President U Thein Sein felicitates Turkish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Gul, President of the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2011.—MNA

President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Turkish Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2011.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends opening of 8th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening of the 8th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit at Li Yuan International Conference Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People’s Republic of China, on 21 October morning.

It was also attended by Premier of the State Council of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato’ Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Krititrat Narang, Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials of China and ASEAN nations, Secretaries-General of ASEAN, Dr Surin Pitsuwan, entrepreneurs of China and international news agencies.

After the opening ceremony, the Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the luncheon hosted by Premier of the State Council of China Mr Wen Jiabao.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

(28-10-2011)

Monywa (1.14) inches
Mogok (0.83) inch
Myeik (0.79) inch
Hockey Tournament to be held

Forest plantations and nurturing of mangrove resources, annually extended establishment supervises systematic extraction of forest sanctuaries. Thus, officials concerned are to reserves, protected public forests and the government designates areas of forest resources. Various kinds of forests occupy over 100,000 square miles of land in the country. The country from the northernmost to the southernmost is covered with evergreen forests, mangrove forests and tropical evergreen forests. Various kinds of forests occupy over 100,000 square miles of land in the country. The government designates areas of forest reserves, protected public forests and sanctuaries. Thus, officials concerned are to supervise systematic extraction of forest resources, annually extended establishment of forest plantations and nurturing of mangrove forests for the betterment of all mankind.

Myanmar maintains a fine tradition of conserving its natural environment. The forest from the northernmost to the southernmost is covered with evergreen forests, mangrove forests and tropical evergreen forests. Various kinds of forests occupy over 100,000 square miles of land in the country. The government designates areas of forest reserves, protected public forests and sanctuaries. Thus, officials concerned are to supervise systematic extraction of forest resources, annually extended establishment of forest plantations and nurturing of mangrove forests for the betterment of all mankind.

Better environment contributes towards all living creatures to survive. Thus, all the mankind need to share responsibility for conserving environment. Due to environmental degradation like deforestation, all global people have run into a series of problems. Moreover, problems of both developed and developing countries affect economic and social sectors of the people. Smoke from factories and vehicles, and industrial waste is a driving factor for environmental degradation. Waste water from industries contains chemicals and toxic substances. Spread of waste water into rivers and creeks, tube-wells and lakes can be hazardous to both man and aquatic animals. Use of natural resources indiscriminately degrades the environment. Excessive tapping of forest resources is the root cause of deforestation. And ecosystem will be deteriorating with the loss of biodiversities as a result.

Environmental problems may result in the form of catastrophe, threatening the survival of all living creatures. All countries and regions are now in the process of conserving forests, ecosystem, biodiversity and forest resources.

Five Nations Round-Robin Hockey Tournament to be held on 10-18 December

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**Myanmar, China eye closer cooperation in information sector**

YANGON, 28 Oct—Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win met Deputy Minister of National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau of the People’s Republic of China Mr Tian Jin and party at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Memorandum of Understanding on matters related to news and information was signed between Myanmar Radio and Television and CCTV.

Guangxi TV and Yunnan TV. The two sides then discussed matters related to implementation of the signed agreements, follow-up plans for signing of arranged MoU between MRTV and CRI, and agreement on Radio and Television Cooperation, between the Ministry of Information and SARFT and cooperation between information ministries of the two nations for successful shooting and broadcasting of TV series.

Also present at the meeting were Director-General of MRTV U Thein Aung, Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myint and personnel, Cultural Counsellor Mr Gao Hua and officials of Chinese Embassy and personnel of CCTV.

Deputy Minister U Soe Win hosted dinner to the Chinese Deputy Minister and party at Karaweik Palace Hotel in the evening.—MNA

**Union FM felicitates Turkish counterpart**

NAVP TI TAW, 29 Oct—On the occasion of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2011, His Excellency U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof. Dr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win receives Deputy Minister Mr Tian Jin of National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau. MNA

Deputy Minister Mr Tian Jin of National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau and party observe broadcast of programmes of MRTV-4 Channel.—MNA

**Five Nations Round-Robin Hockey Tournament to be held on 10-18 December**

YANGON, 28 Oct—A preliminary meeting on organizing Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Men’s Round-Robin Hockey Tournament was held along with cash donation at Thetbyu Tuft Hockey Pitch today. Myanmar Hockey Federation will organize the tournament at Thetbyu Artificial Turf Hockey Pitch.

After presenting K 300, 000 by MHF President YCDC Member U Htin Zaw Win for the tournament, cash donation followed. The MHF President received K 2 million each by three MHF Vice-Presidents, K 1 million each by the general secretary and treasurer and K 500, 000 each by the secretary and three executives.

This was followed by a meeting on holding the tourney from 10 to 18 December.—MNA

**Navpyi Taw, 28 Oct**—The visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Tian Jin of National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau together with Cultural Counsellor Mr Gao Hua of Chinese Embassy in Myanmar and officials of CCTV visited Forever Group MRTV-4 on Pyay Road in Yangon yesterday.

CEO U Win Maw and officials of MRTV-4 (Forever Group) explained the broadcast of MRTV-4 programmes, holding the seventh anniversary of MRTV-4 channel and processes of shooting, editing and airing MRTV-4 channels.

They proceeded to SKY NET of Shwe Thanlwin Media Co Ltd in Botataung Township where Chairman U Kyaw Win of Shwe Thanlwin Media Co Ltd (SKY NET) gave an account of facts about the company. Afterwards, they observed processes of shooting, editing and airing SKT NET channels.—MNA

National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau
Cuba, China to enhance military cooperation

HAVANA, 28 Oct—China and Cuba have pledged to take forward their bilateral ties and promote cooperation between their militaries.

The affirmation came Thursday during a meeting between Cuban President Raul Castro and Guo Boxiong, vice chairman of China’s Central Military Commission, Xinhua reported. They exchanged views on international issues of common concern, an official release said.

The Cuban leader said Guo’s visit was of great significance and would enhance bilateral ties. While congratulating China on the remarkable achievements it had made in social and economic development, Castro expressed the hope that both sides would join hands and strengthen exchanges to evolve cooperation to lift bilateral relations to a high new.

On his part, Guo noted that Cuba was playing an increasingly important role in international affairs and had made positive contributions to world peace and development. China always sees Cuba as a trustworthy friend, said Guo, adding that China is willing to work together with Cuba to push forward their bilateral relationship.

Vice Chairman of China’s Central Military Commission Guo Boxiong (R front) and Gen Leopoldo Cintra Frias (L front) of the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces (FAR), review an honor guard in Havana, on 26 Oct, 2011. Guo met with Leopoldo Cintra Frias on Wednesday. —Xinhua

Death toll in Baghdad’s twin bombings rises to 32

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—The death toll from a twin bombing in a Shiite neighbourhood in Baghdad rose on Friday to 32 — the worst violence to hit Iraq since President Barack Obama last week said all American forces would leave the country by the end of this year.

The two blasts, which took place Thursday evening at a music store, wounded 71 other people, police and health officials said. First one bomb went off and then, minutes later, another bomb exploded, targeting rescue workers and onlookers who had arrived after the first blast. The officials said the death toll rose overnight after some of the more seriously wounded died. The wounded had been taken to different hospitals, they said, and so it took time for officials to get an accurate death toll.

Among the dead were eight security officers, including an army lieutenant colonel, four women and at least eight children, the officials said. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Many Iraqis fear violence will increase when the US troops leave the country. Militants have for months sought to exploit continued instability and security gaps that Iraqi forces have been unable to close. “I was on my motorbike with a delivery to a restaurant when the first bomb exploded,” said Maytham Abdul-Karim, 32, the owner of a nearby kiosk selling pickles and yogurt. “The sound was very powerful. I stopped. I saw smoke coming from the site. I heard policemen calling on people to keep a distance out of fear of another bomb explosion.”

Weakened Tropical Storm Rina hits Yucatan Peninsula

CANCUN, 28 Oct—Tropical Storm Rina continued to weaken Thursday as it began affecting some of Mexico’s most popular beaches. Forecasters warned that the storm could still bring heavy rains and destructive waves. Rina was packing sustained 60 mph (95 kph) winds — a full 10 mph less than what it was hours earlier — early Thursday evening, according to the US National Hurricane Centre.

As of 8 pm ET, tropical storm conditions were already evident on the Yucatan Peninsula, with the brunt of the stormy weather continuing to move northward overnight. Rina will likely drop 3 to 6 inches of rain over the eastern part of the peninsula and Cozumel through Friday, with isolated amounts of up to 10 inches, according to the Miami-based weather agency. A storm surge of as much as 1 to 2 feet above normal tide levels along the coast is expected, “accompanied by large and dangerous waves,” the hurricane centre said.

Authorities took numerous precautionary measures ahead of the storm, while numerous businesses in Cancun and elsewhere shut down in anticipation.

Tens of thousands evacuated after huge wartime bomb found in German city

BERLIN, 28 Oct—German authorities on Thursday evacuated more than 20,000 people after an unexploded World War II bomb was discovered in the City of Halle, officials said.

The unexploded 500-kilogramme (1,100-pound) wartime bomb was discovered by a man digging a ditch. At least 20,000 people, including all 500 patients at a local hospital, were forced to evacuate the area, the German dpa news agency reported.

Local police chief Bernd Wegsaid said everyone within a radius of 800 meters (0.5 mile) was ordered to evacuate. Six schools and the city’s hospital had to close as a result. Relatives rushed to the city to pick up elderly parents from rest homes. Meanwhile, hospital and ambulances moved out 17 prematurely born babies who had been in 24-hour care at the hospital, according to dpa.

The detonators of many unexploded bombs dropped on Germany by the British and United States air forces 70 years ago have rusted away.

Thai people walk near a supermarket in floodwaters in Bangkok.

Thai floods inch closer to city centre

BANGKOK, 28 Oct—Floods that have sparked an exodus from the Thai Capital crept closer to the city centre on Friday, but hopes grew that emergency barriers would prevent a major overflow from Bangkok’s main river.

The city of 12 million people is on heightened alert because of threats on two fronts — a seasonal high tide this weekend that is expected to coincide with the arrival of a mass of water from the flood-stricken central plains.

So far, however, central Bangkok has only seen minor inundation in areas along the main Chao Phraya River, including near the Grand Palace, with most of the city centre still dry.

“The Chao Phraya overflowed and flooded some areas along the river but it receded quite quickly,” a spokesman for the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration said after Friday morning’s high tide.

“The flooding is still serious in northern parts of Bangkok... and in three districts in the west,” he added. Friday morning’s high tide — measured at 2.47 metres above sea level — was lower than expected, raising hopes that the river’s flood barriers would prevent a major overflow. “The Navy predicted

Drainage and Sewerage Department who did not want to be named. At the same time billions of cubic metres of water lie north of the capital, creeping slowly southwards as the authorities attempt to channel the muddy brown liquid through the city’s canals and rivers.

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2.57 metres on Saturday but I think it will be bit lower based on today,” said an official at the city’s Drainage and Sewerage Department who did not want to be named. At the same time billions of cubic metres of water lie north of the capital, creeping slowly southwards as the authorities attempt to channel the muddy brown liquid through the city’s canals and rivers.

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A man lies injured in a hospital after a bomb attack at a music store in Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 Oct, 2011.

Correction:

For the story “Floods inch closer to city centre” on 29 October, the original caption in the E edition incorrectly identified the river” as the Chao Phraya. The river is in fact the Chao Phraya and the caption has been corrected.
NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Pro vincial Political Consultative Congress Mr Li Bin and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, observed the agricultural tasks in Yulin City of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 22 October.

The Vice-President and party left Nanning in a special motorcade at 1.30 pm and arrived at high yield model paddy plantation in Young Shong Village in Yulin City of Yuzhou District. Mayor of the city Mr Han Yuanli and officials welcomed them.

Technician Ms Deng Nai Ying of the agriculture department in Yulin City explained nurturing of high yield paddy strain and its production.

Officials replied to queries raised by the

Vice-President and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than.

The Vice-President and party proceeded to model sugarcane high yield farm in Fu Mian Village in Yulin City. The in-charge of the farm explained process of nurturing sugarcane, use of technology and fertilizer and production.

The Vice-President and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than asked what they wanted to know, and officials replied to their questions.

The Vice-President and party arrived at Yulin Hotel in Yulin where they were welcomed by Head of the city Secretary of Party Committee Mr Jin Xiang Jun and officials.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo observes high yield paddy farm, sugarcane farm in Yulin City

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo observes high yielding model sugarcane plantation in Fu Mian Village of Yulin.—MNA

Trees nurtured to mark Int’l Day of Forests in Pyu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—To mark the International Day of Forests and Myanmar Forest Week, Pyu Township Forest Department conducted a forest conservation campaign on 19 October.

During the campaign, employees of the department and villagers volunteered to nurture trees grown in a one-acre plantation of Chinkhin Village-tract in the township on 19 October.—MNA

5.2-magnitude quake hits Solomon Islands

SYDNEY, 28 Oct—An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale jolted Solomon Islands at 04:57:13 pm Friday (05:57:13 GMT), the US Geological Survey said. The epicentre, with a depth of 54.10 km, was initially determined to be at 10.6138 degrees south latitude and 161.4151 degrees east longitude. The epicentre is 59 km southwest of Kira Kira of Solomon Islands. But there have been so far no reports of casualties or property damage.—Xinhua
NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening of the 8th China-ASEAN Expo at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People’s Republic of China, on 21 October morning.

It was also attended by Premier of the State Council of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Malaysia Datuk Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Kittiratt Na-Raong, Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials of China and ASEAN nations, Secretary-General of ASEAN Dr Surin Pitsuwan, entrepreneurs of China and ASEAN nations including Myanmar, and correspondents of international news agencies.

After the opening ceremony, the Myanmar delegation headed by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visited Myanmar booth on the second floor, exhibition of Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar at Pleasant Cities Hall on the ground floor and manufactured goods booths of the PRC and ASEAN countries. The 8th China-ASEAN Expo was held from 21 to 26 October. Pleasant Cities Hall, Investment Cooperation Hall, Hi-tech Hall and Trade Services Hall were the main exhibition of the expo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo met Chairman of State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC) Mr Feng Shidong at Li Yuan Resort in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China on 21 October evening.

Also present on the occasion were members of Myanmar delegation Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo and senior officials and personnel from the SDIC.

The Myanmar side and the SDIC Chairman discussed investment in agricultural sector of Myanmar, and matters related to access to quality strains, irrigation water, fertilizer, modern machinery, and technology for agricultural development and creating jobs.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Chairman of SDIC—MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening of the 8th Small and Medium Enterprises Expo at the second floor of Yulin International Convention Centre in Yulin of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, People’s Republic of China, on 23 October morning.

After the opening ceremony, the Vice-President and his entourage observed China-made products such as automobile engines and machine parts, porcelain products and fruits, at the first floor and viewed display of products of ASEAN nations at the ground floor.

The Vice-President then attended the ceremony of Yulin People’s Administration Office to present 30 Qi Niu branded tractors to Myanmar delegation held at the front of Yulin International Convention Centre.

The ceremony was attended by Myanmar delegation members Union ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers, Vice-Chairman Mr Li Bin of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous region Provincial Political Consultative Congress, Head of Yulin Secretary of Chinese Communist Party Mr Jin Xiang Jun, Yulin Mayor Mr Han Yuan Li, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and officials of Yulin City CCP and administrative bodies.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo expresses thanks to Yulin People’s Administration Office for presenting 30 tractors.

Mr Jin Xiang Jun extended greetings and Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo spoke words of thanks for presentation of 30 tractors to Myanmar by Yulin People’s Administration Office.

Mr Jin Xiang Jun handed over the list and keys of the 30 tractors to Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than.

The Vice-President and his entourage then visited diesel automobile engine manufacturing plant of Guangxi Yuchai Machinery Co Ltd.

Chairman Yan Ping of Guangxi Yuchai Machinery Co Ltd and personnel welcomed the Myanmar delegation which observed production processes of different kinds of heavy diesel engines.

In the afternoon, Myanmar delegation visited Yun Tian Cultural Museum in Yulin. Yulin City Vice Mayor Mr Qu Dekui and personnel of the museum welcome the Myanmar delegation.

The Myanmar delegation viewed ancient bronze sculptures which are held as mascots by Chinese people, over-1000-aged trees, articles of Chinese ethnic groups, jade and porcelain handicrafts, commemorative materials of Chinese festivals, exquisite wood carvings, documentary photos of the museum and bronze statue of the Chinese King.

The Vice-President then posed for documentary photo together with Myanmar delegation members and personnel of the museum and presented mosaic painting to the museum in charge.

The Myanmar goodwill delegation then proceeded to Shanjian from Nanning by air. On arrival at Shanjian Airport, the Myanmar delegation was welcomed by Acting Director-General Mme Ting Li Na of Protocol Department of Shanjian Civil Foreign Affairs Office and Deputy Secretary General Mr Huang Guo Qing of Shanjian Civil Government.

The Myanmar delegation then proceeded to Fution Shangri-La Hotel in Shanjian.—MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Head of Yulin City Secretary of the Party Committee Mr Jin Xiang Jun paid a call on visiting Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo at Yulin Hotel on 22 October evening.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were members of Myanmar delegation Union ministers, deputy ministers, and senior officials and Mr Jin Xiang Jun was accompanied by Yulin Mayor Mr Han Yuanli and officials of Yulin CCP and administrative bodies.

The two sides discussed matters related to potential investments of Yulin in agriculture, small and medium enterprises, tourism and textile industries in Myanmar.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets staff and families of Myanmar Consulate-General (Nanning) and Myanmar students.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects Myanmar trade representative office, Myanmar Consulate-General in Nanning

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspected the Myanmar trade representative office at China-ASEAN Economic Zone in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 22 October morning.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Vice-President arrived at Myanmar trade representative office at 9.10 am.

They were welcomed by Director-General U Khin Maung Lay of Directorate of Trade, the president and vice-presidents of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and officials.

On the ground floor of the office, the Vice-President met departmental officials who arrived in China in advance, responsible persons of RUMFCCI and entrepreneurs.

He instructed them to achieve success in the Nanning Expo. He said that as Myanmar would be Country of Honour for the expo next year, it was necessary to make observation to be able to systematically handle related tasks.

The Vice-President viewed samples of beans and pulses and paddy of Myanmar and samples of consumer goods manufactured by Myanmar displayed at Exhibition Hall on the ground floor and Myanmar jewellery, embroidery works and sculptures displayed at the show room.

At the Myanmar Consulate-General in Nanning, two Myanmar children presented bouquet to the Vice-President, and the Vice-President and party were welcomed by staff families of the Myanmar Consulate-General.

He met staff and families of the Consulate-General in Nanning, and Myanmar scholarship students.

The Vice-President gave instructions on further strengthening of friendly relations between China and Myanmar, protection of Myanmar citizens who were in China, and urged students to be well-versed in specialized subjects.

The Vice-President presented foodstuffs and cash assistance for staff families of the Myanmar Consulate-General and scholarship students.

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Yangon, 28 Oct—Director-General of Training, Research & Foreign Languages Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Daw Yin Yin Myint signed Condolence Book opened at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia at No. 287/289, U Wisara Road, Sangyoung Township, here, at 10 am today for the demise of His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 10th October 2011.

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Condolence Book signed for demise of His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Third-day second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held

Two new proposals submitted, clarification on one bill made, seven bills approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw put on record, altering, forming or changing names of villages and village-tracts in Sagaing Region put on record, approval sought for vetting bills by Constitutional Tribunal of the Union

As the task described in the proposal of Dr Khan Shwe is the task of the Union Government it is not required to continue to discuss the proposal, and the report of the Union Government was put on record.

In the session of making clarification on one bill, the chairman of Joint Bill Committee gave an account of findings and remarks of the committee on private school registration bill. Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss differences of two Hluttaw bills on the bill may enlist to the director-general of Hluttaw Office, describing points they want to discuss after the meeting.

The private school registration bill submitted by the Union Minister for Education to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule-82, sub-rule (a), the bill was sent to Bill Joint Committee.

In the session of putting the bills on record, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided to put Bill amending Union Election Commission Law, Labour Organization Bill, Bill amending Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, Bill amending Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, Bill revoking Law Defining the Fundamental Rights and Responsibilities of People Workers (1964) and Microfinance Industries Bill on record in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law Section -81.

In the session of altering, forming or changing the names of the villages and village-tracts, undertakings related to altering, forming or changing the names of the villages and village-tracts in Sagaing Region which had been carried out by the President with the agreement of the Union Government were put on record in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Two village-tracts and three villages in ChaukU Township of Monywa District and Debayin Township of Shwebo District were renamed and one new village in Homalin Township of Kanti District was formed.

In the session of vetting bills by Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, Joint Bill Committee will be assigned duty to scrutinize the bills before they were sent to the President to sign the bills approved or deemed to be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Section 105, sub-section (a) of the State Constitution and to promulgate it as Law.
Condolence Book signed for demise of Begum Nusrat Buhutto

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Shwe Mann addresses Pyithu Hluttaw Committees Coordination Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Coordination Meeting (2/2011) of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees was held at Office of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker of Hluttaw Building here this afternoon, with an address by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairpersons and secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees, Pyithu Hluttaw representative law experts and officials at Hluttaw Office.

The Speaker’s speech was followed by reports on progress of undertakings, future plans, coordination with related departments of chairpersons and secretaries of each committee.

The Speaker attended to the needs and made concluding remarks.

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 42nd day

Two bills submitted, one proposal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 42nd day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 1 pm.

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

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Myint Tun submitted proposal to discuss Pyithu Hluttaw Bill approved and sent by Pyithu Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw Bill approved and sent with reports of amendments by Pyithu Hluttaw at Amyotha Hluttaw with reports of the committee.

The Hluttaw announced those willing to participate in discussion could submit their name list. U J Raw Wu of Kachin State Constituency (12), Daw Khin Wine Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (1), U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (6), U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency (10), U Myat Ko of Sagaing Region Constituency (12) and Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) discussed the proposal “to allow the establishment of a foundation for development of mining industry” submitted by U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency (9). They discussed that poverty could be reduced by encouraging the poor to establish manageable mining businesses and participate in production of end products as Myanmar is rich in mineral resources. Mining accounts for one per cent of GDP of the country. Foreign investment reaches over seven per cent of the industry while local counterpart numbers under one per cent. The fact indicates that large amount of local investment need to be poured into the sector. Despite rich mineral resources, low investment is brought about by lack of knowledge, technology and procedural information, the situation that requires overcoming various stages to acquire permit, and paucity of interest by the poor who survive on income from agriculture. The low-income people should be helped to start mining. As the economy of the State depends largely on agriculture, forests, livestock and mining, foundation for development of mining industry will contribute towards development. If established, it will develop mineral-based industries and generate job opportunities for local people.

The session concluded at 2.30 pm and continues on 1 November.

At today’s session, two bills were submitted and one proposal was discussed.—MNA

Prize winning artistes honoured in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—A ceremony to honour prize winners of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area in the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the central level was held at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw Council office at 10 am today.

The ceremony was attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council Members U Than Huu, U Myo Nyunt and Col Myint Aung Than, Township Administrators and prize winning artistes.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Than Huu made an address on the occasion. The Nay Pyi Taw Council Members presented gift to the winners. Seven artistes won three gold, five silver and one bronze medals in the competitions.—MNA
World population will be 7 billion 31 Oct

HANOI, 28 Oct—The world population is about to reach seven billion in the next few days, a UN agency’s report has revealed.

The UN Population Fund (UNFPA), whose work involves promotion of the right of every woman and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity, has made this revelation through a report on the world population in 2011 titled “Human beings and opportunities in the world of seven billion people”, according to Xinhua.

At a Press briefing, UNFPA representative in Vietnam Bruce Campbell said the world’s population will reach seven billion 31 Oct.

“The number is a challenge to us. While we have achieved solid foundations for human development, there are still differences and big gap between the rich and the poor. Never before have so many people got hurt by such issues as the loss of food security, lack of water, and occurrence of natural calamities,” said Campbell.

According to the report, the population record is considered a success, because it means that people throughout the world can live longer.

However, it is a challenge to all. With the current growth, the world will have 78 million more people each year, leading to increasing demands on natural resources and big pressure on the planet.—Internet
12 killed in mass murders in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 28 Oct.—At least 12 people were killed on Thursday in three mass murder cases in southern Mexico, the authorities said.

The first case occurred in Chilpancingo, capital of Guerrero State, when unidentified men shot dead five people and injured another in a bar in the municipality of Atoyac de Alvarez, local police said in a statement.

In the second case, the body of a man between 25 and 30 years old was found by the police in the tourist resort of Acapulco.

In the third case, six bodies were found on a highway in the City of Chilpancingo, capital of Guerrero State. The bodies had several gunshot wounds with their faces covered and hands tied behind, which indicated that they had been tortured.

More than 41,279 people have been killed across Mexico since the federal government launched a crackdown in December 2006 against organized crime, especially drug cartels, according to local Press.

IIIF welcomes eurozone debt package

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct.—The Institute of International Finance (IIIF) said Thursday that it welcomed the debt deal inked by eurozone leaders to tackle the region’s economic crisis that had kept the jittery market on edge.

The IIIF welcomed the announcement by the eurozone leaders of a comprehensive package of measures “to stabilize Europe, to strengthen the European banking system and to support Greece’s reform effort,” Charles Dallara, IIIF’s Managing Director, said in a statement.

On behalf of the private investor community, the IIIF agrees to work with Greece, eurozone authorities and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to develop an implementation plan enabling Greece to achieve a high-quality external and internal sustainability of its debt and to support Greece’s reform effort,” Charles Dallara, IIIF’s Managing Director, said in a statement.

27 rebels killed, 60 wounded in days of gun battle in S Philippines

COTABATO CITY, 28 Oct.—At least 27 militants have been killed and more than 60 others wounded as they engaged in days of gun battle against government security forces in the southern Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, police said Friday.

Senior Superintendent Ruben Cariaga, provincial police commander, said troops saw 27 bodies of rebels as they captured their camp Thursday on the outskirts of Payao in the province.

“Terror was bunker. It only has one entrance and exit. Government forces also recovered high powered weapons left behind by guerrillas,” said Cariaga.

Malaysian police smash car theft syndicate, five arrested

JOHOR BAHRU, 28 Oct.—Malaysian police smashed a luxury car theft syndicate and recovered nine stolen vehicles, including five from Singapore.

Five people, four men and a woman aged between 23 and 37, were arrested in separate raids on Wednesday. The men were arrested during a raid at a hotel in Johor Bahru at 1.30am while the woman was nabbed in Yong Peng at 2.30am.

Bernama news agency quoted South Johor Baharu police chief ACP Zainuddin Yaacob on Thursday as saying that nine stolen cars were recovered, among them a Honda Stream, BMW 320I, Toyota Wish, Kia Carens and Mitsubishi Colt.

He said the vehicles were left in several public parking lots around the city with forged number plates to avoid detection. ACP Zainuddin said the syndicate, also known as ‘Geng Panjang’, had been active since 2001 and was believed to have recruited several new members who are still at large.

Militants attack bases in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 Oct.—Militants launched attacks Thursday on a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) base in Kandahar, said the region’s police chief, Salim Ahsan.

Officals killed two of the attackers, but one was “still resisting in the building,” Ahsan said.

Residents reported heavy gunfire in the area.

The PRT base is about 800 metres (half a mile) from the three-floor building the militants are in, said Haji Ahsan, acting head of the Kandahar Provincial Council.

“We can say that this a failed attack by the Taleban,” Ahsan said. “The Taleban have always been trying to do symbolic attacks to get more attention.”

Haji Agha Lali, a member of the Kandahar Provincial council, said militants were firing small guns and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) toward the Provincial Reconstruction Team.

There were no casualties among PRT or military personnel, Ahsan said.

The Taleban brought in two cars full of explosives, possibly to use in the attack, but authorities gained control of them and were working to defuse them, Ahsan said.

The US military describes PRTs as civil-military organizations aimed at helping improve stability and rebuild, usually following hostilities.

The US Embassy said the attack on the PRT base began at about 2.45 pm local time and was ongoing several hours later. Afghan and coalition forces responded.
**China mobile phone users hit new high of 952 mln by Sept**

**BEIJING, 28 Oct—**China had 952.31 million mobile phone users by the end of September, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said on Thursday.

In a statement posted on its website, the MIIT said 12.22 million new mobile phone users signed up in September alone. China’s 3G mobile phone users reached 102.46 million by the end of September, the statement said.

The country’s telephone users totaled 1.24 billion by September, with fixed-line telephone users dropping 363,000 in September to 297.43 million, according to the statement.

China’s Internet users with broadband access totaled 149.93 million by the end of September, up 23.64 million year-on-year, whereas the number of dial-up connection users dropped by 198,000 to 5.7 million.

**MNA/Xinhua**

**Mugged for his money and mobile: British tourist, 62, gunned down at point blank range in Philippines**

**MANILA, 28 Oct—**A British tourist has been murdered in the Philippines by two men who ran onto a motorbike and blasted him twice in the head — just for his wallet.

Paul Atkins, from Stoke-on-Trent, was discovered by police lying dead on the pavement in the city of Angeles, about 50 miles north of Manila, after he was shot at point blank range.

**INTERNET**

**Hormone linked to regain weight**

**BEIJING, 28 Oct—**A new study shows that it’s not simply a lack of willpower that explains weight regain but hormones keep one insisting on eating, a persistent biological urge.

As any dieter knows, it’s hard to keep weight off.

But new research in Thursday’s issue of the New England Journal of Medicine shows that dieters who regain weight are more likely to have higher levels of a hormone called corticotropin-releasing hormone, which is released by the brain in response to stress.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (198) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.10.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Row over sale of sacred Aboriginal stone**

**SYDNEY, 28 Oct—**A cultural conflict between Britain and Australia sparked by the attempted sale of a sacred Aboriginal artefact in Kent looks set to be reignited.

The etched stone “tjuringa”, which only Aboriginal male elders are permitted to handle, was withdrawn from sale after provoking international demands for its return to Australia. But its elderly seller is said to be still considering the future of the priceless item.

The seller was given the artefact as a birthday present 50 years ago and intended to sell it at the Canterbury Auction Galleries last month, before protests in the

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Other key items featured in the sale include a pair of ruby slippers from The Wizard of Oz, estimated between $2 million and $3 million, and the time-travelling DeLorean vehicle from Back to the Future III estimated between $400,000 and $600,000. The "Icons of Hollywood" auction will be held at the Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills from 15 to 17 December. —INTERNET
Battle of the Year prepares to compete at the breakdancing crew as it will follow an all-star into mainstream culture, on Benson Lee’s 2007 movie, which will be based on music.com reported. The “Avatar” star Laz Alonso, Josh Holloway and team up with “Lost” actor to breakdance. Brown will film, “Planet B Boy”, about been roped in to star in a Singer Chris Brown has which held the animal fell through the cover, solid surface. Its legs from plopping into the water. The Boston Globe reported on Monday. “That cover really saved him,” Diagle said. “Even though horses can swim, we aren’t sure what would have happened if the cover wasn’t on.”

**Crash releases 25 million bees**

Authorities in Utah said 25 million bees were released onto Interstate 15 in St George when the flatbed truck carrying the hives rolled in a construction zone. Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Dan Altenes said the truck was carrying the 460 hives south around 5:30 pm Sunday when it rolled in a construction zone, releasing the bees onto the roadway. The Salt Lake Tribune reported on Monday. The cause of the crash is under investigation, Altenes said. The released bees stung several people, including the truck driver and his wife, who were hospitalized with injuries and stings, and led to another crash and a fire when crews were unable to remove the truck. Altenes said troopers consulted beekeepers about how best to remove the insects. Traffic lanes reopened early Monday morning.

**Evan Rachel Wood got ‘beat up’ in school over acting career**

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—Actress Evan Rachel Wood used to get beaten up at school because other kids thought she was a spoilt brat. Having been auditioning for movies and TV shows since she was four, Wood was singled out among her peers who thought she was ‘stuck up’. “I used to get beat up in elementary school for the same reason. They would assume I was this spoilt little brat,” Contactmusic quoted her as telling Guardian newspaper. “In fifth grade, I would get held and spit on and people would throw basketballs at me and s**t. It sucked. I never even fought back. “I would be like, ‘Why? I’ve never done anything, I’m not bothering you.’ Eventually she completed her education by being home schooled due to working commitments and because the teachers gave her more of a hard time than students.—Internet

**Leonardo DiCaprio’s latest flame is Italy’s hottest underwear model**

The Romanian-born model was spotted hanging out and paddleboarding at the actor’s Vacluse crib in NSW, Australia. DiCaprio’s new love is a star in her adopted home, Italy, where she once went out with multi million album selling, uber-pop star Eros Ramazzotti, the Daily Telegraph reported. The ‘Departed’ star has recently split from American actress Blake Lively.—Internet

**Man hits 1 million miles with his Honda**

A Maine man whose 1990 Honda Accord has surpassed the 1 million-mile mark was honoured with a parade and presented with a 2012 Accord. Honda said Joe LoCicero, 53, an auto technician, is the first documented Honda owner to have nursed one of the Japanese automaker’s vehicles more than 1 million miles, and he was greeted Sunday at Saco City Hall with a surprise parade and a 2012 Honda Accord, The Portland (Maine) Press Herald reported Monday. “If you listen carefully, she’s getting old,” LoCicero said of his blue 1990 model, which he bought in 1996 when it had 74,000 miles named “True Blue.” “But it’s been an amazing ride.” LoCicero’s car has averaged about 48,000 miles a year. The parade, sponsored by Honda and Darling Auto Group, included Westbrook High School and Saco Middle School marching bands, as well as Biddeford High School varsity cheerleaders.

**Anne Hathaway to produce and star in new film**

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—Anne Hathaway is set to make her debut as a producer in paranoid thriller ‘Puzzle’, in which she will also star. According to The Hollywood Reporter, she will be acting in the film as well as producing it with Adam Schuman, Sarah Perlman and Stefan Sonnenfeld, reports Contactmusic. Described as a female-driven, paranoid thriller, the movie’s script is written by Karl Gajdusek. The ‘One Day’ star is already shooting for the role of Catwoman in the much-anticipated Batman movie ‘The Dark Knight Rises’ directed by Christopher Nolan and starring Christian Bale. Internet

**Eddie Murphy plans ‘Beverly Hills Cop’ TV series**

LOS ANGELES, 28 Oct—Actor Eddie Murphy is planning to make a TV series about his “Beverly Hills Cop” character Axel Foley. The actor has ruled out a return to the big screen for a fourth installment of “Beverly Hills Cop” franchise, but is likely to do a cameo in the TV series, reports imdb.com. “What I’m trying to do now is produce a TV show starring Axel Foley’s son, and Axel is the chief of police now in Detroit. I’d do the pilot, show up here and there,” he told Rolling Stone magazine. Murphy admits there was talk about a Beverly Hills Cop IV but “none of the movie scripts were right”—Internet
Arsenal say Wenger will get means to spend

LONDON, 28 Oct — Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood has vowed to back manager Arsene Wenger in the transfer market to help the Gunners challenge for trophies. Hill-Wood, however, has promised not to break the current business model that has made the Gunners one of the most profitable clubs in the English Premier League. The north London side have faced criticism in the past for not investing in quality on the field and for letting their top stars leave, although Wenger did spend to bring in several new faces to the Emirates during the off-season. Hill-Wood said at Arsenal’s annual general meeting that he will continue to back the manager and that titles were still the target. “The provision of funds to invest in the team, which we did in the summer, we will do again,” he said. “Let me make it clear that we are all seeking on-the-field success.” “Our goals are to compete for various titles and be in the Champions League, which we have done for 14 years. It remains our focus.” “We remain committed to our self-sustaining model, convinced that this is the right way forward for the club. It means our future is in our own hands.”

Dalglish salutes Suarez

LONDON, 28 Oct — Kenny Dalglish saluted Luis Suarez after another masterclass from the Uruguayan against Stoke City. The Uruguayan fired Liver- pool into the quarter-finals of the Carling Cup with a 2-1 victory at Stoke to leave manager Dalglish singing his praises. With the Reds trailing to a Kenwyne Jones header just before half-time, Suarez nutmegged Ryan Shotton and then curled a beauty into the corner in the 54th minute before heading the winner five minutes from time. And Dalglish quickly said of his matchwinner: “I ran out of words to describe him after a week.”

Suarez scored twice in Liverpool’s Carling Cup win against the Potters. It was a fantastic goal but I don’t think anyone would have expected him to score with a tap-in. “He had that many chances and if he’d taken one before it might have been a wee bit more comfortable for us but it was worth waiting for.”

Liverpool had already tasted defeat at Stoke this season having lost 1-0 to Jon Walters penalty in the Barclays Premier League in September, and they went behind again with a goal of their own making. Dalglish added: “Every win’s important but I think the most important thing was that we hung on in there.”

Songo takes first-round lead in final near downtown

CHARLESTON, 28 Oct — Mark Anderson is going to need more tickets. The South Carolina native shot a 6-under-par 66 Thursday to take the first-round lead in the Nationwide Tour Championship at Daniel Island, about 60 miles from his home in Beaufort. “I had about six or seven family and friends following me today but I anticipate it getting bigger throughout the week,” he said of his vocal contingent. “I’ve had a lot of requests for tickets so I’m scrambling around for those.”

Anderson holds the lead over Camilo Benedetti of Colombia and a pair of two-time winners this year, Jason Kokrak and Ted Potter Jr.
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### Ash cloud rises above restive Chilean volcano

SANTIAGO, 28 Oct—Chile’s Hudson Volcano released three huge columns of steam and ash that combined in a cloud more than 3 miles (5 kilometers) high on Friday, threatening a much larger eruption that had authorities in Chile and Argentina on red alert. Chilean officials evacuated 119 people from the immediate area, and other nearby residents prepared to flee as melting snow and ice caused the Aysen river to overflow its banks.

The steam and ash was coming from three craters, ranging from 650 meters (2,100 feet) to 1,800 meters (6,000 feet) wide, and with earthquakes shaking the mountain, a major eruption could occur within hours or days, Chile’s national geology service said. Already, a plume of ash and steam spread 7.5 miles to the southeast, toward Argentina.

The Hudson Volcano has erupted twice in the last 60 years, most recently in 1991, when it puffed ash 18 inches (45 centimeters) high and killed an estimated 1.5 million sheep on the Argentine side of the Andean mountain chain. The volcano is in Patagonia, 995 miles (1,600 kilometers) south of Chile’s capital, Santiago, and 470 miles (750 kilometers) south of the Cordón Caulle volcano that has intermittently grounded thousands of flights in South America since it began erupting months ago.

Coihueque is the nearest large town in Chile to the Hudson, and just over the Argentine border, the towns of Los Antiguos and Perito Moreno were mobilizing for the worst. In a major eruption, prevailing winds could blow its ash across the continent, cutting off supply routes and air travel to far southern Argentina.

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Vice-President attends work coordination meeting on conveying Buddha Tooth Relic from China to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the work coordination meeting on conveying Buddha Tooth Relic which is being kept at Guangxizu temple in Beijing, the People’s Republic of China, to Myanmar for the fourth time.

The final work coordination meeting was held at the Ministry of Religious Affairs here this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Patron of the committee for conveying Buddha Tooth Relic from the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said work committees concerned for conveying Buddha Tooth Relic from the PRC had carried out their tasks to a certain extent.

A plan to convey the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic for the public obeisance in Myanmar was made during the President’s visit to the PRC so that Buddhist devotees in Myanmar could worship the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic, he said.

Along the way of conveying it, the Sacred Tooth Relic would be stopped over in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay for the public obeisance, he added.

He continued to say that the people of Myanmar had overwhelming desire to pay obeisance to the sacred Buddha tooth relic and China had also overwhelmingly respected and preserved the sacred tooth relic.

The People’s Republic of China had allowed to convey the sacred Buddha tooth relic to Myanmar for the people in Myanmar so that they could pay obeisance to the sacred Buddha tooth relic, for the friendship between the two countries and for Myanmar, a Buddhist Country where Theravada Buddhism was flourishing, he said.

The Buddha Tooth Relic will be conveyed to Nay Pyi Taw for the public obeisance for the first time during the time of the new government, he said.

The Vice-President urged the leading committee and sub-committees concerned to take responsibility and to make efforts for tasks for conveying and bringing back to China.

It is found that the PRC has also cooperated willingly in conveying the Buddha tooth relic to Myanmar.

To convey the Buddha Tooth Relic to Myanmar, a team from the religious bureau of the People’s Republic of China arrived Myanmar on 30, August, 2011, and reached agreement with Myanmar. Besides, a delegation led by the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs signed an agreement on conveying the Buddha tooth relic on 28, October, 2011, in Beijing, he added.

The Vice-President called on the leading committee, work committees and sub-committees to complete their tasks as the Buddha Tooth Relic would be conveyed to Myanmar by the Myanmar delegation led by the Union Minister for Religious Affairs for the first time during the time of the new government, he said.

He also stressed the need for conducting ceremonies on a grand scale in accord with the culture and customs of the Theravada Buddhism to pay obeisance to the Buddha tooth relic in Nay Pyi Taw, along the way of conveying it and when it was brought back to Beijing from Mandalay.

Afterwards, Chairman of the leading committee for conveying the Buddha Tooth Relic Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung reported on arrangements for conveying the Buddha tooth relic and arrangements for the public obeisance.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin reported on bilateral coordination on the public obeisance to Buddha Tooth Relic and Mandalay Region Minister for Forest and Mining U Than Soe and Yangon Division Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein arrangements for keeping the tooth relic for the public obeisance at Maha Pathana Cave in Yangon and Maha Atula Waiyan (Atumashi) Monastery in Mandalay.

Afterwards, chairmen of the sub-committees and officials concerned reported on construction of a Gandakuti chamber where the Buddha tooth relic would be kept, arrangements for ceremonies, decoration of vehicles, reception, invitation, financial sector, transportation, information, security, and arrangements for paying obeisance by religious and social organizations.

Afterwards, Members of the panel of the patrons of the leading committee Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt, Member of the leading committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye and officials gave supplementary reports.

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Environmental sustainability and food security programme discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—A meeting to review tripartite work progress in environmental sustainability and food security programme and future tasks being implemented by Food Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Ministry of Environmental Conversation and Forestry with the assistance of the Italian government was held at agricultural research centre (Yezin) here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye gave an opening address.

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