Our Three Main National Causes

- Non-disintegration of the Union
- Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
- Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses coord meeting on Drawing and Implementation of Human Resources Development Project

Nav Pyi Taw, 30 Jan—The objective of the meeting held today is to coordinate matters for successful implementation of human resources development project that is an essential prerequisite for development of political, economic and defence sectors. And the education is a decisive tool in the uplifting of ability and capacity of the entire national people for acquisition of the economic and social prosperity in the changing world said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his opening address at the coordination meeting on Drawing and Implementation of Human Resources Development Project held at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development this afternoon.

The Vice-President added that the natural resource based economy is now changing into human resource based economy or knowledge based economy, and the human resource based economy is making much more progress than the natural resource based economy in operation at the loss and wastage. Meanwhile, it could bring about innovation and creativity. There are a large number of countries that are gaining achievements based on human resource development although they are devoid of natural resources.

There are also countries that are devoid of human resource development and lag behind in technology. The developing countries are in need of human resources in addition to capitals and materials. Therefore, efforts are to be made for systematic development of human resources in the nation.

The new government has laid down the four national economic policy recently, and they are

(a) Building of an industrial nation and ensuring all round development on the basis of agricultural development
(b) Ensuring equitable development which is a driving factor for development of other sectors such as political, social, economic and defence sectors.
(c) Ensuring economic development in all regions and states
(d) Emergence of reliable statistics and amending of statistic system

Human resource development plays a leading role in successful implementation of economic policies and reliable developments.

The country could not make economic progress if it is stick to agriculture. And the industry and services of developed nations reveals that only when there is human resource development will the nation make progress. Hence, strenuous efforts are to be made for human resource development among regions and states.

The reliable development narrows development gap between the rich and the poor, enable each and every citizen to enjoy the fruits of development and bring about equal opportunities. It defines physical development and spiritual development covering liberty, equality, integrity and indiscrimination.

The GDP and human resource development are a major tool of comparison for global nations.

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Your parents’ wish and your own future

The 2011-2012 academic is going to end before long. And the final examinations are drawing nearer. Now is a revision time. In general, the examination is the yardstick of students. It is a test to assess their ability or how much they have learnt. Those who have learnt their lessons well usually pass the final examinations with distinctions. Distinctions may become promises for the future. More and more students are passing their final examinations with distinctions. As knowledge is the way to wealth, parents are giving greater encouragement to their children. Some students are very ambitious, but some try just to pass the examination every year. And some are even on the wrong road. Actually, all students should try to pass their examination with flying colors. Hard work for the examination can be a ticket for the future success. So, it’s the duty of students to learn their lessons very hard.

All parents wish to see their children in a higher position when they grow up. They want their children to be educated and prominent. Rich or poor, parents’ love for their children never changes. In this regard, students must try to pass their examination with distinctions to express the gratitude they owe to their parents. Here the advice for them is “Know your parent’s wish and your own future”.

Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad linking north and south of Myanmar

| Year the construction of railroad started | 2007 |
| 1. Kyangin-Thayet Railroad Section | 110 miles |
| 2. Thayet-Pwintbyu Railroad Section | 100 miles |
| 3. Pwintbyu-Pakokku Railroad Section | 110 miles |

Length of the railroad in total

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Seikpyu-Yawchaung railroad section opened on 12 June, 2010 in Seikpyu, Pakokku District in Magway Region.
Sudan army frees 14 ‘kidnapped’ Chinese

Khartoum, 30 Jan—The Sudanese military has freed 14 Chinese workers “kidnapped” by rebels in the country’s South Kordofan State, the official SUNA news agency reported on Monday.

“SAF troops succeeded in freeing 14 of the Chinese workers,” SUNA quoted state governor Ahmad Harun as saying.

Harun said the Chinese were in good condition and had been taken to nearby El Obeid in neighbouring North Kordofan.

The fate of other Chinese reported captured with the group was not immediately clear.

China confirmed on Sunday that some of its nationals had “gone missing” after rebels on Saturday attacked the camp of a Chinese company, the official Xinhua news agency reported. It quoted an embassy official as saying more than 20 Chinese were missing, a figure also given by a senior executive at Power Construction Corp of China, their employer.

Rebels of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) told AFP they had captured 29 Chinese.

Neither the rebels nor Chinese embassy officials could be reached on Monday.

SPLM-N spokesman Arnu Ngutulu Lodi earlier told AFP the Chinese were “in safe hands”. He said they were captured along with nine members of the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) on Saturday when the rebels destroyed a Sudanese military convoy between Rashad town and Al-Abbasiya in the northeast of the province, which has been at war since 2011.

One killed, 13 injured in Iraq’s violence

Baghdad, 30 Jan—A civilian was killed and 13 others wounded Sunday in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in eastern and central Iraq, the police said.

In Iraq’s eastern province of Diyala, a civilian was killed when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated in the city of Maqadiyah, some 100 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a sticky bomb attached to a police officer’s car went off in eastern the provincial capital City of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, wounding him and two female students who were at the scene when the blast occurred, the source said.

Also in the province, gunmen attacked a checkpoint manned by Awakening Council group fighters near the town of Khan Bani Sa’ad, some 20 km southwest of Baquba, injuring two fighters, the source added.
Pneumonia bug evolves to evade vaccine

**New York**, 30 Jan—Bugs that cause childhood pneumonia and meningitis have evolved to evade vaccines by swapping bits of their genome with other bacteria, according to a study published on Sunday.

The findings, published in *Nature Genetics*, show how quickly these life-threatening pathogens can disguise themselves with borrowed genetic decoys, and how hard it is for medicine to keep up.

Diseases caused by *Streptococcus* pneumonae are thought to kill over a million young children around the world each year.

Vaccines that protect against these so-called pneumococcal infections are designed to recognise a material on the outer surface of a bacterium’s cell called polysaccharide.——Internet

Don’t blame C-sections for fat children

**New York**, 30 Jan—Children born by Cesarean section are no more likely to become obese than if they are born vaginally, according to a Brazilian study. Past research from Brazil had found a link between excessive weight and C-sections, leading some scientists to suggest that not being exposed to bacteria from the birth canal could make children fatter, but the latest findings — published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* — suggest this doesn’t appear to be the case.

The research is of particular interest in Brazil, because in 2009 more than half of the babies there were born by C-section. In the United States, the number has been on the rise for years and is now over 30 percent.

“We thought from the beginning that probably what happened with the previous study is that they didn’t adjust for all of the confounders,” said Fernando Barros and his colleagues used data on three groups of several thousand people born in Southern Brazil in 1982, 1993 or 2004. Researchers contacted the children at different ages until the oldest had turned 23. Those born by C-section were more likely to be heavy, with obesity rates between nine and 16 percent, compared to rates of seven to 10 percent of children born vaginally.——Reuters

A huge sculpture of the euro symbol, constructed by German designer Ottmar Hoerl, is illuminated during a test in front of the European central bank (ECB) headquarters in Frankfurt, on 20 December, 2001.——INTERNET

A nurse vaccinates a child against *Pneumococcus*-caused pneumonia in Managua in 2011. Bugs that cause childhood pneumonia and meningitis have evolved to evade vaccines by swapping bits of their genome with other bacteria, according to a study published.——INTERNET

**EU leaders agree on permanent bailout fund, balanced budget**

**Brussels**, 30 Jan—EU leaders will sign off on a permanent rescue fund for the euro zone at a summit on Monday and are expected to agree on a balanced budget rule in national legislation, with unresolved problems in Greece casting a shadow on the discussions. The summit— the 17th in two years as the EU battles to resolve its sovereign debt problems— is supposed to focus on creating jobs and growth, with leaders looking to the narrative away from politically unpopular budget austerity.

The summit is expected to announce that up to 20 billion euros ($26.4 billion) of unused funds from the EU’s 2007-2013 budget will be redirected toward job creation, especially among the young, and will commit to freeing up bank lending to small- and medium-sized companies. But discussions over the permanent rescue fund, a new ‘fiscal treaty’ and Greece will dominate the talks. Negotiations between the Greek government and private bondholders over the restructuring of 200 billion euros of Greek debt made progress over the weekend, but are not expected to conclude before the summit begins at 9:00 am EST.

Until there is a deal between Greece and its private bondholders, EU leaders cannot move forward with a second, 130 billion euro rescue programme for Athens, which they originally agreed to at a summit last October. Instead, they will sign a treaty creating the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), a 500-billion-euro permanent bailout fund that is due to become operational in July, a year earlier than first planned. And they are likely to agree the terms of a ‘fiscal treaty’ tightening budget rules for those that sign up.——Reuters

**Business confidence in India declines**

**New Delhi**, 30 Jan—Business confidence in India is declining due to uncertainty surrounding the global economy, rising input costs and high interest rates, said a report released by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Sunday.

The report said quarterly business outlook showed the business confidence index for the third quarter of 2011-12 had declined 5 percent and stood at 48.6, down from 53.6 in the previous quarter, according to Indo-Asian News Service. It is obvious that industry’s outlook during the quarter has been poor. But hopefully 2012 would improve outlook as we start seeing some positive developments including moderating inflation, a more accommodative monetary stance and hopefully a growth oriented budget,” the report quoted Chandrajit Banerjee, CII director general, as saying.

Small firms expected domestic and international investments to decline or remain stagnant in the quarter ending December 2011 which might affect their expansion plans. Firms have reported a slowdown in sales, new orders and domestic tax profits in Q3 of 2011-12 fiscal year compared with the previous quarter. Indian fiscal year starts in April and ends in March.——Cinhsa

**Calories count, but source doesn’t matter**

**London**, 30 Jan—People trying to lose weight may swear by specific diet plans calling for strict proportions of fat, carbs and protein, but where the calories come from may not matter as much as simply cutting back on them, according to a study. Researchers whose results were published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* found there were no differences in weight loss or the reduction of fat between four diets with different proportions of fat, carbohydrates and protein.

“The major predictor for weight loss was ‘adherence’. Those participants who adhered better, lost more weight than those who did not,” said George Bray, at Pennington Biomedical Research Centre in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who worked on the study.

Earlier research had found that certain diets — in particular, those with very low carbohydrates — worked better than others, Bray told *Reuters Health* in an email, but there had been no consistent among scientists.

**China to make Shanghai the world’s yuan centre by 2015**

**Beijing**, 30 Jan—China will make Shanghai the global centre of yuan trading, clearing and pricing by 2015, according to a specific state plan laying out the city’s future as an international financial centre.

The detailed plan, published jointly by the country’s economic planning agency and the Shanghai government, shows the scale of China’s ambition in creating its own version of New York, London or Hong Kong.

The National Development and Reform Commission envisions a trading hub with annual non-forex financial market volume of 1,000 trillion yuan ($158.3 trillion) by 2015 from less than 400 trillion in 2010. The plan said the daily mid-point price published by the central bank in the onshore yuan market would be the benchmark for both domestic and foreign yuan trading markets, and the government-backed Shanghai Interbank Offered Rate, or Shibor, would be the benchmark for yuan credit everywhere.——Reuters

**A US dollar note (bottom) is pictured alongside other currencies including (L-R) the Australian Dollar, Singapore Dollar, Korean Won and China’s Yuan in this picture illustration taken in Washington, on 14 October, 2010.**——INTERNET
Wider use of modern teaching aids in higher education

As human resource development has something to do with living status of the national people, it is required to strive for the high standard of the living standard.

Human development index-HDI of the nation is at middle level, and it is still at the lower level when compared with ASEAN nations. And work is well underway to boost the living status of the nation two or two-and-half times in 2015.

The disadvantages in account entry, account keeping, collection of census has a great impact on reliable statistics and statistic amendment. Only when a country is endowed with correct data and tables it can make it clear its real situation and will be able to lay down future plans for socio-economic development like other countries.

For human resource development in the education sector, the government enacted private school registration law on 2-12-1011. Under the law, activities are to be undertaken as policies of private schools and teachers, supervision, instructions as well as formation of the scrutiny board for added lessons, permission of establishment of private schools, denying and cancellation.

Meanwhile, steps are to be taken for the wider use of modern teaching aids in higher learning in regions and states, capacity building of education staff and ensuring education of international standard to be line with the education policy.

Moreover, efforts are to be made for all citizens to complete basic education, ensuring standard basic education, pursuit of vocational education, modern communication technology, professionals, teaching and learning opportunities, better management, development of basic education with the participation of parents and development of research.

To bring Human resource development to the country, it is necessary not only to promote the education standard but also to uplift the health standard, thinking, morality etc. Therefore, the government, people, businessmen and social organizations and INGOs are to work together for the human resource development.

A national level workshop focusing the importance role of education and health sectors will be held in mid-February with the aim of drawing a plan for the human resource development in Myanmar. If opportunities are created for the people, the country would see its human resource development.

The Vice President said that the country is on the road to development and he urged those concerned to actively participate in implementing the human resource development plan.

After that, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein presented the report on agenda that should be included in drafting plan for human resource development project and formation and duties of committee and subcommittee. Afterwards, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Hlay also submitted report on human resource development being undertaken by the Ministry. Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hla reported present and follow up programme and human resource development related to social, literary and culture and news media. Then, Union Ministers, the Union Attorney-General, the Union Auditor-General, the Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board and the deputy ministers submitted human resource development projects, and formation of human resource development implementation committee and subcommittee and implementation of process.

Regarding the reports, the Vice-President said that the country’s economic system being mostly based on natural resource, the country’s social and economy status lagged far behind other countries. So, the country needs to change its system to human resource-based economic system. In practicing this system, reviews on progress and development and undertakings of the Ministries and region/state government ministries are needed.

The ministries are to continue to practice policy if the project is successful and to review the weakness of the projects. Resource-poor countries like Japan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong see development thanks to human resource-based economic plan.

Our country has a large number of population and resources but there is weakness in development. So, human resource-based economic plan needs to be discussed. Human source development plans are drafted so as to make necessary amendments. Those present are urged to discuss weakness and difficulties, he added. After that, the meeting came to an end.

Japan studies flora and fauna near Fukushima plant

Tokyo, 30 Jan—Japanese scientists are studying how radiation has affected plants and animals living near the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan’s off-shore zone. Researchers are examining field mice, red pine trees, a certain type of shellfish and other wild flora and fauna in and around the 20 kilometre (12 mile) no-go zone surrounding the plant, an Environment Ministry official said on Monday.

“The researchers are studying the impact of high radiation levels on wild animals and plants, examining the appearance, reproductive function and possible abnormalities in chromosums,” said the official.

They will also grow seeds from plant samples and monitor the offspring of animals in the research.

The study began in November and an initial report on the findings is expected in March, he said.

The Fukushima Daichi nuclear power plant, some 220 kilometres north of Tokyo, suffered blasts and fires after the 11 March quake and tsunami crippled its cooling systems, releasing radiation into the environment.

Tens of thousands of people were evacuated from the area near the plant, many abandoning pets and livestock which have since gone feral.

Parts of the exclusion zone are expected to be reclassified to allow people to move back to their homes over the next few years, but other areas are expected to be uninhabitable for several decades.—INTERNET

Climate-driven heat peaks may shrink wheat crops

LONDON, 30 Jan—More intense heat waves due to global warming could diminish wheat crop yields around the world through premature ageing, according to a study published Sunday in Nature Climate Change.

Current projections based on computer models underestimate the extent to which hotter weather in the future will accelerate this process, the researchers warned. Wheat is harvested in temperate zones on more than 220 million hectares (545 million acres), making it the most widely grown crop on Earth.

In some nations, the grain accounts for up to 50 percent of calorie intake and 20 percent of protein nutrition, according to the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT), near Mexico City. In 2010, drought and wildfires surrounding the wheat region of Russia pushed world prices of the grain to two-year highs, underscoring the vulnerability of global supplies to weather- and climate-related disruptions.

Greenhouse experiments have shown that unseasonably high temperatures can cause senescence, the scientific term for accelerated ageing. Excess heat beyond the plant’s tolerance zone damages photosynthetic cells.

Fluctuations in wheat yields in India have also been attributed by farmers to temperature, most recently a heat wave in 2010 blamed for stunning plant productivity. —INTERNET
inundation in rainy season and to regulate water in other vacant, fallow and virgin lands out of 3.898 acres of lands.

The President himself visited hybrid paddy strain production farm in Yezin University of Agriculture and directed region and state governments to produce paddy strain of 3.00 acres.

The ministry will give technical assistances for production of quality strain suited for each region or state. Establishment of quality strain model villages and participation of entrepreneurs will help improve living standards of farmers.

Myanmar is working as a focal in agricultural working group for cooperation among Greater Mekong Subregion countries. Through participation in agricultural supportive programme (step 1) (2006-2010), Myanmar could demonstrate its agricultural information on webpage of agricultural information network led by China. It could review bio-fuel and renewable energy in rural areas for drafting GMS operation Strategy (ACMECS).

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Myanmar has signed MoUs on agricultural development with governments of China, India, Vietnam, the Philippines and Belarus. MoUs on investments and hybrid paddy strain production have been signed with Vietnamese companies.

It has planned to establish Agricultural Research and Education Centre in Yezin in cooperation with India.

Myanmar is working in cooperation with UN agencies and international organizations—Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Thai International Cooperation Agency—for agricultural development, technical assistances and Human Resource Development.

Cooperation with FAO is targeted at achieving Millenium Development Goals. When MDGs are achieved, poverty handover to the local farmers systematically under supervision of the region government.

U Soe Paing of Wantho Constituency asked whether there is plan to supply high-yield quality paddy strains to both local and international markets. The deputy minister answered: Farms and research departments of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are producing hybrid, high-yield and Open Pollinated Variety (OPV) paddy strains and providing expert assistances.

When Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill is approved, the central committee will scrutinize whether the lands are reclaimed or not and handed over permits to those who will actually do the business.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu answered two questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives. U Yin Maung of Chamaythazi constituency asked whether there is plan to amend 1994 private academic training law to be commensurate with the age or add tentatively practiced policies in the law. The deputy minister answered: the ministry will enforce the law to practice in accordance with policies designated to adopt temporarily.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law (14) Private School Registra- tion Law 2011 has been enacted. The ministry is negotiating with the Union Attorney-General’s Office to draft related rules, orders and directives. Only when the opening of private schools is supervised well under the law, will the private academic training law be able to be amended.

U Win Naing of Shwebo Constituency asked whether there is plan to employ more general workers in primary schools and clerks and other staffs in middle/high schools.

The deputy minister answered: One headmaster/headmiss- tress, teachers and one general worker are employed in primary schools. Upper divisional clerks, lower divisional clerks and other ranks are employed in middle and high schools.

Because the permission from on high is needed to employ above two third the number of the staff in each department, the vacant posts remain unfilled.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin answered five queries raised by five Hluttaw representatives. U Aik Yun Mun of Metmung Constituency asked whether the Ministry of Health has plans to provide sufficient workforce and medical assistances. The Union minister answered: If assistant doctors (fresher) discharge duties, one station doctor will be assigned to Metmung station hospital. Five upper class nurses permitted by the organizational set-up have been appointed in Metmung Township People’s Hospital. Two out of allowed 10 nurses have been appointed. The ministry has assigned eight fresher nurses have been assigned to the position by the letter dated 22-12-2011. Full workforce including two allowed nurses and two midwives have been employed in Sutwee station hospital.

Central Medical Stores Department of the ministry provided one Auto Clave (Table Top) in June 2009, one Suction Machine on 6-10-2009, one Ceiling Lamp on 12-5-2010, and one Air Sep on 4-2-2011 to Metmung Township People’s Hospital and one Labour Bed, one Examination Bed and one Medicine Trolley to Sutwee station hospital in June 2011.

If the hospitals submitted completed requests for medical assistances through township health department and these are supported by the head of Shan State health department, the assistances will be provided in order of priority.

U Thein Tun Of of Ampurapra Constituency asked whether there is plan to allow MBBS graduates in Myanmar to attend Master degree courses for preferred subjects or take admission exams before the government cannot offer them jobs. The Union minister answered:
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acknowledged that assessment of Public Accounts Committee is true and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should draw required laws, and approved the report. Hluttaw approved the report.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said in his address that concerning coordination with the committees, Hluttaw Office and respective committees are to write complete and comprehensive draft message covering all discussion of Hluttaw representatives to be sent to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker. Discussing points are also to be forwarded with report of Public Accounts Committee.

As the deputy minister for Agriculture and Irrigation was also in the Hluttaw, he needs to inform officials of the discussing points.

The Pyithu Hluttaw continued in that realizing the motto “Public voice, Hluttaw voice; and Public wish, Hluttaw wish”, today’s discussing points proved that Hluttaw representatives are doing their utmost showing great interest of the country and the people. Hluttaw must shoulder its main duty showing loyalty to the country and the people. He urged the representatives to make all-out efforts as dutifully once. To discuss the presentation of Pyithu Hluttaw and report on 25 January for amendment to trade tax for being the same tax collection of raw material imports and finished product imports, the union minister.

To help local industries which produced export substitute products in the face of import products at the market, he added. However, there were some import raw materials which was imposed levy higher than the levy on finished products, there were some different types of goods and the need to transform a effective tax system such as Value Added Tax (VAT) and Goods and Services Tax (GST). Therefore, arrangements are being made to amend the tax collections in accordance with the commercial tax law and the ministry would carry out its duty on tax collection in accordance with the law without a burden to the ministry.

Htun Thein Lin agreed the clarification of Union Minister Dr Tin Oo, and the Hluttaw decided to put the proposal on record. Afterwards, the proposal submitted on 27 January by U Tin Hlaing of Kalay constituency to carry out special farming of cattle of pedigreed mythum, a precious commodity of Chin State, through artificial insemination for poverty alleviation and development of Chin State was discussed.

Regarding the proposal on breeding of mythum with the use of Artificial Insemination (AI), which is a glory of Chin State, for poverty alleviation and development, submitted by U Tin Hlaing of Kalay Constituency on 27 January, U Tin Hlaing of Mindat Constituency, U Nyan Swe Win of Kyaukgyi Constituency and U Htar Mu of Lahe Constituency, U Poe Khant In of Teedim Constituency and U Khin Maung Ye (a) U Khair Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency discussed that AI breeding method should be used to effectively carry out mythum breeding in Chin State and that the government should implement because the proposal is practical and describes facts and opportunities.

With respect to it, Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint replied that Myanmar Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank has already granted a loan of K 310 million for mythum breeding in Chin State as of September 2003 and plans are under way to disburse an additional loan of K 500 million. Mythum like cold climate like Chin State located at 3000 feet above sea level. So it is difficult to set up model mythum farms in every townships. To achieve success in mythum breeding and other breeding sectors in Chin State, Coordination would be made when there are offers from breeding organizations regarding technology, good pedigrees and other assistance.

Livistock Breeding and Veterinary Department has started production of quality mythum semen-tube in September 1993 successfully. In December 1996, the number of tubes production has reached 636. Local cows should be upgraded only with dairy cattle semen-tube for milk production. A total of 179 semen-tubes are kept in Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department for genes maintenance and research.

Plans are under way to implement distribution of good pedigree and setting up research laboratories on a priority basis by establishing breeding, training and education departments.

To present, it is impossible to extend current staff strength because of the State’s budget. Duties will be assigned to local residents as seven vacant posts for assistant supervisor (veterinary) in Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Chin State after systematic training have been given to them. Chin State government is implementing mythum breed-

Myanmar citizens working abroad have chance to remit their income to homeland via banks

Myanmar citizens working abroad have chance to remit their income to their families in a secure and speedy way, the Central Bank of Myanmar permitted private banks licensed to trade in foreign currencies to engage in foreign remittance business on 14 December, 2011.

Permission has been granted to Cooperatives Bank to do foreign remittance business in Singapore, for Kanbauk Bank in Thailand, for Asia Greening Development Bank in Singapore and Malaysia and for Ayesway Bank in Malaysia. Thanks to the granting of permission to do foreign remittance activities will benefit benefits such as enabling Myanmar workers in foreign countries to send money to their families legally and securely, knowing the accurate amount of foreign exchange sent by workers and facilitating the calculation of national income. In coordination with the foreign banks concerned, those private banks will start foreign remittance activities in February and March, 2012. — MNA

Workshop on media development kicks off

YANGON, 30 Jan — Opening of media development workshop, jointly organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and Asia Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) from Singapore, took place at Inya Lake Hotel, here this morning. It was attended by CEC members of MJWA and officials from Ministries and media houses, resource persons from home and abroad and guests.

At the ceremony, MJWA secretary U Ko Ko and leader of the AMIC Dr Kalinga delivered speeches.

A total of 11 resource persons — nine from abroad and two from home — will discuss papers on media related laws concerning internet age, disseminating public information in a democratic society, journalists’ perspective on media’s role in a democratic and roundtable discussions on media law reforms and social responsibility of the media, till tomorrow. — MNA

Media development workshop of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and Asia Media Information and Communication Centre from Singapore in progress. — MNA

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According to authorities and rules and regulations, there is no way to set the land under the management of the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Forestry as a garden land. But, in order to improve socioeconomic life of locals, it is agreed that natural forests can be stored and grown as agro-forestry or community forestry in accord with laws and procedures. Tax will be collected in accord with prescribed forestry regulations.

U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 12 asked whether there is a plan to ensure required water supply in Wundwin Township and construct Chaungzon dam (Aungshotta supporting dam). In response, the deputy minister said that 60,000 out of 288,000 acres were set up with irrigated water in Meiktila District. The ministry is taking measures to supply irrigated water to remaining areas and region via the four water feeding ways. First way is to channel water to Meiktila Lake by building irrigation dams. Measures to raise water level of spillway of Meiktila Lake up to one foot, water level of spillway of Mondaw embankment up to three feet and digging channel to Meiktila Lake by building supporting dams to benefit about 6000 acres are under way.

Second way is to construct Myogyi dam and Kyauk Phal dam. Myogyi dam has completed by 73% at the end of December 2011 and Kyauk Phal dam by 13%. On completion of those dams, irrigated water could be supplied to 30,000 acres in Meiktila Plain. Third, water from Kinta diversion weir to water resource department in Wundwin Township would be constructed. As they are huge projects, they would take time. For short-term convenience for water, a suitable diversion weir (or) a water storage tank would be constructed over Samon Creek near Yezin along one mile east of the water re-pumping station. Construction work would start in 2011-2012.

Third way is to supply water through underground water tapping system. A total of about 11,000 acres will be able to consume water by drilling 800-1000 m long-depth wells from Kinta diversion weir to water resource department in Wundwin Township would be constructed. As they are huge projects, they would take time. For short-term convenience for water, a suitable diversion weir (or) a water storage tank would be constructed over Samon Creek near Yezin along one mile east of the water re-pumping station. Construction work would start in 2011-2012.

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Today, arrangements are being made to designate the rate of financial assistance to the employees in the border areas as development tasks are being carried out in the areas. The Union Minister for National Planning and Finance Ministry had allowed government employees in the designated townships and has allowed 25% of the salary as a special salary along with their increased salary. When the salary and daily wages of government employees were increased on 1 April, 2006, the employees in border areas were allowed only increased salary and wages.

Countries change issue of currency notes based on conditions and time. In Myanmar, after gaining independence, notes of K1, K5, K10 and K50 were issued. After the CBM took over duties of The Union Bank of Myanmar, the CBM printed General Aung San’s figure on the notes. The Union Bank of Burma issued notes featuring General Aung San dressed in military uniform and a picture of a fisherman, a farmer and cow, a woman picking cotton, cultivation. The Union Bank of Burma issued notes featuring General Aung San along with pictures of a fisherman, cultivation, dancer, Thakhin Pho Hla Guy, Sayasan, harp. In 1-3-1999, the CBM issued notes for K1, K5, K10 and General Aung San dressed in BD uniform. After that, notes featuring harps, lion, water fountain, lacquer, boat racing, cane fishing, centre bank of Myanmar. 2003-2004 notes, 500-kyat notes and 1000-kyat notes issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar on 11-10-2004 feature a Myanmar artistic Kethara Lion, an elephant drawing timber logs, casting of bronze Mahabanda Statue and the building of the Central Bank of Myanmar. 50-kyat notes issued on 1-10-2009 also features a white elephant and the building of Puundangso Hlutaw as the white elephant is a symbol of dignity, prosperity and vast sovereign power of the State. Therefore, if there is a plan to issue more new notes, as mentioned earlier, things suitable to the time and resource use of the Bank will be printed on them.

Asking about any plan to relax tax and charge at a reasonable price in registering and getting licenses for motor vehicles and three-wheeled vehicles U Sai Tun Aung of Kachin State Constituency No.5, the Union Minister replied that according to the data of Myanmar embassies in foreign countries, there are about one million three-wheeled vehicles in foreign countries. Regarding the issue of emigrant workers, international employment supervisory committee with the Union Minister for Labour as chairman has been formed together with the MoI in order to ease the one of the five tasks of the committee for ensuring labour benefits is to ensure smooth and speedy remittance of money of Myanmar citizens working abroad.

The Central Bank of Myanmar has issued money changer licence to 17 private banks and opened 57 money changer counters. In addition, authorized dealer licence was granted to 11 domestic private banks on 20-11-2010.

For ensuring secure and speedy remittance money of Myanmar workers in foreign countries, the Central Bank has granted permission for Cooperatives Bank to foreign remittance business in Singapore, for Kunthawaza Bank in Thailand, for Asia Greening Development Bank in Singapore and Malaysia and for Ayeawady Bank in Malaysia beginning 14-11-2011.

Those private banks will remit money to state-owned banks through contact banks in foreign countries and then to private banks. Remittances will be made according to current rate. On completion of SWIFT communication system, those remittances can be made to private banks (head offices) via contact banks. Those four private banks are scheduled to start remittance activities in February and March this year.

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Mine blasts while planting, leaving two insurgents dead, engine derailed
Explosives seized from insurgent’s wife

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan — The engine of a local train derailed in Kai Chin State as a mine planted under rail tracks by KIA insurgents was blasted yesterday. When the passenger down train no. 40 en route from Mohnyin to Shwebo was running between Mawlan Village station in Mohynin Township, Kai Chin State, and Nantuang Township, Sagaing Region, the mine went off while it was being planted between the mile post No. 614-3 and -4, taking the rails off the joint leaving the engine derailed and blocking the Myitkyina-Mandalay rail service.

The body of Bransai, 36, son of U Day Htoo of Hmayaw village, Kachin State, was recovered from the track with an identity card for Immanuel Church and K12000 for their expenses.

The connection with the blast, a combined squad comprising local security forces, Myanmar Police Force and authority of Mohynin Myaw Ward searched the bed road. Bransai’s wife Ma Sarah Jar Hpan (a) Ma Jar Hpan, daughter of Reverend James Layaw residing in the church compound, and seized a pack of gunpowder measuring eight inches long, eight inches wide and six inches high, small six batteries and three circuits, about one meter long copper wire, an ordinary class ticket for Bransai for the No. 56 Mohnyin-Indaw Down Express Train, a dry-cell for the Kernwater cell phone and a red plastic bag.

The squad also found a body without head having conformity pattern in the tree roots, about eight feet high and 50 feet east of the blast. They also discovered food, litters, water bottles and one hand-set and a 450 CMDA SIM card in it, and are trying to identify the body.

The squad is investigating the case. Myanma Railways has already repaired the damaged railway track and train services have returned to normal. — MNA

The education ministry has sent 108 dotsctorates, 96 MA degree holders, 148 researchers, 800 trainees, 503 study tours, 806 attendees to meetings, totaling 2586 scholars, to foreign countries. In education sector, teachers are nurturing students with a hand of their parents. The Hluttaw approved that proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed the proposal of Yangon Region Constituency No. 8 Dr Myint Kyi “urging the government to be of assistance farmers in production of paddy higher and higher, and in getting earnings more and more” to be discussed.

The Hluttaw agreed the proposal of Mon State Constituency No. 12 U Zaw Naing Oo “pushing the government for helping the villagers who live in the village near the violet rescue team” to be discussed.

On behalf of the finance and legal affairs commission, Major Maung Maung Gyi, a member of the commission, submitted reports as proposals on implementing the laws related to intellectual property and on becoming a party to the 1958 Convention of the Recognition of Foreign Arbitral and on enacting the law on enforcement of the Foreign Arbitral. The Hluttaw agreed the proposal.

U Khin Maung Yoe of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 6 submitted a proposal on condolence of the demise of Dr. Bo Gyi (a) U Aung Ngwe for his dutiful efforts and U Khin Maung Yoe of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 2. The Hluttaw announced that the proposal and the discussion by the representatives would be put on record and would send it to the hierarchy of the late Hluttaw representative.

The representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw observed a two-minute silence in honour of the late Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Bo Gyi (a) U Aung Ngwe for his dutiful efforts and U Khin Maung Yoe of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 2. The Hluttaw announced that the proposal and the discussion by the representatives would be put on record and would send it to the hierarchy of the late Hluttaw representative.

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Hluttaw candidates to be scrutinized in accord with law

1. Union Election Commission has announced with Notification No.62/2011 that Nay Pyi Taw Sub-commission and District Sub-commissions concerned will scrutinize Hluttaw candidates from respective constituencies nominated to run for by-election to be held in 1 April, 2012, in accord with Hluttaw Election Law Section 24 from 6-2-2012 to 10-2-2012.

2. When taking scrutiny measures in accord with Section 24, the following persons are allowed to come to the place, date and time as prescribed in accordance with Rule 26;
   (a) Hluttaw candidates concerned
   (b) Election representatives concerned
   (c) Those authorized by Hluttaw candidates concerned with endorsement
   (d) Those entrusted with responsibility to help Nay Pyi Taw Sub-commission, Self-Administered Region/Area Sub-commission or District Sub-commission by those sub-commissions
   (e) Eligible voters

3. It is hereby announced that during the scrutinization of Hluttaw candidates, those who have been nominated as candidates of Hluttaw concerned in accord with Section 25(a), are allowed to submit their documents as they wish.

Union Election Commission

Public Announcement by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications

(29th January, 2012)

1. Myanmar Post and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is reducing initial installation fees step by step for enabling the people to contact each other by phone at low cost as it is responsible for providing efficient communication services to the State and people. It reduced the price of a mobile phone from K 1.5 million to K 0.5 million and worked in cooperation with private companies to help the people buy and use mobile phones at any place or time. The installation charge of auto telephones was reduced and could be paid in instalments as of May 2011 though it was once K 1 million.

2. Furthermore, MPT is working in cooperating with 23 private companies in accordance with existing laws for GSM/UMTS phone line extension project to make mobiles available at low price in both rural and urban areas for socio-economic development of the people. It has planned to reduce mobile phone installation fee as it is in neighbouring countries during the project period of five years.

3. MPT has to build radio stations on chosen lands for enabling to use a mobile phone, install sufficient machines, construct communication routes for local, long-distance and trunk calls for a long time, build high-tech billing systems to collect charges through prepaid, postpaid and online systems, and extend International Gateways and Internet Gateways for allowing phones to be extended and existing mobile phones and auto phones to switch on.

4. Now, local journals are reporting that a phone could be used at the initial installation fee of K 5000 starting in March and June. A journal even writes the project will erect 2800 cellphone towers. The public is informed that telephone at the price of K 5000 is absolutely impossible in the time being as it takes a considerable time to establish a communication network thoroughly and the proposal is not in accordance with the existing laws in the light of analysis of MPT’s chief engineers and experienced technicians.

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

Hluttaw candidates to exactly follow directives and notifications of UEC in canvassing for votes

1. Election Sub-commissions concerned will scrutinize and approve Hluttaw candidates nominated for run for by-election to be held in 1 April, 2012, from 6-2-2012 to 10-2-2012.

2. The approved Hluttaw candidates representing political parties and independent Hluttaw candidates will soon give public talks on their policy, stances and work programmes and canvass for votes so that they can win the by-election.

3. Union Election Commission has announced the procedures and rules on the rights for Hluttaw candidates to assemble and canvass with Notification No.91.2010 dated 18-8-2010.

4. The notification states that assembling and giving talks at the party headquarters and branches shall be reported in advance to the sub-commissions concerned and there is no need to apply for the permission. However, if candidates wish to assemble and give talks at their designated places, they are to apply to the sub-commission concerned seven days ahead and they will be allowed to do so only after permission has been granted.

5. If they apply for permission to the sub-commission concerned in accord with the said notification (directive) and act in line with the permission, organizations concerned will coordinate and render necessary assistance.

6. A public notice has therefore been issued that Hluttaw candidates representing political parties and independent Hluttaw candidates are to assemble and canvass for votes by exactly following the Notification No.91/2010 issued by the Union Election Commission.

Union Election Commission

Imported gas pipes delivered to worksites

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy is engaging in the drive for maintenance of laying pipeline. As imported P E coated pipes are now on arrival by water, arrangements for transport of them to worksites are being made.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Hsu inspected stockpile of pipes in Thakuya offshore oilfield yesterday and also loading them onto vehicles and cargo train.

Festival of Mann Shwe Settaw Buddha’s Sacred Footprint opened

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Magneay Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe and wife San San Myint attended the opening of Festival of Mann Shwe Settaw Buddha’s Sacred Footprint in Minbu (Saku) Township on 28 January.

Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pahissara, Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Arnt Zaw and Deputy Commissioner of Minbu District U Khin Maung Myint formally opened the feast and the chief minister unveiled the arch.

Sayedaws and members of Sangha concentrated upper and lower footprints of Lord Buddha.

The chief minister and wife, and officials offered alms and provisions to the Sayedaws and members of Sangha.

The festival is annually held from fifth Waning of Taborwic to Myanmar New Year for 81 days. The region government and Pagoda Board of Trustees have made arrangements to host pilgrimages.—MNA

London celebrates Year of the Dragon

LONDON, 30 Jan—Thousands of people packed into London’s Trafalgar Square on Sunday to celebrate Chinese New Year, with pyrotechnics and dancers in dragon costumes entertaining the crowds.

London Mayor Boris Johnson said the big turnout “shows the way the world economy is going”, as people grasped the chilly weather to see performers parade through the city and sample Chinese food. Trafalgar Square is around the corner from London’s Chinatown District.

The festivities included the welcome in the Year of the Dragon, which officially started on 23 January, included a dramatic firecracker display and performers from Britain and China, while acrobats dressed in elaborate dragon outfits leapt from podiums to a backdrop of heavy percussion.

“It’s an amazing occasion and we’ve never seen a crowd quite as big as this in all the years that we’ve been doing it. I think it shows the way the world economy is going,” Johnson said at the event.

“London is a global city; you’ve got more Chinese students here in London than any other city in the world and I think they love it because it’s a safe city.”

Internet

Turkish Interior Minister cancels trip to anti-terror meeting in Baghdad

ANKARA, 30 Jan—Turkey’s Interior Minister Isid Naim Sahin has cancelled his trip to Baghdad where he was set to hold an anti-terror meeting with officials from Iraq and the United States, Daily Sabah reported on Sunday.

Sahin cancelled the trip despite the trilateral initiative would be key to curb the activities of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), which often launches attacks on security forces and civilians from their bases along the Turkish-Iraqi border. Turkey makes extensive use of intelligence gathered by the United States in its surveillance on the Iraqi borders to fight the PKK.

The trilateral meeting, aimed at combating terrorism in the region, was initiated after tensions arose between the two neighbours when Iraq accused Turkey of interfering with its domestic politics.

Earlier, Turkey urged Iraq’s Sunni and Kurdish blocs to make efforts toward reconciliation. Also, Turkish officials have reportedly called Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki “a thorn in Iraq’s politics. What is really at stake are the ongoing Iraqi-Turkish efforts to open up three new border crossings as well as ties between Ankara and Baghdad which are in some jeopardy, Milliyet said.—Xinhua
London Olympic chiefs free up 120,000 hotel rooms

London, 30 Jan—London 2012 Olympics organizers have released more than 120,000 hotel room nights back onto the open market, they announced. They confirmed that some 20 percent of the room nights they had reserved in London would be returned to hotels to offer up to other customers. The spaces had been reserved to provide accommodation for media, with hotels to provide more than 40,000 rooms, representing more than 600,000 room nights during the period. But part of the deal was that the organizers promised to return any unwanted rooms to the hotels so they could sell them in time for the Games.

“The hotel industry in London got behind the bid to stage the Games in the most extraordinary way and that support helped us across the line,” London Olympics chief executive Paul Deighton said. “We always promised that we would not hold on to hotel rooms we didn’t need but return them to the individual hotels at the beginning of 2012. We are now doing this and I hope that this enables the hotels to continue with their planning for this summer as we all work together to stage a spectacular Games.”

Indonesia’s big chains to build at least 60 hotels this year

Jakarta, 30 Jan—More than 60 hotels, ranging from budget class to charm and luxury boutiques, will be built across Indonesia in 2012, as hotel chains gear up to benefit from the surge in the number of business and leisure travelers, the Jakarta Post daily reported Monday.

Major local hotel chain Santika Group, owned by media kingpin Kompas Gramedia, for instance, will open more than 20 hotels this year. “The budget hotel business is booming now because for the past few years people have been traveling a lot, especially for business purposes,” said Minoru Shigekuni, general manager of the company.

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Bangladesh, India ink power plant deal

Dhaka, 30 Jan—Bangladesh’s Power Development Board (PDB) on Sunday signed a deal with India’s National Thermal Power Company for the construction of a power plant with production capacity of 1,320 megawatts.

ASAM Alamgir Kabir, chairman of Bangladesh’s state-run PDB, and Anup Roy Chowdhury, chairman of India’s state-owned NTPC, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides in Dhaka.

The PDB chairman said both countries will have equal partnership in the power production plant, which is to be constructed by 2015 in Bangladesh’s Bagerhat District, some 178 south of Capital Dhaka.

The partnership deal comes as part of the Bangladesh government’s efforts to boost power generation to 15,000 megawatts by 2016 to improve the country’s nagging electricity situation.

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Bangkok, 30 Jan—Thailand’s second biggest airport, Don Mueang, will reopen for commercial flights on 6 March, Airports of Thailand (AOT) President Anirut Thamomkul said on Monday, English website Bangkok Post reported.

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Japan’s population to shrink two thirds by 2110

Tokyo, 30 Jan—Japan’s population is expected to shrink to one third of its current size over the next century, with the average woman living over 90 within 50 years, according to a government report.

The population is forecast to decline from the current 127.7 million to 86.7 million by 2060 and to tumble again to 42.9 million by 2110 if “conditions remain unchanged”, the health and welfare ministry said in the report. The projections by the ministry’s National Institute of Population and Social Security Research forecast that Japanese women would on average have just 1.35 babies, well below the replacement rate, within 50 years.

The report said that last year’s earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan, which left more than 19,000 people dead or missing, hit average life expectancy but that the figure was expected to continue its upward trend. Japan’s life expectancy — one of the highest in the world — is expected to rise from 86.39 years in 2010 to 90.93 years in 2060 for women and from 79.64 years to 84.19 years for men.

Japan’s population has been declining as many young people have put off marriage, seeing it as a burden on their lifestyles and careers. A slow economy has also discouraged young people from having babies.

GIGLIO (Italy), 30 Jan—The capsized cruise ship that capsized off Italy’s coast will take up to 10 months to remove, officials said Sunday, as rough seas off the Tuscan coast forced the suspension of recovery operations. Officials called off both the start of operations to remove of 560,000 gallons fuel and the search for people still missing after determining the Costa Concordia had moved four centimeters (an inch and a half) over six hours, coupled with waves of more than one meter (three feet).

A 17th body, identified as missing, with one body recovered from the ship along the seabed. Gabrielli noted that the body of a man was recovered but ruled out the ship’s sliding shifting deeper into the ocean.

University of Florence professor Riccardo Fanti said that this does not translate into an environmental disaster.”

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4. For more details, contact; 067-431243 hours from (30-1-2012). Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.

3. Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD office No. 50, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours from (30-1-2012) to 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMAR PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: FORTUNE SHIPPING AGENCY PTE LTD

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV CHANG CHUAN VOY NO (166)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CHANG CHUAN VOY NO (166) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.1.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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MV ORIENTAL DESIRE VOY NO (017)

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

Economic, 30 Jan—The chief executive of state- owned Royal Bank of Scotland has turned down his hotly-disputed bonus of £963,000 ($1.5 million, 1.15 million euro) over byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Stephen Hester was due to receive a £30,000 bonus this year on top of his £1.2 million salary, the bank had said Thursday.

That announcement — amid government calls for pay restraint during the continuing economic gloom— sparked outrage from trade unions and the Labour Party.

But the bank said Hester would not be taking the shares after all. “I can confirm that he has decided not to accept the bonus,” an RBS spokesman told AFP. The fact that the sum was less than the £2.0 million Hester was given a year earlier had to dent the criticism. Taxpayers own 82 percent of RBS since it was bailed out at the height of the global financial crisis in 2008. Since then, it has slashed tens of thousands of jobs. Hester’s move was welcomed by finance minister George Osborne.

“This is a sensible and welcome decision that enables Stephen Hester to focus on the very important job he has to do, namely to get back billions of pounds of taxpayers’ money that was put into RBS,” the chancellor said.

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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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Shanghai stock market discount falls as US economic growth falls short

Bangkok, 30 Jan—Asian stock markets fell Monday, with slower-than-expected growth in the US and uncertainty about a tentative deal to resolve Greece’s debt crisis weighing on investor sentiment.

Benchmark oil slipped to near $89 per barrel while the dollar rose against the euro but fell against the yen.

Japan’s Nikkei225 index shed 0.6 percent to 8,789.04. South Korea’s Kospi was 1.3 percent lower at 9,359.90 and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng dropped 0.5 percent to 20,401.32. Australia’s S&P/ ASX 200 lost 0.4 percent to 4,272.70. Benchmarks in Singapore, Indonesia, India and the Philippines also fell. Shares in mainland China were mixed after being closed for a week for Chinese New Year holidays. Taipei and New Zealand rose.

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Malaga take honours in Andalusian derby

MADRID, 30 Jan—Ten-man Malaga beat Sevilla 2-1 on Sunday in a fiery Andalusian derby to leap above their local rivals into seventh position in La Liga, one point behind a potential place in next season’s Europa League.

The Brazilian centre-half Wellington and Uruguayan midfielder Seba Fernandez got first-half goals for Malaga either side of an Antonio Luna strike for Sevilla.

Malaga lost Francisco Ribas ‘Ico’ with 12 minutes remaining for a second yellow card after a bad foul on Alvaro Negredo but held out for the win that brought them to an end of a run of three consecutive league defeats.

Sevilla are now six league games without a win and drop into the bottom half of the league for the first time this season.

Earlier, Valencia had come of the bench to score twice and help his side earn a hard-fought 2-2 draw at Racing Santander.

Santander went ahead in the second minute when Adrían González was brought down by a delightful pass from Pedro Munitis from close range and the home team controlled the game for the first half.

Valencia came into the game more in the second period and Aduriz netted on 66 and 79 minutes with a left-footed shot and a header after he had given the side the lead.

However, in a match marred by injuries and cards, Bernardo Espinosa grabbed a leveller for Santander with a header on 88 minutes to set up a grandstand finish.

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**Fingerlings released into dam**

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**Cash donated for increase of pass rate**

**SANGWIN, 30 Jan—**With the aim of increasing the pass rate in matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year, departmental personnel and well wishers donated cash assistance to the education funds in Shwegyin Township yesterday. Altogether 22 well wishers donated K2,306,250 for 403 students from Basic Education High School and seven BEHIS branches through the representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, the township administrator and the township education officer. —**Township IPRD**

**Djokovic has that unbeatable feeling**

**MELBOURNE, 30 Jan—**Novak Djokovic has that unbeatable feeling. And well he should. The Serb outlasted Rafael Nadal to defend his Australian Open title in the longest ever Grand Slam final and become the fifth man to win three straight majors in the Open Era.

Djokovic now has the French Open — the one major to elude him — in his sights. He won’t even rule out the ultimate: the Grand Slam.

“One player (Rod Laver) has done it, so it is possible,” he said after the traditional post-victory photo shoot in a downtown Melbourne park on Monday. “Obviously the times are different and tennis nowadays is much more competitive and much more physical. And that makes that challenge more difficult to achieve. But everything is possible.”

With the London Olympics to follow Wimbledon this year, Djokovic could even make it a Golden Slam by winning the gold medal at London 2012 to go with the four majors.

“The facts are that I’m at the peak of my career,” Djokovic said. “I feel physically and mentally at the peak, I feel strong, I feel motivated, I feel eager to win more trophies.”

Having slept for only a few hours, Djokovic dispensed with the band and the raucous dressing room celebrations that marked his victory last year, choosing to strum the air guitar and belt out a few lyrics from ‘Highway To Hell’.

Djokovic recalled the brief celebrations after the match at Rod Laver Arena and made a half-hearted attempt to sing the refrain from the AC/DC rock anthem. His legs were too tired, and his throat a bit hoarse. “Oh man, I’m tired.”

**Priyanka Chopra on a musical high!**

**NEW DELHI, 30 Jan—**She is over the moon with the success of her recent flick Agneepath, and now actor Priyanka Chopra is keeping her fingers crossed so that her debut album follows suit.

“I am working on my album but there is a lot of time that I need to balance between my movies and music. I hope by summer this year, I am able to come out with a single. I will work on international lines, I’ll drop a single and then if it picks up, another single until the album comes out,” the 29-year-old says.

“There is so much talent in the country and I hope I can pave the way for artists so the world opens up for them,” she adds.

Ask her about her reported collaborations with artists Lady Gaga and Jay Sean and she says, “There will be collaborations, but it’s too early to speak about them right now.”

A former Miss World, Priyanka also spoke about Indian beauties participating in international pageants.

“Indian women are so beautiful, not just in the way they look, but in the way they are. We have a lot within ourselves in terms of personalities and so much potential. I hope a lot more girls will come forward and take part in Miss India,” says Priyanka.—**Internet**

**My personal life is my own**

NEW DELHI, 30 Jan — Actor Leota Banza, who is more famous for her renowned relationship with Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh than her acting skills, is presently excited about her item song, Ghaaziaahntu Ramu Hoom Main. The 27-year-old will be grooving to the item number for the upcoming film, Zilla Ghaziabad that also stars actors Vivek Oberoi, Sanjay Dutt, Arshad Warsi andミニシャラ Anam Banza, who has acted in films such as Dil Dya Hai (2006) and The Train (2007), shares with us tidbits about her life—both from the professional and personal front.—**Internet**

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

**Township IPRD**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 h MST.**

During the past (24) hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Region and weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon Region. Relief humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-1-2012 was 54%/56%. Total rainfall hours on 30-1-2012 was (Nil).

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and Partly cloudy elsewhere in Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31st January 2012: Rain is likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region. Karin and Mon States, weather will be partly cloudy in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (30 m/s). Small to moderate sea waves.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-1-2012: Generally fair weather.

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And so he should be. Djokovic completed a five-hour, 53-minute 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-5 victory over Nadal at 1:37 a.m.— ending an epic match with a forehand winner that finally finished off the Spaniard.

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

**(31-1-12 09:30 am – 1-2-12 09:30 am) MST**

**Overseas Transmission**

- News
- 22nd Anniversary of Ramayana Drama
- News
- Secret Places for Yummy Food “Shwe Musel”
- News
- What Have You Done For The Natural Environment?
- News
- VCD Centre
- The 4th Grand Art Stream Family Art Exhibition (Donation Ceremony)
- News
- Youth and Music (Part-2)
- News
- A Traditional Dish of Myanmar Lads
- Music Gallery
- News
- Grassland Survey in Hukaung Tiger Reserve
- News
- My Native Town Meiktila
- Myanmar Movies “The Director”

**MYANMAR TV**

**(31-1-12 (Tuesday)**

**7:00 am**

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingin Sayadaw

**7:40 am**

2. Nice & Sweet Song

**7:50 am**

3. Khet Myaung Programme

**8:10 am**

4. Dance Of National Races

**8:40 am**

5. International News

**8:45 am**

6. Metta Bhavana by Mingin Sayadaw

**4:00 pm**

7. Musical Song

**4:25 pm**

8. Instrumental Music

**5:00 pm**

9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

**5:20 pm**

10. Teleplay (Health)

**5:30 pm**

11. Sweet Melody

**6:20 pm**

12. Sing A Song

**6:50 pm**

13. TV Drama Series

**7:00 pm**

14. News

**7:15 pm**

15. Bakery World

**7:30 pm**

16. TV Drama Series

**7:45 pm**

17. India Drama Series

**8:00 pm**

18. Grassland Survey in Hukaung Tiger Reserve

**8:40 pm**

19. Myanmar Movie “The Director”

**INTERNET**

**Weather for 30th January, 2012**

**Generally fair weather.**
Pyithu Hluttaw third regular session continues for third day

Twelve questions answered, one bill approved, three reports approved and two proposals discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Third regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for third day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. The session was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 375 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. Twelve questions were raised and answered; one bill, discussed and approved; three reports submitted on 26 January, discussed and approved; two proposals, discussed.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than answered five queries raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

Thura U Aye Myint of Wetlet Constituency asked whether there is plan to upgrade diesel-powered river water pumping station project near Tatywa village in Wetlet Township in Shwebo District of Sagaing Region to electric-powered one. The deputy minister answered: requirement of electric power to upgrade the project is 15 MVA. Plans are underway to build (230/66/11) KV, (100) MVA power station in compound of Ohndaw power station and to generate electricity to Tatywa, Ayadaw (2), Ayadaw (3), Hsindat and Pyautywa projects in Sagaing Region.

Ohndaw power station was bought from Water Resources Utilization Department in 2010-2011. Although budget of US$ 5.1 million was requested for the project, the government allowed only US$ 2.13 million as there were other priorities. In 2012-2013 fiscal year, the budget of US$ 2.97 million and installation cost of K 400 million will be requested. If the government allows the budget, it will be completed cent per cent by 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Upon completion of the power station, the budget for installing 25-mile 66-KV power grid to the river water pumping station will be requested.

To irrigate farmlands for winter crops, some parts of the embankment have sometimes to be breached. That is why the river water inundates the farmlands in rainy season. The Irrigation Department repaired the breach of the embankment once in 2007-2008 fiscal year.

According to field survey, there are 15 breaches. Seven sluice gates need to be built to prevent from

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Message sent by the President put on record, two proposals discussed, one proposal withdraw, one proposal approved and five proposals submitted

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Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied to the questions about agriculture and irrigation sector raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No. 5 asked whether cardamom plantation in Papan and Thandaung of Kayin State Constituency No. 6 would be transformed into garden land, and there is forestry tax exemption on cardamom seeds. In response, the deputy minister said that according to annually released statistics of Settlement and Land Records Department, cardamom was categorized into other common spices in growing and production list of all crops.

There were 40243 acres of cardamom in 2011-2012 in Myanmar, including 20366 acres naturally grown in forest areas and 19877 acres as mix-crop. According to land differentiation list of Settlement and Land Records Department, garden land means a land on which vegetable and flowery plants grow by way of continuous or mixed form without needing substitutes for many years despite plucking many times.

The cardamom plantation in Kayin State is kind of garden land. Cardamom plantation grown in vacant land is listed as garden land.

Data collection on growing acre list on cardamom naturally grown or grown as plantation in reserve forest areas is being made in cooperation with Forest Department. According to name and definition of Paragraph (2) (e) of Chapter (1) of Forestry Law-1992, cardamom seed is included in 29 kinds of small forest product, and 25% of local price is collected as a tax. According to Section 254 of the 2008 Constitution, taxes collected from small forest products are to be paid to region or state budget. From 2007-2008 to 2011-2012, earnings from cardamom seed production made up 24.77% to 59.15% of forest product in Kayin State, earning K 94 million to K 316 million of annual tax on it.

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