President U Thein Sein receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Indonesian delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and departmental heads.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Indonesian delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa of the Republic of Indonesia at the President Office.—MNA

the Republic of Indonesia at the President Office here at 10 am today.
Also present at the meeting together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and departmental heads.

The Indonesian delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa was accompanied by Indonesian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono and officials.
At the meeting, they had a discussion on further strengthening of friendly ties that had been forged on a basis of fine tradition between the two nations and mutual efforts for successful holding of 19th ASEAN Summit, and exchanged views on Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. MNA

Aspirin slashes cancer rate for those with hereditary risk

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Wenger promises more after 5-3 win over Chelsea

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Attention to traffic rules

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee U Aung Khin and Subcommittee members checked the eight groups including Chairmen of the Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee of eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area together with officials concerned of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police, local police force, All Private Bus-line Supervisory Committee (local/highway), who paid an inspection to whether road-users abide by traffic rules or not, from 7 am to 6 pm yesterday.
Should naughty road-users break any aspect of the traffic rules, they are to be punished through Article 26 of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee.—MNA
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Keep school and its environs clean

As part of efforts for promoting education standard in the basic education sector, the Ministry of Education is undertaking improvement of education at all basic education schools in respective academic years.

According to the 2011-2012 academic year calendar, the 29th October 2011 has been designated as the School Environment Day. On that day, teachers and students enthusiastically participated in the five tasks of school environment at basic education schools across the nation.

All the basic education schools emphasize sanitation tasks at schools and their environs, school health and treatment tasks, prevention against infectious diseases, educative work for school health, and nutrition development tasks at school.

As children started their learning at the age of five, school and its environ sanitation is very important for healthy life of school children since their childhood. Today’s school children are new generations of the future. Only when the students are healthy and highly talented, will the nation keep abreast of other nations.

The World Health Organization defines that healthiness is free from diseases and physical disability in addition to mental healthiness, happiness and convenience in relations with society.

Schools are the place that turns out new generations. Students will lead the State in the future. It is important that school and environment must be good for health of the students in pursuing knowledge and technology.

School health activity plays a key role for development of the nation and the people. As the school is a place for fulfilling three tasks at school.

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**Chinese delegation visits Shwedagon Pagoda**

**YANGON, 29 Oct—** A visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Tian Jin of National Broadcasting, Film and Television General Bureau paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda this evening.

In the evening, Director-General of MRTV U Thein Aung of Ministry of Information hosted a dinner to the visiting Deputy Minister and party at Sedona Hotel.—MNA

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**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Indonesian guests led by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister**

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—** Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received Indonesian guests led by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa at Pyithu Hluttaw hall of the Hluttaw Building here at 3:00 pm today.

Also present at the call with Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee and secretaries.

Indonesian Ambassador the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono and embassy members comprised in the side of the Indonesian guests.

The meeting focused on matters relating to further cementing relationships between the two countries, cooperation between Myanmar-Indonesia Hluttaws, progress of current affairs in Myanmar, and Myanmar’s friendly cooperation in ASEAN society.

After the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee and those present posed for a documentary photo with the Indonesian guests. MNA

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**One dies in every six seconds from stroke**

**Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin views educative materials on stroke. —MNA**

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct —** Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin called on the people for urgent action to address the silent stroke epidemic at a ceremony to mark the World Stroke Day for 2011 at the ministry here today.

To prevent the stroke, the Union minister urged the people to limit alcohol consumption and smoking, to measure high blood pressure and blood test to discover risk factors for stroke at the ceremony.

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**Iron truss bridge in Hlaingbwe breaks into three parts**

**Special Group-6 of Public Works is carrying out land preparations at the approach road on Hpa-an bank, while the Senior Engineer and party of Hpa-an District are also undertaking ground preparations on Hlaingbwe bank. They are trying hard for carrying out construction tasks to be able to reconnect transportation on Hpa-an-Hlaingbwe Road in real time.—MNA**

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**Iron truss bridge in Hlaingbwe breaks into three parts**

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—**RPT iron truss Bridge No. 1/25, 195 feet long with three 65 feet long bridge spans at the entrance to Hlaingbwe at milepost No. 24/2 on Hpa-an-Hlaingbwe Road in Hpa-an District of Kayin State broke into three parts of main structure due to collapse of two piers at 9 pm on 24 October.

The bridge built in 1921 was over 90 years old. Due to low vehicle traffic on it, the withstanding of the bridge declined and came into collapse. Bridge is carrying traffic of three parts to Hlaingbwe bank. They are trying hard for carrying out construction tasks to be able to reconnect transportation on Hpa-an-Hlaingbwe Road in real time.—MNA
EU residents saving more, lukewarm on investment

BRUSSELS, 29 Oct—Still lukewarm on investment, European households were saving more in the second quarter this year, Eurostat, the statistics office of the European Union (EU), said Friday.

Eurostat data showed that the household saving rate was 12.6 percent in the EU in the second quarter, compared with 11.9 percent in the previous three months. In the eurozone, the saving rate increased from 13.6 percent in the first quarter to 13.9 percent in the second.

The higher household saving rate in the eurozone was due to faster increase in real disposable income which was up 0.5 percent on a quarterly basis than the increase of consumption expenditure which was up 0.1 percent, according to Eurostat.

Amid the difficult economic situations, the rising saving rate of the EU residents came alongside an investment rate which remained almost unchanged.

In the EU, the household investment rate was unchanged at 8.1 percent in the second quarter. In the eurozone, the rate was 8.7 percent, compared with 8.8 percent in the previous quarter.

Bangkok floods lower than feared

A Thai person wades through floodwaters in Bangkok, Thailand, on 29 Oct, 2011. The complex network of flood defences erected to shield Thailand’s capital from the country’s worst floods in nearly 60 years was set for a serious test Saturday as coastal high tides approached their peak.—INTERNET

BANGKOK, 29 Oct—Flooding engulfs parts of Bangkok should start to recede in the first week of November, the prime minister said Saturday after barriers along the swollen main river prevented a disastrous overflow.

The city of 12 million people was on heightened alert because of a seasonal high tide that was expected to coincide with the arrival of runoff water from the central plains, where people have endured weeks of flood misery.

The rising waters caused minor flooding again in some Riverside areas, including around the Grand Palace, but the tide peaked at 2.5 metres (eight feet) above sea level — lower than feared — and most of the city remained unaffected. Residential areas in the northern outskirts of the city, as well as on the western side of the main Chao Phraya river have so far been worst hit, with waist-deep water in places.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, who has previously warned the floods could last for weeks, said the authorities had expedited the flow of runoff water from the north through canals in the east and west of the capital.

“If everyone works hard … then the floodwater in Bangkok will start to recede in the first week of November,” Yingluck said in a weekly radio and television address to the nation.

She said the overall flood situation in central parts of Thailand had improved and volumes of water flowing through the Chao Phraya had decreased.—INTERNET

Malaysia expecting heavy rain and flood

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Oct—Malaysia is bracing for stormy weather and more rain as government agencies across the nation are preparing against possible floods. The Meteorological Department in a statement on Friday said the northeast monsoon is set to hit the country in early November, especially the states in the east coast of the west peninsular and the Sabah and Sarawak states in the east peninsular.

The monsoon season is expected to last till March next year. Six northern states bordering Thailand and several cities in the east peninsular Malaysia are expecting rainfall of 20 to 40 percent above normal level in the coming months, according to the department. Local daily the Star reported that police were monitoring the flood situation in Thailand to prevent the bad weather condition from spreading to Malaysia. Malaysian authorities were quoted as saying that state federal agencies would hold a meeting next week to map out evacuation and aid distribution strategies with agricultural development authorities ready to regulate water drainage in rivers and canal for possible floods in mid-November. Some 13,239 officers from the fire and rescue department were reportedly put on stand-by for possible floods.—Xinhua

Kabul suicide bomb kills 13 foreign troops

Foreign and Afghan forces arrive at the site of a suicide attack in Kabul 29 October, 2011.—INTERNET

KABUL, 29 Oct—A suicide car bomber killed 13 foreign troops in the Afghan capital Kabul on Saturday, the deadliest single ground attack in 10 years of war in Afghanistan. “We can confirm that 13 International Security Assistance Force members have died,” said a spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), giving no further details.

Earlier, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry said three civilians and a police officer had been killed in the attack. Escalating helicopter crashes, it was the deadliest single incident for foreign troops since the war began in 2001.

Lethal attacks are relatively rare in heavily guarded Kabul, compared with the south and east of Afghanistan, but Saturday’s killings came less than two months after insurgents launched a 24-hour assault on the US embassy in Kabul.

The assault on the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) convoy took place in the Durulaman area in the west of the city, near the national museum.

Russia to keep Topol missiles until 2019

MOSCOW, 29 Oct—Russia is going to keep on active duty its Topol strategic mobile ballistic missile systems until 2019, the Russian Strategic Missile Forces (SMF) said Friday.

According to Sergei Karakayev, commander of the SMF, the reliability and technical conditions of the missile systems allowed the SMF to consider a longer service life of the systems, reported Xinhua.

The Topol, which is Russia’s principal missile complex, was originally designed to serve for ten years but has been functionally operative for 23 years. The missile, with a range up to 10,000 km, can carry a single nuclear warhead with the yield of 550 kilotons.—INTERNET

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Health

**Aspirin slashes cancer rate for those with hereditary risk**

**LONDON, 29 Oct—** Long-term, daily doses of aspirin led to a fall of some 60 percent in cases of colorectal cancer among people with an inherited risk of this disease, the journal The Lancet reported on Friday.

The trial — considered to be broad in sample and long in duration — confirms evidence elsewhere that aspirin has a protective effect against cancer of the colon and rectum, it said. The study enrolled patients with Lynch Syndrome, a fault in genes charged with cellular repair that leads to colorectal and other cancers. Lynch Syndrome occurs in around one in 10,000 people, and accounts for about one in 30 cases of bowel cancer, The Lancet said.

A total of 861 patients were randomly designated to take either two aspirins daily, for a dose of 600 mg, or a harmless dummy pill, known as a placebo, for at least two years. They were then regularly given colon exams. When the data from this study were first examined in 2007, there was no difference in colorectal cancer incidence between the groups.

But things changed when the researchers checked again a few years later.

By this time, there had been 34 cases of colorectal cancer in the placebo group but 19 in the aspirin group — a reduction in incidence of 44 percent.

The doctors then looked further at those patients (60 percent of the total) who had been taking the aspirin or the placebo beyond the two-year minimum. In this sub-group, the figures were even more impressive.

There were 23 cancers in the placebo group, but only 10 in the aspirin group, amounting to a fall of 63 percent. The difference began to be seen after five years.—**Internet**

Electronic Arts 2Q loss expands; raises forecast

**LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct—** Video game maker Electronic Arts Inc said Thursday that its second-quarter loss expanded from a year ago due to higher costs, even as revenue grew. It raised its sales forecast for the all-important holiday season slightly above analyst estimates. CEO John Riccitiello said sales of “Battlefield 3,” which launched two days earlier, were “very strong.”

The net loss in the three-month period ending on 30 Sept grew to $340 million, or $1.03 per share. Last year, the company had a quarterly loss of $201 million, or 61 cents per share. EA said costs for marketing, research and development increased from last year. Excluding stock compensation costs, acquisition expenses and other costs, adjusted earnings came to 5 cents per share, beating the adjusted loss of 4 cents per share expected by analysts polled by FactSet.

Adjusted revenue, which accounts for deferred revenue from games with online components, rose 17 percent to $1.03 billion from $884 million, helped by sales of its sports games “TIFA 12” and “Madden NFL 12.” That also beat the $955 million expected by analysts.—**Internet**

Transaero to fly A380 superjumbo with 700 seats

**PARIS, 29 Oct—** Airbus unveiled a provisional deal on Friday to sell four A380s worth $1.5 billion at list prices to Transaero Airlines, marking the first sale of Europe’s superjumbo to a Russian airline.

The country’s second-biggest carrier plans to introduce the double-decker jetliner on long-distance flights seating 700 people in three classes. Airbus said it will be the second airline to opt for a high-density layout after France’s Air Austral, which has said it will use close to the maximum capacity of 853 seats. The world’s largest airliner, which entered service four years ago, has the capacity to carry 525 passengers in a standard three-class layout. It was initially branded as a cruiseliner with open areas and space for first-class suites, but a market is also opening up for high-density travel to offset high fuel prices while creating some uncertainty over how this should be marketed. “The passenger is still getting a wider and more comfortable seat than on another plane,” an Airbus spokeswoman said. Airbus said the economy seat on its A380 is 5 cm wider than on a Boeing 747 using similar cabin layouts.

Boeing disputes this and says the latest version of its most recognized aircraft, the 747-8, will use an air design with softer LED lighting, more spacious bays and a redesigned entry-way comparable to its all-new 787 Dreamliner.

“Seat widths on the 747-8 are comparable to the A380, within 2 cm,” company spokesman Jim Proulx said. As well as the A380, Transaero is also considering buying the 747-8, which is due for first delivery in 2012. “We are in deep talks with Boeing about a potential order for the 747-8. The order for A380 is a separate order and does not have an impact on the talks,” an airline spokesman said.

The 747-8 Intercontinental will be the world’s longest passenger jet and is designed to seat 467 people in a standard three-class layout. Boeing has applied to have the plane certified to seat 605 people in high-density mode. It has sold 36 of the passenger aircraft with another 15 committed provisionally to an unidentified customer.—**Reuters**

**Watermelon may reduce atherosclerosis**

**LEXINGTON, 29 Oct—** A study using animals found watermelon reduced atherosclerosis — hardening of the arteries, US researchers say. Lead investigator Dr Saha Saha of the University of Kentucky in Lexington and colleagues said the study used animal mice with diet-induced high cholesterol.

A control group was given water to drink, while the experimental group was given watermelon juice. By week 8 of the study, the animals given watermelon juice had lower body weight than the control group, due to decrease of fat mass, the researchers said. The mice experienced no decrease in lean mass and plasma cholesterol concentrations were significantly lower in the experimental group, with modestly reduced intermediate and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol concentrations as compared to the control group, Saha said.

A measurement of atherosclerotic lesion areas revealed that the watermelon juice group also experienced statistically significant reductions in atherosclerotic lesions, as compared to the control group.—**Internet**

**Business**

**Baidu says profit up 80 percent, more growth ahead**

**BEIJING, 29 Oct—** Baidu Inc, which operates China’s most popular search engine, says its latest quarterly profit jumped 79.8 percent on strong traffic growth.

Baidu said Friday its profit for the three months ending 30 Sept was $295 million, or 84 cents per share. Revenues rose 85.1 percent to $654.7 million. The company cited strong user growth and said advertising spending by larger customers exceeded expectations.

Baidu forecast more strong growth, saying it expects revenues in the current quarter to rise by up to 85 percent.—**Internet**
Asteroid said to be old ‘mini-world’

Paris, 29 Oct — Data from a European spacecraft study of a distant asteroid show it is a primitive body left over as planets were forming in the solar system, astronomers said. The European Space Agency’s Rosetta spacecraft flew by the asteroid Lutetia in July 2010 and scientists have finished analyzing the data gathered during the brief encounter, a release from ESA headquarters in Paris said Thursday. The analysis confirms their initial impression of Lutetia as an old, primitive “mini-world,” the release said. Parts of Lutetia’s surface are around 3.6 billion years old, and show their age by the large number of impact craters. Some impacts must have been so large they broke off whole chunks of Lutetia, gradually sculpting it into the battered wreck we see today, astronomers said. “We don’t think Lutetia was born looking like this,” Holger Sierks of the Max Planck Institute in Lindau, Germany, said. “It was probably round when it formed.”

Dropbox takes aim at businesses with new service

New York, 29 Oct — Dropbox, the company behind the popular virtual file cabinet, is branching out to small and medium-sized businesses with the new service “Dropbox for Teams.” The San Francisco-based company allows people to access documents, photos and videos from several different places such as laptops, smartphones and computers provided they have downloaded Dropbox on each device.

A certain amount of storage is free though the company charges a user $125, which also comes with an additional 200 gigabyte of storage. Dropbox launched Teams last February, adding networks such as Facebook to collect Social App Activities That Set Users Apart a little bit easier with RFID chips. Marathoners who were treated with a dees were given a business to let five users access 1,000 gigabytes of storage for $795 per year. Each additional user costs $125, which also comes with an additional 200 gigabyte of storage.

Dropbox launched Teams after realizing that 1 million businesses were using its virtual file cabinet to transfer files and documents, said Sujay Jaswa, vice president of business development at Dropbox. To entice customers to upgrade to Teams, Dropbox offers such services as centralized billing and phone support. Dropbox has 45 million users and competes with the likes of Google Inc’s Docs, Apple Inc’s iCloud and Box.net. The company recently closed a $250 million round of funding giving it a valuation of $4 billion, according to reports.

New York Marathon Runners Getting Digital Love from RFID Chips

New York, 29 Oct — Running a marathons is grueling work, but ASCIS is hoping to make the upcoming New York Marathon on 5 November just a little bit easier with RFID chips. Marathoners who sign up for ASCIS’s “Support Your Marathoner” will get an RFID tag they can attach to their shoes. That tag will then trigger messages of love and support specific to each of the runners on an LED screen as they run past it. There will be three screens in total placed at miles nine, 12 and 22.

[More from Mashable: iPhone vs Android: The Social App Activities That Set Users Apart [INFOGRAPHIC]] Support Your Marathoner program actually started at last year’s marathon, but ASCIS has added networks such as Facebook to collect support messages, videos and images. Even if runners can’t stop and watch the screens during the marathon, each runner will have access to their personalized gallery of messages, videos and pictures to keep after the race.

Microsoft demos new Xbox dashboard and WP7 Xbox companion app

New York, 29 Oct — Seeing as the latest Nokia phones run Microsoft software it was slightly expected that we would see a Microsoft presentation during Nokia World.

Nokia World attendees were treated with a live demonstration of the new Xbox Dashboard, and as well as a demo of a new Windows Phone Mango app that will communicate with your Xbox.

We have seen leaked images and videos of this upcoming Dashboard update, so we already knew that it would look very much like Microsoft’s Metro UI found on Windows Phone devices. Joe Belfiore, Director of the Windows Phone Programme, showed how the new styling mimicked how Metro UI looks and functions.

He also informed the audience that users will be able to navigate the UI by using Kinect. It is not clear how Kinect will control the UI, if it will be all voice controlled or if you will be able to swipe through the menus.

Belfiore also showed a Mango app that will communicate with your Xbox. With this app when you are home you will be able to control the functions of your Xbox with your phone. You will be able to launch games, videos, and even search for content using Bing on your Xbox.

The feature that was most impressive to us though was that when your Xbox is playing a movie or a game your Mango device will give you information about that movie or game.

There is still no official release date for the new Dashboard, but we have heard rumors that are pointing to 15 November. This would line up with the original launch date of the original Xbox, so the rumors make sense to us.

Optical clues help flying birds

Brisbane, (Australia), 29 Oct — Australian scientists say they’ve discovered how birds avoid collisions with objects and each other as they perform their aeronautic maneuvers.

The graceful flight of birds, even in crowded environments, is a result of their perception of something called optic flow, Partha Bhagavatula of the University of Queensland said.

“Our findings show, for the first time, that birds regulate their speed and negotiate narrow gaps safely by balancing the speeds of image motion, or optic flow, that are experienced by the two eyes,” Bhagavatula said in a university release.

In a study, researchers trained parakeets to fly through a 23-foot corridor lined with varying combinations of thick black horizontal and vertical stripes, and then filmed their flights.

They found birds flew down the centre of the corridor when optic flow cues were balanced — with identical, vertical stripes on either side of the corridor — but flew more closely to one wall or another when the cues were unbalanced, for example, when one wall was lined with horizontal stripes and the other with vertical stripes.

Also, the birds flew faster when the tunnels were lined with horizontal, rather than vertical, strips, suggesting they were using optic flow cues to regulate their flight speed.

While similar flight behaviours have been demonstrated in flying insects, this is the first time the use of optic-flow signals has been demonstrated in birds, the researchers said.
Vice-Governor of Guangdong Province calls on Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct—Vice-Governor Mr Zhu Xiao Dan of Guangdong Province called on Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo at Beijing Function Room of Shangri-La Hotel in Guangzhou of Guangdong Province on 26 October. Also present at the call were members of the Myanmar delegation Union Ministers and deputy ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to China and officials.

The Vice-Governor of Guangdong Province was accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar and officials of the province. They focused on economic cooperation between Myanmar and Guangdong Province, promotion of tourism, communication, mining, transport and sports sectors.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits dairy product factory, milch cow breeding farm, port in Guangzhou

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits Huang Pu Port of Gurazhou Port Group in Guangzhou.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct—The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, arrived at Yantang dairy product factory in Guangzhou on 26 October morning. They were welcomed by Deputy Director-General Mr Chen Fulin of Deputy Director-General of Guangdong Province Agriculture Department and officials of the factory.

Chairman of the factory Mr Huang Xuan explained breeding of cow at the factory, production of dairy products and sales.

The Vice-President and Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein raised questions what they wanted to know.

They then viewed production process and quality control at the factory.

At Huawei cow breeding farm in Guangzhou, they were welcomed by Vice-Chairman Mr Lui Huifang and officials.

At the meeting hall of the farm, the Vice-President said that they arrived there to observe the farming to extend breeding of milch cows in Myanmar and production of nutritious milk and dairy product in Myanmar.

General Manager Mr Zhao Wei Shi reported on breeding of milch cows and production of dairy products.

The Vice-President and Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein asked about the points they wanted to know.

Chairman of Sifang Leo Livestock Science and Technology Co Ltd Mr Chaoyang Hu and officials called on the Vice-President and party at Shangri-La in Guangzhou where they reported on milch cow breeding and matters related to dairy product factories.

The Vice-President and the Union Minister asked about the points they wanted to know.

In the afternoon, they arrived at Gurazhou Port Group in Guangzhou where they were welcomed by Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr Xiao Naniong of Guang Pu Port and officials.

At the meeting hall of Gurazhou Port Group, the Vice-President explained that they arrived there to observe services of Guangzhou Port for extension of port services in Myanmar.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr Xiao Nanning reported on tasks of the port and General Manager Mr Li Mingzhong on port services of Huang Pu Port.

Later, they visited Huang Pu Port of Gurazhou Port Group.—MNA
Vice-President, Chinese businessmen, hold talks over development of ports, communication sectors

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—During his visit to the People’s Republic of China, Vice-President of the Republic of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo held talks with Chinese businessmen over development of ports and communication sectors separately on 25 October.

Chairman of China Harbour Engineering Co Ltd Mr Sun Ziyu, accompanied by Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and officials concerned, called on the Vice-President at Fuction Shangri-La Hotel in Shenzhen in the morning.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on upgrading of Yangon Port and improvement of rivers and construction of jetties.

Afterwards, Chairman of China Great Wall Industry Corporation Mr. Yin Liming, accompanied by Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr Lin Junhua and officials concerned, called on Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on promoting cooperation in communications satellite sector, information and communication sector and science and technology sector.

Also present at the meeting together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were members of the Myanmar delegation Union ministers, deputy ministers, the ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar and officials concerned.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits head office of Huawei in Shenzhen

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of the Republic of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, arrived at Huawei Head Office in Shenzhen on 25 October morning.

They were welcomed by CEO Mr Ren Zhengfei and officials of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd.

The Vice-President and party visited the head office of Huawei. An official conducted them round advanced electrical communication devices of the company.

The Vice-President held a discussion with CEO Mr Ren Zhengfei on promotion and cooperation in communication sector.

Accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, the Vice-President and party left Shenzhen in a motorcade and arrived in Guangzhou at 3.30 pm.

They were welcomed in Guangzhou by Director Mr Wang Shi Tong of Guangdong Province Foreign Affairs Office and officials of the Guangdong Province Government at Shangri-La Hotel where the Myanmar delegation will be accommodated.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits Huawei Head Office in Shenzhen.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo holds discussion with Shenzhen Acting Mayor

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo on a goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of China received Acting Mayor Mr. Lv Rei Fong of Shenzhen of Guangdong Province of the People’s Republic of China at the third floor of Futian Shangri-La Hotel near Shenzhen City on 24 October.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were the delegation members Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China and high ranking officers.

Acting Mayor Mr. Lv Rei Fong of Shenzhen City was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua, and officials concerned of Guangdong Provincial Government and Guangdong Foreign Affairs Office.

The meeting focused on mutual cooperation in economy, trading, culture, tourism industry and gems industry.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint meets Indonesian FM

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Indonesian guests led by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received Indonesian guests led by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here at 4:00 pm today.

Also present at the call with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyen, Chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw Committee and secretaries.

Indonesian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono and members of Indonesian Embassy accompanied the Indonesian guests.

Both sides discussed further cementing relationships between the two countries, and matters relating to setting up cooperation among the ASEAN countries.—MNA

Ophthalmological Conference to be held on 14-15 November

YANGON, 29 Oct—Ophthalmological Conference will be held on 14 and 15 November 2011 at Hotel Chattrum, Yangon. All interested doctors are invited to register at Yangon Eye Hospital on 11 November and at Hotel Chattrum on 14 November.

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Indian guests led by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister visit Nay Pyi Taw

NAV PYI TAW, 29 Oct—At the invitation of Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Indonesian guests led by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa arrived Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon at 7:45 am today. They were warmly welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and officials concerned at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The Indonesian delegation members called on Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin at his office here at 9 am today.

The meeting between Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and the Indonesian delegation members focused on cementing relationships between the two countries.

The Indonesian guests called on Union Minister for Labour and Social, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi at the Ministry of Labour here at 11:00 today.

At the meeting, both sides exchanged views on reforming tasks under the new government, enacting the law of Labour rights, drafting the laws and by-laws, poverty alleviation tasks, measures for labour rights, conditions of cooperation in international and local organizations.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin hosted luncheon to the Indonesian guests at Myatjawwun Hotel at noon.

After enjoying the luncheon, the Indonesian delegation members called on Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein at the Ministry of National Planning and Economics Development here at 1pm today, exchanging views on promotion of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in ASEAN society.

Then, the Indonesian guests looked around the construction site for national guesthouses and multi-purpose hall to be used for holding ASEAN Summits and International Conferences in Dekkhinathiri Township.

On their departure from Nay Pyi Taw to Yangon, they were seen off by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and officials concerned at Nay Pyi Taw Airport in the evening.

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Burial site of Pyu discovered in Srikestra ancient city

Photo shows the site No. HMA-53 near a road linking Bawbawgyi and Myinbarhu pagodas in the Srikestra ancient city.

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Massive power station fire breaks out in Australia’s New South Wales

SYDNEY, 29 Oct—A huge fire broke out at a state-owned power station in the Hunter Valley in Australia’s New South Wales (NSW) on Friday morning, authorities said on Friday. The fire broke out inside a generator at one of the Eraring power station near Newcastle about 2:30am (local time) on Friday. When firefighters arrived, the generator, which contained about 8,000 liters of transformer oil, was fully alight, the Sydney Morning Herald reported. More than 50 firefighters from NSW Fire and Rescue have been battling to stop the cooling oil leaking into Lake Macquarie. NSW Energy Minister Chris Hartcher said the power station fire could cost the state-owned power company Eraring Energy about 20 million AU dollars (26.37 million US dollars). He said a “shimmer” of cooling oil had been detected in nearby Lake Macquarie, however, it did not pose a risk to the surrounding environment. Eraring Energy spokeswoman Rochelle Reynolds said no one was injured in the fire and an investigation to determine the cause of the fire would be conducted.

Xinhua
As Myanmar saying goes: “Rain and bull are unpredictable”. In my childhood, I remembered that my grandma repeated the Myanmar saying whenever some showers dropped while gathering odds and ends being dried under the sun ray. If the controller was clever, the bull might be controlled. But rain cannot be controlled by any ways. If there is adequate amount of rain at necessary time, it will be friend for the people. However, if rain pours very heavily at unnecessary time, it turns out to be a natural disaster for all.

Natural disaster is an unavoidable catastrophe for mankind. Since the pre-historic period, all the regions, countries and areas have run into a series of natural disasters. Natural disasters such as earthquakes, storms, floods and volcano eruptions used to occur automatically without any trigger. Most recently, Pakokku, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu townships of Magway Region unexpectedly faced floods that destroyed lives and property of the local people. Indeed, it was a surprise attack to the region.

On 19 October, TV, radio and newspapers presented weather forecasts on the storm that may lead to Maungtaw of northern Rakhine coast in addition to salient points on do’s and don’t’s during and after the storm. In reality, the regions of northern Rakhine coast did not suffer from bad situation in the storm. Unfortunately, as there were heavy rains on 19 and 20 October due to the storm, mountain torrent violently poured down at Yaw Creek, Kyaw Creek, Yama Creek, Myaing Creek and Shwe Creek, leaving 160 deaths and destroying seven large and small bridges, 2000 housing, five monasteries, over 2400 animals and over 3000 acres of crops. According to the local people, it was an unprecedented flood within 100 years.

Myanmar has better experiences in relief and rehabilitation works for floods after facing cyclone Nargis in 2008. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw successfully have joined hand in overcoming the danger of natural disaster cyclone Nargis that destroyed over 130,000 lives and property. They rehabilitated everything to be turned into normal circumstance in a short period. It was a milestone success that they made remarkably vigorous efforts for rehabilitation and reconstruction with the concept that the collapsed clay structures will be substituted with stone structures. Accordingly, they poured out utmost efforts in rehabilitation works in overcoming the danger of cyclone Giri. In comparison with the past natural disasters, the recent flood was unimportant. However, it is true that the encouragement, assistance and emphasis of the State for the flood victims were not less than that of the past natural disasters.

With regard to floods in Pakokku, respective region, district and township undertook emergency rescue and relief works for the first step. On the second step, the Vice-President, on his trip to manage gathering of accurate data, visited there to give words of encouragement and provide assistance for the victims. On the third step, the President himself arrived there to provide a large amount of aids to the victims, while managing relief and resettlement tasks. On his tour, the President took along with Union ministers, officials, responsible persons of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, entrepreneurs and wellwishers to immediately fulfill requirements of the flood-hit region.

The State, on its part, could attend to the needs in all sectors by calculating food, clothing and shelter needs of the flood victims. After fulfilling their requirements in the food and clothing matters in addition to health sector, the State will take a short time to provide assistance for shelter of the victims. Arrangements have been made for victims to settle themselves at the secure and safe places not to be flooded easily in the future. A plan is underway to rebuild the damaged schools and fulfill school stationery requirements of the students. Moreover, the State will take responsibility for supply of clean drinking water to the victims to be free from outbreak of disasters.

On his trip, the President gave words of advice that the State will help the victims in all sectors and the victims are to make long-term plans to be able to stand on their own, without complacency in the life of easy come, easy go; to be able to uplift their living standard, the victims have to work harder than before. The speech of the President was really notable words of encouragement for them. Due to full of goodwill and love-kindness in the address, it is sure that interest of the local people can be served actually.

On the trip, the President made cash and kind donation worth many millions of kyat not only for loss of lives but also for loss of property of households in four townships. And also, Union ministers, ministries, NGOs, entrepreneurs, wellwishers, local merchants and industrialists and town elders donated rice, edible oil, salt, gram and foodstuff, clothes, household goods, school equipment, corrugated iron sheets, nails, mobile telephones and money to the flood victims. They presented cash and kind worth K 356.199 million for Pakokku Township, K 41.429 million for Myaing Township, K 77.53 million for Pauk Township and 145.317 million for Seikpyu Township. Moreover, Htoo Company, IBTC Company, CB Bank, Shwe Than Lwin Company, IGE Company and Shwetaung Company donated K 20 million to the fund of K 120 million for reconstruction of damaged housings in Pakokku, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu townships of Pakokku District. It was an appreciably mentionious deed.

Pakokku, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu townships experienced the flood that the region had not witnessed never before. It is clear that the unusual incident scared the local people. That is why the President made a trip to the scene and provided necessities. The lives of flood-hit people will be rehabilitated in no time if respective district and township officials reach out to the grassroots while the State, departments, NGOs, private entrepreneurs and donors are offering wholehearted support. If financial assistance of the State and contributions of donors are provided hurriedly and accurately to the local people, it will add up to the rehabilitation of victims.

It is learnt that the State will offer assistance for cultivating winter crops in time to replace the destroyed crops in the flood in a hurry. Under the programme of the President, foods, clothes and other assistances are conveyed to some villages in Seikpyu and Pauk Townships with roads blocked for the moment by aircrafts of Tatmadaw (Air). It is in news that Tatmadawmen are providing help with revitalization and rehabilitation of villages. As damaged roads and bridges are being repaired, it is learnt that Shwe creek village will be rebuilt as RC bridge. News is heartening.

Nonetheless, government and people are parents and offspring. The images of the President and leaders visiting the scene, sharing griefs of victims and providing assistances provoke both sympathy and delight. The scene of the government elected by the people cordially reaching out to the people appeared on MRTV is awe-inspiring with the understanding of the relationship between the government and people and loving-kindness of the parents.

It is understood that, being up to his neck in duties, the President took the time to tour the flood-hit area with parental mindset to encourage survivors in person and provide aid. Experienced and farsighted, he could give effective and essential instructions for rescue and rehabilitation works. It is a trip conducive to both the region and the local people.

I, an entourage, was benefitted greatly from the trip and inspired with the strength of local people though in rescue camp. Concerns were relieved that the victims are facing troubles helplessly as in reports of the media at home and abroad. I felt confident that the great future of the country awaits us when seeing cordial relations of the President and local people.

I have already mentioned that the natural disaster is unavoidable but preventable. Remedial measures for rescue and rehabilitation have to be taken in the aftermath of the catastrophe. The President’s trip is a part of these remedial measures. The damage will be repaired. New structures will be built, if needed. To rebuild their lives from the debris with fresh vigor is what important and the President pointed out to the local people. Thanks a lot, Mr President.

The strength of the nation lies within. It was engine for surviving Nargis and Giri. Similarly, the State is then helping all the victims to rejuvenate from the disaster. The victims themselves need to have the desire to recover when the State shows its goodwill and loving kindness. I wish the entire flood-hit people in Pakokku, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu townships on western bank of Ayeyawady River rebuild their lives soon with the goodwill, loving kindness and guidance of the President who assume himself the bereavement of all the people.

Translation: TTA+HKA

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Two killed, several injured in suicide blast in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 Oct—At least two policemen were killed and several others were injured in a suicide attack at a police vehicle in northwestern Pakistani Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Friday, reported local Urdu TV Express.

According to the report, the blast took place at about 12:10 am (local time) when a suicide bomber attacked a police mobile carrying Station House Office Police Ajmir Shah in Nowshera, a city some 50 km east of Peshawar in northwest Pakistan.

SHO and his driver were killed on the spot while several others were injured.

The injured were shifted to a hospital and several injured are in critical condition.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast.

However, in the past, SHO Ajmir Shah received life threats by banned out fit of Pakistan Taleban, TTP, on his operations against them. Shah foiled many attempts of militants related to Pakistan Taleban.

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Tourism plane crash kills three in southern France

PARIS, 29 Oct—A tourism plane crash has killed three people in southwestern France, local media reported Saturday.

The plane with a family on board fell down on Friday night near the Toulouse-Blagnac airport, leaving the mother and father dead outright. Their daughter of 13 years old died from injuries on Saturday morning while their son at 9 years old suffered heavy hurt in legs, local media quoted sources of district attorney.

The past father, also the pilot is an 49-year-old Austrian. He flew with his 41-year-old French wife and two younger children from Germany. Their oldest daughter lives in Toulouse, a city in southwestern France.

Five killed, eight injured in Taleban attack in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 Oct—Five people including four suspected Taleban militants were killed and eight people including five NATO soldiers were wounded in a Taleban coordinated attack on a NATO-led Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in south Afghanistan’s Kandahar City on Thursday, officials said on Friday.

“One American civilian contractor and two Afghan security guards were injured, one Afghan interpreter was killed, and five ISAF service members were slightly wounded as a result of the attack,” the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a statement on Friday. ISAF’s Provincial Reconstruction Team is a civilian military unit involved in reconstruction process and strengthening security affairs.

Currently, there are some 27 NATO-led ISAF PRTs around the militancy-hit Afghanistan.

Policemen stand guard at the attack site in Kandahar, Afghanistan, 28 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA
** CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

** MV BIENDONG FREIGHTER VOY NO (1154) **

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG FREIGHTER VOY NO (1154) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.10.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damage 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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** Gene therapy used in a bid to save a man’s sight **

Oxford, 29 Oct — Researchers in Oxford have treated a man with an advanced gene therapy technique to prevent him from losing his sight. It is the first time that anyone has tried to correct a genetic defect in the light-sensing cells that line the back of the eye. The president of the Academy of Medical Sciences said the widespread use of gene therapy of this treatment will be soon be possible. The operation was carried out on 63-year-old Jonathan Wyatt, an arbitration lawyer based in Bristol.

Mr Wyatt was able to see normally until about the age of 19 when he began having problems seeing in the dark. He was told by doctors that his seeing in the dark would eventually go blind. The gradual deterioration in his vision didn't stop Mr Wyatt from qualifying as a barrister. But 10 years ago he found he was having difficulty reading statements in dimly-lit courts. “The worst occasion was when I was reading out a statement to the court and I made a mistake. The judge turned to me and snapped ‘Can’t you read Mr Wyatt!!’ Then decided it was time to put my wig down and leave advocacy.”

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** How woodpeckers avoid head injury **

Jonathan Wyatt: Hoping doctors can save his sight so he can continue to work as a lawyer. — Internet

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** Pythons clue for heart patients **

LONDON, 29 Oct — Human heart patients may benefit from a study of hungy pythons, scientists believe. Fatty acids circulating in the bloodstream of feeding pythons provided researchers with evidence of fat being deposited in the heart, and in what the chief called a “gun battle.”

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Since its release earlier this month online, a $50 (+$25) limited edition tattooed Barbie doll, designed by Los Angeles-based fashion company tokidoki and aimed at adult collectors, has sold out but not before causing controversy. Some parents have questioned whether the toy company that launched the original Barbie in 1959 should be promoting body art.

** Children running up marbles debts **

Young children have been running up gambling debts playing games of marbles in the street, with some resorting to stealing to pay them off, a paper in Plymouth, England has reported. Groups of up to 40 youngsters aged as young as five are playing the game, called “Pits,” which involves flicking the marbles into an open water-meter cover in the street surface.

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** New’ Velazquez portrait unveiled **

LONDON, 29 Oct — A previously unknown portrait by Spanish artist Diego Rodriguez de Silva Velazquez has been unveiled in London. Portrait of a gentleman, bust-length, in a black tunic and white collar, was previously owned by 19th century British artist Matthew Shepperson. It was discovered after a number of artworks by Shepperson were consigned for sale last year. Further examination and an x-ray confirmed the work to be Velazquez. The painting first came to attention when the cur-...
Australia makes $58.88 million coin

Australia’s Perth Mint announced it has created a 1.1-ton gold bullion coin worth $58.88 million.

Ed Harbuz, chief executive of the mint, said artists and technical workers spent months designing the coin, which is 99.99 percent pure gold and measures about 31 1/2 inches wide and is more than 4 1/2 inches deep.

“To cast and handcraft a coin of this size and weight was an incredible challenge, one which few other mints would not even consider,” Harbuz said.

The coin was created as part of the Australian Kangaroo Gold Bullion Coin Programme, which has been making 2.2-pound coins using the same design for more than 20 years.

Grace Kelly biopic in the works

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—A biopic is being planned on the life of iconic actress Grace Kelly, who went on to become a member of the royal family of Monaco when she married Prince Rainer of Monaco in 1956.

Kelly was an Oscar-winning actress who acted in a number of Hitchcock films. She died in a car crash in 1982 when she lost control her car due to a stroke.

The script however, is set in 1962, and revolves around the 6-month period in 1962 when the 33-year old princess negotiated behind the scenes to ease out differences between Monaco and France, Fox reported.

The Hollywood Reporter as saying—Internet

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Stuntman killed on ‘The Expendables 2’ set

SOFIA, 29 Oct—A stuntman working on the Hollywood film “The Expendables 2” was killed and another man was seriously injured in an explosion in Bulgaria, police said.

Police said the men, reported by Bulgarian media to be foreigners working on the film’s second unit stunt team, were performing a stunt Thursday night involving an explosion in a rubber boat on the Ognyanovo dam near Elm Pelo, The Sofia Echo reported Friday.

The film’s main unit was shooting several hours away in Bansko. One man was killed at the site and the second man was taken to a hospital in Sofia with multiple injuries. He was said to be in stable condition, the English-language newspaper reported.—Internet

“A model presents a creation by Gu Tiegang during China Fashion Week in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 Oct, 2011. XINHUA

Sheen’s ‘Anger Management’ finds a home

LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct—FX says it has ordered 10 episodes of Charlie Sheen’s new comedy “Anger Management” from Lionsgate-owned Debra-Mercury.

The show, loosely based on the 2003 film by the same name produced by Joe Roth’s Revolution Studios, will be written and executive produced by comedy writer Bruce Helford.

“We think that Bruce Helford, Joe Roth and Charlie Sheen have come up with a wonderful, hilarious vehicle for Charlie’s acting talents and a character we are very much looking forward to seeing him play,” John Landgraf, president and general manager of FX said Thursday in a statement. “Two and a Half Men” has been an outstanding component of FX’s schedule for the past 14 months, and we have every confidence that ‘Anger Management’ will soon be as well.”

Roth — who has worked with Sheen on films such as “Major League,” “Young Guns” and “The Three Musketeers” — said he’s happy to be working with the actor again.

Brass rings taken from Chicago hydrants

Chicago fire department and water management officials said dozens of brass rings have recently been stolen from city fire hydrants.

Barrett Murphy, first deputy commissioner of the Water Management Department, told aldermen 70 to 100 of the rings were taken in August and September.

They said the thieves can sell the brass rings for about $20 each, the Chicago Tribune reported Friday.

Assistant Deputy Fire Commissioner John McNicholas said the rings are necessary components of the hydrants. The heavy brass rings, normally capped by a cast iron cover, click into the cast metal hydrants allowing hoses to be connected to the hydrants. McNicholas says each fire truck carries two spare rings that can be attached in about 90 seconds.

“Yes, we can still function,” McNicholas said. “Yes, we are delayed. But yes, it endangers lives and it could cause injuries.”

Alderman Robert Fioretti, of the city’s 2nd District, said officials should impose stiffer penalties on those caught taking the rings. “It’s not just simple damage,” he said. “It’s health, safety and welfare.”
Wenger promises more after 5-3 win over Chelsea

**Wigan, 29 Oct—** Arsene Wenger promised the Premier League would see a stronger, tighter, more confident Arsenal after they ran roughshod over London rivals Chelsea in the closing minutes of a pulsating 5-3 Away win on Saturday. The Arsenal manager said that coming back from behind twice in the match showed his young team’s new belief. A hat-trick for Robin van Persie demonstrated the Dutch forward’s exceptional finishing but also the service he had started to receive from his ebullient team mates.

Wenger, famed for his attacking approach and touchline antics, even waved his arms in an attempt to slow his players after they went ahead 4-3 on 85 minutes. But van Persie’s fifth, was a scorching shot that beat goalkeeper Petr Cech for pace and power.—Internet

Norwich rallies for 3-3 draw against Blackburn

**Norwich, 29 Oct—** Grant Holt scored a stoppage-time equalizer from the spot after a controversial penalty decision to give Norwich a 3-3 draw against Blackburn on Saturday. A point was enough to take Blackburn off the bottom of the Premier League table but Steve Kean’s struggling team had been heading for a valuable away win until the referee adjudged Steven Nzonzi to have handled the ball inside the box in the fourth minute of injury time. Junior Hoilett scored from 20 yards (meters) to put Blackburn ahead in the 45th and though Norwich equalized through Steve Morison’s powerful volley in the 53rd, goals from Yakubu and Chris Samba looked to have given Blackburn the win.—Internet

Wigan bottom of EPL after losing 2-0 to Fulham

**Wigan, 29 Oct—** Wigan sank to the bottom of the Premier League on Saturday after losing 2-0 to Fulham. United States forward Clint Dempsey finished off a break in the 41st minute while Moussa Dembele added a late goal in the 88th for Fulham’s first league victory away this season. Wigan, which has lost eight straight league games, has five points from 10 games, while Fulham has 10 from 10.—Internet

Sessegnon gives Sunderland 2-2 draw against Villa

**SUNDERLAND, 29 Oct—** Stephane Sessegnon scored with a minute left Saturday to give Sunderland a 2-2 Premier League draw against Aston Villa and overshadow the return of England striker Darren Bent to his former club. Benin international Sessegnon stooped to head in Sebastian Larsson’s free kick just four minutes after Villa defender Richard Dunne had seemed to have clinched victory with a header of his own. Sunderland’s first equalizer had come in the 38th when Connor Wickham cancelled out Stilyan Petrov’s stunning 20th-minute opener.

Stosur routs Li to reach WTA Championships semis

**SUNDERLAND, 29 Oct—** Five-time French Open winner, Dominika Cibulkova, dominated the English Premier League match between Norwich City and Blackburn Rovers at Carrow Road on 29 October, 2011 in Norwich, England.—Internet

**Norwich City and Blackburn Rovers at Carrow Road on 29 October, 2011 in Norwich, England.**

**Blackburn Rovers manager Steve Kean celebrates a goal during the Barclays Premier League match between Norwich City and Blackburn Rovers at Carrow Road on 29 October, 2011 in Norwich, England.**

**Sunderland's Stephanie Sessegnon, left, vies for the ball with Aston Villa's Chris Herd during their English Premier League soccer match at the Stadium of Light, Sunderland, England, on 29Oct, 2011.**

**Swansea 3 - 1 Bolton**

**Swansea, 29 Oct—** Swansea City continued their impressive Premier League start as they extended their unbeaten home record to slide Bolton further into relegation trouble. Joe Allen enhanced his reputation by firing Swansea in front moments after Bolton went down to 10 men when Ricardo Gardner had a second yellow card.

Scott Sinclair’s third successive home penalty doubled Swansea’s lead as Angel Rangel was fouled by Darren Pratley. Danny Graham scored an own goal before his late strike sealed Swansea victory. The Welsh side, however, should have won more comfortably as both Graham and Sinclair had missed a good chance in the 70th when he shot straight at impressive Wayne Hennessey, and the Wanderers had been heading for a money title. Scott Sinclair’s third successive home penalty doubled Swansea's lead as Angel Rangel was fouled by Darren Pratley. Danny Graham scored an own goal before his late strike sealed Swansea victory. The Welsh side, however, should have won more comfortably as both Graham and Sinclair had missed a good chance in the 70th when he shot straight at impressive Wayne Hennessey, and the Wanderers had been heading for a money title. Scott Sinclair’s third successive home penalty doubled Swansea’s lead as Angel Rangel was fouled by Darren Pratley. Danny Graham scored an own goal before his late strike sealed Swansea victory. The Welsh side, however, should have won more comfortably as both Graham and Sinclair had missed a good chance in the 70th when he shot straight at impressive Wayne Hennessey, and the Wanderers had been heading for a money title. Scott Sinclair’s third successive home penalty doubled Swansea’s lead as Angel Rangel was fouled by Darren Pratley. Danny Graham scored an own goal before his late strike sealed Swansea victory. The Welsh side, however, should have won more comfortably as both Graham and Sinclair had missed a good chance in the 70th when he shot straight at impressive Wayne Hennessey, and the Wanderers had been heading for a money title. Scott Sinclair’s third successive home penalty doubled Swansea’s lead as Angel Rangel was fouled by Darren Pratley. Danny Graham scored an own goal before his late strike sealed Swansea victory. The Welsh side, however, should have won more comfortably as both Graham and Sinclair had missed a good chance in the 70th when he shot straight at impressive Wayne Hennessey, and the Wanderers had been heading for a money title.

Luke Donald pulls out of HSBC Champions

**SHANGHAI, 29 Oct—** Top-ranked Luke Donald has withdrawn from the HSBC Champions tournament this week in Shanghai to be with his wife for the birth of their second child. “Making history in the sport is very important to me, but the roles of husband and father are the most important in the world to me and being there for my wife and family is where I have to be,” said Donald, who on the PGA Tour’s season-ending event last week to take the tour’s money title.

“My goal has been to try and top the money list on the PGA Tour and I still hope to accomplish that. WGC-HSBC Champions is a world-class event, and as a player you look forward to competing against the best. I think it is great for the game to have such an important event in Asia, and I look forward to being able to participate next year.”

**Luke Donald.**

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**Swansea’s goal-scorers Danny Graham, Scott Sinclair and Joe Allen celebrate. Internet**

**Manchester City 3-1 Wolverhampton Wanderers**

**MANCHESTER, 29 Oct—** Manchester City overcame Wolves at the Eithad Stadium despite having Vincent Kompany sent off to restore their five-point advantage at the top of the Barclays Premier League.

City went ahead early in the second half when Edin Dzeko converted the loose ball after Sergio Aguero had pounced on some hesitant play by the previously impressive Wayne Hennessey, and the Wanderers goalkeeper then palmed David Silva’s shot into the path of Aleksandar Kolarov, who made it 2-0 in the 67th minute.

Stephen Hunt pulled back a goal from the penalty spot with 15 minutes remaining following Kompanya’s dismissal for bringing down Kevin Doyle, but substitute Adam Johnson wrapped up the victory for the hosts in stoppage time. It means it is a case of as you were at the Premier League summit after second-placed Manchester United had cut the gap earlier in the day with their 1-0 win at Everton. Struggling Wolves, meanwhile, are now winless in eight league fixtures.—Internet

**Premier League result**

West Brom 0 - 2 Liverpool

**Norwich City and Blackburn Rovers at Carrow Road on 29 October, 2011 in Norwich, England.**

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**Swansea’s goal-scorers Danny Graham, Scott Sinclair and Joe Allen celebrate. Internet**
Hernandez strikes as Man Utd bounce back

LIVERPOOL, 29 Oct—Manchester United recovered from their derby-day humiliation to return to winning ways thanks to Javier Hernandez’s first-half goal at Everton on Saturday.

Alex Ferguson’s side were far from their best, but it was about earning the result rather than the performance and that was achieved thanks to Hernandez’s fourth goal of the season.

The win maintained the pressure on Premier League leaders Manchester City, who thrashed their rivals 6-1 last time out.

But normal service was resumed at Goodison Park, with the visitors surviving few scares to earn a first win at the Toffees since 2007.

Ferguson vowed there would be a response and made five changes from the side that suffered their Manchester derby drubbing.

Nemanja Vidic was recalled to the Manchester United defence as Rio Ferdinand was among those to pay the price for the heaviest home defeat since 1955.

Ferguson was keen to address a defence that had conceded more chances, and goals, than normal as he sought some protection for goalkeeper David De Gea.

Yet the reshuffle still failed to stop the Spaniard being called into action with just 16 seconds on the clock. Seamus Coleman’s jinking run took him inside two defenders, only for the Irish winger to shoot straight at a relieved De Gea.

It set the tone for an open start to the game, with Ferguson’s decision to include a three-pronged forward line underlining his intent to attack. — Internet
Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits Shenzhen Hi-Tech Industrial Park, ZTE Corporation Head Office

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, the Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, on 24 October morning, visited Shenzhen Hi-Tech Industrial Park in Shenzhen of Guangdong Province where In-charge of the industrial park Director Mr Guo Lin of Science, Trade, Technology & IT Department and officials welcomed the delegation.

Mr Guo Lin explained establishment of Shenzhen Hi-Tech Industrial Park to the delegation at Industrial Park Administrator’s Office in Shenzhen. Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo said that delegation comprised of economic, financial and industrial officials paid a visit to the industrial park to acquire experiences of establishing Shenzhen Hi-Tech Industrial Park and to learn experiences, policies and legal procedures of the industrial park.

The in-charge of the industrial park detailed the establishment of Shenzhen Special Economic Zone.

The Vice-President, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein and officials raised queries and the in-charged answered.

On arrival at ZTE Corporation Head Office in Shenzhen, the delegation was welcomed by Chairman of ZTE Corporation Mr Hou Weigui and officials.

The Vice-President and party observed production line of various ZTE telephones in the factory. The Vice-President and ZTE Corporation Chairman Mr Hou Weigui discussed cooperation in promotion of communication sector.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham observes rehearsal for conveyance of Buddha Tooth Relic

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr. Sai Mauk Kham viewed the rehearsal of fourth conveyance of Buddha Tooth Relic from the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar at Nay Pyi Taw Airport and Uppatasanti Pagoda this morning.

On arrival at the airport, Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads welcomed the Vice-President who inspected reciting prayers by ministerial staff, students, organizations and religious group, conveying the Buddha Tooth Relic from the palanquin onto the decorated float by archangels and conveying from Nay Pyi Taw Airport to Uppatasanti Pagoda.

The Vice-President, accompanied by the Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, inspected rehearsal including the circumambulation of the Buddha Tooth Relic starting from South Archway clockwise the Uppatasanti Pagoda on wagon with White Elephant Buddiwady and conveyance to East Archway and conveyance to the front of Maha Manimaya Yadana Jade Buddha Image at East Ward with palanquin by eight archangels at Uppatasanti Pagoda. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham gave necessary instructions and left Uppatasanti Pagoda in the afternoon.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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Namhsan (0.83) inch
Pauk (0.47) inch