As artistes of successive eras kept and developed the ancient arts, traditional literature, verses, poems and music are still lively and deeply-rooted in the hearts of the people along the history. It is needed to preserve arts still living with adoration as the legacy of ancestors not to be vanished in the course of time and under the wave of alien culture.

**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents trophy to Yangon Region which wins most awards in 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.**

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**Flood-tolerant crops come closer to reality**

LONDON, 25 Oct—A team of experts at the University of Nottingham and the University of California, Riverside, has identified the molecular mechanism plants use to sense low oxygen levels, which could eventually lead to the production of high-yielding, flood-tolerant crops.

The discovery could benefit farmers, markets and consumers across the globe.

The mechanism controls key proteins in plants causing them to be unstable when oxygen levels are normal.

When roots or shoots are flooded and oxygen levels drop these proteins become stable.

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**Myanmar donates US$ 50,000 to Pakistani flood victims**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — A ceremony to hand over the donation of the Government of the Republic of Myanmar to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as humanitarian assistance to the victims of the recent floods that struck Sindh Province and the areas near Karachi City, was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today.

After conveying words of sympathies, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Minister Mr. Hideichi Maung Lwin handed over cash donation of US$50,000 to Mr. Amjad Majid Abbasi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan who returned words of thanks.

The ceremony was also attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and staff members of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. — MNA

**Spyder venom could hold key to treating breast cancer**

Melbourne, 25 Oct — Venom from funnel-web spiders and tarantulas could be used to kill breast cancer cells, Australian researchers say. University of Queensland’s Institute for Molecular Bioscience will test the arachnid’s ability to combat cancerous cells and hope that the complex mix of molecules in the venom could offer a natural solution to breast cancer treatment. Dr. David Wilson has stockpiled venom from the fangs of up to 10 Fraser Island funnel-webs for the two-year trial.—Internet
Floodwaters enter Thai capital’s second airport

BANGKOK, 25 Oct— Thailand’s devastating flood crisis deepened Tuesday after floodwaters began pouring over sandbagged barriers protecting Bangkok’s second airport, forcing a halt to commercial flights after airlines based there suspended operations.

It was not immediately clear how much water had entered Don Muang Airport, which is used primarily for domestic flights, or whether it was controllable. But the news was sure to further erode the credibility of a government that has repeatedly sent mixed signals about its ability to defend an increasingly anxious capital from Thailand’s worst floods in nearly 60 years.

Bangkok’s Suvarnabhumi Airport, the country’s main international gateway, has yet to be affected by flooding and flights there were operating normally. Most of the city has been spared inundation so far. Budget airline Nok Air suspended operations at Don Muang until 1 Nov “because water has entered the north side of the airport already,” the company’s CEO Patee Sarasin told The Associated Press. He said all airborne aircraft would be diverted to Suvarnabhumi.

The only other main carrier using Don Muang, Orient Thai Airlines, also said it was suspending flights and would transfer domestic operations to Suvarnabhumi.

An airport official confirmed water had crept inside the airport compound, but he said runways were unaffected.—Internet

Turkey earthquake: Death toll rises to 366

Ercis (Turkey), 25 Oct—The death toll from an earthquake in eastern Turkey has risen to 366 people, officials said, as rescue teams raced to find survivors beneath the rubble.

At least 1,300 others were injured in Sunday’s disaster, officials said.

Crews pulled out a two-week-old baby, as well as a pregnant woman and her two children, alive on Tuesday, reviving hope for those missing loved ones.

Meanwhile, thousands of homeless people in the cities of Van and Ercis slept in tents or outside for a second night.

Turkish officials pledged more aid to those in need, saying 12,000 more tents would be delivered to the region.

Nicaraguan naval vessel missing in storm with 27 aboard

MANAGUA, 25 Oct—A Nicaraguan navy ship on its way to evacuate coastal residents has gone missing as Hurricane Rina struck in the western Caribbean.

A navy spokesperson said Monday.

On the order of President Daniel Ortega, the ship with 27 rescuers and sailors aboard was en route to the flood-prone coastal areas when contact was lost, the spokesperson said. According to weather forecasters, Rina, which formed in the western Caribbean Sea on Sunday, currently has top sustained winds of 120 km per hour. Over the past days, Nicaragua has been hit by torrential downpours. The lashing rains and ensuing flood have claimed 16 lives and left an estimated 150,000 people homeless.—Xinhua

Fourteen injured in Kenyan explosion

NAIROBI, 25 Oct—Fourteen people had been injured with three of them in critical condition as of Monday night, a few hours after an explosion hit downtown Nairobi, medics told Xinhua.

Simeon Monda, Deputy Director of the Clinic Services in the Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi said they had admitted a total of 14 injured after the explosion.

“Three of them are seriously injured,” he said.

“One of them is undergoing an operation.”

Monda said the 11 slightly injured are all stable and are expected to be discharged from the hospital Monday or Tuesday.

The explosion, which so far has killed one, is the second of its kind in Nairobi on Monday.

It occurred around 7:56 pm local time. Local police officer Binti Hamadi said earlier that an unidentified man hurled a hand grenade on commuters who were waiting to board their public passenger vehicles to go home along Racecourse road, a formerly OTC bus stop in downtown Nairobi.

The latest attack came hours after a hand grenade attack injured at least 14 Kenyans in a bar in Nairobi. Police officer said earlier that they are investigating whether the two attacks are linked.

The attacks came two days after the US embassy in Kenya warned that an attack was imminent as the nation is fighting Islamist militants in neighbouring Somalia.—Xinhua

Troops capture kidnapper in S Philippines

COTABATO, 25 Oct—Government security forces have captured a kidnapper in the southern Philippines, official said on Tuesday.

The suspect, Charlie Azabe, a member of military’s militia, admitted that he was the one who seized recently a 14-year old victim in the southern City of Butuan, city councilor Ryan Anthony Culima said.

Culima said Azabe confessed he barged into the home of the victim surnamed De Asis at a subdivision in Libertad Village, Butuan City in Mindanao’s Agusan del Norte Province.

The assissant demanded 20,000 pesos (465 US dollars), but the mother refused, prompting him to seize the victim, brought her to the Chinese cemetery in nearby Bancasi Village.—Xinhua

Police investigate at the scene of an explosion in Nairobi, Kenya, on 24 Oct, 2011. The explosion, which rocked Nairobi’s downtown has led to one death and more than 10 other injuries.—Xinhua

In crowded downtown Kabul, nine-year-old Ahmed looks like any other energetic salesman hawking plastic bags for 10 cents a piece, darting in and out of snarled traffic to chase after pedestrians. Except the child peering under a woolen hat, striding around in a blue jacket and jeans is actually Khatera — a girl sent onto the streets by her father to earn desperately needed money.—Internet
**Gold extends rally on EU debt concern**

CHICAGO, 25 Oct—Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange hiked up on Monday, buoyed up by concern that Europe’s leaders won’t do enough to resolve the region’s debt problem, boosting the safe-haven demand for the metal.

The most active gold contract for Dec delivery gained 16.2 US dollars, or one percent, to 1,652.3 dollars per ounce.

Market analysts said that investors were cautiously optimistic amid worries over European leaders’ efforts in finding a comprehensive plan to address the region’s debt crisis.

EU leaders would meet on Wednesday and continue their discussion on seeking solutions to its debt problem. The past weekend’s summit had failed to come up with a solution.

Besides, gold trader higher amid rallies in others commodities, as renewed optimism for growth in China’s manufacturing boosted prospects for raw-material demand. The HSBC Flash China Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index climbed to 51.1, up from 49.9 in September.

A trader noted that optimism about Chinese growth is pushing all commodities higher, including gold.

**E-counselling can halve BP levels**

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct—E-counselling can significantly lower blood pressure, improve lifestyle and enhance quality of life, according to a new study.

The study evaluated 387 people ranging in age from 45 to 74, over a four-month period. All had been diagnosed with high blood pressure and 72 percent were taking one or more blood pressure medications.

One group was sent a standard e-newsletter from the Heart and Stroke Foundation, containing heart health information and general tips to manage their health. The second group received eight emails over four months that provided both educational information as well as motivational messages.

Participants in the study who received these emails recorded approximately double the amount of decrease in blood pressure, compared to subjects who received just the newsletter, said Heart and Stroke Foundation researcher Dr Robert Nolan.

In addition, the researchers found that e-counselling motivates people to stay on track with diet and exercise plans, which leads to lower blood pressure. The moods of people coping with high blood pressure also improved while they were participating in the e-counselling programme.

“We found the e-counselling was associated with an improvement in both exercise and diet behaviour. The motivational component was therapeutic,” said Dr Nolan.

**Sale of major stake in Saab scrapped**

BEIJING, 25 Oct—Swedish Automobile NV yesterday said it has scrapped an agreement to sell a major stake in Saab Automobile Co to two Chinese companies.

It said China’s Pang Da Automobile Trading Co and Zhejiang Youngman Lotus Automobile “failed to confirm their commitment to the agreement and provide bridge funding,” its statement said.

The company also said Pang Da and Youngman’s new conditional offer for the purchase of 100 percent of Saab is unacceptable though discussions with the two companies are still going on, the statement added. Pang Da and Youngman struck a deal with Swedish Auto in July to pay 245 million euros (US$352 million) for a combined 53.9 percent stake in Saab’s parent.

On 12 October, Saab received 100 million Swedish crowns (US$15 million) in a 70 million euro bridge loan secured by Youngman. But it was not clear whether it has got further funding from Youngman to tide it over until the Chinese government approved the investment.

“Saab is using Pang Da and Youngman to grapple as much as money they can but still it turns out to be not enough,” said independent auto analyst Zhong Shi, “If Chinese companies are really interested in Saab’s technology and brand, it’s wiser to wait until Saab collapses.”

**Strange herbs**

BEIJING, 25 Oct—Yemingsha, dried bat excrement, is used to cure eye illnesses such as glaucoma and inflammation. Renzhonghuang is processed licorice root that is put into bamboo knots and sunk in manure pits for some time. It is intended to clear heat and resolve blood stasis.

Goubao, stones taken from dogs’ stomaches, kidneys and gallbladders, is used to relieve depression and is a major ingredient in medicines that treat gastric and esophageal cancer.

Yianzhufeng, the dried bodies of carpenter bees, is used as an expectorant and also to clear heat and stop convulsions.

Jineijin, or membrane of chicken’s gizzard, can mainly cure indigestion and excessive sweating.

Dongchongxiacao, or Chinese caterpillar fungus, is usually ground into a powder and mixed with water to boost stamina.

**Soon, new tools to predict spread of breast cancer**

LONDON, 25 Oct—Researchers have now come up with a new method to detect which breast cancer will spread to what extent, which may lead to new ways to test drugs that may stop its spread.

To create this improved model for breast cancer studies, researchers from Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) at the University of Utah grafted tumor tissue from consenting breast cancer patients directly into mouse mammary glands, rather than the traditional approach, where the cancer cells are grown, or cultured, in the laboratory.

They discovered that the grafts remained virtually identical to the original human breast cancer in structure, genetic makeup and behaviour, unlike the methods that rely on cell cultures.

“The most surprising result was that the tumor grafts spread from the original site, or metastasized, just as did they in the human patients,” said the study’s principal investigator Alana Welm, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Oncological Sciences and an HCI investigator.

“For example, grafts of tumor tissue from patients whose cancer had spread to the lung also spread to the lungs of the mice that received them.”

**A nurse tends to cholera patients in Tabarre, Haiti in June 2011. Haiti’s health ministry is preparing to test a cholera vaccine on a hundred people, a year after an epidemic killed over 6,500 people, officials said Wednesday.—INTERNET**

A child receives anti-polio vaccination drops in Amritsar in January 2011. India is on the verge of eradicating polio with only one case reported in 2011, making it the “longest ever polio free period”, a health ministry official said Monday.—INTERNET
Biofuels will worsen CO2 emissions

**Science**

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct.—Emphasis on biofuels as an alternative to conventional fuels would increase carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from forests by 14 percent, researchers said.

The findings challenge the assumptions, based on previous studies, that biofuels from forested sources would be carbon-neutral or even reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

“On the West Coast, we found that projected forest biomass removal and use for bioenergy in any form will release more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere than current forest management practices,” said Tara Hudiburg, doctoral candidate at Oregon, who led the study.

“If we’re giving the chips away for free, we wouldn’t hit the price point we want to hit if we don’t work with the rest of the industry,” he said.

Intel says Ultrabook prices must fall if targets are to be met

**Tech**

SINGAPORE, 25 Oct.—Intel is aiming for its new category of personal computer, the super slimline Ultrabook, to take 40 percent of the laptop market by the end of next year.

To do this, it will have to achieve a number of things, including successfully fighting off the threat posed by tablet computers, and finding a way of preventing consumers taking an interest in Apple’s similarly slimline MacBook Air. Of course, this means the Ultrabook has to be a reliable, attractive and user-friendly product and, perhaps most importantly, one that is competitively priced.

To have any chance of hitting the 40 percent target, analysts believe the price of Ultrabooks needs to be reduced to those of notebooks, which sell for around $699. Two models launched by Asus this month, the UX21 and UX31 Zenbooks, are selling for $999 and $699.

Companies involved with the Ultrabook.

“Even if we’re giving the chips away for free, we couldn’t hit the price point we want to hit if we don’t work with the rest of the industry,” he said.

Intel certainly has its work cut out if it’s going to hit its target. It won’t be helped by the fact that some companies, Sony and Dell included, have decided to hold on until next year before launching their Ultrabooks.—**Internet**

New insights made in old supernova

**Science**

RALEIGH (NC), 25 Oct.—A NASA space telescope has provided evidence why a supernova recorded by observers 2,000 years ago occurred and why it spread so far and fast, astronomers say.

“This supernova remnant got really big, really fast,” Brian J Williams, an astronomer at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, said of the supernova witnessed and recorded by Chinese astronomers two millennia ago.

“It’s two to three times bigger than we would expect for a supernova that was witnessed exploding nearly 2,000 years ago. Now, we’ve been able to finally pinpoint the cause.” New infrared observations from NASA’s Spitzer Space Telescope and Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, show the stellar explosion took place in a hollowed-out cavity, allowing material expelled by the star to travel much faster and farther than expected, a NASA release said Monday.

Astronomers said it began as Type Ia supernova, created by the relatively peaceful death of a star like our sun, which shrank into a dense object called a white dwarf then exploded after siphoning off matter from another nearby star.

Village-owned plantations handed over in Ottarathiri Township

**Internet**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct.—The village-owned one-acre eucalyptus plantation was handed over in a ceremony at Mingon Village-tract in Ottarathiri Township on 23 October to mark the Myanmar Forestry Week.

Assistant Director of the District Forest Department U Tei Toe handed over the plantations to respective village administrators.

Likewise, the hand-over of the village-owned plantations also took place in villages of Pyinnmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, it was learnt. **MNA**

Hlawga Park to run extra hours on Deepawali Day

**Internet**

YANGON, 25 Oct.—The Hlawga Park of the Forest Department will be kept open from 8 am to 6 pm on 26 October (Deepawali Day) instead of its usual opening hours for public recreation and realization.—**MNA**
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In the amateur level (first class) song composing contest held with the aim of producing new Thingyan songs, songs and traditional music were impressive as expected, he said. The song in honour of the 2013-SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar was pleasant, reflecting Myanmar customs and scent, and therefore, the aim of the song composing contest looked bright.

The dramas portrayed birth of Buddha-to-be aesthetically in drama contest. Troupes won like of Buddhists who watched the birth of Lord Buddha in devotion and with insights. They displayed apprehensions and considerations while staging the drama. As the saying goes, “When troupe left, knowledge is left.” The drama and marionette Jataka left both delights and insights. In Kwetseik (religious story narration) contest, audiences were absorbed in narration of contestants. They narrated the story of Kutha, a great man who clinched the victory with zest and zeal. The contestants are urged to try to become successful artistes with dedication and diligence. Physical, mental and moral strengths were well portrayed as the strengths of the future State in another drama contest. The State hopes that the message that it attaches great aspiration on the strengths were well portrayed as the strengths of the people along the history.

It is needed to preserve arts still living thanks to the legacy of ancestors not to be vanished in the course of time and under the wave of alien culture. Artistes are urged to hand down Myanmar’s genuine arts as Myanmar’s music was passed to younger generation. Also, the new generation youths are to learn respectfully with the understanding that the authentic art is only inside the hearts of doyen artistes, developing the relationship of teacher and pupil, parent and offspring between the predecessor and successor.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged those present to develop Myanmar traditional performing arts which were flourished in the history to be able to stand tall in global community, to integrate with modern technologies to attract new generation youths to adore and uphold the arts and to study the arts to become well-learnt artistes to deny influence of alien culture.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham awarded first-prize winner U Kyaw Kyaw Han of Yangon Region, third-prize winner U Pyae Phyo Lin of Taninthayi Region and special prize winner U Ye Htet of Ayeyawady Region in amateur level (first class) men’s Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Maung Paing Phyo Ko of Rakhine State, second-prize winner Maung Wai Phyo Aung of Sagaing Region, third-prize winner Maung Aung Thu Soe of Mandalay Region and honorary prize winner Maung Sai Pyae Phyo Zaw of Shan State in higher education level men’s Maha Gita Contest.

Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information of Mandalay Region in amateur level (first class) women’s Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma Thin Thin Khang of Mandalay Region, second-prize winner Daw Mya Pan San Ein of Mon State and third-prize winner Ma Nway Nway of Ayeyawady Region in amateur level (second class) Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma May Thet Nwe of Shan State, second-prize winner Ma Khang Wut Yi of Yangon Region, third-prize winner Ma Zin Thu Moe of Rakhine State and consolation prize winner Ma Khin Saw Yu of Mandalay Region in higher education level women’s Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma Su Yin Tun of Yangon Region, second-prize winner Ma Nway Nway of Mandalay Region, joint third-prize winners
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Ma Win Le Le Aung of Kayin State and Ma Kaung Noye of Kachin State, and honorary award winner Ma May Thu Thu Tun of Chin State in basic level (5-10 aged) girls’ Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma Phyu Hnin Khang of Sagaing Region, and honorary award winner Ma Naychi of Kayah State in basic level (10-15 aged) girls’ Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma Mya Thazin of Sagaing Region, second-prize winner Ma Khin Poe Pach of Yangon Region and third-prize winner Ma May Thet Htor Swe of Chin State in basic level (5-10 aged) girls’ Maha Gita Contest.

Next, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung awarded first, second and third prize winners in amateur level (first class) men’s old and modern song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in amateur level (second class) men’s old and modern song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (15-20 aged) men’s old and modern song contest, and first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (10-15 aged) boys’ old and modern song contest, and first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (5-10 aged) girls’ old and modern song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (second class) women’s old and modern song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in higher education level women’s old and modern song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in advanced level men’s stereo songs singing contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in amateur level (second class) women’s stereo song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in higher education level women’s stereo songs singing contest, and first, second, third and honorary prize winners in amateur level (second class) men’s stereo songs singing contest, basic level (10-15 aged) boys’ dancing contest, basic level (5-10 aged) boys’ dancing contest, and first, second, third and honorary prize winners in amateur level (first class) men’s dancing contest and amateur level (first class) men’s supporting orchestra troupe contest, amateur level (second class) men’s dancing contest, advanced level men’s dancing contest, basic level (15-20 aged) men’s dancing contest, basic level (10-15 aged) boys’ dancing contest, basic level (5-10 aged) boys’ dancing contest.

Then, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi awarded first, second and third prize winners in amateur level (first class) women’s dancing contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (second class) women’s dancing contest, and first, second, third and honorary award winners in basic level (15-20 aged) men’s old and modern song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (10-15 aged) men’s old and modern song contest, and first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (5-10 aged) boys’ old and modern song contest.

Leading Committee Chairman Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents first prize to Daw Thuzar Aung of Yangon Region in amateur level (first class) women’s Maha Gita contest. — MNA

Afterwards, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun awarded first, second and third prize winners in amateur level (first class) men’s dancing contest and amateur level (first class) men’s supporting orchestra troupe contest, amateur level (second class) men’s dancing contest, advanced level men’s dancing contest, basic level (15-20 aged) men’s dancing contest, basic level (10-15 aged) boys’ dancing contest, basic level (5-10 aged) boys’ dancing contest.

A prize-winner in song contest entertained with a song.

A winner in the dancing contest entertained those present with dances.
Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttag continues for 41st day

Twelve questions raised and answered

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttag continued for 41st day at Pyithu Hluttag Hall of Hluttag Building, here, at 10.15 am today, attended by Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttag Thura U Shwe Mann and 372 Hluttag representatives.

Hluttag is placing emphasis on people’s will and people’s affairs and Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttag U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Paik Constituency Hluttag Representative U Khin Maung Nyo accompanied the President to inspect four flood-hit areas in Magway Region today. As a gesture of showing sympathy and helping to the people, Pyithu Hluttag representatives made a decision to donate their daily allowance of K 3.95 million for one day to the flood victims.

At today’s session, 12 questions were answered: Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint responded to four questions on constructional matters raised by four Hluttag representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Nyan Swe Win of Kyaukgyi Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to upgrade Mogok-Moemeik-Mibyiong-Mabein-Sipein-Siu-Bhamo road linking Mandalay Region and Shan State (North) to Kachin State into an all-weather road, the deputy minister replied that 88-mile and six-furlong road section of Mogok-Moemeik-Mibyiong-Sipein-Siu-Bhamo is included in Shan State (North). Up to 31-5-2011, 24 miles long road section is tarred road, 48 miles long road section is gravel, 15 miles and two furlongs is hard road and one mile and four furlongs is earth road.

With the use of normal maintenance funds of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, upgrading and maintenance of road section and bridges are being carried out. Depending on capital funds and normal maintenance funds of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, upgrading works will be carried out one by one.

Regarding the question raised by U Aik Moone of Mongton Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to upgrade the 57-mile Mongton-Moemeik earth road and the 83-mile Mongton-Monee-Namkham earth road into all-weather gravel roads, the deputy minister answered that construction of Mongton-Moemeik earth road linking Mongton in Palaung Self-Administered Zone in Kyaiktiyo District of Shan State (North) to Moemeik started on 1998-1999 fiscal year by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. Up to 2001-2002 fiscal year, earth road is 58 miles long and gravel road is seven miles and four furlongs long. Starting from 2002-2003 fiscal year, the Ministry of Construction continued to construct the road. Up to 31-5-2011, gravel road is 27 miles and four furlongs long and earth road is 30 miles and four furlongs long totalling 58 miles.

With the use of normal maintenance funds of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, upgrading and maintenance of Mongton-Moemeik road and bridges are being carried out. Construction of Mongton-Monee-Namkham road linking Mongton to Namkham of Muse District of Shan State (North) to Moemeik was carried out by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs up to (See page 9).
people are also to contribute to the development of electricity sector of the State with a response to the goodwill of the government for their regions.

U Sai Tun Sein of Kawkareik Constituency asked whether there is a plan to sufficiently generate electricity for Mongping of Monghsat District in Shan State (East). The Union Minister replied that the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 operates one 150 KVA Skoda diesel generator and one 68.75 KVA McLaren generator to with the use of 1350 gallons of diesel monthly to supply electricity three hours a day to 248 consumers of Mongping of Monghsat District in Shan State.

With the view to sufficiently supplying electricity to Shan State (East) including Mongping the State has adopted plans to implement hydropower projects in Narinjara, Kengtung, Wamaping, Solu, Mongwa, Kendangram and Htilo.

The plans have been adopted to supply electricity to the whole Shan State by building a power network in the region with the linkage of hydropower projects to be implemented in Shan State (East) and build main power stations in addition to national grid to link with the State electrical power system. Moreover, plans have been adopted for construction of 66 KV power line, 66 KV sub-power stations, 11 KVA power supply stations.

As it is necessary to take adequate time for implementation of the projects, one new 150 KVA diesel generator will be provided to the region for generating more electricity for the consumers in 2011-2012 fiscal year. U Soe Aung of Thegon Constituency asked whether there is a plan to allow the village of Thгон to use electricity to be supplied by Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise with the suitable assistance of the State. The Union Minister replied that the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is building power lines and power stations depending on the allotted fund. With the recommendation of local authorities, the people are to firmly form the self-reliant electricity supply committee so as to submit use of electricity at villages near the town to the ministry through respective township electrical engineer’s office.

The ministry allows the self-reliant electricity supply committees that are in conformity with the village supply tasks and provides necessary technological assistance to them. U Sai Kyaw Myint of Mongnay Constituency asked he would like to know the plan of supplying electricity to Nakhan Village-tract of Mongnay Township, Shan State (South). The Union Minister replied that power line of Kengtawng hydropower project that passes near Nakhanvillage of Mongnay Township is 132 KVA power line. Despite passing near the village, the power line cannot directly supply electricity to the village. To supply power to the local people, the power line is to be reduced to 11 KVA, 0.4 KVA volt. Nakhan Village-tract has about 600 housings and it is seven miles from Mongnay. To supply electricity to the village-tract, it is necessary to build two 0.4 KVA (315 KVA) transformers in the village and to install 11 KVA power line from 66/11 KV, 5 MVA power station of Mongnay and two miles long 400 volts power line in the village.

As the ministry gives priority to supply of electricity to the localities areas, Nakhan Village-tract is to form the self-reliant supply committee with the recommendation of the local authorities for their submission to the ministry through Mongnay Township Electrical Engineer’s Office. If there is least amount of incomes obtained from sales of electricity for their investments. Existing rate of electricity sale is at the very least. As it is necessary to amend rate of the electricity sale bill, the submission will be presented to the government. The
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from Dawkhalaik Village. Four remaining villages are far from the power line. Naungpale Village of six villages in Naungpale Village-tract can consume electricity, and five remaining villages are to install five miles long 11 KV power line from Naungpale Village. As nine villages of Hpaunglu Village-tract, eight villages of Hpaunglu Village-tract and seven villages of Dawkhalaik Village-tract are far from 11 KV power line, they have to install 33 KV power lines for supply of electricity. Wamlatwa and Dawposi villages of six villages in Sanya-6 Mile Village-tract are undertaking supply tasks for electricity. Two remaining villages are located near the 11 KV power lines, so they have privilege to get supply of electricity. A plan is underway to build one 33/11 KV 2 MVA power station in Lawlake for supplying electricity to villages of the township. On completion, three villages from Mahtam, Wamlatwa and Chikwe village-tracts may install 11 KV power line for supply of power. A plan has been set to construct one 33/11 KV 2 MVA power station in Pasawng to be able to supply electricity to villages of Pasawng Township. On completion, Khamywa, Wamaung, Papu and Nantik villages can install 11 KV power line for their power supply tasks. The villages in Kayah State are to form the village power supply committees with the recommendation of the local authorities to carry out power supply tasks on a self-reliant basis.

U Kyi Mynt of Hmawby Constituency asked whether there is a plan to supply electricity to 12 village-tracts in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region. The Union Minister replied that of 12 villages in Hmawby Township, it is necessary to install 33 KV power line to Thayagon Village, 500 feet from 33 KV Myaungdaga-Hmawby power line and to Thekhoon and Leikpok Villages, 2 miles each from the Myaungdaga-Hmawby power line and to built one 330.4 KV 160 KVA transformer in Kyaukpon Village and 330.4 KV 315 KVA transformers in remaining three villages. Likewise, Ingan, Hnawgon, Nyaungbin and Letpantan Villages are 100 feet, 2000 feet, 3800 feet and two miles far from the 11 KV Brick Factory-Hmawby power line. Therefore, it is necessary to install 11 KV power line and provide one 110/0.4 KV 500 KVA transformer in Letpandan Village and 11/0.4 KV 315 KVA transformers in three villages. One 11/0.4 KV 315 KVA transformer and one 200 KVA transformer times transformer in 11 KV Kyaukpyihtun-Kyaunghlin Zone power lines are to be provided to Nyaungbinbin and Kyauk Villages. One 6.6/0.4 KV 200 KVA transformer is to be stationed in Wapadaw Village where 6.6 KV power line from Phugyi water station to Paawbwsu Village and one 6.6/0.4 KV 100 KVA transformer in Paawbwsu Village. Moreover, electricity can be supplied to the houses after installation of 400 voltage and 230 voltage power lines along the roads.

As the annually allotted funds are spent on extended construction and substitution works, there are some limitations to supply electricity to many villages of single townships. The village power supply tasks of Hnawgon, Nyaungbin and Nyaungnhapin Villages will be allowed as quickly as possible if their submissions are in conformity with the prescribed rules and regulations. The Ministry will allow them in conformity with the rules and regulations and provide necessary technologies.

The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw submitted the plan related to the proposal, approved on 17 October, to submit the proper ways for emergence of a good budget system of the State to the Hluttaw after studying the process to emerge State-owned industries and companies in conformity with the present situation for development of the State economy.

It was learnt that the process is to be undertaken by the Hluttaw; so, the Pyithu Hluttaw Banks and Monetary Affairs Development Committee, the Planning and Financial Development Committee, the Economic and Trade Development Committee and the Investment and Industrial Development Committee are to cooperate in compilation of a suitable report concerning the above-mentioned process, not later than 30 November 2011.

On 19 October 2011, Chairman of the Japan-Myanmar Parliamentarian League senior speaker of Japanese House of Counsellor Mr. Watanabe Hideo and goodwill delegation called on the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and proposed to establish the Myanmar-Japan Parliamentarian League for promotion of relationship between Myanmar and Japan Hluttaws and further strengthening bilateral ties between the two countries. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker informed the Hluttaw that U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency will be assigned duty as Chairman of the Myanmar-Japan Parliamentarian League and U Kyi Tha of Gwai Constituency as Secretary. The 41st day session of Pyithu Hluttaw ended at 12.50 pm and the 42nd day session will be held at 10 am on 27 October.—MNA
Now is time to enforce standard...

The Vice-President urged artists to exert efforts for penetration of Myanmar music and dances to international community through creation combining musical instruments of modern times and Myanmar music and dances. And this is promoting long-standing Myanmar fine arts, he said.

Myanmar’s arts are the image of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, home to diverse national races. The onus is on all national brethren to preserve this image down to our successors.

Myanmar national artists have been maintaining Myanmar’s arts which exist in their own environment and serving national interest and the interest of the State. Doyen artists are to take care of their health while preserving Myanmar’s performing arts and handing down the arts to new generation and are to serve the interest of the State, the language and the religion with the arts, the Vice-President said.

The Vice-President presented certificates of honour to members of panels of judges through chairpersons of panels of judges.

On behalf of panel of judge, Vice-Chairman of Judging Work Committee U Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Yu of Yangon Region Constituency (16) expressed his gratitude to the Vice-President for sharing the dinner. The President, members of panels of judges and those present have dinner together.

Now is the time to enforce the standard of ethics to people and religion with Myanmar’s music and performing arts. They did their bits in nation-building period. They need to take part in the new generation along with the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar emerged in accord with 2008 Constitution. The artists are making the great history of Myanmar by serving the national interests from the new generation.

The recently-held competition is the event of handing down the arts to new generation. Music, dance and customs of the Myanmar nationals are well-rooted in the hearts of the new generation.

Now is the time to enforce the standard of ethics to shape the future State and encourage the understanding of nature, beauty and traditions of Myanmar enlisting the power of youths. Doyen artists are worthy of appreciation for working tirelessly to secure national interests.

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw...

In the second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw held on 27-9-2011. Some western medicine needed to be amended and revoked among existing laws enacted in post-independence period and laws needed to be newly-promulgated. Next, Professor Dr Tin May Tun answered the queries raised by Hluttaw representatives.

Professor Head Dr Tin May Tun of Law Department of the University of Distance Education (Yangon) made clarifications on findings related to laws needed to be amended and revoked among existing laws enacted in post-independence period and laws needed to be newly-promulgated.

The Vice-President invited artistes and members of panels of judges to participate in serving the public interest along with national artists.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attend meeting on clarifying laws needed to be amended and revoked among existing laws and new laws to be promulgated.
Weather warning as flooding hits Northern Ireland

BELFAST, 25 Oct — Heavy rain has caused flooding in various parts of Northern Ireland. The worst hit areas have included north and west Belfast, Ballyclare and Cushendall. On Sunday evening there were reports of localised flooding in Banbridge, Carnlough, Lurgan and Moira. 

The Met Office has issued a severe weather warning across Northern Ireland for Monday. It said periods of heavy rain accompanied by strong winds could disrupt travel. In Antrim, floodwater caused some damage to a care home on Station Road on Sunday afternoon. Homes which have been flooded in the past were again threatened in parts of Finaghy in south Belfast and Enfield TT race in Randalstown, County Antrim. Several cars had to be towed out of deep water along the A26 Moira Road. There has also been heavy flooding at the Glenmore estate in Glenavy, County Antrim. — Internet

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Fresh bread and bacon ‘best smells’

LONDON, 25 Oct — Freshly baked bread, newly washed sheets and bacon are among the favourite smells of Britons, according to a new study. A survey of 2,000 adults showed that men preferred the whiff of bacon, while sweet-smelling laundry or sheets came out on top for women. 

The worst smells were sweaty socks and wet dogs, the research by odour eliminator Febreze found. Most people thought they encountered hundreds of smells every day, with more than half described as unpleasant. — Internet

Study confirms global warming, yet skeptics doubt it

BEIJING, 25 Oct — The average global land temperature has increased by around one degree Celsius since the mid-1950s, American scientists announced last week after reviewing historical temperature records to date. According to media reports, the scientists of the Berkeley Earth project have studied more than a billion temperature records dating back to the 1800s from 15 sources around the world. 

And the result is in line with the estimate made by major institutions which keep official records on the global climate, including the NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies in the US and the Met Office’s Hadley Centre in Britain. Meanwhile, the scientists established an open database for the climate records so that skeptics on climate change can access climate change on their own. Nevertheless, the finding of the scientists at the University of California, Berkeley did not convince climate change skeptics, according to a New York Times report. Anthony Watts, one prominent US skeptics, claimed the study’s methodology was flawed”. He also noted that the finding was submitted to journal Geophysical Research Letters before being peer-reviewed. — Xinhua

Women wearing bridal dresses throw their bouquets as they take part in a bridal parade in Sao Paulo, Brazil. More than 40 would-be brides — and some former ones — got dolled up in white just for fun on Sunday, joining a bridal parade being held for the first time in Brazil. — Xinhua

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A male model will spend Tuesday in a clear plastic box, at Westfield Stratford Shopping Centre near the site of the London Olympics, this week as part of an experiment on smells being run by Febreze. — Internet

Chinese acrobats perform during the 13th China Wuqiao International Circus Festival in Shijiazhuang, capital of north China’s Hebei Province, on Saturday. The festival is named after the province’s Wuqiao County, the famous birthplace of acrobatics. — Xinhua

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**Woman, 90, makes White Castle Hall of Fame**

An Ohio woman who has been patronizing the same White Castle restaurant for more than 80 years is being inducted into the company’s Hall of Fame.

The fast-food chain said Constance Huening, who was born in 1921, the same year the first White Castle opened in Wichita, Kan., was chosen along with 11 other people from hundreds of applicants to be inducted into the Hall of Fame Thursday at the chain’s Columbus, Ohio, headquarters. The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Wednesday.

Huening said she eats a White Castle burger every New Year’s Day for good luck, and this year she celebrated her 90th birthday by visiting the same Reading, Ohio, location where she and her siblings purchased sliders during the 1920s. “They still taste good,” Huening said.

**Golf-themed cemetery opens in Wash**

A Washington state funeral home has announced the opening of a golf-themed cemetery for enthusiasts who want to be buried in a “golf setting.”

The Sunset Hills Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Bellevue said its new Memorial Golf Park is “a complete golf hole which allows committed fans of the game to be buried or placed in a permanent golf setting,” KCOP-TV, Seattle, reported.

The cemetery, which has a capacity of more than 1,200 graves, was created by a professional golf course designer and includes a fairway, tee-box, sand trap and an 820-square-foot green.

“We strive to serve families and individuals by celebrating lives with individually designed and themed experiences,” said Arne Swanson, market director for Dignity Memorial’s Seattle Region.

“We are proud to be a leader in this area and Sunset Hills Golf Hole Memorial is a great example of our approach.”

**‘Petoskey Batman’ gets probation**

A Michigan man nicknamed the “Petoskey Batman” after he was arrested while wearing a Batman costume on a rooftop was sentenced to six months of probation.

Mark Wayne Williams, 32, of Harbor Springs, was arrested 11 May after being spotted on a Petoskey rooftop while wearing a Batman costume and carrying weapons including a baton-like striking weapon, a can of chemical irritant spray and a pair of sand-filled Sap gloves. He was sentenced to probation Monday in Emmet County’s 57th Circuit Court, the Petoskey News-Review reported Thursday.

Williams pleaded guilty to one count of attempted resisting, obstructing a police officer and other charges, including felony weapons charges, were dropped as part of the plea agreement.

Williams, who said he had no intention of using the weapons and had climbed to the roof of the building to evade a group of people who were chasing him, also was sentenced to six months in jail with credit for two days served and the rest of the term held in abeyance.

Williams said he is part of an organized group of costumed “superheroes” who aim to prevent crime and reach out to the homeless in their area. He was banned from wearing his Batman costume for the duration of his probation.

**Jennifer Lopez breaks down into tears onstage after singing love song**

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**Ben Affleck to helm ‘The Stand’?**

Los Angeles, 25 October—Actor Ben Affleck has reportedly been roped in to direct the big screen adaptation of Stephen King’s novel “The Stand”.

According to Deadline.com, “The Stand” is a story about good versus evil. It focuses on a group of survivors fighting the Anti-christ-like Randall Flagg, and features dozens of characters and overlapping storylines running over many years.

The film by Warner Bros Pictures was to be directed by “Harry Potter” filmmaker David Yates, but he opted out of the project.

**Ryan Reynolds spends birthday weekend with Blake Lively**

New York, 25 October—Actor Ryan Reynolds, who turned 35 Sunday, spent his birthday weekend with his “Green Lantern” co-star Blake Lively in Boston.

The duo were spotted taking a stroll with their dogs outside an apartment in Boston, where Reynolds is filming the action film “RIPD”.

“They are very much a couple. They’re really happy together,” people.com quoted a source as saying.

Lively, 24, recently split from Leonardo DiCaprio after a brief romance, and Reynolds is still friendly with his ex, Scarlett Johansson.—Internet

**Kate Winslet grateful for not leading wealthy childhood**

London, 25 October—Actress Kate Winslet feels “grateful” that she did not have a wealthy childhood because it made her appreciate everything a lot more.

The 36-year-old, who has children Mia, 10, and Joe, seven, led a “country bumpkin” life growing up as her father was unable to work following a boating accident.

“All I can recall is a happy atmosphere despite the fact money was so tight. We never led a wealthy lifestyle and I am grateful for that. We enjoyed living a kind of country bumpkin way of life,” contactmusic.com quoted Winslet as saying. “We loved camping and never had a package holiday or went to a hotel. You just appreciate everything so much more. I am not cynical about anything,” she added.—Internet

**Feel liberated after completing studies**

London, 25 October—Actress Lily Cole felt “hugely liberated” after completing her degree at the University of Cambridge. The 23-year-old obtained a degree in the history of art.

“I feel hugely liberated. I’m super glad that I managed to finish it - and semi-surprised,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted Cole as saying. “The closest I came to not finishing it was the day before my last exam. I was so exhausted. I’d been drinking a lot of coffee. I would never mind not doing the best if I felt like I gave my best effort,” she added.—Internet
Ferguson rues ‘worst ever day’

City, the Barclays Premier League leaders, stormed into Old Trafford to rout their 10-man rivals 6-1 and sent out an ominous warning to their title rivals. It was United’s heaviest derby defeat since 1926, their first loss at home in 18 months and left them trailing City by five points in the table.

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Alejandro Sarabia/EPA

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**Wednesday, 26 October, View on today**

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2. Dhamma Puja Song
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
4. Morning News
5. Nice & Sweet Song
6. Health Programme
7. Cultural Dances
8. Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
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10. Myanmar Song
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18. Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw 33/91 20/68 Scattered rain (or) thundershowers 80%
19. Neighbouring Mandalay 32/90 21/70 Partly Cloudy 80%
20. Neighbouring Yangon 34/93 24/75 Isolated rain or thundershowers 80%

**Outlook for subsequent two days**

**8:30 am**

**State of the Sea**
Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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- (09:00 am - 11:00 am) MST
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**Diverse National Costumes & Their Fashion Trend (Episode-2)**

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**Hong Kong to make colonial house a heritage site**

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham hosted a dinner to judges and who contributed to 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and team managers at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here this evening and presented certificates of honour to them.

The dinner was also attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, members of the Leading Committee Union Ministers, Union Auditor-General, members of the Work Committee deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, chairpersons, secretaries and members of sub committees, departmental heads, members of panel of judges at central and region/state level, managers of participating teams and contestants, undergraduates of National Culture and Fine Arts University and guests.

On arrival at MICC at 5 pm, Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham was greeted by Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and committee members.

The Vice-President, on the occasion of presentation of certificates of honour to judges and team managers, said that it is common knowledge that culture is among one of the important tools to measure the long history of a nation and high integrity of a race. Ancient cultural evidences and records of contemporary city-states are proof of long history and high integrity of Myanmar.

The subtle fine arts with deep essence have been preserved by forefathers and it is promoted today, he said.

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