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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend consecration of Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic, pay homage before its conveyance from Nay Pyi Taw to Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended the ceremony to consecrate the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic and convey it from Nay Pyi Taw to Yangon at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda at 6.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas Presiding Abbot of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Paññasiri and members of the Sangha, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla,

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President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer alms to Presiding Abbot of Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and Chairman of Buddhist Association of China Chairman of Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyance team.—MNA

9th ASEAN-India Summit, 6th East Asia Summit Plenary Session, and 6th East Asia Summit Retreat Session held in Bali

President U Thein Sein attends Retreat Session of 6th East Asia Summit.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the 9th ASEAN-India Summit, the 6th East Asia Summit Plenary Session, and the 6th East Asia Summit Retreat Session at Nusantara-3 Hall of Bali International Convention Centre (BICC) in Bali of Indonesia in the morning and evening on 19 November.

President U Thein Sein together with the heads of State/Government of ASEAN member countries, Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh and the ASEAN

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive to set new SEA Games records

The 26th SEA Games started on 11 November at Jakarta and Palembang of Indonesia concluded on 22 November.

Myanmar bagged 16 gold, 27 silver and 35 bronze totaling 78 in this games. The most of gold medals Myanmar got in this SEA Games were from rowing and archery events. Silver and bronze medalists were Judo and Wushu athletes. It is found that Myanmar athletes were weak in other sports events.

Compared with other countries in medal standings, Indonesia, the host country, collected most of gold medals, followed by Thailand in the second place and Vietnam in the third place. It was the fourth time for Indonesia as a host country after the Peninsula Games was renamed as SEA Games. This experience offered Indonesia to enjoy an advantage.

Likewise, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Philippines hosted the games at least two times each. Thanks to such kind of experience, these countries were able to stand above the middle line of the medal tally. It can be said that their success in sports has been brought about by their wealth.

The first SEA Games was held in Bangkok of Thailand in 1959. It was called SEA Peninsula Games at that time. In 1977, the Peninsula Games was renamed as SEA Games. Myanmar hosted Peninsula Games in 1961 and 1969. Myanmar sports peaked at that time.

Now, Myanmar has planned to host the SEA Games after renaming in 1977 for the first time in 2013. This 26th SEA Games was the first step to success for Myanmar. So I would like to urge Myanmar athletes to undergo rigorous trainings so as to be able to set new SEA Games records after making thorough reviews on strength and weakness in respective sports events.

1971 Medicine University alumni to hold get-together, pay respects

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—The get-together of old students coming up to University of Medicine (Mandalay) in 1971 along with the fourth respect-paying ceremony will be held at Yadanabon Hall of Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) on 8 January 2012. Anyone may contact Dr Maung Win (Ph: 09-2000211, 02-39007), Dr Ko Ko Gyi (09-2002882), Dr Aung Kyaw Oo (09-2000490), Dr Ye Lwin (09-2004060) and Dr Khin Maung Kyaw (09-5018752).

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Tobacco Kills

Union Information & Culture Minister attends Retreat Session of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at Retreat Session of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA) in Bali. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Member of the Myanmar delegation Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan who accompanied President U Thein Sein to attend the 19th ASEAN Summit and related summits in Bali of Indonesia attended the Retreat Session of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA) at Palma Hall of Courtyard Marriot Hotel in Bali from 10 am to 12 noon on 17 November.

Indonesian Minister of Education and Culture Mr Muhammad Nuh presided over the retreat session and it was also attended by Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts of ASEAN countries.

Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts of ASEAN countries exchanged views on Declaration on ASEAN Unity in Cultural Diversity: Towards Strengthen ASEAN Community.

In his address, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that the 4th ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts held in the Philippines in 2010 adopted future tasks for three work groups on culture and arts. Moreover, he said that priority was given to implementation of some projects of three work groups with the contribution of the Roadmap for ASEAN Social and Culture Community. Likewise, he added that the summit signed the agreement on cooperation in culture between ASEAN and Russia. He recounted that Indonesia had improved the proposal of the Philippines on ASEAN cultural characters as the Declaration on ASEAN Unity in Cultural Diversity, and it was signed at the 19th ASEAN Summit. He pointed out that it is necessary to effectively utilize the diversity of culture and arts of ASEAN countries so as to establish the further strengthening ASEAN Community. Moreover, he said that the plans to realize in-depth knowledge about ASEAN are to be adopted with implementation of the ASEAN+3 plans on a wider scale. As the ASEAN Community will be established in 2015, it is necessary to raise the awareness on ASEAN and Community and to seek the better solutions to tasks to be carried out and submitted at the 5th ASEAN Culture and Arts Ministers' Meeting to be held in Singapore in 2012, he said.

The session decided to coordinate the availability of budget for future tasks and Action Plan tasks at the ASEAN COCI Meeting and Senior Officers for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Council-SOCA Meeting 2012 to be held in Thailand in December 2011.

After the session, the ASEAN Ministers of Culture and Arts posed for documentary photo and attended the luncheon hosted by the Indonesian Culture Minister.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts of ASEAN countries pose for documentary photo.—MNA

Russian Navy to receive 10 diesel submarines by 2020

MOSCOW, 22 Nov— The Russian Navy is planning to receive up to 10 diesel-electric submarines by 2020, a navy spokesperson said. "The Russian Navy expects to receive 8-10 diesel submarines by 2020," the official said Monday.

The new submarines will strengthen primarily Russia's Baltic and Back Sea fleets, he added.

Russia's Admiralteiskie Verfi shipyard Monday launched the construction of a Project 636.3 modernized Kilo-class submarine. The Project 636 vessels, crewed by 52 submariners, have an underwater speed of 20 knots, a cruising range of 400 miles with the ability to patrol for 45 days. They are armed with 18 torpedoes and eight surface-to-air missiles.

The spokesperson said the improved Kilo class submarines will feature advanced "stealth" technology, extended combat range and ability to strike land, surface and underwater targets.

The Russian Navy currently has about 20 diesel-electric submarines deployed to protect Russia's territorial waters.—*Internet*

President Barack Obama makes a statement at the White House after the congressional debt supercommittee failed to reach an agreement on debt reduction on 21 Nov, 2011, in Washington. INTERNET

Two separatist rebels killed in S Philippine clash

MANILA, 22 Nov— Two members of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) were killed on Monday in a clash between two groups of MILF rebels in Lambayong Town, Sultan Kudarat Province.

Col Leo Ferrer, commander of the Army's 601st Brigade, said Tuesday that a long-standing land dispute triggered the fighting between members of the MILF's 106th and 108th Base Command.

The gunfight lasted for four hours. Sampulna Baumol, commander of the 108th Base Command and one of his men were killed during the clash.

"Sampulna and one of his men were reportedly killed and were immediately buried," Ferrer said.

Ferrer said the military did not intervene in the fighting between the two feuding MILF groups because the problem was internal to the MILF, which is negotiating with the government for a peace accord for the past 14 years.

He said the military asked the government's Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities to inform their MILF counterpart "to pacify the warring parties."—*Xinhua*

China calls for permanent peace in Asia-Pacific region

BEIJING, 22 Nov — Chinese State Councillor Dai Bingguo on Monday called for joint efforts to maintain permanent peace in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The 21st century is one featuring peace, development and cooperation for the Asia-Pacific Region as well as for the whole world, Dai said as he met with a group of participants of the third Core Group Meeting of the Munich Security Conference (MSC) held in Beijing.

The MSC, formerly known as the Munich Conference on Security Policy, was founded in 1962 by German publisher Ewald-Heinrich von Kleist-Schmenzin. The meeting, as an offshoot of the MSC, is intended to place the conference's work on a permanent footing and give a small, exclusive group of participants an opportunity to discuss key issues of international security policy.

The first MSC Core Group Meeting took place in Washington DC in the autumn of 2009, and the second was held in Moscow in the autumn of 2010. To maintain enduring peace in the Asia-Pacific Region, all parties involved should respect each other, treat each other equally, co-exist in a harmonious way and seek common prosperity, said the state councillor.

The Asia-Pacific Region is different from other regions, Dai said, adding that the realities in the region should be fully considered before actions are taken. He urged parties involved to listen to the opinions of the Asia-Pacific nations and pay attention to the nations' "comfort level." As an Asian country, China cherishes the hard-won situation in Asia and will make joint efforts with other Asian nations to unremittingly safeguard and promote peace, stability and prosperity in Asia, he added.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Photo provided by a netizen shows the J-20 stealth fighter is conducting a test flight in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 21 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET

One policeman killed, nine injured in blast in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 Nov — At least one policeman was killed and nine others were injured when a bomb hit a city in northwest Pakistan on Tuesday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel Duniya.

The blast took place at around 7:00 am local time when a bomb disposal squad was disposing two bombs planted outside a girls school nearby a police station in the Parhoti area of Mardan City, said the report.

An injured man receives medical treatment at a hospital in northwest Pakistan's Mardan, on 22 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

The squad succeeded in disposing one bomb, but when they came to the second one, it went off, said the report, adding that one policeman was killed right on the spot while nine others including three policemen were injured in the explosion.

All the injured have been rushed to the District Headquarter Hospital in the city. Conditions about the injured people are not known at this moment.

Mardan is a city located some 110 kilometres northwest of the country's capital Islamabad. Last year a terrorist attack on an army camp in the city was reported, in which many were killed or injured.—*Xinhua*

One killed, one injured in suspected PKK attack in southeast Turkey

ANKARA, 22 Nov— One person was killed and another injured in an attack against a civilian car staged by suspected members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey, local newspaper *Today's Zaman* reported on Tuesday. The attack took place late Monday in the Nusaybin District of Mardin Province, and a sergeant major was killed while a civilian public personnel was injured, Mardin Governor Turhan Ayvaz was quoted as saying.

Ayvaz said the injured was taken to Nusaybin State Hospital for medical treatment, adding that the Turkish security forces had launched a military operation to capture the assailants. The PKK has recently intensified its attacks on Turkish troops, police and civilians.—*Xinhua*

Health Tip: Help your newborn sleep at night

For exhausted parents who are desperate to get at least a few consecutive hours of sleep, there are things you can do to coax your newborn to sleep at night. The Nemours Foundation offers these suggestions:

* *When baby wakes at night, avoid sources of stimulation, such as noise or bright lights.*
* *Make sure baby gets plenty of sleep during the day, as overtired babies may have more trouble sleeping.*
* *Impose a consistent and relaxing bedtime routine.*
* *Don't be afraid to cuddle and comfort your baby when necessary.*

Internet

A woman walks past the Hewlett Packard logo at its French headquarters in Issy le Moulineaux, western Paris, in this on 16 Sept, 2005 file photograph. REUTERS

Business

HP quarterly profit plunges 90 percent

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Nov—Hewlett-Packard Co (HP) on Monday reported that its profit in the most recent quarter fell more than 90 percent with sales also declining.

In the company's fourth quarter of fiscal 2011 ended 31 Oct, the company posted net earnings of 239 million US dollars, compared with 2.54 billion dollars in the same period a year earlier. HP's net revenue for the quarter reached 32.1 billion dollars, down 3 percent year-on-year.

Excluding one-time items, HP earned 1.17 dollars per share, which topped estimates of analysts. According to Thomson Reuters, analysts had expected earnings of 1.13 dollars per share on revenue of 32.05 billion dollars.

It was the first earnings report since Meg Whitman took over as chief executive officer (CEO) of the information technology giant on 22 Sept, replacing Leo Apotheker.

"HP has a great opportunity to build on our strong hardware, software, and services franchises with leading market positions, customer relationships, and intellectual property," Whitman said in a statement after the earnings announcement.

"We need to get back to the business fundamentals in fiscal 2012, including making prudent investments in the business and driving more consistent execution," she added.

Xinhua

Woman mauled by chimp complimented on new face

Health

HARTFORD, 22 Nov— A woman who was mauled by an out-of-control chimpanzee says she's venturing out more after a face transplant and says her new face is getting compliments. Charla Nash said "Today" show Monday she's returning to more of her normal life and her donor face has begun moulding to her underlying bone structure.

She says people have told her she's beautiful, which didn't happen before. Nash was blinded in the 2009 attack. The chimp ripped off Nash's hands, nose, lips and eyelids before it was shot and killed by police. Nash had a face and double hand transplant in May, but the hands failed to thrive because of complications and were removed. Doctors have told her she might be able to have a transplant in a year.—*Internet*

Chimpanzee attack victim Charla Nash after the attack, left, and post-face transplant surgery, right.—INTERNET

Business

Indian stocks open higher

MUMBAI, 22 Nov—The Indian main stock index Sensex opened at 15,995.69 points Tuesday, 49.59 points or 0.31 percent higher from the previous close of 15,946.10 on bottom hunting.

Metal, IT, health care and power sectors grew 0.49 percent, 0. 42 percent, 0.33 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively.

Tata Motors, heavy machine maker BHEL, Jindal Steel and aluminum refiner Hindalco picked up 3.13 percent, 2.61 percent, 1. 58 percent and 1.81 percent.

Still, consumer durables, realty, automobile and technological sectors declined 2.1 percent, 0.11 percent, 0.06 percent and 0.05 percent, respectively. Bajaj Auto, telecom operator Bharti Airtel, Hero Motors and software outsourcing player WIPRO dipped 2.06 percent, 1.69 percent, 0.84 percent and 0.46 percent.—*Xinhua*

Customers are seen checking out Mitsubishi Motors (MMC) vehicles in front of company's headquarters in Tokyo.—INTERNET

Mitsubishi, Suzuki in talks on electric-car pact

Business

TOKYO, 22 Nov—Japan's Mitsubishi Motors (MMC) said Tuesday it is in talks to supply rival Suzuki Motor with electric vehicles.

"MMC and Suzuki are currently working on details. However, plans are for initial supply to Suzuki to begin in February 2012," the company said in a statement. The two companies intend to build their cooperation to full-scale supply by March 2013, it said. If the companies reach an agreement, Mitsubishi, the maker of the world's first commercially produced electric car, the i-MiEV, would provide Suzuki with minicar-class light commercial electric vehicles, it said.

"The talks towards an agreement are intended to increase economies of scale for MMC which will in turn contribute to lower production costs and increased productivity," it said. Suzuki had planned to seek support from Volkswagen in hybrid technologies and other eco-friendly areas, while the German firm hoped to jointly develop small cars for emerging markets by taking advantage of Suzuki's know-how. But they made little progress and halted their joint projects, with Suzuki ending the alliance and demanding the German auto giant sell back its stake in the Japanese carmaker by November 2012.

Internet

Samsung says in last-stage talks to launch Google TV

Business

SEOUL, 22 Nov—Samsung Electronics, the world's top TV maker, is in last-stage talks with Google to roll out its Google TVs, the head of Samsung's TV division told reporters on Tuesday.

Google TV — which currently comes built-in on certain Sony Corp television models and on Logitech International set-top boxes — allows consumers to access online videos and websites on their TVs, as well as specialized apps such as video games.

Samsung in January displayed a new Google TV-enabled Blu-ray player and companion box at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES), but did not commercialize the offerings.

Yoon Boo-keun, president of Samsung's TV division, said the company planned to unveil its Google TV at an event next year without elaborating on the schedule, saying only the firm was working with Google on the rollout.

Samsung's Google TV service would differ from those of competitors, he said on the sidelines of a local forum.

Students walk out of a showroom at the headquarters of Samsung Electronics in Seoul on 28 October, 2011.—REUTERS

Google in October unveiled a revamped version of Google TV service, hoping to making inroads into the living room despite consumers' lukewarm reaction to its initial offering. Yoon also said Samsung plans to unveil TVs featuring next-generation OLED displays at the upcoming CES to be held in January in Las Vegas.—*Reuters*

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon pay homage to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic before conveying it to Yangon

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon pay homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—A ceremony to convey Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic from Nay Pyi Taw to Yangon was held at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon paid homage to the Tooth Relic.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha, Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, departmental personnel, members of social and religious organizations and students.

The decorated float conveying the Tooth Relic left the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda and arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 10.10 am.

The Mingala Drum troupe blew the silver conch shell and beat the gong three times.

The disciples carried the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic from the decorated float onto the high loader.

Drum troupes of the Ministry of Culture played music, signer troupes presented songs, and religious associations dispersed Metta.

The celestial beings conveyed the Tooth Relic from the high loader onto the special aircraft.

At 11 am when the special aircraft carrying Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic left Nay Pyi Taw Airport for Yangon International Airport, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon together with Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads paid obeisance to the Tooth Relic.

The congregation recited Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu three times.

For the public obeisance, the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyed from the People's Republic of China to Myanmar will be kept at Gandakuti Chamber of Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon from 22 November to 7 December and Maha Atulawaiyan (Atumashi) Monastery in Mandalay from 8 to 23 December. The pilgrims may pay homage to the Tooth Relic from 6 am to 9 pm daily.

The transport service for conveying the Tooth Relic from Nay Pyi Taw to Yangon today was sponsored by Myanma Airways and Air Bagan.—*MNA*

General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla see off Lt-Gen Soe Win and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla saw off a Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning before their departure for Bangladesh at the invitation of the Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh Gen Md Abdul Mubeen of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Also present at the airport to see off the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Commander-in-Chief's Office, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief's Office and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command. The Myanmar delegation comprised Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Tun Nay Lin and senior military officers.

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General Min Aung Hlaing sees off Lt-Gen Soe Win before departure for Bangladesh at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. —MNA

Workshop on Development of Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for pandemic Influenza Preparedness held

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Growing population and development in transportation and communication channels have been contributing to rapid transmission of epidemics, worsened by global warming and climate change.

Workshop on Development of Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness by Multi-Sectoral Approach was held at Health Department in the Ministry of Health here this morning, with an opening address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint.

During the workshop, the deputy minister said that Myanmar managed to minimize transmission of human flu in 2009-2010 without causalities thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Health, related ministers and the people. He stressed the need to place emphasis on the role of skeletal workforce in drawing business continuity plan.—*MNA*

Congregation led by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win receives Nine Precepts from Presiding Abbot of Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.—MNA

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend…

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Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of Commander-in-Chief's Office, Union ministers and their wives, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, officials of the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic Care Committee of the People's Republic of China, religious associations and local people.

Before consecration of the Tooth Relic in front of Maha Manimaya Gotama Buddha Patima Yadana jade Buddha Image in the eastward of the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda, President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offered alms, flowers and joss sticks to the Tooth Relic.

The consecration of the Tooth Relic was opended with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. Singer Ma Tha Pyay of the Ministry of Culture sang the Htu-ma Charna song to the accompaniment of the harp troupe of the ministry. The conch shell was blew and the gong was beaten three times each.

Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas Presiding Abbot of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Paññasiri and members of the Sangha consecrated the tooth relic in accord with the method from the Udana verse in Pali.

Members of the Sangha from China also consecrated the tooth relic.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiri administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win donated offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiri and President of Buddhist Association of China Chairman of Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic transport committee Master Ven. Chuan Yin.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin donated alms to member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas Presiding Abbot of Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara and the Chinese venerable abbot.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon offered alms to Presiding Abbot of Paukmyaing Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Janinda and the Chinese venerable abbot.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla donated alms Township Ovadaçadiya Presiding Abbot of Phayagyi Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sayadaw Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Ariya and the Chinese venerable abbot.

Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye donated alms to Township Ovadaçariya Presiding Abbot of Maha Thihanada Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Aççinna and the Chinese venerable abbot.

Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and Union ministers also donated provisions to members of the Sangha.

President U Thein Sein presented mosaic paintings of Uppatasanti Pagoda as Dhamma gifts to President of Buddhist Association of China Chairman of Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic transport committee Master Ven. Chuan Yin and Director-General Mr Cong Guo Qing of the State Religious Affairs Bureau of China.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin donate alms to member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas Presiding Abbot of Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon offer alms to Presiding Abbot of Paukmyaing Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe.

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President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend…

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The consecration ceremony concluded with three-time recitations of Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu.

Altogether 16 celestial beings conveyed the Sacred Tooth Relic by palanquin from the cave of the pagoda to the decorated float in the eastward of the pagoda.

Mingala drum troupes beat drums and religious association recited Metta Sutta in chorus.

The Tooth Relic was conveyed by white elephant Nandawady, followed by the Tooth Relic conveyance convoy round Uppatasanti Pagoda in clockwise.

When the convoy left the east archway of the pagoda, the congregation recited Metta Sutta and dispersed Metta.

The Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic convoy left Uppatasanti Pagoda for Nay Pyi Taw Airport on schedule.

Along the route of Razahtani Road and Razathingaha Road through Kumudra Roundabout, Thabyegon Roundabout and Hotel Zone where the Tooth Relic was conveyed, members of the Sangha and people respectfully paid obeisance to the tooth relic.

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***Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offer alms to Presiding Abbot of Phayagyi Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe.*—MNA**

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secretary-general attended the 9th ASEAN-India Summit at 10.20 am where the State leaders coordinated future prospects after reviewing ASEAN-India relations.

President U Thein Sein, the heads of State/Government of ASEAN member countries, Premier of State Council of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yoshihiko Noda, ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak, Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, US President Mr. Barack Obama, Australian Prime Minister Ms Julia Gillard, special representatives of New Zealand and Russian Federation, ministers and the ASEAN secretary-general attended the 6th East Asia Summit Plenary Session at 12.15 pm.

The State leaders reviewed cooperative measures of the summit and future focal points, exchanging views on regional and international affairs.

At the summit, the Declaration of the EAS on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations and the Declaration of the 6th East Asia Summit on ASEAN Connectivity were adopted.

The 6th East Asia Summit Retreat Session was held in the evening where the leaders held a discussion on common concern at regional and international level.—*MNA*

***President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attends 9th ASEAN-India Summit.*—MNA**

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh pose for documentary photo at 9th ASEAN-India Summit.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attends 6th East Asia Summit plenary session. **(News on page 1)**

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President U Thein Sein, ASEAN leaders, Chinese Premier, Japanese Prime Minister, ROK President, Indian Prime Minister, US President, Australian Prime Minister and special representatives of New Zealand and Russia pose for documentary photo. **(News on page 1)**—MNA

President U Thein Sein arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — After attending the 19th ASEAN Summit and related meetings held in Bali of Indonesia at the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein arrived at Ngurah Rai Airport from Nikko Bali Hotel and Resort in Bali of Indonesia before departure for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 20 November morning.

President U Thein Sein was seen off at the airport by Indonesian Minister of Forestry Mr Zulkifli, Head of Protocol Affairs at Indonesian President Office Mr Mohamed Rusdi, the Vice-Mayor of Bali and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Republic of Indonesia U Nyan Lynn, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Than Win and staff members of the embassy and military attaché office.

Together with Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials, President U Thein Sein left there by special aircraft of Myanmar International Airways at 10 am and arrived back here in the afternoon.

MNA

President U Thein Sein being seen off by Minister of Forestry of Indonesia Mr Zulkifli and personnel at Ngurah Rai Airport in Bali.—MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin attends ASEAN-Summit and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, at 9:00 am on 15 November.

He accompanied as a member of the Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein to attend the 19th ASEAN summit and its relevant meetings held in Bali, Indonesia.

The meeting concentrated on matters related to Timor-Leste's joining to ASEAN, establishment of dialogue partnership between UN and ASEAN, Myanmar's bid to ASEAN Chair in 2014, Brazil's participation in ASEAN's Treaty on Amity and Cooperation, implementation of Delcaration on South China Sea Regulations, cooperation in rescue and rehabilitation works in flood-hit regions, as well as issuance of ASEAN common visa for non-ASEAN nationals.

At the meeting, the Union Minister shared talks on developments in Myanmar. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers unanimously endorsed Myanmar taking over ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 and confirmed to urge ASEAN leaders to decide in favour of Myanmar.

Afterwards, the Union Minister attended the Southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Commission Meeting.

On 16 November morning, he attended the 6th Meeting of the ASEAN Political-Security Community Council, and mainly discussed matters related to improvement of ASEAN Political-Security sector for implementation of the blueprint of ASEAN Political-Security Community.

The Union Minister attended the 9th Meeting of the ASEAN Coordination Council. The meeting considered the report of ASEAN Secretariat's Annual Operational Budget for FY 2012, report on Timor-Leste's bid to join ASEAN, and alternate assignment of ASEAN deputy secretary generals. The meeting assigned permanent representative to ASEAN Myanmar Ambassador U Nyan Lynn as deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Political-Security beginning February, 2012, for three-year term.

Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin poses for documentary photo with ASEAN Foreign Ministers at Sixth Meeting of the ASEAN Political Security Community Council (6th APSC Council).—MNA

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin together with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers enjoyed the dinner hosted by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Marty Natalegawa and wife at Amanusa Hotel in Bali in the evening.

On 17 November evening, the Union Minister participated in the signing ceremonies of MoU on establishment of ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance, agreement on declaration of Brazil's participation in ASEAN's Treaty on Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asian countries. The Union Minister on 18 November morning attended to sign MoU and agreements on cooperation in forestry sectors between ASEAN and ROK.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin held a discussion on bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam with Vietnamese Foreign Affairs Minister Pham Binh Minh at 4 pm on 15 November.

On 18 November, the Union Minister met UN Deputy Secretary-General and Special Envoy of United Nations Secretary-General to Myanmar Mr. Vijay Nambiar.

The meeting focused on promotion of bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and UN, as well as matters related to UN's assistance to Myanmar. The Union Minister on 17 November evening met US Assistant Secretary of State Mr. Kurt Campbell. The meeting concentrated on further cementing relationships between Myanmar and US, easing of sanctions imposed against Myanmar, and giving regular financial assistance of international financial institutions to Myanmar.—*MNA*

Union NPED and L&F Minister attends ASEAN Summit, related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, a member of Myanmar delegation who accompanied President U Thein Sein to the 19th ASEAN Summit and related meetings held in Bali of the Republic of Indonesia, attended the preparatory meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers on the 6th ASEAN Economic Community Council and ASEAN Economic Community Council Meeting at Nusa Dua Hall of Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre (BNDCC) in Bali on 16 November.

ERIA's Study to AEC scorecard Phase II, preliminary coordination on the 6th AEC Council Meeting, ASEAN-Japan 10-year Strategic Economic Cooperation Roadmap (Draft), the visit of ASEAN Economic Ministers to Japan to further enhance trade and investment and Hong Kong's bid to take part in ASEAN-China Free Trade Area were the focus of the preparatory meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers.

The 6th ASEAN Economic Community Meeting covered AEC scorecard and progresses and challenges shown in it progress, relaxation of service trade and works to be implemented in service industry by 2015, smooth trade, timely completion of ASEAN Single Window and National Single Windows, developments in the area of customs, financial and monetary integration and cooperation, security matters related to agriculture and energy sectors, coordination on ASEAN Connectivity and implementation of tasks, ASEAN Framework on Regional Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development and the report to be presented to the 19th ASEAN Summit.

Besides, the Union minister together with other ASEAN Economic Ministers singed Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Specific Commitments under the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China and Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea.

The Union minister exchanged views on bilateral cooperation in economic, trade and investment with Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Commerce Minister Mr. Kittiratt Na-Ranong at Westin Hotel in Bali on 16 November and Japanese Economic, Trade and Industry Minister Mr. Yukio Edano at Ulutuwa 4 of Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre (BNDCC) in Bali on 18 November.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for fifth day

One bill approved, report of Joint Bill Committee sought for resolution, names enlisted for discussion

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov— The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continued for the fifth day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 586 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

During the meeting, one bill was approved and report of the joint bill committee was sought for resolution and names were enlisted for discussion.

Five representatives discussed the different views of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw on the facts of the peaceful gathering and procession bill paragraph by paragraph.

Regarding the paragraph 2 (h) of the original bill, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency said that the Section 354 (b) of the constitution states that **"Every citizen shall be at liberty in the exercise of the following rights, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality (b) to assemble peacefully without arms and holding procession."** The provision expresses "without arms". The State Flag Rules 3 (j) stated that **if a group of the State Flag barriers participates in the State ceremony procession, the group shall stay in the front of the procession; if there is no group of flag barriers, but if there are State flags, the State Flags shall be flew in the front of the procession; if there is no group of flag barriers, but if there is a State Flag, the flag shall be flew at the centre of the front of the procession and if there are other flags besides the State Flags, the number of flags shall be odd and shall be flew at the centre of the procession.**

International countries take an interest in the bill. Leaving the State Flag in the paragraph of the bill approved by Amyotha Hluttaw do not comply with the above mentioned rules and it is also not appropriate to leave the State Flag though flags or legal organizations are allowed to fly in procession, leading to the lack of sense of politic and unnecessary consequences. In the State Flag Section 17, said **this law can be amended, added or revoked by the Union Hluttaw which is organized in accordance with the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. This law is effective until the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw revokes it.**

Hluttaw representatives should have an outlook not only on legislation but also on politic. Considering the State Flag in the paragraph would promote the integrity of the State and works for human rights as well. Therefore, the lack of the State Flag in the rules shows lack of political farsightedness and it is obligatory to include the State Flag in the rules.

Afterwards, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State constituency No.1 said fundamental rights and duties of the citizens are expressed in the Chapter 8 of the State Constitution. This original bill would be enacted to provide protection for a peaceful procession and for those who don't want to participate in a procession in accordance with law. Besides, the bill is being expected too much by the people. As the State Flag represents the people, every citizen has a right to hold the State Flag in accordance with the rules and regulations and that right is also included in the original provisions of ministries. Section 13 (b) (2) of the State Flag stated that using **the State Flag at the not permitted place, area and issues**. Therefore, not to break the Section 13 (b) (2), the State Flag should be included in the paragraph 2 (h) of the bill. **The objective of promulgation of the State Flag Law is to use and safeguard the State Flag in compliance with law in accordance with the integrity of the State Flag.** In the Section 4 of the law stated that **the State Flag is marked with yellow, green and red stripes to show respect to the three-colour flag which was used during the struggle for the independence.** Therefore, "the State Flag" should be included in this bill.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends fifth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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Afterwards, U Mya Thein of Bogale Constituency said that the State Flag Law and Regulations were promulgated on 21, October, 2010. He believed that those organizations who would make processions in accordance with the bill will represent the people. Apart from the flags of organizations concerned, flying the State Flag in front of the procession by the citizens in accordance with democratic practices is meant that they keep the State Flag on the fore, making more meaningful to the objective of the law. The State Flag should be used in accordance with rules and regulations and the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw is appropriate.

U Stephen of Kengtung Constituency said that peaceful procession cannot be assumed as a gesture of opposition but can be also used for welcoming and supporting. For such cases, can the procession have profound meaning only State flag is allowed to use in the procession. In the preface of the bill, it is stated that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw enacted this law to enable citizens enjoy rights prescribed in Article 354 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in line with the laws" Rules to be followed are comprehensively described in State Flag Law. Not allowing to use the State Flag may mean prohibiting the fundamental rights and thus only the phrase "State Flag" passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is inserted, can it be in conformity with the constitution.

With regard to the paragraph 2 (h), what Pyithu Hluttaw approved is "Flag includes State Flag, and flags of officially-registered parties and organizations" whereas Amyotha Hluttaw passed that "Flag includes flags of officially-registered parties and organizations."

As the Pyithu Hluttaw had approved the original provision in the constitution, approval was sought from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concerning the amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw.

The proposal that the amendment of the Amyotha Hluttaw should be the part of the constitution was decided through voting, in which 139 representatives voted in favour of, 416 against and 22 neutral. As "No" votes outnumbered than "Yes" it was decided that the original paragraph 2 (h) of the constitution is the part of the constitution.

With regard to the Paragraph-20, U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency said that the amendment seemed to be no difference in meaning in general but is different legally. Inserting the phrase "as prescribed in Chapter VII" by Amyotha Hluttaw is legally inappropriate. The phrase "actions taken according to this law" approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is more comprehensive than the phrase "as prescribed in Chapter VII" as it is a pithy and precise phrase being legally preferable and simple and easy to understand. Thus, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw is more appropriate.

With regard to the paragraph-20, the Pyithu Hluttaw approved that "Offence sued against this law is designated as cognizable offence" whereas Amyotha Hluttaw approved that "Offences prescribed in Chapter VII are designated as cognizable offences."

As the Pyithu Hluttaw had approved the original provision in the constitution, approval was sought from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concerning the amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw.

The proposal that the amendment of the Amyotha Hluttaw should be the part of the constitution was decided through voting and the result is 135 "Yes" votes, 418 "No" votes and 20 neutral votes. As "No" votes outnumbered than "Yes" it was decided that the original paragraph 2 (h) of the constitution is the part of the constitution.

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Chairperson U Mya Nyein of Joint Bill Committee explained findings and resolution of the Joint Bill Committee with respect to Peaceful Assembly and Procession Bill.

Secretary of the Joint Bill Committee U T Kun Myat and Member of the Joint Bill Committee Daw Nan Wa Nu also made explanation. The Hluttaw decided to put clarifications of U Mya Nyein and U T Kun Myat on record.

In the session for seeking approval of the Hluttaw on survey report of the Joint Committee, three Hluttaw representatives discussed survey report of Joint Public Accounts Committee on 2011-2012 fiscal year budgets.

Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon Sttae Constituency No (7) said that being able to submit financial report is a good sign and there would have been much difficulties if the previous government had not drawn the budget. It is the responsibility of the Hluttaw to pass the budgets for 2012-2013 fiscal year. He concluded that he would like to urge the Hluttaw to draw the budget in time in order that experts can give advices and Hluttaw representatives can consider.

Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No (1) discussed that according to Article 221, 103 (b) and 103 (c) of the constitution, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact the budgets for operation of Union government and Region/State governments in a particular fiscal year as a law in advance and it needs to stick to that enacted budget, he assumed. He continued that he did not wish to argue the provision to be submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw according to Article 103 (a) of the constitution as 2011-2012 fiscal year budget was enacted by the State Peace and Development Council with Law No (9/2011 on 27 January, 2011.

It is necessary to submit the already prepared budget bill for 2011-2012 fiscal year to the holding second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as quickly as possible, and if not, the budget bill is to be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Joint Public Accounts Committee one month ahead of third quarter implementation for scrutiny in the first week of 2011.

U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency said that not only Joint Bill Committee but also Joint Public Accounts Committee at first should make studies whether the tasks of the Union government need the decisions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and tasks of the Union government were carried out with its prescribed authority. Depending on the submission on the studies, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will review it if the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is needed.

Due to emergence of the region/state governments, there were some changes in the budget of the State. At this juncture, it can be found that the budget deficit declined in the Union government. Moreover, original financial statement was changed and the accounts was inserted into the repaired accounts.

Generally, two joint committees are to continuously study the scrutiny of authority on the budget and time limit of the budget. Moreover, they are to submit some portions to be undertaken by the Hluttaw.

Chairman of the Joint Public Accounts Committee submitted a proposal to accept the report at the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw decided to accept it.

Secretary of the Joint Bill Committee U T Khun Myat explained the findings of the Joint Bill Committee and its remarks on **Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill**.

With regard to the bill, the Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss the amendments directly concerning the different opinions between the two Hluttaws are to describe the briefed topic with their signatures and enlist after the meeting.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sent the Microfinance Bill approved by both Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw to the President on 15 November to sign it for promulgation. The bill was sent to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with remarks of the President on 21 Nov. With regard to the bill, the representatives wishing to discuss the remarks of the President are to describe the briefed topic with their signatures and enlist after the meeting.

With regard to the Hluttaw affairs, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw explained that speakers of two Hluttaws decided to complete the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on 25 November. As such, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be convened soon. At that time, the Budget of the Union, National Planning of the State and the Union Taxation may be discussed. The uncompleted laws in the second regular session will be carried out at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Therefore, the second regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be concluded after completion of all tasks on 25 November.

Today's session came to an end at 12.30 pm and the 6th day session will be held at 10 am on 25 November.—*MNA*

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives German guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hlutttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Resident Representtaive of Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany Mr Axel Neubert and party at Hall 1 in Hluttaw Building here today.

Also present at the call were Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairperson of Bill Committee U T Kun Myat and Secretary Dr Soe Yin of Hluttaw Rights Committee and member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Than Tun.

They discussed arranging of representatives to attend workshops and to pay study visit to Germany by the Hluttaw and Hanns Seidel Foundation.—*MNA*

***Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Resident Representative of Hanns Seidel Foundation Mr Axel Neubert and party.*—MNA**

Austrian Consul presents letter of commission to Union FM

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Mr Engelbert Marsbach, the newly-accredited Honorary Consul of the Republic of Austria to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his letter of commission to Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today.—*MNA*

Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Honorary Consul of Austria Mr Engelbert Marsbach. **MNA**

One civilian killed in KIA attack

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—KIA (Kachin) Group has been committing subversive acts using every trick in the book to undermine peace and stability and rule of law of the State, to kill, harm and panic the innocent civilians. On 17 November, the group fired Kontein Village in Mansi Township of Kachin State with small arms around 8.30 pm, wounding U Aung Tha, 42 on chest and waist, who finally died of the gunshots. A military column is chasing after the attackers, it is reported.—*MNA*

Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyed to Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and wife pay obeisance to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic at Yangon International Airport.

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YANGON, 22 Nov—A ceremony to welcome and convey Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic from the People's Republic of China was held at Yangon International Airport this morning, attended by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay.

At 11.45 am when special aircraft carrying the tooth relic landed at the designated place, the silver conch shell was blew and the gong beat three times each.

The Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic was conveyed by high loader onto the palanquin.

Members of the Sangha consecrated the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic. The decorated float conveying the Tooth Relic left the airport for Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill along Pyay Road and Kaba Aye Road.

Conveyance and consecration of the Tooth Relic was held at the cave on Kaba Aye Hill.

The decorated float conveying the tooth relic was carried by white elephant Theingi Malar and went round the Maha Pasana Cave round the clock.

The Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic is being kept in the cave. Before consecration ceremony, the Chief Minister and wife offered water, flowers and joss sticks to the tooth relic.

The Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha consecrated the tooth relic, and the Chinese members of the Sangha so did. Chairman Sayadaw Bhamo Sayadaw Agga Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

The Chief Minister offered robes to the Chairman Sayadaw of SSMNC and the President of Buddhist Association of China Chairman of Sacred Buddha Tooth relic transport committee.

Speaker of the Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, the deputy speaker and region ministers donated offertories to members of the Sangha and Chinese Sayadaw.

Secretary of SSMNC Chaukhtetgyi Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kheminda delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, the Chief Minister and officials paid obeisance to the tooth relic.—*MNA*

Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyed to Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic which was conveyed from the People's Republic of China to Myanmar for the fourth time was conveyed to Yangon with special plane this morning, after being kept at Uppatasanti pagoda for 16 days from 6 to 21 November for public obeisance.

From 6 November evening to this morning, the donation to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic amounted K 458494532, FEC 107,. USD 10290, RMB 4798, Thai baht 6553, Philippine Peso 520, Malaysian Ringgit 351, Indonesian Rupiah 494500, India Rupee 3284, Vietnamese dong 148200, Cambodian Riel 7600, Singapore dollar 149, Korean Won 16870, pound sterling 5, Japanese Yen 5000, Sri Lankan Rupee 320, Nepal rupee 20, Bhutanese ngultrum 6, Lao Kip 1000, Omani rial 100, South African rand 40, Venezuelan BLV 6000, Hong Kong dollar 20, Euro 30, Franc 10 and 1635 items of jewellery, worth about K 122699460.

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win donated three gold necklaces, one gold ring, one gold coin, a pair of earrings, totaling six items of jewellery worth about 6,160,000 kyats.—*MNA*

***Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win receives Chinese journalist delegation led by General Secretary Ms Guo Yingyan of Liaoning Journalist Association.*—MNA**

Myanmar, China to strengthen cooperation in information sector

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—The visiting Chinese journalist delegation led by General Secretary Ms Guo Yingyan of Liaoning Journalist Association paid a call on Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win at his office here this noon.

The deputy minister and the general secretary discussed matters related to bilateral cooperation in information sector, and exchanged views on trends of publishing industry in Myanmar and transformation progress in essence and form of the dailies and periodicals. Also present at the call were personnel of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information.—*MNA*

Innocent civilian hit by KIA insurgents' landmine

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov— A landmine planted by KIA insurgents blasted leaving a civilian injured in Mansat Village in Mansi Township in Bhamo District at 5: 00 pm on 16 November.

The mine exploded when Maung Kyan Shwe aged 15, who works in the field of U Zaw Aung as a clerk, stepped on the mine placed in the ground by KIA insurgents on his way to the field for harvesting.

He was rushed into Bhamo Township People's Hospital where he is now under medical treatment as he got serious bruises and cuts in his left knee and groin.—*MNA*

Chinese journalist delegation on tour of Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—The visiting Chinese journalist delegation led by General Secretary Ms Guo Yingyan of Liaoning Journalist Association arrived in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

At 12 noon, the visiting Chinese journalist delegation visited the Myanma Gems Museum and viewed jewellery, jades ornamented with gold and silver, and gem statuettes put on display there.

Afterwards, they proceeded to the Hluttaw Building and the National Landmark Gardens, and then visited Uppasanti Pagoda. In the late evening, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win hosted a dinner to the delegation.—*MNA*

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Elke Mellersh was found dead with her two children, two years after she took them into hiding.— INTERNET

Tug-of-love children gassed by their mother in a Turkish hotel room

ISTANBUL, 22 Nov — Two young children were found dead after apparently being gassed by their mother, who also killed herself. A Europe-wide hunt had been launched to find the two youngsters – who were supposed to be in the custody of their British father – after their German mother, Elke Mellersh, abducted them. But the search ended in tragedy this weekend when police found the three bodies in a farmhouse in the seaside town of Soke, on Turkey's Aegean coast.

A court had given custody of Yaanis, eight, and Mira, six, to their father Justin Mellersh, 46, whose family lives in Lyndhurst, near Southampton. The children were reported missing in February last year and were last seen near Bremen in Germany. Reports from Turkey suggested the family died of carbon monoxide poisoning – possibly from a heater.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11024) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.11.2011 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.

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Search ongoing for missing Fla mom

ORLANDO, 22 Nov— Florida officials say the search is ongoing for an Orlando mother, missing since the airing of a "The People's Court" television episode on which she appeared. Michelle Parker went missing after a Thursday afternoon airing of a previously taped episode of the court reality show in which she and her ex-fiancee, Dale Smith, contested the disposition of a $5,000 engagement ring, *ABC News* reported on Sunday.

Parker allegedly was last seen delivering the couple's two children at Smith's home and her abandoned truck was discovered Friday, *ABC* said. Parker's parents said they do not think Smith is complicit in their daughter's disappearance, WFTV-TV, Orlando, reported.—*Internet*

Lime purchase leaves sour taste

LONDON, 22 Nov—A catering chef was almost banned from buying two limes — because they could be classed as a weapon. Chef Marisa Zoccolan, 31, popped into the new Asda supermarket close to her home in Wallsend, North Tyneside, for groceries and a couple of the offending fruits. But when she tried to pay for them at the self-service checkout, the message 'amount exceeded, authorisation required' flashed up.

A shopper was told Asda classed limes as weapons because they contain citric acid.
INTERNET

An assistant then came over and told her that more than one lime was deemed a weapon - because the citric acid could be squirted in someone's eye. Asda said the self employed chef had been the victim of a staff member's sense of humour, and a problem with the till's electronic scanner. She was offered some complimentary limes as compensation.

Internet

Contemporary Chinese oil painting fetches $23.6 mln at auction

BEIJING, 22 Nov — An oil painting by contemporary artist Wu Guanzhong was sold late Saturday for 149.5 million yuan (about 23.6 million US dollars) at an auction held by Beijing-based auction house A&F. The painting, entitled "Ten Thousand Kilometres of the Yangtze River," was created between 1973 and 1974 and is considered to be one of the artist's best works.

Born in 1919 in the city of Yixing in east China's Jiangsu Province, Wu is widely recognized as the father of contemporary Chinese painting. He died in July 2010 at the age of 91. The high-profile deal, one of the latest amid the exponential growth of the Chinese fine art market in recent years, also marks the highest price to date for one of Wu's paintings.

Xinhua

Models from various Chinese ethnic groups attend a bonfire party in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 20 Nov, 2011. Twenty-five Chinese ethnic models will compete in the 2011 China Ethnic Model Contest finals, which will be held on 24 November.—XINHUA

When you gotta go, message will show where

BEIJING, 22 Nov — Cao Hui says she really likes hanging out on the capital's prosperous shopping streets, but she often can't find a convenient public toilet. "It's too difficult to find a washroom in shopping malls and you can't believe how long the waiting line is," said the 25-year-old civil servant. "And it is like finding a treasure box in a maze." Hopefully, her problem will be solved within four years with the introduction of a text messaging service that will tell people where to find bathrooms nearby.

The messages will give the locations and routes for the public bathrooms nearest to scenic spots or downtown areas, Xie Guomin, head of the environmental sanitation division of the Beijing Municipal Commission of City Administration and Environment, told *China Daily* on Sunday. "The specific measures of how to fix tourists' positions and the sender and the delivery means for the message are still under consideration," he said. However, some experts said they didn't think the idea was workable.

"It sounds good, but it will be hard to carry out," said Jiang Zhongguang, a city planning professor at the Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture.—*Xinhua*

A woman rides across a street under Blue Jacaranda trees in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 19 Nov, 2011. Buenos Aires embraces the season of the Blue Jacaranda blossom in every November, immersing itself into the ocean of those purple flowers. —XINHUA

Bargain 40-year-old whisky on sale

LONDON, 22 Nov — Whisky casked in a Scottish distillery in 1971 will go on sale in a supermarket chain.

Aldi expect queues out the door as they sell 3,000 bottles of a 40 year-old single malt whisky across their 450 UK stores on 8 December .

They said they are the first supermarket to sell a 40-year-old single malt and they expect it to sell out within hours.

A spokesman for the supermarket said: "Whisky of this quality and age would usually sell for around £300 plus. "Aldi is giving customers the chance to get hold of a very high quality luxury product for a very low price."

He added that he would not be surprised to see the whisky appearing for sale on eBay with customers taking advantage of the discount price of £49.99.

Internet

Supermarket chain Aldi is expecting huge queues when a special single malt whiskey goes on sale.
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An employee of Japanese jeweller Tanaka Kikinzoku Jewelry unveils a 150 million yen Christmas tree which will be on display till Christmas Day at the company's main shop in Tokyo.
INTERNET

Wenger wants Van Persie to sign up

Arsene Wenger wants Robin van Persie to sign a new contract

LONDON, 22 Nov — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger wants striker Robin van Persie to stay at the club for the rest of his career. Wenger knows just what an "exceptional" talent he has in his captain and hopes to keep him at the Emirates Stadium for the long-term. The in-form striker took his tally for 2011 to 30 goals with a brace as the Gunners came from behind to win 2-1 at Norwich City on Saturday and maintain their march up the Barclays Premier League table.

First, van Persie -- who had netted a hat-trick at Chelsea before the international break -- tapped in from close range after good work by Theo Walcott to cancel out Steve Morison's shock opener. His second was an exquisite finish after being played into the right side of the Norwich penalty area following what was a fine advantage from referee Phil Dowd after a foul on Aaron Ramsey.

And Wenger feels there are few better in the modern game than the Gunners number 10. "Robin has some competitors there but he is one of the best of course," said the Arsenal manager.— *Internet*

Robin van Persie has scored 31 goals for Arsenal in 2011.The Arsenal striker has been described as an exceptional talent.—INTERNET

Bayern, Man United, Inter eye last 16

LONDON, 22 Nov — Former European champions Bayern Munich, Manchester United and Inter Milan bid to book their places in the Champions League knockout stages in the fifth round of group matches on Tuesday.Bayern need a draw against Villarreal, who have lost all four games in Group A, to reach the last 16 while United must beat Benfica in a repeat of the 1968 European Cup final to guarantee their progress. Premier League leaders Manchester City face a tricky match at Napoli but they would also advance to the next stage with victory in southern Italy.

Inter need a draw at Turkey's Trabzonspor, who upset them 1-0 in their first meeting in Italy, to be sure of joining their neighbours AC Milan in the knockout stages.

Internet

FC Barcelona President Rosell to visit China for close links

MADRID, 22 Nov — FC Barcelona President Sandro Rosell will lead a delegation from the club to visit China between 25 and 28 November , it was announced by the club on Monday. The President of the reigning Spanish and European Champions will visit China in order to strengthen institutional and commercial links between Barca and the country. "We want to establish a permanent link with Chinese society," explained Rosell after signing an agreement with the company Inter Sports.

Rosell will spend three days in Beijing and Shanghai and will be accompanied by the club's vice president for economic affairs, Javier Faus, the director of the technological area, Didac Lee, director general, Antoni Rossich and the commercial and marketing director, Laurent Colette. The three days will be filled with meetings with local organisations and purely commercial meetings.

Barcelona will also be present and the gala held by the China Foundation for Disabled Persons, an entity led by Deng Pufang, the son of then top Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, which works to help the 80 million handicapped people in China. Barca will contribute various items for the auction raised to help raise funds, among them a boot signed by Andres Iniesta, who scored the winning goal in the 2010 World Cup final, and four tickets to travel to Barcelona to attend a Champions League match. —*Xinhua*

FC Barcelona President Sandro Rosell

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Real Madrid attacker Cristiano Ronaldoa

MADRID, 22 Nov—Real Madrid attacker Cristiano Ronaldo has guaranteed that chants in support of Barcelona star Lionel Messi do not put him off his game. The 26-year-old was jeered in Portugal's 4-0 Euro 2012 qualifying win over Cyprus in September, in which a number of fans shouted the name 'Messi', referring to Barcelona's Lionel Messi, with whom the Madrid player has a well-documented rivalry.

Prior to the first leg of the Euro 2012 playoffs against Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ronaldo was greeted at the airport by chants in praise of the Barca man, before responding to laser-pointing fans with an obscene gesture. "It is the same thing if they sing that kind of chant or if they stay quiet," he told TF1. "Those chants do not provoke me, nor do they make me change my way of playing. "I do not care about them." Ronaldo then played down his nomination for the 2011 FIFA Ballon d'Or award, stressing his sole focus is club matters.—*Internet*

British ace Murray considers pullout of ATP Finals

LONDON, 22 Nov— British top player Andy Murray suffered a bitter defeat at home as he was beaten by David Ferrer in straight sets in his first match and considered of pulling out of the ATP World Tour Finals on Monday. Murray, the world No 3, struggled to find his form during the meeting and lost to the world No 5 Spaniard 6-4, 7-5 in Group A's opening match.

"I had a problem with my groin," revealed Murray, who asked for medical timeout after the first set. "I didn't move particularly great today, but I still had opportunities." Murray broke first in both sets, but succumbed to a more consistent Ferrer, whom he defeated in the previous three meetings this year. "He's just very, very solid. He gives you very few points," said Murray.

Internet

British top player Andy Murray

Tottenham beats Villa 2-0, rises to 3rd in league

LONDON, 22 Nov—Tottenham Hotspur climbed to third place after Emmanuel Adebayor's brace sealed the victory against Aston Villa. Adebayor, on-loan from Manchester City, struck for the first time in two months with both goals arriving in the first half to lift his tally for the season to five.

Villa spent virtually the entire game trying to contain Spurs, who saw Harry Redknapp return to the dugout for the first time since undergoing a heart procedure, with Emile Heskey unable to convert the only chances they had.— *Internet*

Emmanuel Adebayor scores the first goal for Tottenham

Villas-Boas keeps believing

LONDON, 22 Nov — Andre Villas-Boas is confident Roman Abramovich remains fully behind his Chelsea revolution. Following the side's 2-1 defeat to Liverpool, their fourth of the season, Blues manager Villas-Boas claimed billionaire owner Abramovich would not have paid a world record £13m to prise him from Porto this summer, only to sack him at the first sign of trouble.

Villas-Boas' side fell to their fourth defeat of the season against Liverpool

But Villas-Boas said: "It's not a question of the owner having patience. We have set out to build something new at this club and the club is committed to taking what we're building to the future. The owner didn't pay 15million euros to get me out of Porto to pay me another fortune to get out." —*Internet*

Djokovic recovers to beat Berdych at ATP finals

LONDON, 22 Nov — Novak Djokovic saved a match point in the third set against Tomas Berdych before winning 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3) Monday to avoid becoming the second upset of the day at the ATP World Tour Finals. Third-ranked Andy Murray struggled through an earlier 6-4, 7-5 loss to David Ferrer with a groin injury he fears could end his tournament. Murray said he would decide on Tuesday whether he will pull out.

"If it wasn't Slams or this event, I wouldn't have played," Murray said. Djokovic, who has been nursing a shoulder problem, withstood some spectacular hitting by the seventh-seeded Berdych, who had a point to win the match at 6-5 in the decider but put a forehand into the net.Berdych fell apart in the tiebreaker and a relieved Djokovic took his 2011 win-loss record to 70-4."I wasn't very satisfied with my performance tonight," Djokovic said. "I know I wasn't playing on top of my game."

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Serbia's Novak Djokovic slips as he plays a return to Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych during a round robin single tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals at O2 Arena in London, on Monday.— INTERNET

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Programme Schedule
(23-11-2011) (Wednesday)

	Transmissions	Times
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(23-11-11 09:30 am ~ 24-11-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
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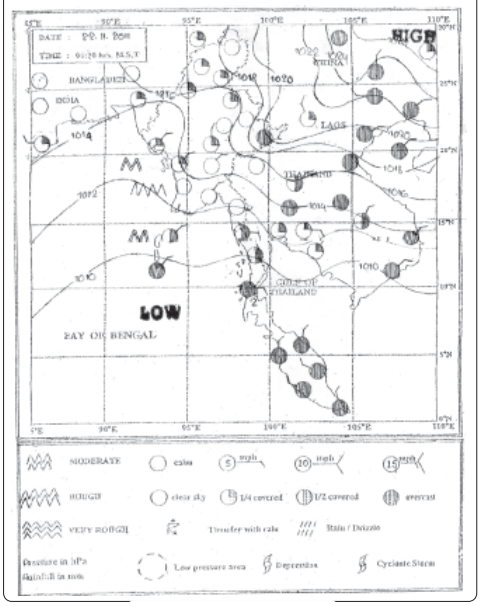
* Music Gallery
* News
* Early Morning Athletics
* News
* Flying Over Manaw Land
* Myanmar Movie "Mommy's Girls"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Myanmar TV

Wednesday, 23 November
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta by Hill Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am
6. Health Programme

8:05 am
7. Cultural Dances

8:20 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions

8:30 am
9. Documentary

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions

4:30 pm
4. Dance Of National Races

4:40 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
- Third Year (Myanmar)

4:55 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm
7. Classical Song

5:20 pm
8. International Science News

5:30 pm
9. "ASEAN" Programmes

5:40 pm
10. Teleplay (Health)

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. Traditional Boxing

6:45 pm
14. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:10 pm
15. Documentary

7:25 pm
16. Myanmar Culture

7:30 pm
17. Documentary

7:45 pm
18. Wut Hmom Music Troupe

8:00 pm
19. News
20. International News
21. Weather Report
22. Korea NG Award
23. TV Drama Series
24. Myanmar Video Feature

Weather forecast for 23rd November, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	14/57	Partly cloudy	
2	Kayah	28/82	11/52	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
3	Kayin	34/93	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
4	Chin	18/64	04/39	Generally fair	
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	16/61	Generally fair	
6	Lower Sagaing	32/90	18/64	Generally fair	
7	Tanintharyi	34/93	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	31/88	18/64	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	33/91	19/66	Generally fair	
10	Mandalay	32/90	18/64	Generally fair	
11	Mon	33/91	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
12	Yangon	33/91	21/70	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	31/88	16/61	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	24/75	10/50	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	27/81	07/45	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	25/77	11/52	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	20/68	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	16/61	Generally fair	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	21/70	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	18/64	Generally fair	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Tanintharyi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon Region, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (4°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in North Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, (5°C) below November average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States.The significant night temperature were Haka (3°C), Pinlaung (4°C) and Namsam (6°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.08) inch.
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Strong Easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely attimes Deltaic, Gult of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (30) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for sub-sequent two days	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

World Toilet Summit kicks off in S China

HAIKOU, 22 Nov—The 11th World Toilet Summit and Expo kicked off Tuesday in Haikou, capital of South China's Hainan province. During the three-day summit, representatives from relevant institutions and enterprises worldwide will look into ways to improve the world's toilets and sanitation conditions. Demonstrations of novel sanitary wares will also be held during the event.

Jack Sim, founder of the World Toilet Organization (WTO) said he hopes people will join hands to create a better world with safe, comfortable and clean toilets.

Sim said that currently the number and condition of toilets in the world can not meet the needs of a growing global population.

Worldwide, there are currently 2.6 billion people (about 40 percent of the world's population) without access to clean toilets, and at least one billion toilets need to be built in order to solve this problem, according to Sim.

The WTO chief stressed that good toilet conditions can help promote the development of tourism, and he called for the building of more public toilets in tourist attractions in order to boost the tourist economy.

Jiang Dingzhi, Acting Governor of Hainan province said, as a province committed to building itself into a world-renowned tourist destination, Hainan needs to build more toilets and improve the management of its facilities.

The World Toilet Summit is an annual event that has been organized by the WTO since 2001.

Chen Xin, a student of Hainan Overseas High School, introduces her toilet design for islands during the 11th World Toilet Summit & World Bathroom and Sanitation Facilities Expo in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 22 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

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President U Thein Sein attends closing ceremony of 19th ASEAN Summit

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attends the closing ceremony of 19th ASEAN Summit.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the closing ceremony of the 19th ASEAN Summit at Nusa Dua 5 of Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre (BNDCC) in Bali of the Republic of Indonesia at 4.35 pm on 19 November.

Also present at the ceremony were the Heads of State/Government, the ministers, high-ranking officials, the ASEAN Secretary-General and guests.

An ASEAN documentary video was shown at the ceremony, and President Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of the Republic of Indonesia, the alternate Chairman of ASEAN, spoke on the occasion.

Next, the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister presented a gift to the ASEAN Secretary-General.

Next, the Indonesian President handed over responsibility of alternate Chairman of ASEAN for 2012 to Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen.

Then the Cambodian Prime Minister extended greetings, and the meeting came to an end after a documentary on Cambodia was shown.

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Closing ceremony of 19th ASEAN Summit in progress at Nusa Dua 5 of Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre (BNDCC) in Bali, Indonesia.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for fifth day

One bill approved, report of Joint Bill Committee sought for resolution, names enlisted for discussion

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