; up to 2011, 167551 acres of private teak plantations and 88789 acres of hard-wood plantations are allowed; over 57.8 million plants have been planted in four types of forest plantations on 81371-acre lands at the end of 2011 monsoon.

Natural Regeneration is implemented on 715492-acre lands between 1988-1989 and 2010-2011 and will be implemented on 45849-acre lands in 2011-2012 fiscal year as it is a low-cost process to conserve the forests; Dry Zone Greening Department established 0.35 million acres of plantations and conserved 1.7 million acres of forests for greening the region in 57

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