Our Three Main National Causes

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

Date for Labour Organization Law to take effect set
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Notification No 22/2012
2nd Waning of Taboung 1373 ME
(9, March 2012)

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Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends opening of 49th Myanma Gems Emporium 2012

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo unveiled the signboard of 49th Myanma Gems Emporium 2012 by pressing a button.

U Nyan Tun Aung and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Patron of the Myanma Gems Entrepreneurs Association U Aung Ko Win and Chairman U Teza formally opened the emporium.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo unveiled the signboard of the emporium.

At the hall on the first floor, the Vice-President and party enjoyed the documentary video tapes on...
Feast and famine

Drought and flooding have compromised crop production across the globe, and over one million people are hungry. But some overstocked supermarket shelves continue to propagate the illusion of plenty, and the rate of food waste in some regions has more than doubled.

Food waste is now the second largest waste stream, which produces methane, a deadly greenhouse gas that further affects climate change. So, it’s clear that food waste has serious impact on economy and environment. Another scandalous reason that food is discarded is because it doesn’t meet aesthetic criteria, and even perfectly formed vegetables and other perishables often end up in supermarket dumpsters.

The best way to reduce waste is to increase the perceived value of goods in question. Moreover, changes in food purchasing, preparation and storage can also do a great job in reducing waste. Despite the fact that food prices have increased substantially, hotels, restaurants and food stalls yet underrated the food waste.

As the world’s food systems are in crisis, streamlined steps that deserve a serious attention are that plan your meals; make a detailed shopping list and stick to it; serve reasonable portion; and save your leftovers. As the global population continues to explode and our ability to produce food continues to be compromised, more and more people will virtually go hungry. Thus, all consumers are to alter their own behaviours that lead to food waste.

Coord meeting on socio-economic development held

Yangon, 9 March—A coordination meeting on cooperation in socio-economic development was held at National Archives Department on Pyuthaungsu Avenue Road here on 5 March.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw discussed participating in Myanmar’s development as UN agencies and NGO from different countries and INGO took part in it.

Yangon Region Planning and Economic Minister U Than Myint and departmental personnel, UN resident representatives and official concerned, ambassadors from foreign embassies, Charge d’affaires ai and invited persons attended the meeting.

Slight earthquake jolts in Myanmar

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Nurture reading habit to improve rural library

Yangon, 9 March—To improve socio-economic sector, human resource development sector, gain knowledge on wider scale and rural library for rural people, a ceremony to gear up reading habit and donate books was held at Shwe Thein Thar Library in Myaungmya Township on 3 March. The official concerned donated books to the library in the township meeting.

Both sides discussed on matters related to research and scholarship as education cooperation between the two countries. It was also attended by English Department (Dean) U Zaw Tun of Sagaing Institute of Education, Deputy Director U Thein Naing of Education Planning and Training Department and responsible persons.

Indian Government promotes Myanmar agricultural sector: $10 million worth farming equipments thrown in

Yangon, 9 March—for the purpose of keeping Myanmar-India relationship fixed firmly, the Republic of India has supplied Myanmar with farming equipments worth $10 million for promotion of Myanmar agricultural sector. The agricultural equipments include a total of 330 tractors with 40 hp each, 150 threshers with 110 hp each, 228 cultivators with 13.5 hp each, 431 ploughs, etc.

With the Indian Embassy to Myanmar, the Ministry of Industry gave a hand in fixing of the machineries.

On behalf of the Indian Government, India’s Foreign Secretary Mr. Ranjan Mathai and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. V. S. Seshadri handed them over to Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein at No. 11 General Heavy Industrial Region in Mayangon Township here this afternoon.

At the ceremony, the Union Minister and India’s Foreign Secretary Mr. Ranjan Mathai extended greetings, and paid a close attention to the machineries to be contributed to the regions and the states where are needy in deed.
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REPORTER CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

The New York Times

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An Afghan boy receives treatment at a hospital after a roadside bomb blast in the eastern Jalalabad City on 8 March, 2012.

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New suspects in 1992 Italian bombing

CALTANISSETTA, 9 March—Italian police Thursday carried out warrants in central Sicily for three people suspected of involvement in a 1992 bombing that killed an anti-mafia judge.

The suspects are Salvatore Madonia, the alleged mastermind of the attack, Victor Tutino, and Salvatore Vitate. Madonia and Tutino are in prison for prior convictions and Vitate is in a state hospital under house arrest, Italy’s ANSA news agency reported. Prosecutors were acting on new information from informant and fellow suspect Gaspare Spatuzza, the report said.

Judge Paolo Borsellino was killed 19 July, 1992, when a car bomb went off in front of a building he was entering in Via D’Amelio. The informant said Madonia organized the attack, while Spatuzza and Tutino stole the car used in the bombing and provided the detonator for the explosive.

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Obama, Karzai discuss security pact

WASHINGTON, 9 March—US President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai made progress Thursday on a security agreement between the two countries, the White House said.

The two leaders held a video conference in which they discussed the security situation in Afghanistan, US-Afghan Strategic Partnership negotiations, Afghan-led reconciliation and regional matters.

“[T]he leaders noted their lives, including in a video that was posted on the internet,” Cameron said. “We also had reason to believe that their lives were under imminent and growing danger,” he added.

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This handout photo released by the Imperial Household Agency taken on 8 March, 2012, shows That Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (R) chatting with Japanese Crown Prince Naruhito (L) at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. —Internet

The New York Times

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**Alzheimer’s patients ‘should stay on drugs for longer’**

LONDON, 9 March — Thousands of patients with advanced Alzheimer’s disease could benefit from drugs, research suggests.

The patent for the medicine Aripet, which is used to treat Alzheimer’s disease, expired recently. Much cheaper versions under the generic name donepezil are already available for about £12 a month. The researchers say their new evidence could lead to twice as many Alzheimer’s sufferers worldwide being given medication. The trial involved 293 Alzheimer’s patients in England and Scotland who had been taking Aripet.

One set were given placebo tablets while another set stayed on Aripet. A third set were given another drug, Exemil, or paroxetine, which is usually prescribed only in the later stages of Alzheimer’s. The fourth batch of patients received a combination of both drugs. The researchers assessed each group for a year, looking at their cognitive scores on factors like memory, and also whether they coped with everyday tasks such as dressing and eating. — Internet

**Diabetes amputation rates show huge regional variation**

LONDON, 9 March — Amputation rates for diabetes patients are 10 times higher in some parts of England than in others, according to a study. Researchers say the figures highlight the importance of ensuring the right specialist care.

The findings coincide with an NHS report putting the annual cost of diabetes-related amputations at £1.2bn. Amputation rates in some areas are too high, says the Department of Health.

The study, published in the journal Diabetologica, compared lower-limb amputation rates for local health trusts (PCTs) across England over three years. The paper concluded that, compared with the general population, people with diabetes were over 20 times more likely to have an amputation. It reports a huge variation in the rates of both major and minor amputations for patients with diabetes — including Types 1 and 2. For major amputations these range from just over two each year for every 10,000 patients to 22.

In England every year there are about 6,000 diabetes-related amputations. One of the main authors, Prof William Jeffcoate, a consultant diabetologist at Nottingham City Hospital, is wary of pinning blame on the areas with the highest amputation rates, though he says the variations are “shocking”.

He thinks the problem lies in the way services are organized. Type 2 diabetes is very complicated and a single professional hasn’t necessarily got the skills to manage every aspect of it. “And that’s why I believe that only if you can gather a multi-disciplinary team and make sure that people have rapid access to assessment by such a team, it’s only in that way that we think you can provide the best service.”

Many hospitals in England still do not have these teams — which also include podiatrists, surgeons and specialist nurses. — Internet

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**Fruit and veg ‘give healthy glow’**

LONDON, 9 March — Even a few weeks of eating fruit and vegetables could improve your skin colour, it is claimed.

University of St Andrews researchers monitored diet in 35 people, finding more colouration in those eating more greens. Other research suggests these changes may make you more attractive.

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**Qatar backs Airbus, Boeing over production flaws**

BERLIN, 9 March — The head of Qatar Airways, usually one of the aircraft industry’s fiercest critics, expressed confidence that Airbus and Boeing would resolve a series of high-profile glitches but warned against further production delays.

The endorsements from a top industry figure best known for lambasting manufacturer overscores over delays will come as a relief to both planemakers as they count the cost of recent mishaps.

Chief Executive Akbar Al-Baker said it was normal for new aircraft such as the Airbus A380 superjumbo and the Boeing 787 Dreamliner to have teething problems and stressed safety was not an issue.

He also seemed satisfied with Boeing’s production plans for its new 787 Dreamliner, although many analysts have said the company’s plans to boost production to 40 aircraft a month by end-2013 from 2.5 now are optimistic.

“The 787 will be a very good airplane. I am confident,” Al-Baker told Reuters at a trade show on Wednesday.

“I cannot discuss the details, but I can tell you that they have a very achievable ramp-up strategy,” he said after being briefed on the plans for record-wide-body aircraft production. Boeing is grappling with a problem of production flaws and the separation of bonded layers in part of the composite structure of its 787 Dreamliner, while Airbus is wresting with a series of cracks on components inside the wings of its A380 superjumbo.

“I think they will solve the problems with the A380. It is not a big issue...it is an aircraft that is in its infancy,” said Al-Baker. Analysts say Airbus parent EADS may take a charge of some 100 million euros for the cost of repairing the cracks and Airbus CEO Tom Enders has told staff the A380’s reputation is at stake and that costs will be spared to resolve this. — Internet

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**Carls Slim tops Forbes annual rich list**

LONDON, 9 March — Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim has once again come top of Forbes magazine’s annual list of the world’s richest billionaires.

The magazine estimates that Mr Slim, whose business interests range from telecommunications to construction, is worth $76bn ($48bn). He is followed by Microsoft founder Bill Gates on $61bn, and US investor Warren Buffett on $44bn.

Mr Slim, 72, has now topped the list for three years in succession.

In fourth and fifth place on the list are two Europeans, Bernard Arnault, the chairman and chief executive of French luxury goods group LVMH, and Amancio Ortega, the founder of Spanish fashion business Zara. Mr Arnault is estimated to be worth $54bn, and Mr Ortega $37.5bn.

They are followed by Larry Ellison, the founder and chief executive of US software group Oracle. He is estimated to be worth $36bn.

Li Ka-Shing in ninth position on $25.5bn is the highest-placed Asian. The Hong Kong-based owner of Hutchison Whampoa and Cheung Kong Holdings is the world’s biggest operator of container terminals. — Internet
Nay Pyi Taw, 9 March—Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein received Deputy Director-General Mr Yoshio Wada and party at his office here this morning. They discussed matters on providing ICT assistance by Japan for financial and human resource development in Myanmar.

In the evening, the governor received a delegation led by President of Tiyalai Holding Co Ltd General Chetta Thanajaro, and discussed investment of Thai businessmen in Myanmar banking services.—MNA

Myeik University was established in Myeik, Taninthayi Region for local national race youths in the region to be able to pursue higher education.

With the aim of enabling local national race youths to pursue higher education and advanced technology, Technological University (Myeik) was in Myeik, Taninthayi Region.

Universities in Myeik, Dawei for human resources development in Taninthayi Region

* With the emergence of those higher learning institutions in Taninthayi Region, new generation youths in the region have now been able to pursue higher education and advanced technology within their reach.

Translation: AKK
Democratic Party (Myanmar) presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Nav Pi Taw, 9 March—Chairman of Democratic Party (Myanmar) U Thu Wai and party’s General Secretary Daw Than Na presented party’s policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 9 March. The translation of their presentation is as follows.

Esteemed voters,

Our Democratic Party (Myanmar) will contest the upcoming April-1 by-elections. Candidates of our party also competed in the General Election on 7 November in 2010. Democratic Party (Myanmar) firmly decided to contest the General Elections at a time when the people were feeling that they were getting into trouble once they heard the word “politics” when the State Peace and Development Council announced the General Elections-2010 after democratic rules were ceased to exist in Myanmar about 50 years, at a time when young eligible voters who did not have experiences of elections as the country lacked the elections over 20 years and at a time when the people had a vague thinking as they were oppressed and threatened by the people who had been in power and meanwhile, they were facing no-voting activities staged by some people who called themselves as democracy activists. Esteemed voters,

The reason why we are standing for elections is to form a government of the people and to deal with the grievances of the peoples by genuine representatives elected by the people after they won seats in the parliament. To help the genuine representatives become the Members of Parliament, it not only the duty of political parties but also the duty of the people. A candidate must be in hundred per cent spirit of politics and must be mature for political experiences. Esteemed voters have already known the fact that a farmer needs to understand the condition of his farmland and a teacher needs to understand the nature of students and to be educated to be able to teach the students. Similarly, a politician must well-experienced with the people who are playing an important role in politics. Our Democratic Party’s (Myanmar) candidate U Thu Wai got involved in activities at the bottom of the politics only at the age of 13 and since then has engaged in the political field. He founded Student Union and became one of the executive committee of Students Union when he was a high school student. When he was a university student, he served as the joint-secretary of the Burma Student Union and Secretary of Toungoo District Student Union. He also participated in international conferences as a leader of students. It is an undeniable fact that U Thu Wai is not a self-centred person and has lived in deprived situation as an ordinary person among the people. Esteemed Voters,

We would say that a political leader must be a good speaker, must have a long political life and must have experiences in engaging in political struggles. However, just eloquent speech, a long political life and political experiences are not sufficient for a person to become a perfect politician. He or she should be a person who is equipped with a four sublime states of mind to deal with public affairs genuinely while bringing the public affairs to the fore. Hence, we pledge that we are committed to form a genuine government of the people while earning the trust of the people and to make all-out efforts for achievements in the political, social and economic sectors. Thank You.

Esteemed Union national people,

I wish you well and happy.

Esteemed voters,

I would like to explain the stance of Democratic Party (Myanmar) as we would run for forthcoming by-elections.

Esteemed voters,

Myanmar now is undergoing a very important time as it is experiencing transition period. We have to join hands for change and rapid success. Everyone should take part in the reforms but there are opposing personalities in the government and also in some parties. There will be those who want to take advantage of the changes. There will also be those who want to destruct and deter the changes. There are some people who will instigate taking advantage of transition period. It is needed to take great attention in order not to deviate from the right track, I would like to remind.

Esteemed voters,

Only if Myanmar people are united, can national unity can really contribute to the nation. But, unity, in reality, is easier said than done. No matter how difficult it is, we still have to build unity in diversity. Frankly speaking, people of Myanmar, regardless of race, religion, rich or poor, are united and have affection towards each other. Party attachment, racism and sectarianism are the sole cause of fractional disputes. We encourage those who make strenuous efforts with patience to wipe out mutual misunderstanding. We can even peacefully co-exist with the global members. There is no reason not being able to bring about national unity. National unity is the objective of the Democratic Party.

Esteemed voters,

It is common knowledge that wishes were not horses in democratic process. We have to encourage education for high-caliber of the people as people are the basic of democracy. Only then, can the people build democracy on their own feet. Education is high on the agenda of our party.

Esteemed voters,

Again, people need to be healthy to pursue education. It is crucial important to make sure that the public has access to sufficient medicine, effective health care and free medical attention.

Esteemed voters,

With regard to rule of law, everyone aspires justice. There have been cases in which the administrative bodies used their power to make unfair verdicts happen, bias stemming from corruption. The government needs to fight against these. At the same time, press freedom can deter unfairness and injustice. This is also the objective of our party.

Esteemed voters,

Union nationals have to cultivate the spirit that this Union is ours and we are obliged to develop the Union. So, we Union national people have to be united in friendship to build democracy. Pointing the finger at each other will not make progress but mutual understanding and affection can.

Seeking progress through amity is the objective of our party. Our party will try together with the people to build Myanmar as pleasant democratic nation.

The emblem of the Democratic Party is a dancing green peacock surrounded by 14 red stars. Its meaning is wishing the pleasure of the entire national people.

Perpetuity of natural resources discussed

Labutta, 9 March—A workshop on perpetuity of natural resources and climate change was held at Ywaw Nadi Hall of Labutta Township in Labutta District on 1 March afternoon.

Deputy Commissioner U Aye Maung Kyi of District General Administration Department explained conservation of environment and mangrove plantations and cultivation of trees. Project Manager Daw Mya Sabei Nyunt talked about distribution of Swan Ah Myint stove on a wider scale for saving firewood. Environmentalists U Win Myo Thu gave talks on process of climate change based on over cutting of trees that degrades environmental resources, reduction of carbon emission and environmental conservation. Later, he replied to queries raised by those present.

Map drawing course No 1/2012 for collection of census opened

Kengtung, 9 March—The map drawing course No 1/2012 for collection of census was opened at the office of Shan State Immigration and National Registration Department in Kengtung on 27 February morning.

Head of State INRD U Khin Soe explained the purpose of conducting the course as a preliminary works for collection of census in the whole nation from 1 to 7 April 2014.— District IPRD
Greetings to you esteemed people,
I am Mi Myint Myint Wai, Legal Consultant of All Mon Regions Democracy Party. Our All Mon Regions Democracy Party won 16 seats in Hluttaw in 2010 elections as we fielded 34 candidates. Two party members are discharging duties each in Mon State and Kayin State governments. We are holding three seats in Pyithu Hluttaw, four seats in Amyotha Hluttaw, seven seats in Mon State Hluttaw and two seats in Kayin State Hluttaw.

Esteemed people,

The entire Mohnyin Districts are working heart and soul side by side with the entire people in promoting democracy, granting human rights to each individual and building the Union of equity. Fulfilling their quota as ever, all age groups from every corner of Mon State gathered in Mawlamyine just after the announcement of multi-party election had come and made firm decision to run the elections. The permission for registration as political party under the name of All Mon Regions Democracy Party was applied to Union Election Commission on 12 May, 2010, with 15 members. The UEC made firm decision to run the elections. The permission for after the announcement of multi-party election had come and

PUBLIC SECTOR

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Political sector

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Education sector

1. There will be equity on the job, with no discrimination against race, religion, gender or region.
2. We will set up a social system for enabling office staff and workers to enjoy rights of working and life guarantees in exhaustion.
3. We will strive for enabling workers to enjoy deserved rights.

ALLIED SECTOR

1. The party will protect and preserve historical heritages of national races in line with their original characteristics.
2. We will make strenuous efforts for promotion of Mon language and literature.
3. We will contribute towards studying the languages and literatures for development of national culture.
4. The party will eradicate chauvinism and narrow nationalism and build friendship of all races.
5. The party will prevent emergence of cronyism in which the interests of the entire people are neglected.

Health sector

1. We will provide health care services to the people in equal term.
2. We will harmonize treatment and preventive measures.
3. We will give priority to health care services for endangered groups.

Youth Sector

1. We will undertake improvement for five strengths of youths.
2. We will protect rights of women.
3. We will uplift and take care of social life of disabled people.

Foreign Affairs Sector

1. We will sustain peace of the world in international relations and practise non-aligned foreign policy and five-point principle of peaceful coexistence.
   (a) We will practise that all the countries must pay respects to each other in ensuring perpetuation of territory and sovereignty.
   (b) We will exercise that the countries must not invade each other.
   (c) We will establish mutual relationship in equal term.
   (d) We will practise that the countries shall not need to interfere in internal affairs of each other.
   (e) We will emphasize peaceful co-existence.

Allied Sector

We will join hands with the organizations in conformity with basic policies of this party’s policy. Depending on the above-mentioned policy and changing politics of the world and Myanmar, All Mon Regions Democracy Party will make strenuous efforts and join hands with other national races in building the nation with flourishing of three kinds of deterrent principles through democratization process. Moreover, we would like to present that the Mon nationals will take an active part in realizing the peace process based on mutual evaluation and mutual trusts together with all national races in the future nation.

Esteemed people,

On behalf of All Mon Regions Democracy Party, I would like to urge you all—"Let’s strive for emergence of a human society where we all live in unity and amity with free from fear." May all esteemed people be physical and mental well-being.
Vice-President Thihla Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends...

Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium, successful holding of Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2010 and the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium 2012.

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues...

From an industrial zone not only to its own states but also to other states/regions and foreign countries. So, the above plan to establish Loikaw Industrial Zone for regional development and job prospects will be considered depending on infrastructures and feasibility study.

Regarding the question of Daw Win Maw Tun of Yenangyoung Constituency about how the government will reform and shape domestically private industries that are very important for national development, he replied that now Small and Medium Enterprises Development Centre has been opened in Yangon to distribute data, educate the private industries through media and create incubators in line with the help of institutions of the Science and Technology Ministry and foreign countries. Moreover, small and medium enterprises development agencies will be established in cooperation with industrial supervision and inspection departments in states and regions, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Myanmar Industrial Producers Association and measures will be taken to encourage development of small and medium enterprises in collaboration with SME actors by providing market information and technology. In addition, Myanmar Industrial Development Bank is providing loans for SME development. In the near future, SME development bank will be established with capital derived from the money of MIBD shareholders, the government's fund and the loans to be provided by SME banks in foreign countries at low interest in order to help SMEs financially.

Then, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied to the queries about the agriculture sector raised by four MPs. U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency asked whether there are plans to allow farmers to withdraw their savings during the time of farm work, to have interest rates over those savings and to withdraw the interest money together with the savings. The deputy minister replied that like Myanmar Economic Banks, Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank will pay back the savings of farmers as they wish. MADB has had procedures already to do so. Over those savings, interest money is being paid according the rate set by the Central Bank of Myanmar. The township bank (branches) calculate annual interest rates and include interest money in the saving book of a saver. Over the rural savings in 2010-2011 fiscal year, the total interest money MADB paid was K 5085 million. So, the savings will be paid back together with interest money if the farmers want to withdraw their money in times of need.

U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency asked about the practising of industrial farming on a 100.00-acre farmland under the cooperation between industrialists from Special Agricultural Zones (1) & (2) and farmers. The deputy minister replied that for 1085 farmers and 7505 acres of land from the two zones, K 200.00 for one acre totalling K 151 million has been provided. The farm huts and monasteries in the zones have been relocated in urban areas free of charge. Moreover, with the rates of K 25000, K 40000 or K 50000 for one-acre land, companies have provided K 208.2 million for 4875 acres of land and K 58.6 million for houses, totalling K 266.8 million.

In this summer paddy season, companies are demonstrating the growing of high yield hybrid paddy strains and the production of seeds by establishing a model zone for transforming into industrial farming. The farmers from the region and its nearby areas as well as those from various regions have now been used to operating and maintaining modern equipment and enjoyed more job opportunities.

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Deputy Minister for Industry U Aung Kyi makes clarification.—MNA

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Ko and Chair- man U Teza formally open Myanmar Gems Emporium. —MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Nyo of Loikaw Constituency raises question. —MNA

Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung replies to questions. —MNA

Vice-President Thihla Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views jade lots displayed on first floor of Mani Yadana Jade Hall. —MNA

The 49th Myanmar Gems Emporium will be held at Nay Pyi Taw: Mani Yadana Jade Hall where a total of 16697 lots of jade, 227 lots of gems and 367 lots of pearl will be put on sale from 9 to 18 March. Lots of pearl will be sold at the Yadana Market of the Myanmar Gems Mart through tender and competitive bidding system on 9 and 10 March, lots of jade from 11 to 15 March through tender and from 16 to 18 through competitive bidding system at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

At present, there are a total of 1951 foreign gem merchants from 432 foreign companies from eight countries and 3037 gem merchants form 694 local companies who have arrived there. The 49th Myanmar Gems Emporium 2012 is held for the sixth time of its kind in Nay Pyi Taw.
Pyithu Hlutaw session continues...

(Adoption of Agenda)

They will be able to learn the relentless efforts of the countries for agricultural development of the nation, noted the deputy minister. He continued that high yield paddy strain would contribute a lot to the rice production of the nation and a modern agricultural farming zone will be envisioned soon. The similar questions were answered in the previous sessions of the Hlutaw, he said.

Thura U Aung Ko of Kamayut constituency asked whether there is a plan to open Myanma Agriculture and Irrigation and Chin State government would make a field trip to make work together and review weak and strong points of the project, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Chin State government would work together to make field trips to make assessment to the issue related to the question of the representative.

U Khin Maung Yi (a) U Khaing Maung Yi of Ailhon township constituency asked how Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation could help farmers in an attempt not to disappear crop markets and to encourage the market competition with the aid of loans and agricultural technology and assistance of research firms. The deputy minister replied that, still the State had no plan to lease loans to farmers who produce fruits and vegetables and the government had provided good strains of fruits and vegetables for the farmers. Horticulture Research and Development Centre had carried out horticultural research work and produce quality strains of fruits and vegetables which were favourable to the climate in Myanmar. The research had produced hybrid strains of muskmelons, pumpkin and tomatoes, he said.

The cooperation between the departments and businesses which produce fruits and vegetables had played an important role in making horticultural market and market competitions. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was providing good agricultural patterns to farmers, encouraging the development public-private partnership.

In the proposal submission session, Chairman of Pyithu Hlutaw Judiciary and Legal Affairs Committee Thura U Aung Ko submitted a proposal to abolish the code of criminal procedure and penal code. Regarding the proposal, Judge U Mya Thein of the Supreme Court of the Union replied that the bill amended the code of criminal procedure had been drafted in accordance with the constitution and the draft included the proposals submitted by the Pyithu Hlutaw Judiciary and Legal Affairs Committee, he said. The draft would be sent to the Attorney-General’s Office of the Union to be able to promulgate as a law.

He said he agreed to amend the shops and establishment Act 1951 to meet international norms and its nationwide effect in the entire Myanmar, and rewrite some new facts, to amend the Wage Act 1936 to be up to date with the times. Regarding the Employment and Training Act 1950, the act prescribed that government is solely responsible for conducting training courses. But, the government alone cannot handle now as there is prominent increase in genres of factories, workshops, departments and workers and number of workforce, and there is different standards of competency, calling for the cooperation of the employers and employees together with the government. And thus, the act is being rewritten. With regard to Minimum Wages of Farm Workers 1948 Act, there are two existing laws, namely Minimum Wages of Farm Workers 1948 Law and Minimum Wages Law 1949. Now, the new proposal of the bill was drafted and there is plan to revoke the above-mentioned two minimum wage laws and thus the proposal is acceptable, he said.

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Amyotha Hlutaw session continues...

In addition, according to Article 54 of microfinance services law, running the works of the microcredit union without license is prohibited and actions can be taken against those who break the law according to Article 57 of the law.

Regarding the question of U Nan Khin Pung of Chin State Constituency No 7 about if there is any plan to make those who have taken out the sum total of his pension eligible for the newly-fixed salary rate, the Union Minister explained that when the service personnel retire, pension gratuity is given to them at once and pension is given monthly for their retirement living expenses.

However, if a pensioner wants to get a sum of money, the government gives him the certain part of his pension, the Union Minister replied that the service personnel pension is in total sum. It is fact in granting the partial amount of pension to the personnel in consideration of his family status in his old age.

It has been practiced since 1 September, 1936 according to Article 10 of Pension Act 1871 Chapter 2 and the appendix of Bhur Farsi Supplement to the Civil Service Regulations. Except family pension, it can be allowed for other types of pensions until the pensioner is 80. Those who get special pensionable age pensions and disability pension (b) type can take out sum total pension only after they have received pension for ten years.

For example, those who have taken out 50 per cent of his original pension can receive increased pension rate on the remaining 50 per cent. So, it is impossible to let the pensioners who have taken out certain part of his total pension to receive the increased rate on taken-out proportion as it is not in conformity with existing laws according a sum total pension rule 8(3).

Regarding the question of U Khin Sun Hwin of Chin State Constituency No 5 about if there is any plan to open Myanmar Economic Bank branches in Kyikha Sub-township, Redkhoda Sub-township and the Sub-branch, the Union Minister replied that treasuries are opened and the number is still low. When those sub-townships have developed and met the characteristics of a township, MEB branches will be opened there.

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Next, Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sandra Khin replied to questions of two representatives.

Regarding the question of U Naing Tun Oo of Mon State Constituency No 5 if there is any plan to salvage Dhammazedi Great Bell, the artistic work of ancient Mon nations, the deputy minister replied that the bell was one of the good deodes of Hanthawady Monarch Kung Dhammazedi (471-1492) and it is the world’s biggest and also the most ancient bell. It is also the first bell donated to Shwedagon Pagoda. It is 2.216 inches in width and weights 290 tons.

Thant Myo Governor of Pyay Ngwe Ngin Ka or Filippe de Brito e Nicote took the bell from Shwedagon Pagoda to Thanyin by raft to cast it into cannon in 1608 ME. The raft drowned at Pazundaung Creek mouth while crossing Dawndaw, itd was immersed the bell in the river. But, the Buddhist and researchers at home and abroad made several abortive attempts to salvage the bell. The bell was cast in 1471-1492 AD. The 15 BC casted Dhammazedi Great Bell will serve as invaluable historical evidence for Myanmar. It is a thing with cultural and sentimental values, proving the iron casting standard of Myanmar.

Companies have proposed to salvage the bell, Catalina Deep Sea Divers in 1995-1997, Animat Film of Australia in 2010 and SDMark International LLD Co in 2010 and 2011 and the Singaporean Co has offered to hire the vehicles instead of the bell the cost of USD4 million.

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The Ministry of Construction allotted land plots to companies for construction of the buildings. And, the board sold apartments, which were shared by the companies for the department, on a basis of departmental tasks and social difficulties by scrutinizing the applications. Moreover, the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction manages construction of buildings, and apartments were sold to the applicants under securitization of the board.

Although the government and private sector joined hands in implementation of the 15-year installment sale system in 1967 and sales of buildings by Yuzana Co in 1997 for selling apartments to State service personnel via 15-year installment sale system, K 4.4 million and K 7.8 million.

Ministry of Construction has no plan to build one more bridge in parallel with the existing bridge.

Decision was sought from the Hluttaw to approve the Labour Dispute Arbitration Bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments. U Tin Yu of Yangon Region Constituency No. 11 took the permission to discuss the Amytha Hluttaw Bill in the Hluttaw and, the Hluttaw approved it. Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4 is appointed as the Chair of the Bill. U Tin Yu of Yangon Region Constituency No. 11 read the bill.

As the Speaker of the Amytha Hluttaw sought the approval of the Hluttaw for discussing the Amytha Hluttaw Bill, the Hluttaw decided to discuss it, and the duty was assigned to the Bill Committee.

It was announced that the Amytha Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss the bill may enlist their names.

With regard to the proposal urging the Union government to effectively supply irrigation water for development of agricultural crops raised by U Myo Myint of Monchaung Dham Project of Pyay Region Constituency No. 6, U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency No. 2, Dr Myint Phyu Kyaw of Kyein Chainzun Constituency No. 8 and U Hla Thein of Magway Region Constituency No. 3 discussed that

Amytha Hluttaw Representative U Khin San Hmon from Chin State Constituency No (5) raising question, MNA

In 2005, the apartments were sold between K 4.4 million and K 7.8 million.

The prices of apartments reached K 2.3 million and, apartments were sold at K 400,000 in minimum. The property was handed over to the owner.

Township with 50 per cent payment and 15 and Thuwunna housing estate in Thingangyun Myintha housing of South Okkalapa Township replied that the Ministry of Construction sold

Constituency No. 4 asked whether there is a plan to build a bridge across the Pyinsalay Bridge, U Hlaing and Aung Than of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 12 asked where is a plan to maintain Labutta-Thingangyi Motor Road, U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No. 5 inquired if he should take action after the An Creek is about 700 by Airport Special Group (8) of Public Works Nyaungchaung-Tattaung Road being built to Kyweku Port is seven miles long on the section, construct the nine miles long and 30 feet wide earthworks and build 500 feet long gravel-filled retaining walls.

U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No. 4 asked whether there is a plan to build a bridge across Tattaung and Kyewe. The deputy minister replied that the section from Nyaungchaung to Kyewe Port is seven miles long on the length of the Tattaung-Tasaung Road being built by Airport Special Group (8) of Public Works in Rakhine State. The An Creek is about 700 feet deep. If the An Creek is crossed across the An Creek, the length of facility will be about 1000 feet. At present, the Ministry of Construction has no plan to build the An Creek Bridge linking Tattaung and Kyewe.

U Soe Aung of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 11 asked whether there is a plan to build a new bridge in parallel with the bridge across Meiktila Lake. The deputy minister replied that Meiktila Lake crossing bridge being built by Mya Noe Thu Co through BOT system is located is Meiktila-Kyunkapadaung Road in Meiktila of Mandalay Region. The bridge is 200 feet long and 24 feet wide twoway facility. At present, the Ministry of Construction has no plan to build one more...
Japan Festival-2012 launched

YANGON, 9 March—Japan external Trade Organization (JETRO) managed to launch Japan Festival-2012 at Strand Hotel in Kyauktada Township here this morning.

At the opening, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Region Minister for Development Affairs (Yangon) Mayor U Hla Myint, President of UMFFCCI Mr. Takashi Saito and Director General Mr Nobuyuki Koyama of JETRO formally opened Japan Festival 2012. —MNA

Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 completed by 50 per cent

PAKOKKU, 9 March—Special Project Group-3 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is building Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 to be substituted into the place of old Shwechaung Bridge damaged in floods in Pakokku. So far, the construction of the bridge has been completed by 50 per cent.

Construction of Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 started on 7 February 2012. The bridge will be 900 feet long and 24 feet wide. It will have two-way motor road flanked by 3.5 feet wide pedestrian ways. The facility companies display electronic devices, electrical accessories, cosmetics, medicines and medicals, and foodstuff at the booths in the festival lasting up to 11 March, 2012. —MNA

District News

PROJECT CLARIFIED: Clarification on right statistics for areas of farmlands and sown acreage for 2011-2012 and data collection course was made at 22 February, Townscape IPRD.

Triplets born at Central Women’s Hospital in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 9 March—Triplet babies were successfully born at the delivery room of Central Women’s Hospital (Mandalay) in Mandalay on 15 February.

Mother of the triplets is Ma Sanda Htwe of 883 in Chamyathazi Township. The triplets were two boys and one girl. At present, babies and mother are under care of doctors and nurses, and they are in good condition of health. —Thida Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Fire breaks out at warehouse

MANDALY, 9 March—A fire broke out at RC three-storey stationary warehouse due to Overheat of electronic breaker at No. 596 on 82nd Street between 27th and 28th Street in Chamyathazan Township of Mandalay at 11.9 pm on 4 March.

Altogether 200 fire brigade members and 53 fire engines arrived at the scene and put out the fire at 00.45 am. The property worth K 14 million lost in the fire.

File Pa/137/2012 was opened against the manager of the warehouse under Section 285 of the Penal Code No 8 Police Station. —Kyemon

Prizes given for raising reading skill in Maubin

AYEYAWADY, 9 March—The village library development, prize presentation for raising reading skills and book donation were held in Htani Village of Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 25 February morning.

Minister U Myint Swe, Mayor regional minister for development U Hla Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Takashi Saito, and Japan External Trade Organization Director-General Mr. Nobuki Koyama, who made an opening speech, cut the ribbon to put the festival into action.

A total of 48 libraries and raising of reading skill.

At the hall of Basic Education Middle School in Maubin, the Ayeyawady Region Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Htay Myint explains durablity of library in Meiktila Township in Mandalay Region.

The head of Region IPRD explained the development of village libraries. Chairman of Maubin Township Writes and Journalists Association U Myint Thein (Chingyang) explained raising the reading skill.

The head of Region IPRD donated books and applications on various subjects worth K 500,000 and wellwishers, cash to the fund.

Officials presented prizes to outstanding persons in best reading skill in poems and essays and reading of Doh Kyaw Ywa journal. —Myanma Alin

Summer basic sports training course conducted

KYAUKME, 9 March—The summer basic sports training course, jointly conducted by Sports and Physical Education Committee and Ministry of Education, was opened at District Gymnasium in Kyaukme of Kyaukme District on 5 March morning.

The Assistant Director of District Sports and Physical Education Department made a speech.

Summer basic sports training course conducted

Next, the deputy head of Township General Administration Department and the Township Education Officer spoke on the occasion.

After that, various departments concerned in the township presented cash assistance to be spent on the course.

At the training course, trainers will provide practical and theoretical training courses on basketball, football, volleyball, Sepak Takraw, aerobics and Myanmar martial arts to the trainees.

Township IPRD

Grades from Institutes of Economics holds workshop

YANGON, 9 March—Grades of 1994-95 of Institute of Economics held the 17th workshop at Lin Institute of Economics on 11 March, 2012.

Professor Daw U Thant Zin made a speech. Professor Daw Hla Myint, retired dean of management department of Yangon Institute of Economics talked about Logistics & Supply XChain Management and replied to queries raised by those present. —Myanma Alin

Library Work Done: Head of Dawbon Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Htay Myint explains durablity of library in Yamonna Ward 2 of Dawbon Township on 27 February. —Townscape IPRD
Former LA detective guilty of murder

LOS ANGELES, 9 March — A jury Thursday found a former Los Angeles police detective guilty of first-degree murder in a 1986 case that was reopened in 2009 using updated DNA technology.

The jury convicted former Detective Stephanie Lazarus in the killing of Sherri Rasmussen, three months after the victim had married a man Lazarus had dated prior to the wedding.

Lazarus had worked for the Los Angeles Police Department for more than 25 years and retired from the department while in jail awaiting trial, the Los Angeles Times reported. California law requires a sentence of life in prison without parole for first-degree murder.

During the initial investigation of Rasmussen’s killing, detectives though the victim had been killed by two men during an attempted burglary and disregarded Rasmussen’s father’s attempt to get them look at Lazarus as a suspect, the Times said.

Claims Day Notice

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (345)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (345) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Shipping Agency Department
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AEN FOR: MS ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Claims Day Notice

MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (296)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (296) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Shipping Agency Department
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AEN FOR: MS REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Claims Day Notice

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Spiders on the move in flood-ravaged Australia

Thousands of spiders have cast eerie webs over vast areas of flood-hit Australia after being forced to seek shelter by the rising waters.

Experts said the spiders may be spinning the sticky webs to help them survive the deluge, which has forced thousands of people to leave their homes over the past week. “What we’ve seen here is a type of wolf spider,” Owen Seeman, arachnid expert at Queensland Museum, told Reuters.

“They are trying to hide away (from the waters).” The spider webs were seen near the inland city of Wagga Wagga in New South Wales, where 8,000 people were forced from their homes before the flood waters receded on Wednesday.

The Australian Museum’s entomology collection manager Graham Milledge said the spiders’ behaviour was known as ballooning, and was typical after spiders are forced to flee from floods. “They often do it as a way of dispersing and getting into a new area,” Milledge told thenews.com.au website. “In a worst case scenario, they are just trying to escape the floods.”

A California woman was arrested for allegedly cursing at a Southwest Airlines flight attendant who asked her to stop painting her nails, officials said.

Jeanie Daniels of Bakersfield was en route from Los Angeles to Houston to visit her boyfriend and said she asked the people sitting around her if they would mind if she painted her fingernails. She said they told her to go ahead, but a flight attendant told her to stop. “I thought it was all going well until the attendant came over and was very upset. I was painting my nails, saying it was offending everyone around me,” Daniels said.

Private funeral for Davy Jones held in Florida

NEW YORK, 9 March—A private funeral was held on Wednesday for one-time teen heartthrob and pop singer from The Monkees, Davy Jones, near his home in Florida, a spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

Immediate family including his wife and daughters attended the small, private service. Jones’ body was to be cremated and his ashes returned to his birthplace in Manchester, England, publicist Helen Kensick said.

The Monkees made for television in the 1960s and are best known for their work in the “Entertainment Tonight” series. They were known as a way of dispersing and directed written musical. “I’m very excited to be part of this,” she said.

Raven-Symone to step into ‘Sister Act’

NEW YORK, 9 March—Raven-Symone is all grown up—and going to a convent. The former cutie from “The Cosby Show” will take over the lead part in Broadway’s hit musical “Sister Act” later this month, playing a nightclub-singer-turned-nun.

The 26-year-old actress and singer says she’s in rehearsal almost every day of the week from “sun-up-to-sun-down” “to make sure I have everything down” when she takes over at the Broadway Theatre on 27 March. Raven-Symone says she fell in love with the musical the moment she saw it. “I was definitely one of the audience...”

US woman, 81, keeps lottery ticket in Bible, wins jackpot

An 81-year-old Rhode Island woman, who slept with her winning lottery ticket in a Bible, came forward on Tuesday to claim a $336.4 million (214 million pounds) PowerBall prize, one of the largest ever jackpots in the United States, lottery officials said.

Louise White kept her identity secret for weeks after buying the lucky ticket at a grocery store in Newport, Rhode Island, when a family member wanted some rainbow sherbet dessert.

She took the prize in lump sum payment of $210 million, the highest cash jackpot ever, lottery officials said.

“I’m very happy and I’m very proud and this will make my family very happy. We are truly blessed,” White, a Newport resident, said during a brief appearance at a news conference.

What kept with the winning ticket in her Bible the night after the drawing and later kept it in a safe deposit box.

PowerBall is played in 42 US states, Washington DC and the US Virgin Islands. The largest PowerBall jackpot was in 2006 for $365 million, according to lottery officials.

The odds of winning the PowerBall jackpot are roughly 1 in 175 million.

Yearwood gets own Food Network show

NEW YORK, 9 March—Country music star and cookbook author Trisha Yearwood is to star in “Trisha’s Southern Kitchen” this spring, the FoodNetwork said on Wednesday. The six-episode series is to debut 14 April. “Trisha’s best known as a music legend, but her talents don’t stop there. She’s a passionate and talented cook, whose down-to-earth style, winning recipes, and southern hospitality will charm and inspire viewers,” Bob Tuschman, the network’s vice president of programming, said in a statement. “For me, cooking is very connected to my family and friends.” Yearwood said. “Every recipe on the show carries wonderful memories with my loved ones and I can’t wait to share my meals, stories and family photos with Food Network viewers.”

Women arrested for painting nails on plane

“Scream” film franchise and best known for his work in the TV sitcom “The Cosby Show” will take over in 2014. “It’s a wonderful scored and directed written musical. I’m very excited to be part of this,” she said.

They take over the role from Patina Miller, who was a Tony Award winner for the musical. While Raven-Symone did a guest spot with “The Boys Choir of Harlem” on Broadway, the 26-year-old actress and singer says she’s in rehearsal almost every day of the week from “sun-up-to-sun-down” “to make sure I have everything down” when she takes over at the Broadway Theatre on 27 March. Raven-Symone says she fell in love with the musical the moment she saw it. “I was definitely one of the audience...”

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Arquette and McLarty are now lending his voice to an animated parrot in the series “Jake and the Never Land Pirates.”

Singer Whitney Houston (L) and her daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown.

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Whoopi Goldberg, who was the original Deloris Van Carter in the 1992 film, is producing the musical.

Raven-Symone to step into ‘Sister Act’

NEW YORK, 9 March—Raven-Symone is all grown up—and going to a convent. The former cutie from “The Cosby Show” will take over the lead part in Broadway’s hit musical “Sister Act” later this month, playing a nightclub-singer-turned-nun.

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Arquette and McLarty break up

LOS ANGELES, 9 March—Hollywood actor and producer David Arquette has ended his five-month relationship with “Entertainment Tonight” reporter Christina McLarty.

“Sadly I’m single again,” Arquette said via Twitter late Tuesday. “A long distance relationship proved to be too difficult.”

Arquette lives in Los Angeles and McLarty is based in New York.

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The recording star battled substance abuse for years. “Inside Edition” said Houston’s money will be placed in a trust in keeping with her mother’s wishes. Houston’s estate, her brother and sister-in-law are the trustees. Bobbi Kristina will get some of the money, furniture, clothing, jewelry and cars to her daughter. Whitney Houston left all of her money, furniture, clothing, jewelry and cars to her only child, Bobbi Kristina, but her talents don’t stop there. She’s a passionate and talented cook, whose down-to-earth style, winning recipes, and southern hospitality will charm and inspire viewers,” Bob Tuschman, the network’s vice president of programming, said in a statement. “For me, cooking is very connected to my family and friends.” Yearwood said. “Every recipe on the show carries wonderful memories with my loved ones and I can’t wait to share my meals, stories and family photos with Food Network viewers.”

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Seyfried and Hartnett dating

LOS ANGELES, 9 March—Actress Amanda Seyfried and Josh Hartnett have been dating for about two months, a source close to the Hollywood couple told Us Magazine.com.

“Josh likes to keep things low-key, so they’ve just been hanging out,” the insider said, adding the film stars were set up by mutual friend. Seyfried previously dated actors Ryan Phillippe and Dominic Cooper. Hartnett’s former flames include actresses Scarlett Johansson and Penelope Cruz, and singer Rihanna...
Three-time French Open champ Kuerten elected to Hall

New Port, 9 March — Three-time French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten was elected Thursday to the International Tennis Hall of Fame. The lanky Brazilian nicknamed “Guga” reached No. 1 in the ATP rankings and collected singles titles at Roland Garros in 1997, 2000 and 2001.

He showed up at the 1997 French Open unheralded, unknown and 66th in the rankings, but wound up being the second-lowest-ranked man to win a Grand Slam championship. “I have to confess, in my first years playing tennis, I didn’t even know that the Hall of Fame existed,” Kuerten said Thursday at a news conference in Brazil. “It was something I really didn’t expect to happen. Now I know how important it is to be there.”

Kuerten, who couldn’t hold back the tears when he watched a video exhibition of his retirement in 2008, is working to bring the ATP World Tour Finals to Brazil beginning in 2014. “Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo already showed interest in organizing the event,” Kuerten said. “I think the timing is right and there are indications that there is a real chance to bring the tournament to Brazil. I’m going to Miami to talk to the new ATP president (Brad Drewett) to know more about this possibility, but we already have partners willing to help.”

He also wants to play an exhibition match against Roger Federer at the end of the year in Brazil. “We need some time to have the details sorted out, and some time for me to start practicing,” Kuerten said.

Scott and Dufner in joint control at windy Doral

Doral, 9 March — Australia’s Adam Scott and American Jason Dufner produced smart golf to share the lead at six-under after the first round of the WGC-Cadillac Championship on Thursday while the big names toiled in windy conditions.

Newly-crowned world number one Rory McIlroy struggled to a one-over-par 73 while Tiger Woods, who shot the best final-round of his life last Sunday, ended even-par after missing four bogeys with three birdies and an eagle on his opening hole.

“It was a difficult day,” said McIlroy, who tied for second at the PGA Championship on Sunday. “The wind was blowing putts around and it made for a very challenging round.”

Scott, who tied for second at last year’s Masters, made four birdies on the back nine, where he started, before an eagle on the par-five first and a birdie on the second.

His only blemish was a bogey on the sixth which allowed Dufner, who finished second at the PGA Championship last year, to grab a share of the lead with a birdie on his last hole, the par-three ninth, for a 66.

“I’m very satisfied with my round in these blustery conditions,” said Scott. “I took advantage of my good play the first 11 or 12 holes and then managed to kind of get it up-and-down here or there coming in. It is a good way to start.”

Denmark’s Thomas Bjorn and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel of South Africa were both two shots off the pace after shooting four-under 68s.

The top group featured McIlroy and world number two Luke Donald and third-ranked Lee Westwood, who shot an even-par 72.

Of the 15 players in the last 10 of the world rankings, only Dufner and McIlroy have managed to break par.

Chinese swimmers to prepare 2012 Olympics in the University of Bath

London, 9 March — The University of Bath announced on Thursday that 25 Chinese swimmers are to prepare for the upcoming London Olympics at the University for three weeks. The team will arrive on 2 July and be trained alongside the Bath-based British Olympic swimmers until 22 July, when they will depart for London.

According to an announcement on the University of Bath’s official website, the contract was signed by Glynis Breakwell, vice-chancellor of the university, and vice chairman of the China Swimming Association Shang Xiyong. “China is one of the sports global superpowers and, as such, demand world-leading facilities and support to optimise their athletes as they prepare for the 2012 Games,” said Stephen Backhouse, director of sport at the university.

Bilbao upset Man United in Europa League

LONDON, 9 March — Spain’s Athletic Bilbao stunned Manchester United with a convincing performance in the Europa League on Thursday, ousting the English champions in a 3-2 away win in the first leg of the last-16. Behind 1-0 to Wayne Rooney’s 22nd-minute goal, Bilbao then ripped United apart with an attacking masterclass, Fernando Llorente equalized just before halftime before Oscar de Marcos and Iker Muniain scored in the final 10 minutes. Rooney grabbed his second from the penalty spot in stoppage time, but Bilbao should have been well clear by then after spurning a series of great chances against the competition favorites in a dominant performance at Old Trafford. The second leg will be played at Bilbao’s San Mames stadium next Thursday.

Xandao of Sporting Lisbon, right, scores with a back-heel shot Joe Hart of Manchester City in the Europa League.

Sporting edge past Manchester City in Lisbon

LISBON, 9 March — Manchester City’s quest for Europa League glory received a boost on Thursday to the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Three-time French Open champ Kuerten, of Brazil, holds the trophy after he defeated Magnus Norman of Sweden in the final of the French Open tennis championship.

London, 9 March — European champion Fran Halsall of Britain prepared to start her race before winning the women’s 100m freestyle final at the British Gas Swimming Championships 2012 at the Olympic Aquatics Centre in London on 9 March. — Reuters

Arsenal and Cologne agree Podolski deal

Berlin, 9 March — Cologne forward Lukas Podolski is set to sign a four-year contract with Arsenal at the end of the season after the two clubs agreed a deal for the German international, Bild newspaper reported on Thursday. Podolski, who returned to Cologne in 2009 after struggling for three years at Bayern Munich, has scored 16 Bundesliga goals this season for the club who are eight points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund.

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Podolski, who has so far failed in his efforts to extend the player’s contract, refused to comment on the Bild report. Podolski’s deal at the club is due to end next year.— Reuters
December 10, 2012

LONDON, 9 March—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has confirmed his interest in Arsenal’s Robin Van Persie but believes the prolific Dutch striker will ultimately extend his contract with the Gunners.

Van Persie’s contract with Arsenal expires in 2013 and a number of clubs have been alerted to the possibility of a shock summer move because he has ruled out discussing his future until then.

Despite his interest in the Dutchman, who has scored an impressive 32 goals already this season, Mancini believes Arsenal will move quickly to make sure he accepts a new deal.

Quoted in several national newspapers, the Italian said: “We are interested in all good players. This is normal, but not only us. I think all the good teams are interested in Van Persie.”

“I think Van Persie at this moment is one of the best strikers in Europe with Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and with Sergio Aguero and Mario Balotelli. I think he is a fantastic striker, but I think he will remain with Arsenal.”

City have signed several Arsenal players in recent years, acquiring Samir Nasri last summer and also signing Gaël Clichy, Kolo Touré and Emmanuel Adebayor.

Mancini added: “I think if there is a good player who wants to leave a club, then we are interested. “But if this player wants to stay, we don’t have any problem. In my opinion, Van Persie will stay at Arsenal. “I think Robin van Persie will sign a new contract with Arsenal because if Arsenal lose also Van Persie, they will have a big problem. “I think Arsenal will buy good players in the summer. Arsenal is a top team. They want to win the next Premier League, so for these reasons I think he will stay.”

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Minister-President of Flemish Government of Belgium

Nav Pyi Taw, 9 March—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Minister-President Mr Kris Peeters of Flemish Government of Belgium at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today. Also present at the call were Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Klin, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and departmental heads. The Minister-President of Flemish Government of Belgium and party were accompanied by senior officers. At the call, they frankly discussed bilateral relationship, strengthening of friendly ties and cooperation matters.

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 11th day

Eight questions replied, two new proposals submitted and discussed, two bills approved

Nav Pyi Taw, 9 March—The 11th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw took place at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 10 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 338 MPs. At the session, eight questions were raised, two new proposals submitted and discussed and two bills approved.

In response to the question raised by U Moe Zaw Hein of Katha Constituency about whether there is a plan to open Government Technology High School in Katha, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo said in Sagaing Region, three technological universities, one government technological college, two government technical institutes and four government technical high schools have been opened. Students who have completed middle school education in the townships of Katha District can study not only at government technology high schools in Sagaing Region but also at Government Technology High School (Bhamo). Besides, matriculated students possessing set qualifications can study not only at above universities, colleges and schools in Sagaing Region but also at Technological University (Bhamo) and Government Technological College (Mohnyin). So, there is no plan to open a government technology high school in Katha at the moment. But, there is a possibility of opening one there at a required and opportune time.

Responding to the question U Htan Lein of Mindat Constituency about whether or not Indian Government’s financial assistance has gone to Chin State, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw said the matter of 4-million US dollar aid by the Indian government to be used in the education and health sectors is still under negotiation. As the money has not been received, it was not drawn in the budget of 2012-2013 fiscal year. Regarding the discussion of the Indian Government’s aid, like in other states and regions, it is necessary to have government-to-government contact plan.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung answered the two questions about industrial sector put by two representatives.

In response to the question asked by U Khin Maung Nyo of Loikaw Constituency about whether the government has a plan to upgrade the industrial ward in Loikaw Township, Kayah State like the upgrading of other industrial zones, the deputy minister said the emergence of an industrial zone requires input forces for good infrastructure such as land area, water, electricity, transport, communication and other energy resources as well as capital. It is necessary to sell products (See page 8)

Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for 12th day

Ten questions answered, one bill approved, one bill submitted, one proposal approved, one new proposal submitted

Nav Pyi Taw, 9 March—The third regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 12th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 192 Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replied queries asked by four representatives. Regarding the question of U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyarwady Region Constituency No (6) about if there is any plan for computerization of Myanmar Economic Banks, the Union Minister replied that MEB (Head Office), six departments, 14 region/state offices, 74 district branches, 203 township branches, 19 treasuries and 10 saving bank branches, totaling 326 are providing banking services, and computers are applied in the MEB branches.

Local area network system is applied in Yangon MEB Branch Nos. 1, 2 and 5, Savings Bank Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Mandalay MEB Branch Nos. 1 and 2. Taunggyi Branch, Muse Branch and Lashio Branch in Shan State and Nay Pyi Taw Branch and Pyinmana Branch in Nay Pyi Taw totaling 16 branches. Over the counter system software is applied in 53 district branches and five township branches and online account system in Yangon MEB Branch Nos. 1, 2 and 5, Saving Bank No. 3, Nay Pyi Taw MEB, Mandalay MEB Branch Nos. 1 and 2.

Application of over the counter system needs full supply of electricity during office hours and costs a lot to be installed at 58 district branches, thus will be done based on expenditure allocation and functions of the branches.

Regarding the question of U Hla Swe from Magway Region Constituency No (12) about non-registered pawnshops and money lenders in wards and villages should be sued by what laws, the Union Minister replied that it is a question about whether pawning and borrowing is permitted legally. There have been enacted laws to allow pawnshops enabling the needy to pawn their properties to borrow money. Those wishing to open pawnshops can run it in line with rules and regulations only after they got licenses or permission. The development affairs committee can take actions against illegal pawnbrokers according to Section 73 of Development Affairs Committees Law.

Articles 5 and 6 of the Money Lenders Act 1945 prescribed that those wishing to run money lending business have to seek permission and register and thus money lenders who do not have licence and permission can be brought to trial in line with Article 17 of the Money Lenders Act. (See page 9)