President U Thein Sein receives Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister and party

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. John Baird at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace at 10 am today.

Also present at the call together with President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan and departmental heads.

The visiting delegation led by Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. John Baird was accompanied by Chargé d’Affaires of Canadian Embassy Ms Jennifer May.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to further strengthening friendly ties between the two countries, economic cooperation and investment.

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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.
The land of smiling people

Because of their openness, morality and helpfulness Myanmar people are renowned for their sincere smiles. Moreover, they under the teachings of their faith have strong humanitarian spirit and sense of generosity the main driving force in establishing civil society organizations or CSOs the country needs for its democratization process.

Despite having the sincere smiles and philanthropic spirit, our people still need to change their mindsets and behaviour as old thoughts, ideas and actions are no more acceptable to our current efforts to step forward into globalization and implement democratic transition with might and main. If we all want to make our democratic reforms stronger and faster and our country become more adaptable to globalization and implement democratic reforms stronger and faster and our country become more adaptable to globalization, we all must leave behind all old habits such as laziness, perfunctoriness, incompetence, corruption, bribery and selfishness and move forward with new habits including perseverance, obligation, efficiency, honesty, morality and altruism till reaching the goal. In fact, we need the forces that push our country forward to fulfill the people’s aspirations.

But this is easier said than done as in certain cases old habits die hard and some people find it difficult to adapt to the changes. And there may be some persons sticking to their old ways of shortsightedness worrying that changes might ruin their situation. But we all must understand that these old habits that had delayed the national economic development for a long time must be stopped at the earliest possible time. We must launch educational campaigns that help people discard such bad habits and thoughts and accept changes and new habits and visions that will bring benefits to the country and community. The enforcement of the rule of law is another effective means to curb all kinds of misconducts and improve public behaviour.

So let us try to replace old habits, mindsets and behaviors with new ways of thinking and working so there will be beautiful smiles that are really pleasant in the land of smiling people.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Canadian Foreign Minister and guests

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann held a meeting with Canadian delegation led by Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. John Baird, at Zabuthari Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw of the Hluttaw Building here at 11:45 am today.

Also present at the call with Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann were Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairmen and members. Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister was accompanied by Charge d affaires of Canadian Embassy to Myanmar based in Bangkok Ms. Jennifer May and officials concerned.

Both sides discussed matters relating to developments in Myanmar, preparation tasks to hold free and fair by-elections on 1st April and affairs concerning with Pyithu Hluttaw, and concentrated on further relationships between Myanmar and Canada and bilateral cooperation tasks.

Canadian Foreign Minister calls on Union Foreign Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Visiting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada Mr. John Baird paid a call on Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wanna Maung Lwin at his office here this morning.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed promotion of bilateral ties and mutual understanding. Mr. Christopher Day, Director of Communication, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and Deputy Director Mr. David Nelson accompanied the Canadian Foreign Minister during the talk.—MNA

Union A&I Minister views thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy, musk melon plantations

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspects Wakkamu Rubber Diversion Weir built through Rubber Dam Technology for the first time in Myanmar on Nyobin Creek near Wakkamu Village of Lewe Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, together with Vietnamese agriculturists, inspected thriving 11-Vietnamese-strain 120-day Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation near Chaing Village of Dekkhinathiri Township this morning. He also viewed fruits of three musk melon strains and gave instructions to local farmers.

He looked into Wakkamu Rubber Diversion Weir built through Rubber Dam Technology for the first time in Myanmar on Nyobin Creek near Wakkamu Village of Lewe Township.

The diversion weir is 56 feet long, 65 feet and seven inches wide and 8 feet high benefiting 1471 acres of farmlands. At the 100-acer advanced paddy farm irrigated by Ngalaik Dam near Kyaku Village, the Union Minister viewed growing of Palethwe paddy strain and paddy transplanting works. Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Irrigation Department presented uniforms to the female farming workers and the Union Minister, foods to them.—MNA
Swift succession killed 14 Two bombs that exploded in insurgent areas while they were on patrol in Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan on 7 March, 2012. Iraqi security forces have killed and wounded Iraqi security forces in the commercial area full of commercial area in a crowded restaurant in western Baghdad. 

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Iraqi security forces inspect the scene of a car bomb attack in the Mansour neighbourhood of Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 March, 2012. Iraqi officials say a car bomb has killed and wounded several people in a commercial area full of shops and clinics in western Baghdad.

Factbox—Military deaths in Afghanistan

LONDON, 8 March—Six British soldiers were killed on Tuesday when their armoured vehicle was hit by an explosion while they were on patrol in Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan, a British military official said on Wednesday. Here are figures for foreign military deaths in Afghanistan caused by violence or accidents since the US-led military intervention began in 2001:

NATO/US-led coalition forces

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Hacking attack Panda Labs site after Anonymous arrests

NEW YORK, 8 March—Hackers identifying themselves with AntiSec have attacked the website of Panda Labs' anti-malware products.

It follows yesterday's arrest of an alleged member of the movement alongside others linked to the Lulzsec hacking collective. The site's front page was replaced with a message saying “Love to Lulzsec/ AntiSec fallen friends.” It accused the firm of having helped police arrest other hackers last month. The company denies the claim.
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WASHINGTON, 8 March — An unmanned underwater vehicle designed to explore the Great Barrier Reef has been deployed to Australia to investigate whether the reef's health is deteriorating due to climate change and other factors.

The unmanned vehicle, called a REMUS (Remote Environmental Monitoring Undersea System), will travel to the Great Barrier Reef and conduct a series of experiments to better understand the health of the coral and other marine life in the region.

The vehicle, developed by the University of New Hampshire, will use advanced sensors and cameras to collect data on the reef's biodiversity and water quality.

Scientists say the data collected by the REMUS will help them better understand the effects of climate change on the Great Barrier Reef and develop strategies to protect the reef.

The deployment of the REMUS to the Great Barrier Reef is part of a larger effort by researchers around the world to monitor and protect coral reefs, which are under threat from climate change and other human activities.

The vehicle will conduct its experiments over the next few weeks and will then return to the laboratory in New Hampshire for analysis and further experiments.

Scientists hope the data collected by the REMUS will help them better understand the health of the Great Barrier Reef and develop strategies to protect the reef for future generations.
49th Myanmar Gems Emporium to put colourful jade, gems, pearl lots on sale

Myanmar Gems Emporium

The 49th Myanmar Gems Emporium will be held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw soon. Gem merchants who will sell jade, gems and pearl at the emporium and local and foreign gem merchants have arrived at the emporium one after another.

Jade stones are being displayed in a row in the compound of Mani Yadana Jade Hall. With regard to the displays of jade stones, I had an interview with an official of Jade Work Committee. He explained that uncut jade stones were carried from Lonkhiphatkant region by train and by car beginning 23 January. During the period from 1 to 25 February, jade stones were counted, weighed and inspected at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall. Moreover, the floor prices were fixed for the jade stones, and displays of jade stones were carried out. After that, concerted efforts were made to publish price catalogue for jade lots from 26 February to 3 March, he said.

It was learnt that a total of 16492 lots of uncut jade lots, 62 lots of bracelets, beads and other ornaments, six lots of Inyin stone, 137 lots of other minerals such as Albite and Quartzite, totalling 16697 lots will be displayed at the emporium. Of them, a total of 16452 lots of jade and other minerals will be sold through tender and 245 lots through competitive bidding system.

After visiting the compound of Mani Yadana Jade Hall, I viewed around the hall. Arrangements were being made to allow jewellery ornamental salesrooms around the hall on the ground floor. Moreover, I saw systematic display of jewellery items on sales on the first floor. Gems Branch Assistant Manager Daw Khin Tint of Myanmar Gems Enterprise, who was focusing on display of gems, said, “The emporium will display uncut ruby stones produced from Mogok region in addition to ruby, sapphire and Mogok colourful stones excavated from Mogok. Moreover, ornamental jewellery made of ruby and sapphire.”

She continued that gems lots to be sold will comprise 22 gem lots of 16 companies from Mogok and MONGSHU that are undertaking joint venture works with the State, 205 gem lots of private entrepreneurs, totalling 227 through tender and competitive bidding system bought jade only in the past, their purchase rate on jewellery becomes higher and higher.

Furthermore, pearl lots produced from Myanmar sea will be put on sales. Among them, some pieces of pearl are of woolen white colour and some, glittering golden colour. In enquiring the plan to sell pearl, pearl merchants will be allowed to check lots of pearl on 8 March and the products will be sold through tender and competitive bidding system. Such lots of pearl consist of over 4000 pieces of pearl, weighing over 2800 momme. In total, a plan is set to sell 367 lots of pearl comprising 44,000 pieces of pearl weighing over 25,000 momme. It was learnt that forty gem merchants from Japan, Hong Kong, India, Singapore and Republic of Korea and 39 local gem merchants, totalling 79 have been invited to the emporium.

“The pieces of pearl to be sold were produced from pearl culture camps of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise and that of local and foreign pearl companies that are undertaking joint-venture works with the State. Myanmar pearl is of South Sea Pearl. In fact, the pearl is famous as Myanmar pearl across the world as it is the best quality among the South Sea Pearl producer countries,” Supervisor Daw Nyunt Nyunt Than of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise explained.

Myanmar produces two sorts of pearl—white (or) silver colour and golden colour pearl. Arrangements have been made to put both kinds of pearl on sales at the emporium. Priority will be given to sales of golden colour pearl in greater number attracting many buyers. Floor prices of pearl have been set in parallel with that of world pearl market. That is why it is sure that local and foreign gem merchants will prefer sale of Myanmar pearl.

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A lot of golden Myanmar pearl being displayed at 49th Myanmar Gems Emporium.

Gems were sold at Myanmar Gems Mart in the past. Asof 49th Myanmar Gems Emporium, the jewellery and gems will be sold at Mani Yadana Jade Hall. As a result, not only gem merchants but also jade merchants can save time in inspecting and buying pearl lots.

It was reported that gem merchants from Thailand, China and Japan and local gem merchants purchase gem lots. Mongshuruby is favorite for most of gem merchants from Thailand. Although Chinese gem merchants are weighing over 22,000 momme. Likewise, Myanmar Pearl Enterprise will sell 21 lots of pearl.

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Union Home Affairs Minister receives Director General of IOM

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received a delegation led by Director General Mr William Lacy Swing of Geneva-based International Organization for Migration (IOM) at his office, here, at 3.45 pm today.

They had a cordial discussion on elimination of human trafficking. Also present at the call together with the Union Minister were Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, the directors-general and responsible person.

Human Resources Development in Shan State North

Youths in Northern Shan State have opportunity to learn advanced computer technologies in their own region as University of Computer Studies has been opened in Lashio. (Upper)

Local national race youths are pursuing higher education at Lashio University as well.

Night scene of University of Computer Studies (Right) and three-storey Technological University in Lashio. (Lowest)

- Shan State has a large area of land. To bring about equitable development to every corner of the state, Taunggyi, Lashio, Kengtung and Panglong are designated as four development regions where one university, one technological university and one university of computer studies are each established.

- Lashio is a town in Northern Shan State with increasing number of well-rounded young workforce nurtured by its universities.

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye
Pyithu Hluttaw continues 10th day meeting

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Pyithu Hluttaw, 8 March—Pyithu Hluttaw continued its 10th day meeting at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall at the Hluttaw Building here today attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 336 representatives.

In the meeting, eight questions were replied, one proposal was discussed, three new proposals were submitted and discussed and one bill was introduced.

Pyithu Hluttaw has invited interpellation and interjection and the people to give advices to it on amending, adding and abolishing existing laws, rules and procedures, and promulgating new laws and letters can be sent to the Pyithu Hluttaw Office in Nay Pyi Taw and Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission at No.66, Room (B), (209-210), 2nd floor, Yuzana Tower, at the corner of Shwegondine Road and Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon.

U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency asked whether deccres of courts of the Union of Myanmar did not take effect and if the Union Government had a plan to help people and pensioners get back their savings while standing by them.

In response to the question, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung replied that savers had filed civil laws suits against companies in 2002 and 2003 which did not give back their savings and interests to the savers and the courts had given penalties to the defendants as the founded the defendants guilty of the offence.

And, the courts also gave decrees win to savers who filed the civil law suits against the companies, he said.

The savers had executed civil court’s decree against the companies and demanded their savings in accordance with the decrees. In accordance with a civil court’s decree of the savers, the courts sold the assets of the companies and gave the money back to them. Therefore, those savers who could show the properties got back their deposit money, he said.

However, those savers who could not show the properties of the company where they saved their money did not get back their deposit money because the company had no properties and those who received the legal win could not show the properties of the company.

In those cases, there was no responsibilities for the courts and it was found that the decrees of the courts took effect on the companies, he said.

He continued to say that the savers did not give income tax to the state nor do registration. When there happened disputes between the illegal savers and companies who carried out financial services illegally, the courts settled the cases with the companies to share the money to those who received legal wins. It was found that some companies did not own properties nor buildings and plots. Therefore, the courts had obligation to take the court’s decrees initially and without bias to help the legal winners if they applied the courts to resume the decree when they found the evidences that the companies owned properties, buildings and plots within 12 years after the court’s decree, he said.

U Soe Win of Kyauktada Constituancy asked whether there was a plan to appoint juries for legal trials.

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt replied that the existing judiciary system was effective as experienced and trained nature judges heard and handled the legal trials though juries had not been assigned to courts to hear the criminal cases since 1946, he said. It was not necessary to transform the judiciary system to the jury system. Therefore, there was no plan to assign juries to courts for legal trials.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replied the two questions related to tax raised by two representatives, U Khin Maung Yi and Phay Oo Hla Tun and the Union Minister replied that in 2003 which did not give back their savings and interests to the savers and the courts had given penalties to the defendants as the founded the defendants guilty of the offence.

The Union Minister replied that the Section 389 of the Constitution said that “Every citizen has the duty to pay taxes to be levied according to the law.”

The Union Government collected the tax from the citizens in accordance with the rules and regulations and spent the tax on development of the country. Except legal exemption, individual and organisations from the state-owned, co-operatives and private sectors who get taxable income from other entertainments, including plays at theatres shall be paid to the government as a tax, he said.

According to the Trade Tax Law, 30 % of the income from film or video screening and 15 % of the income from other entertainments including plays at theatres shall be paid to the government as a tax, he said. Such kind of tax did not burden to those who staged the entertainment because the fees for ministry would coordinate with other related departments to carry out the taxation in organisations and the task to tax those who should pay their income tax to the government.

Arrangements are being made to levy low rate of tax from the savers in conformity with the present situation.

He urged Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and artistes to actively participate in the tasks of giving tax educational programmes that plays a key role in taxation for the State fund while building a modern, developed and democratic new nation.

U Ye Htun Tin of Paseung Constituency asked whether there is a plan to enable the people to easily know tax laws, bylaws, orders and directives on taxes.

The Union Minister replied that in implementing the tax educational plan, the tax educational talks were held in townships of regions and states at least twice a fiscal year. The clarifications on taxation made for similar tax payers and departments personnel and reforms on taxation and tax exemption presented in the dailies.

Internal Revenue Department publishes laws, bylaws, orders and on tax educational works for enabling the citizens to know laws, bylaws, orders and directives on taxes.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay replied to four questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U C Khan Ram of Khamlangbanh Constituency asked that he would like to know the plan to uplift education and health sectors of border areas and remote areas.

The Union Minister replied that a total of 29 border region national race youths development schools are being opened in regions and states for enabling the national race youths of border regions to pursue education free of charge.

Those male students who passed matriculation examination are admitted at Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges in Yangon and Mandalay to be able to learn higher education, and female students are allowed at special chance to attend University for Development of National Races, Education College, nursing training schools and midwifery schools.

In the education sector, a total of 217,279 students are attending 888 Basic Education Primary Schools, 92 BEMSs and 94 BEHSs allowed to attend the on-job teachership diploma one-year course and those who passed the course are appointed as junior assistant teachers. From 2004 to 2010, a total of 35 male and 1210 female JATs, totalling 1245 have been turned out.

The Ministry of Health allows those who passed the matriculation examination from regions and states to attend the nursing and midwifery courses at the respective training schools. However, if necessary, 10 per cent of the admitted numbers can be selected to attend the course.

Beginning 2004-2005 fiscal year, nursing and midwifery training schools are being opened in Myitkyina and Bhamo, and the schools has turned out 36 male nurses and 650 female nurses, totalling 686, and they were appointed in Kachin State.

Thus, it can be seen that the State is focusing on improvement of education and health sectors of border areas as special issue. Peace and stability of the region, better transport and participation of local national races play an important role in undertaking equitable development of border areas at the same time.

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**Pyithu Hluttaw continues 10th day**

(from page 8) U Maung Nyo of Sittway Constituency asked whether there is a plan to build a bridge across Hlahtoecky Creek in Sittway. The Union minister replied that the proposed area for bridge to link Sittway to Hahtoecky at the creek is about 300 feet wide. The 36 feet high waterfacks from Inland Water Transport pass there. Thus, it is necessary to build a bridge with high bridge. In so doing, the bridge will be about 1000 feet long including the length of approach road. Therefore, the construction of the bridge will cost about K£ 2,500 million. In addition, some residences of Lannadaw North Ward in Sittway will be moved to somewhere.

If the bridge is built in a place, west of new reclaimed land near industrial ward in Sittway, the clearance of the bridge does not need to be high in clearance due to about 200 feet wide of creek. Thus, the length of the bridge will be about 250 feet. U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Constituency said whether the Union government has a plan to upgrade ChaungU-Amynit Road to the concrete facility in ChaungU Township. The Union minister replied that a plan has been adopted to spend K£ 2,911 million of the fund of Township Development Affairs Committee on construction of a wooden bridge with brick foundation on ChaungU-Amynit Road in 2012-2013 fiscal year. Placing 10 feet wide and 8 inches thick concrete layer on 8 miles long ChaungU-Amynit Road will cost K£ 792 million. As there is no plan to place concrete on inter-village roads, the remaining 0/6 mile section of the road will be constructed by gravel facility and the remaining 7/2 miles long gravel-filled section will be maintained by spending K£ 30 million. Upgrading of the whole road will depend on allotted fund. Regarding the question of U Thein Swe from An Constituency about “if there is any plan to reconstruct the six-mile long inter-district road linking Sharchan Village of Ar Township with Ganthaunggyi Village of Myebon Township”, the Union minister replied that An Township Development Affairs Committee did not have enough fund to reconstruct that inter-district on An-Kanzaking motor road but would repair and construct four conduits with K£ 0.1 million cash assistance in 2011-2012 fiscal year. It was projected to upgrade the road into gravel one within two years beginning 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) was accompanied by Maj-Gen Zaw Zaw of the Commander-in-Chief’s Office, Commodore Maung Oo Lin, Commodore Myint Tun and senior military officials.

**Ayeawady Region Chief Minister attends hoisting golden umbrella and consecration of stupas**

Nav Pyi Taw, 8 March—Ayeawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended the ceremony of hoisting golden umbrella and consecration of Setawyar Stupa at No.3 Ward at 7 am yesterday. And then he attended TatU Stupa hoisting golden umbrella and consecration ceremony in Pathein in the same day. —MNA
Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 11th day

Five questions answered, one bill submitted, one proposal discussed, put on record, one proposal approved, one new proposal submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 11th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 10 am today.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aun Myint and 193 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attended today’s session.

At today’s session, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than answered queries related to agriculture raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

U Khin Maung Yi of Region, Yezin Agricultural University and its crop-specialized school branches in Hanlinbi, Hlegu, Mawlamyine, Pyu, Magway, Kyunak and Aungban were also opened.

Denizens of Kayah State can access agricultural education at highland crop-specialized training school in Aungban of Shan State (South) which is close to the state.

Agricultural education which will directly benefit farmers will be added in curricula of basic education primary, middle and high schools as of 17-1-2012 as well.

Regarding the savings of farmers, the bank allows to withdraw their savings if the farmers request the bank to do so. From 1-4-2011 to 20-1-2012, 2799 farmers took out K 1105.63 million. The bank closes and empties the accounts if the farmers ask to do so as they cease to engage in the business. During the same period, 2792 farmers have closed their accounts which accounts for K 130.11 million.

The savings plan leads farmers to save surplus and can be as-
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State region governments and rice-specialized companies under Myanmar Rice Industry Association directly to farmers by cash on delivery or on six-month credit. The system is such that if government departments control distribution of fertilizers causes hindrances and losses due to mismanagement at some extent. To cope with market economy built by the government and to help private sector develop, it is necessary to invite participation of private sector in distribution of fertilizers. The labs under the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry are helping the private sector to produce and import quality fertilizers and pesticides. A law was submitted the name list of 5438 staff of five enterprises under the Ministry of Home Affairs as Planning and Administration. Scrutinizing Committee asked to submit the list of staff to be reduced on 21-12-2004. It includes 3806 staff of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

The staff were transferred to General Administration Department. Transfer, enjoying pension and resignation were carried out in their own wish. Those who were transferred to other departments and resigned from other departments are reapointed if there is vacancy and they are willing to rejoin Myanmar Agriculture Service. They are first appointed as daily-paid workers and then promoted to permanent staff if there is vacancy.

Myanmar Agriculture Service reappointed 221 permanent staff, 34 daily-paid staff, totaling 255 out of the staff transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

1984 Civil Servant Rules (Excerpt Journal Chapter 14), Paragraph 163, Subparagraphs (d)(CSR) 426 states that dismission for any reason means retirement. Staff of Myanmar Agriculture Service were not dismissed, but transferred to GAD at the salary rate they were currently enjoying as of 1-2-2005. They are not qualified to get the compensatory pension under the law.

If they are applied to transfer to and rejoin MAS, they will be reapointed in accordance with the transfer procedure for staff in other vacancies. Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint submitted the proposal to discuss Bill amending 1955 Government Housing (Ex-pelling) Act and a Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw decided to consider the proposal. U Than Soe of Taninthayi Region Constitution No (2) and U Win Maung of Manda- lay Region Constitution No (2) discussed the proposal of Dr Mya Nyana Soe from Yangon Region Constitution No (4) "asking the Union government to teach more arts specialized subjects in basic and higher education, to create more job opportunities for BA degree holders. They said the role of those graduated from vocational universities is important and so is the role of those from graduated from arts and science universities and thus vocational subjects and arts and sciences should be consid- ered equally as they all contribute the nation and the people more or less. Deputy Minister for Education A Ye Kyu said that Myanmar was trying to introduce internationally- practiced student-centred approach into its education system. So, students after matriculated, could apply for subject they desire and could join the desired class if they were qualified. Every university teaching higher education under the Edu- cation Ministry was conducting specialized arts and science subjects.

Those matriculated with arts subjects if qualified were eligible for economic universities, universi- ties of education, universities of for- eign languages and national management and could get degrees in arts subjects.

The mark-based entrance system made science students too- tally outnumbered arts students in introduction to universities of education, the source of teachers. For this, the Education Ministry had set the entrance ratio to turn arts subjects specialized teachers. Teachers trained from those universities were nurtured to be able to teach arts subjects in basic education field. By this way, jobs were created for arts degree holders said the deputy minister calling for putting the proposal on record.

Proposer Dr Mya Nyana Soe urged the Hluttaw to put the proposal on record and so decided the Hluttaw.

U Nway Tun of Shan State Constitution No (9), U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No (5), U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constitution No(12), U San Pyae of Kachin State Constitution No(17), U Hla Maung of Kayah State Constitution No(11), U Hnin Wai of Kayah State Constitution No(12), U Zaw Naing Oo of Mon State Constitution No(12), U Khin Maung (a) U Aung Kyaw Oo of Rakhine State Constitution No(3) and U Win Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constitution No (1) discussed the proposal of U Bo Yel from Constitu- ency No (3) of Kayah State "asking the Union government to open new border trade camp in Kayah State as priority for regional development as soon as there is regional stability."

They said there was no border trade camp in Kayah State which is sharing border with Thailand. Kayah State saw less development suffering from poor transport. At a time when the government was introducing market economy under democracy system, encouraging the people to run businesses, Kayah State should have at least a border trade camp in consideration of its economic development and to enable Kayah nationals enjoy the same status like the others, as Mesei met fundamental requirements to handle a border trade camp, as there recovered regional security after the ceasefire peace agreement with Kayinni National Progressive Party, as the road could be used in all seasons, as the state can make trade activities with other regions and states because of its geographic position, and as Thailand was proposing to open trade border camp.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pyint Hsan said that the security was held at the office of the state government in Loikaw of Kayah State, attended by Union Minister U Aung Min of the Union level peace-making group, union Minister U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyin Yu, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe, Chief Minister of Kayah State U Khin Maung Oo, departmental officials, local people and social organizations.

At the office of Kayah State government, a group led by Secretary-1 Khu U Yel of Kayin National Progressive Party (KNPP) peace-making group held a preliminary meeting.

In the evening, the Kayah State government hosted a dinner to Kayin National Progressive Party (KNPP) peace-making group at the city hall in Loikaw for ensuring eternal peace. At the dinner, Kayah national races presented tradi- tional dances. After that, Union Minister U Aung Min of the Union Level peace-making group, Secretary-1 Khu U Yel of KNPP peace-making group and Maj-Gen Bi Hla Htoo of Kayin Army Armed Force presented flower baskets to the Kayah national race cultural troupe.

On 7 March, a ceremony to sign the initial agreement was held at the office of the state government in Loikaw of Kayah State, attended by Union Minister U Aung Min of the Union level peace-making group, union Minister U Soe Thein, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Than Htay, U Khin Yi, U Khin Maung Soe, Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Soe, the General Staff Officer (Grade I) of the Regional Command (Loikaw), the Advocate-General of Kayah State and officials, Secretary-1 Khu U Yel of KNPP peace-making group and party and peace negotiators.

A five-member team led by Col Tin Soe of State level peace-making group formed by the State government and a four-member team led by Party Central Committee member Adjutant-General of Kayin State Armed Force Col Phone Naing of KNPP peace-making group signed the third initial agreement in the presence of the both side team leaders to present the 20-point paper submitted by KNPP to the Union government and to discuss the paper in the forthcoming Union level meeting. These three points initial agreement is—

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Entire women folk urged to take part…

Therefore, the Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs was formed on 3rd July 1996 as national mechanism with a view to striving for the advancement of Myanmar women. Moreover, the MWAF was also formed in 2003 to widely implement activities all over the country up to rural areas for the development of women’s education and advancement of women’s capability, joining hand in hand with MMCWA.

The MWAF has laid down national principles, ethnic principles, the religious principles, social principles and women’s affairs principles. In line with these principles, the Federation has been fulfilling the women’s economic, education, health and social needs up to the grassroots level for over eight years. During these periods, there are altogether 5.4 million members nation-wide and now the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation strongly stands up as national task force.

Mr Tin Soe of state level Child Welfare Association is collaborating and cooperating with the concerned departments in health sector, providing health education, prevention of diseases, medical treatment, environmental sanitation, prevention and elimination of HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB diseases.

Moreover, Myanmar Women’s Entrepreneurs’ Association has formulated a programme for sustainable development of the income generating enterprises of women at the grassroots level. The Association establishes local and departmental development of the income generating enterprises of women and social needs up to the grassroots level for over eight years. The Association has formulated a programme for sustainable

administration U Toe Hla and the head of Township IPRD holding the contest to enable the students to have good reading skill contest.

In the evening, the Kayah State government hosted a dinner to KNPP peace-making group for external peace at the corner of Loikaw. Union Minister U Soe Thein handed over 15 sets of Sky Nets presented as eternal peace gifts by the President to Secretary-1 State Armed Force, and Union Minister U over 15 sets of Sky Nets presented as eternal peace gifts by the President to Secretary-1 State Armed Force, and Union Minister U

Public notice for remonstration

1. Tai Lai (Red Shan) National Development Party-TNDP, headquartered at No. Dha-1/70-B on Gangaw Street between 67th and 68th streets in 40x41 of Maha Myaing Ward 1 in Mahaungmye Township of Mandalay Region, applied for registration as political party on 8-3-2012 in accord with Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law, in the flag of Tai Lai (Red Shan) National Development Party-TNDP

Field trips made for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards

KAYAH, 9 March—In implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Director of Immigration and National Registration Department U Thaung Zaw and Head of Township INRDU Nyo Nyo Tha met local people at Sasa Beikman of the monastery in Dawei Village of Nohhudanting Village-tract in Kayekwe Township on 3 March. They explained issuance of household registration and citizenship scrutiny cards to the eligible citizens and responsibility of the people to give a helping hand to the department.

After replying to queries raised by local people, they issued 320 citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DELIGHT VOY NO(156)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO (156) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.W.P.W-5 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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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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Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHUONG NAM-69 VOY NO (03/12) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.T.T-2 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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Consignees of cargo carried on MV PATTANA M-1 VOYNO (8) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.W.P.W-4 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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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Mexican judge seeks to free jailed French woman

MEXICO CITY, 8 March—A Mexican Supreme Court judge has proposed freeing a French woman serving a 60-year prison sentence for kidnaping, though his motion needs the backing of at least two others on a five-member panel determining her fate.
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Australian man pleads guilty over collar-bomb hoax

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A dressed-up elephant enters the Rambagh Polo Ground in Jaipur, capital of the north India state Rajasthan, during the Elephant Festival on 7 March, 2012.
Wenger: Arsenal must build on Milan display

**Gunners boss describes 3-0 second-leg victory as a ‘faultless performance’**

**LONDON, 8 March —** Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger has called on his side to use the character showed in Tuesday’s impressive 3-0 victory over AC Milan to seal a place in the top four of the Barclays Premier League. The Gunners, who were trailing-4-0 after the first leg of their Champions League last 16 tie, almost pulled off a stunning comeback in the second leg against Milan at the Emirates Stadium.

First-half goals from Laurent Koscielny, Tomas Rosicky and Robin van Persie gave Arsenal hope but AC Milan hung on to book their place in the quarter-finals. Despite the 4-3 aggregate defeat, Wenger believes the second-leg performance against Milan, together with the recent League victories over Tottenham and Liverpool, has given his side a real momentum ahead of the season run-in. “We are on a good run in the league and we know it will be difficult to stop the players because it is a big disappointment,” said Wenger, whose side are currently in fourth, four points behind third-placed Tottenham. “But the team has grown well together, and hopefully from here we can finish the season strongly because there is no room for disappointment at the moment in the league.”

Referees’ chief praises Everton fans meeting

**PGMOL’s Mike Riley says pilot event could be repeated around the country**

**LONDON, 8 March —** Referees’ chief Mike Riley has hailed the recent ground-breaking meeting with Everton fans as a success, and says the pilot could be repeated around the country. Riley, the General Manager of Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL), met with members of Everton’s Fans’ Forum at Goodison Park in the first part of its 2011-12 season, and engaged in a debate on a variety of refereeing issues with the supporters.

After the meeting, Riley was able to discuss incidents such as the sending off of Everton midfielder Jack Rodwell against Liverpool earlier on this season as well as explaining, using ProZone technology and 3D modelling, why referee Martin Atkinson made the decision. 
Riley also talked the fans through what PGMOL was able to learn from the incident. “From our perspective, it was a fantastic evening,” said Riley after the event, which was also attended by representatives from the Premier League and Everton Football Club.

“Very rarely do we get the opportunity as either referees or as our organisation, the PGMOL, to sit down and have time to talk about refereeing, about football, about the issues that are important to fans. We did two-and-a-half hours of that and it was really good. “We’re very proud of the standards that both the referees and assistants are achieving in what is undoubtedly the hardest league, the fastest and most exciting league in the world. It demands high standards of referees. Proving a forum like this allows you to explore some of that detail.

“We could actually show just how well the referees and officials perform in Premier League matches each week.”

The meeting is an approach the PGMOL and Premier League could replicate with other fan groups – and Riley believes that these events would be beneficial to both fans and officials alike.

Spurs secure FA Cup quarter-final spot

**Jermain Defoe scores twice as Harry Redknapp’s men see off Stevenage**

**LONDON, 8 March —** Tottenham 3-1 Stevenage Tottenham Hotspur booked their place in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup courtesy of a fifth-round replay victory over League One side Stevenage at White Hart Lane. The visitors stunned Spurs by taking an early lead when Ryan Nelsen gave away a penalty and Joel Byrom tucked it into the net.

But Tottenham recovered and Jermain Defoe controlled Gareth Bale’s long pass before hammering in, before Bale was brought down in the box and Emmanuel Adebayor slid in to make it 2-1. Defoe wrapped it up when he collected a Bale through the box and curled a superb shot into the corner, and Spurs will now play Bolton Wanderers at home on Saturday 17 March in the last eight.

**Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger**

Midfielder Tomas Rosicky produced another impressive display for Arsenal on Tuesday night.

Sharapova happy to be closing in on sport’s summit

Maria Sharapova of Russia is congratulated by her coach Amelie Mauresmo after winning her match against Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark in the BNP Paribas Showdown at Madison Square Garden in New York, on March 5, 2012. **INTERNET**

Sharapova reported at reporters that Indian Wells Tennis Garden on Wednesday. “ Obviously, the next stage is to get those grand slams, and that’s my goal. Looking back even a year ago when I was sitting in this (interview) chair, I can say I am now in a much better position. “To get to those grand slams within that you will have a great amount of confidence for the future.” Sharapova burst into the spotlight as a 17-year-old when she won Wimbledon in 2004 and she added the 2006 US Open and 2008 Australian Open crowns before her 21st birthday.

However she then missed the 2008 Beijing Olympics and that year’s US Open and was unable to defend her Australian Open crown the following January because of her shoulder injury. Her world ranking dropped to 18th by the end of 2010 but she has since risen to number two after losing last year’s Wimbledon final to Petra Kvitova and the Australian Open final in January in Victoria Azarenka. — **INTERNET**

Mariano Balotelli fined week’s wages by Manchester City

**Mario Balotelli, Manchester City, fined**

**Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini has confirmed Mar...**

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Mancini said: “I spoke with Balotelli and gave him a fine of one week’s wages for what he did. “This is normal because every player should have good behaviour before the game.” When asked if Balotelli had accepted the fine, Mancini said: “Yes.” It is the second time that Balotelli, who scored in the Premier League leaders’ 2-0 defeat of the Trotters at the Reebok Stadium on Wednesday, has been fined this season and he has also been involved in a number of other high-profile incidents since arriving at City in 2010.

Classic FC Barcelona’s Lionel Messi, from Argentina, reacts after scoring his third goal against Bayer 04 Leverkusen during a Champions League round of sixteen, second leg, group match at the Nou Camp, in Barcelona on Wednesday. **INTERNET**

Messi registered his second hat-trick against Bayer Leverkusen when he scored his third goal in the Champions League — he accomplished the feat against Arsenal two years ago — and he went on to score a fourth goal in the match.
APOEL shock Lyon in Champions League

NETHERLANDS, 9 March — APOEL became the first Cypriot side to reach the Champions League quarter-finals on Wednesday when they beat Lyon 4-3 on penalties after their last 16 tie was level 1-1 on aggregate following extra-time. Goalkeeper Dinos Chisiis was the hero of the night after saving penalties from Alexandros Laizacette and Michel Bastos. “Without doubt, this is a very big night for APOEL and Cypriot football, it’s something fantastic,” said APOEL’s Serbian coach Ivan Kovačević, whose team had triumphed 1-0 on the night after losing by the same score in France. He added that when starting out in the competition last summer “we didn’t dream of coming this far” and attributed the victory to “incredible effort, decisiveness and organisation” while the team “played a ‘perfect game’.” Lyon coach Remi Garde said there were “no excuses” but avoided criticising his penalty flops. “We win as a team and lose as a team,” he told reporters. “This is a big disappointment, we didn’t have control of the game, we had some good chances but that’s how it goes.”

Injured hurdler Robles to resume training next week

HAVANA, 8 March — Olympic high hurdles champion Dayron Robles, who pulled out of the world indoor championships with a pulled back muscle, will resume training for the London Games next week, the Cuban said on Wednesday. The injury, caused by a knock to his right leg, will keep 110 hurdles world record holder Robles from defending his indoor 60 meters title in Istanbul this weekend. “I had some problems in my (right) leg but I’m getting treatment and I think I’ll be okay to resume training next week,” Robles, who ran three indoor races in February before his injury, said on Radio Habana Cuba (www.radiohc.cu).

“Dayron was a bit of a disappointment, we didn’t have control of the game, we had some good chances but that’s how it goes.”

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Foreign Secretary of Republic of India

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Foreign Secretary of the Republic of India Mr Ranjan Mathai at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 5 pm today.

Present at the call together with Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and heads of department.

The visiting Indian delegation was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.

They held discussions on cooperation in bilateral relations and development between the two nations.—MNA

Entire women folk urged to take part in rural development tasks, environmental preservation, environmental management and natural disaster preparedness measures under guidance and leadership of State Council, patrons of MWAF and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, presidents and members, heads of department, chairmen of the Hluttaw Committees, secretaries and members, those from foreign embassies in Yangon, resident representatives of UN agencies, those from NGOs and international NGOs and others.

In his address, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that it is honourably marked that 8th March of every year is the International Women’s Day globally. It is a great pleasure and honour for us to grandly cerebrate the International Women’s Day in Myanmar like other countries all over the world. It is obvious that cerebrating the International Women’s Day auspiciously like this indicates the vital role of women, who are over half of the total population is recognized and emphasized in the national development tasks.

In 1995, the fourth world conference on women was held in Beijing, China. There were two major tasks adopted by the conference. The first one was to establish national mechanism on the implementation of women’s development activities and the second was to formulate the Plan of Action on women’s development.

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