U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, receives Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister and party

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 March—A goodwill delegation led by Foreign Affairs Minister of Malaysia Datuk Seri Anifah Aman paid a call on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 11.30 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 at President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun and departmental heads. The Malaysian delegation was accompanied by Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhammad.

They had a cordial discussion on promoting friendship and cooperation and enhancing trade and investment between two countries. —MNA

Low-price Sim cards on sale

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 March—Sale of K 200,000 GSM Sim Cards, one of a series of installments of GSM 30 million project, was launched in Kachin State yesterday.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Union Minister for Road Transportation U Kaman Dunaw and State Manager of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications U Aung Phyo Myat formally opened the ceremony in which the chief minister made a speech.

The state chief minister also addressed the coordination meeting for prevention against fire at town hall of Myitkyina. —MNA

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Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of Thai Upper House

Human rights workshop kicks off
Planting seeds of kindness

Despite every major religion having love as a universal principle, there have been cases of mass genocide and brutal war in this world stemming from personal hatred or national interests, proving the “survival of the fittest theory” of evolution, which says that humans are driven to compete for existence selfishly.

If there had been less cruelty, there would not have been so many human tragedies. Nonetheless, still we can build the world to be much more beautiful if only everyone is just a little kinder and sympathetic towards each other. Humans are humans everywhere under the sun. They are selfish, self-centered but kind and helpful at the same time.

Helping others is its own reward. Kindness can help regulate emotions, which has positive impact on our health. Studies show that kindness can make us happier and it is difficult to be angry, resentful, or fearful when one is showing unselfish love towards another person. I do not mean kindness as large cash contribution, offering your seat on bus or train to someone weaker or older, and giving a lift to school children waiting bus, are also acts of kindness.

We can train ourselves to be kinder by doing acts of kindness on a regular basis. We have an in-built capacity to help others, especially those close to us. But, how about to the complete strangers? There is a phenomena known as “bystander effect” which explains when someone needs help in a public place, they are less likely to receive if there are more people around because everyone in the crowd assumes someone else will take responsibility. But, be never hesitant to act from the goodness of your heart as kindness you have shown to someone, can make a difference, however small, in his life.

However, kindness has to begin within ourselves. The more altruists in a society, the more peaceful and prosperous it becomes as altruists cooperate and contribute to the wellbeing of fellow group members. Let’s share a seat under the shade of tree grown from the seeds of kindness.

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Three policemen killed, one injured in suicide bomb in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 March— Three policemen were killed and another was injured in a suicide blast that took place on Thursday morning in Pakistan’s northwest city of Peshawar, said local police.

Shafqat Malik, Assistant Inspector General of police in Peshawar, said that the attack took place at about 9:30 am local time when a suicide bomber blew himself up near a police vehicle in Pishakhata area of the city.

Superintendent Police Kalam Khan who was on an inspection tour of check posts at the outskirts of Peshawar was killed right on the spot while his three colleagues in the vehicle were wounded in the blast. Two of the injured police later died in hospital.

Police quickly cordoned off the area after the attack was reported and six suspects have been arrested from the nearby area in the search operation. Bomb disposal squad believed that an estimated six kilograms of explosives were used in the suicide vest worn by the bomber. Ball bearings were used in the bomb to enhance the intensity of the blast, they said. Identity of the suicide bomber is yet to be determined, said local police adding that no group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet. Over the last couple of days, a series of attacks on police were reported in the country.

On Tuesday night, unknown gunmen killed four policemen in Pakistan’s eastern district of Jaffar, a place lying some 120 kilometres north of Lahore in Punjab Province. On the same night, three cops were killed in Pakistan’s southern port city of Karachi.

Lee, Obama welcome implementation of S Korea-US FTA

SEOUL, 15 March— South Korea President Lee Myung-bak held telephone talks with his US counterpart Barack Obama to celebrate the beginning of a long-delayed free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries, South Korea’s presidential office Cheong Wa Dae said Thursday.

Lee said he expects that the implementation of the (South Korea-US) FTA will contribute to enhancing the two countries economic development and bilateral relations, according to Cheong Wa Dae.

He also said he believes the agreement will serve as a “good example” for global free trade and that he hopes it will achieve successful results.

Obama responded that he is pleased with the implementation of the deal, and stressed that it is a strong example of the two country’s partnership, Cheong Wa Dae said.

The deal, which went into effect at midnight Wednesday, was ratified by the South Korean parliament in November last year despite vehement protests from opposition lawmakers. It was initially signed in 2007 and was renegotiated in 2010.

The two leaders also agreed to work closely for the upcoming Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul on 26 to 27 March.

Afghan who crashed truck where Panetta landed dies

KABUL, 15 March— An Afghan man who crashed a stolen truck at an airfield as US Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta’s plane was landing there died Thursday of extensive burns, a top US general in Afghanistan said.

US Lt Gen Curtis Scaparotti, the deputy commander of US forces in Afghanistan, told reporters traveling with Panetta in Kabul that the driver was an interpreter working for the foreign forces.

The man apparently had a container of fuel in the car, which ignited during the crash Wednesday at the British airfield in Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan.

“There was a puff of smoke and he came out engulfed in flames,” Scaparotti said. He said the truck was headed toward a group of US Marines assembled at the ramp.

“My personal opinion, yes, he had an intent to do harm,” Scaparotti said.

But he said he did not think the incident was related to Panetta’s arrival because it would have been difficult to know which plane the defence secretary was aboard.

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US President Barack Obama, left, and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, right, exchange smiles during their joint press conference at the Blue House in Seoul, South Korea on 19 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

Indian police name Iranian suspects in Delhi attack

NEW DELHI, 15 March— Three Iranians have been named by Indian police as suspects in an attack on an Israeli diplomat in New Delhi, the first time Iran has been firmly linked to the bombing, reports said on Thursday.

The men entered the country on tourist visas and left after the assassination attempt in the centre of the Indian capital on 13 February that badly wounded a female embassy worker, The Times of India and The Indian Express reported.

“They had entered the country during different times and did not leave together,” an unnamed security source told The Indian Express. “We have their travel details.”

The reports, based on anonymous police and intelligence agency sources, said police had asked a local court for warrants for the men and their names would be given to the Iranian government.

Last week, a veteran Indian freelance journalist called Syed Mohammed Kazmi who worked part-time for Iran’s news agency IRNA became the first person arrested in connection with the attack.

He is accused of providing logistical support for the plotters and a bike used for reconnaissance of the embassy was allegedly found at his house in an upmarket area of the Indian capital.

In the attack, a hitman on a rented motorbike attached a magnetic bomb to the back of an Israeli embassy car carrying the 42-year-old diplomat as she went to pick up her children from school.

The woman, also the wife of the defence attack at the embassy was left in a critical condition with spinal injuries and has since been flown to Israel for further treatment.

Indians protest US soldier’s deadly rampage

KABUL, 15 March— About 1,000 Afghans took to the streets in a southern town on Thursday to protest the killing of 16 civilians in a murderous rampage by a US soldier, police said.

Shouting anti-American slogans the demonstrators poured into the main town of Qalgat in Zabul Province neighboring Kandahar, where the shooting spree took place on Sunday, regional police spokesman Hekmatullah Kochai told AFP.

The protest came with US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta due to hold talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai in Kabul aimed at calming troubled ties.

The protests were in response to the killing of 16 villagers in three war-scarred villages in Kandahar Province’s Panwajy District last Sunday.

The suspect was flown out of Afghanistan, likely to face trial, according to the Pentagon officials.

Indian and foreign investigators are seen working at the scene of an explosion near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi, on 13 February. Three Iranians have been named by Indian police as the main suspects in an attack on an Israeli diplomat, according to reports.—INTERNET

Afghan demonstrations are seen burning an effigy of US President Barack Obama during a demonstration in Jalalabad, Capital of Nangarhar Province, on 13 March. Hundreds of university students took to the streets in Jalalabad to protest a rampage by a US soldier who killed 16 villagers, witnesses said.—INTERNET
**Twitter buys mobile blogging startup Posterous**

**San Francisco, 15 March**—Twitter on Monday announced that it has bought mobile blogging startup Posterous and will put engineers behind the popular “lifestreaming” service to work on special projects.

In this 1 Dec, 2008 file photo, the moon is illuminated in close proximity to Venus and Jupiter, on the top, during a spectacular display of celestial rare phenomenon called a planetary occultation, in the Kenyan capital Nairobi.—INTERNET

**Cape Canaveral, 15 March**—It's not too late to catch the spectacular Venus and Jupiter show. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, the planets will appear just 3 degrees apart in the western sky. The gap has been narrowing since last month.

The two planets are visible every night at twilight. Venus is brighter because of its relatively closer distance, compared with super-tiny-away Jupiter.

Even though the gap will widen, the planets will appear remarkably close all week and be easily visible the rest of this month. So says astronomer Tony Phillips, author of the spaceweather.com website. Grab a small telescope, and you can also catch Jupiter's four largest moons.

Astronomers consider it the best evening tag-up of Venus and Jupiter in years. In July, early-risers will be treated to a similar spectacle, in the eastern sky at daybreak. Phillips says throw in the crescent moon, and it "will be worth waking up for."

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**Cassini spacecraft glimpses new views of moon Rhea**

**Pasadena, 15 March**—The pockmarked surface of Saturn’s second-largest moon has come into sharper focus in new images released by NASA.

The space agency on Monday released the new views of the moon Rhea, which were captured by the international Cassini spacecraft during a recent flyby. One of its cameras spied two huge impact basins and other geologic features on Rhea’s icy surface from 26,000 miles away to last week.

Cassini, funded by NASA and the European and Italian space agencies, was launched in 1997. It reached Saturn in 2004 and has been studying the ringed planet and its numerous moons.

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**Encounters of another kind: meteorite chunk falls on Oslo**

**Oslo, 15 March**—A Norwegian family was flabbergasted to find that what appeared to be a piece of a meteorite had crashed through the roof of their allotment garden hut in the middle of Oslo, media reports said Monday.

An apparent meteorite that split in two after hitting the roof of a cottage in central Oslo. A Norwegian family was flabbergasted to find that what appeared to be a piece of a meteorite had crashed through the roof of their allotment garden hut in the middle of Oslo, media reports said Monday.—INTERNET

The legions of Posterous fans have grown along with a "lifestreaming" trend in which moments are captured throughout the day and shared in online journals.

"The opportunities in front of Twitter are exciting," Posterous founder and chief executive Sachin Agarwal said in a message at the freshly-acquired San Francisco startup's website.

"We couldn’t be happier about bringing our team’s expertise to a product that reaches hundreds of millions of users around the globe," Posterous tweeted Monday.

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**Yahoo sues Facebook for infringing 10 patents**

**San Francisco, 15 March**—Yahoo Inc sued Facebook Inc over 10 patents that include methods and systems for advertising on the Web, opening the first major legal battle among big technology companies in social media.

The lawsuit, filed in a San Jose, California federal court on Monday, marks a major escalation of patent litigation that has already swept up the smartphone and tablet sectors and high-tech stalwarts such as Apple Inc, Microsoft Corp and Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc.

Yahoo's patent lawsuits follow Facebook’s announcement of plans for an initial public offering that could value the company at about $100 billion. Facebook spokesman Jonathan Thaw said Facebook learned of the lawsuit through the media.

"We’re disappointed to see Facebook, a longtime business partner of Facebook and a company that has substantially benefited from its association with Facebook, has decided to resort to litigation," he said.

In an emailed statement, Yahoo said it is confident it will prevail. "Unfortunately, the matter with Facebook remains unresolved and we are compelled to seek redress in federal court," the company said in a statement.

Yahoo, one of the Web’s pioneering companies, has seen its revenues decline in recent years at a time when rivals such as Facebook and Google have thrived. In January, Yahoo appointed former PayPal President Scott Thompson as its new chief executive, replacing Carol Bartz, who was fired in September.—Reuters

**Intel eyes Internet-based TV service: WSJ**

**San Francisco, 15 March**—Chipmaker Intel Corp is developing an Internet-based TV service for consumers and has been promoting it with media companies’ TV channels in a bundle over the Internet, the WSJ said. An Intel spokeswoman declined to comment on the story.

The world’s top chipmaker plans to create a “virtual cable operator” that would offer media companies’ TV channels in a bundle over the Internet, the WSJ said. An Intel spokeswoman declined to comment on the story.

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Drug may reduce subconscious racism

The study published in Psychopharmacology found the propranolol group scored significantly lower on the Implicit Attitude Test into subconscious racial bias—a standard test for testing subconscious racial attitudes. Propranolol blocks activation in the peripheral “autonomic” nervous system and in the area of the brain implicated in fear or emotional responses, Terbeck said.

The researchers said they think propranolol reduced implicit racial bias because such bias is based on automatic, non-conscious fear responses, which propranolol blocks. Terbeck explained. Study co-author Julian Savulescu said this research raises the tantalizing possibility that unconscious racial attitudes could be modulated using drugs, a possibility that requires careful ethical analysis. “Biological research aiming to make people morally better has a dark history,” Savulescu said in a statement.

“And propranolol is not a pill to cure racism. But given that many people are already using drugs like propranolol which have ‘moral’ side effects, we at least need to better understand what these effects are.”

Asia stocks mixed amid doubts about China growth

BANGKOK, 15 March—Asian stock markets were mixed Thursday, hindered by falling commodity prices and worries about the extent of China’s economic slowdown. Benchmark remained below $106 per barrel while the dollar rose against the yen but slipped against the euro. Japan’s Nikkei 225 index rose for a third straight day, basking in the ongoing retreat of the yen from record highs against the US dollar. The Nikkei was 0.9 percent higher to 10,144.48.

But Hong Kong and mainland Chinese shares fell, a day after Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said curbs that have started to cool surging housing prices will remain in place despite complaints they might worsen an economic slowdown. Construction and real estate sales are key drivers of China’s growth.

South Korea’s Kospi rose less than 0.1 percent to 2,046.28, while Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 was down 0.3 percent at 4,276.36. In currencies, the euro rose to $1.3028 from $1.3024 late Wednesday in New York. The dollar rose to 84.05 from 83.72 yen. The Japanese currency has been weakening against the dollar ever since the Bank of Japan increased its economic stimulus programme in February.

US Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner is met with protesters with signs as he arrives to testify before the Congressional Oversight Panel on TARP on Capitol Hill in Washington, on 10 Sept., 2009.—Reuters

Treasuty to sell stock in six bailed-out banks

WASHINGTON, 15 March—The US Treasury said on Wednesday that it plans to sell its preferred stock position in its community banks as part of the Obama administration’s effort to unwind bailout programmes from the financial crisis. Treasury said it plans to conduct public auctions to sell its stock in Banner Corp, First Financial Holdings Inc, MainSource Financial Group, Seacoast Banking Corp, Wilsundry Bancorp and WSFS Financial Corp.

It has so far recovered $259 billion from the Troubled Asset Relief Programme bank programmes, which were set up to help stabilize the financial system during the 2007-09 crisis. The Treasury said it expects to start unwinding its positions in the six small banks around 26 March using a modified Dutch auction that establishes a market price by allowing investors to submit bids at specified increments. The Treasury said it has still not made a decision on the administration announced plans to cut its position in insurer American International Group to 70 percent from 80 percent.

Cancer Tip: Calm a cancer sore

Cancer sores are ulcers that form inside the mouth that can make eating and drinking painful. The American Dental Association suggests how to help heal a cancer sore:

* Apply an over-the-counter topical anaesthetic to numb the sore.
* Use an antimicrobial mouth rinse.
* Avoid foods that may irritate the sore, especially anything spicy, hot or acidic.
* See your dentist if the sore doesn’t heal without treatment after two weeks.
* Use an antibiotic ointment and bandage as recommended by your dentist, to help reduce the risk of infection.
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University of Computer Studies (Maubin) provides Ayeyawady Region with advanced computer technologies.

Main campus of Technological University (Maubin) in Ayeyawady Region. (Right)

Maubin University with full facilities of a high-profile university.

Two freight trains collide in Russia’s Far East, two injured

VLADIVOSTOK, 15 March — Two freight trains collided Sunday morning in Russia’s far eastern Jewish Autonomous Region, causing one of them to derail and injuring two people, RIA Novosti news agency reported.

The collision threw three locomotives and 23 cars of the freight train carrying coal off the tracks, local media reports said. Two train workers were injured.

Rescuers and firefighters were working at the scene, the reports said. Rail traffic on a section of Trans-Siberian Railway was suspended.

One killed, three injured in BC avalanche

SPARWOOD, 15 March — An avalanche in southeastern British Columbia killed one person and injured three others, Canadian authorities said.

The three survivors of the Friday afternoon avalanche in Elk Valley near Sparwood were taken to Sparwood Hospital in stable condition, Postmedia News reported.

It was unknown if there are any other survivors or what the victims had been doing when the avalanche struck. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have taken over the investigation.

A “special public avalanche warning” was issued Friday for recreational back-country users by the Canadian Avalanche Centre and is in effect during the weekend. The warning includes the mountains of the South Coast Inland, the Columbia Mountains from near Prince George in the north to the US border in the south, and British Columbia’s South Rockies, the Avalanche Centre said.

Ilya Storm, the centre’s avalanche warning services coordinator, said in a news release avalanches were likely to be much bigger than expected and could be triggered from a distance or at the bottom of a slope. Storm also said slopes typically considered safer — those with lower angles and below treeline — were “primed” for being triggered by humans.

Storm said local knowledge and extensive training and experience are needed to travel safely in avalanche terrain.

The centre urges all recreational back-country users to monitor bulletins and be equipped with a shovel, probe and transceiver. The centre also advises back-country users to take an avalanche awareness course.
Myanmar National Congress Party imposes its policy, stance and work programmes

Chairman of Myanmar National Congress Party U Kaung Myint Htut presents policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 13 March evening.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:-

Esteemed Myanmar people,

First and foremost, I would like to say that it is a great pleasure for me to give talks to all Myanmar people when Myanmar political landscape is achieving progress openly.

We are of Myanmar National Congress Party. We steadfastly joined the politics together with the people through thick and thin during the period of Myanmar political crisis. We firmly believe that politicians and political parties will properly lead the nation through the way of election across the world.

Our Myanmar National Congress Party opposes taking the State power through various ways and means but not applying the election on a basis of public desire. It was not easy to turn out the politicians desired by the nation through the way of election. The people knew that the way of election was attacked and criticized for several times.

The people who hoped for a change of paradigm were indiscriminate whose guidelines were correct or incorrect. Many criticism and blame was put on the Tatmadaw for its rights to participate in various Hluttaw in line with the constitution.

Our party has been making vigorous efforts for emergence of a stable political situation in Myanmar which we love for many years before getting the permission for establishment of our party. Why do we prefer all the Myanmar people to deeply abide by the constitution? I would like to explain a little how we would like to achieve success in way of election.

Our point of view on present political situation is as follows:-

1. Only upholding national interest is appropriate for Myanmar people. All the persons residing in Myanmar are Myanmar citizens. So, disputes and hostilities among the Myanmar people based on any organization, politics and religions will not come out any good result.

2. The Myanmar Tatmadaw is a part of strong national cause in the nation. The Tatmadaw has really cultured the spirit to safeguard the country. Therefore, it needs to place the role of the Tatmadaw in the constitution of Myanmar which is now on the threshold of democratization process.

3. Myanmar people have least experience in the election through democratic process. Thus, the people need to take care of avoiding some politicians who would show off their heroic activities with bad manner in coming-by-election without any sacrifice for the people. You all should beware of their heroic activities for political exploitation without any sacrifice for the people.

4. As far as I would like to say that Myanmar democracy issue is of great concern. Any person should not tarnish the future political situation of Myanmar with personal grudges. It is important that every Myanmar people needs to adore the land of Myanmar in which they reside. So, the people are to turn out the politicians who can really serve the State interest so as to enable the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to stand tall among the global countries prestigiously.

To do so, the people need to carefully elect the politicians who dare sacrifice their self-interest in making management for the sovereignty of the nation whenever they talk about righteous matters and do righteous issues for the sake of the people.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

We, the Myanmar National Congress Party, are steadfastly talking about that only when will the way of election will be the single solution for Myanmar political situation to be able to elect them. I would like to show off my heartfelt expression for the opportunity on presentation of Myanmar National Congress Party to the people through State-owned radio and TV. Our party would not apply such opportunity in canvassing for the by-election.

Only when all the citizens have capabilities to build the nation with awareness of national cause, will the nation develop.

In coming by-election, the people will have the opportunity to select the organizations and persons of their choice. We will satisfy if the people recognize us for our years-long sacrifices to receive the right of selection.

It is democracy the people long for.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

Myanmar National Congress Party has striven for taking part in vacant constituencies in Mingal Taungnyunt, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Mayangon townships in coming by-election. We would like to urge you if you do not like Myanmar National Congress Party, you should not vote for us. Indeed, Myanmar National Congress Party is not a grander political party. Policies and presentation of us are written in similar to that of other political parties. Myanmar National Congress Party has not possessed the strong financial situation. Myanmar National Congress Party is not famous among the people. Therefore, if those who prefer these things, they should not vote for Myanmar National Congress Party.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

Myanmar National Congress Party is like the majority of Myanmar people aspire to ensuring peace and stability of the nation whoever candidate becomes Hluttaw representative. We wish convenience and ease of the people in basic needs whoever candidate becomes Hluttaw representatives. Moreover, we all will steadfastly involve in politics whoever candidate becomes Hluttaw representative.

Members of Myanmar National Congress Party admire the good political leaders for their best qualifications such as honesty, courage, sacrifice and accountability.

We believe that the majority of the people will accept the similar concept.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

Myanmar National Congress Party is only tree grower. We all take pleasure to see you plucking fruit and flowers as you like.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

I would like to present the most important and final point to the esteemed people throughout the nation including Mingala Taungnyunt, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Mayangon townships. You all should not blindly believe our presentation. You safeguards democracy of Myanmar in its infancy. We would like to urge you to take out the responsibility of the people in the coming-by-election after considering all things, assessing the issues based on your own experiences and reviewing your real situations. Our Myanmar National Congress Party will try our best to be oneness with the people in realizing the present political situation with full essence so as to totally cease the internal strife, to achieve success in national interest without putting reliance on other countries and securing greater progress in political, economic, education and health infrastructures of the Myanmar and its people in the world political arena.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

In conclusion I would like to say that whoever wins the elections, only the all-inclusiveness of Myanmar national forces can be said the true victory of democracy. May the entire Myanmar people including those of Mingala Taungnyunt, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Mayangon townships always have good fortune.

May they be physical and mental well-being for the future of Myanmar.

Loans disbursed to Kengtung District GEC

KENGTOUNG, 14 March—A ceremony to disburse loans to Kengtung District Government Employees Cooperative was held at the hall of Kengtung Township General Administration Department on 16 February morning.

Township Administrator U Thein Oo presented K 3 million to Kengtung District GEC through Chairman U Kyaw Moe Aung and Kengtung Township Micro-Credit Cooperative Society to Chairman U Saw Naing.—DistrictBPRD

Untimely strong winds hit Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 14 March—Untimely strong wind hit Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region from 7.30 pm to 8 pm on 12 March.

Moreover, heavy rain fell there up to 9.30 pm.

The strong winds destroyed some houses and blew off roofs of some buildings. In the strong winds, some lamp-posts fell down and trees broken down.—Myanma Alin

FIRE DRILL PRACTISED: A demonstration on use of fire extinguishers at fuel stations was held at Thatzin Nyunt fuel station beside Tungon-Mandalay Highway in Taungkyo Ward in Singing Township on 26 February.

Head of District Fire Services Department U Htet Aung explains use of fire extinguishers.—Myanma Alin
Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of Thai Upper House

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — A delegation led by Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of Thai Upper House Miss Pikulkeaw Knariksh paid a call on Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall No. 1 in Hluttaw Building, here, at 9.25 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Deputy Speaker were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee.

They cordially discussed all sectors for promoting current amity.—MNA

Fifth day regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — The fifth day third regular session of the First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continued yesterday, attended by Region Hluttaw Speaker U Hsan Hsint and representatives.

16 questions were asked and answered, supplementary budgetary allocation bill for 2012 discussed, and approved, report on investigation on complaints submitted and two new proposals submitted at today’s session.—MNA

2012 summer invitational 3 on 3 open and U-16 men/women basketball tournament on 5-7 May

YANGON, 15 March — Ministry of Sports and Myanma Basketball federation will jointly organize summer invitational 3 on 3 open and U-16 men women basketball tournament at Aung San Stadium here from 5 to 7 May.

Participating teams may enroll at the MBF by 2 May, further information available at 556952.
Child mortality rate, still an issue to address

Despite effective solutions within reach, there are still challenges to tackle in bringing down child mortality rate, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said in his address to Workshop on Child Survival from Dissemination Workshop on Evaluation of Community Case Management of Pneumonia and Diarrhoea by Health Volunteers in the ministry yesterday morning. On behalf of the UNICEF Resident Representative, Chief of Young Child Survival and Development Section Dr Marinus Gotink also delivered an address at the workshop.

Union A&I Minister inspects progress of Palethwe hybrid paddy fields

NAVPITAW, 15 March—On tour of 25-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy field near Ngsan Village of Ottarathiri Township, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing looked into nurseries and left the necessary instructions.

Palethwe hybrid quality paddy strains could get more profitable price in the international market, and that’s why farmers can earn double fruitful results by planting Palethwe hybrid quality paddy strains with the use of modern technologies, the union minister said at 35-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy field in Ywaaye Village of Yabain Village-tract in Lew Township. He then presented foodstaff to the farmers and agricultural staff.

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CBM Governor meets IMF Legal Dept delegation, WB Country Director

NAVPITAW, 15 March—Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyein met technical assistance delegation of IMF Legal Department at his office this morning. They discussed legislative of foreign exchange management and technical assistance.

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ABC National Women’s Pool 8-Ball Championship commences

Yangon, 15 March—Jointly organized by Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation of the Ministry of Sports and Ambar Electronic Co Ltd, with the sponsorship of the Myanmar Brewery Ltd, the First ABC National Women’s Pool 8-Ball Championship was opened at Kokkine Hall of the Ayeyawady Region Internal Revenue Department computerization course was opened with a ceremony at the hall of the Ayeyawady Region Internal Revenue Department and Kachin State, totalling 44 are taking part in the championship.

Myanmar Alin

Environmental conservation talked in MraukU

MraukU, 15 March—An educative talk on eradication of illegal timber extraction and conservation of environment was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Hmarnar Ward of MraukU on 1 March afternoon.

First, Township Administrator U Ye Win gave an opening address. Head of Township Forest Department U Aung Kyaw Win explained facts about conservation of environment and the law on forestry affairs. Later officials demonstrated use of high-capability stove.

Township IPRD

Public-based TB care course commences

TamU, 15 March—The public-based TB care course was opened in TamU of TamU District in Sagaing Region on 6 March morning.

At the hall of the People’s Hospital, Head of District Health Department Dr Ye Myint Aung made a speech. TB specialist Dr Aye Thein of Sagaing Region explained facts about TB disease.

Altogether 30 trainees from Red Cross Society, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women’s Affairs Organization attended the course.

Myanmar Alin

YANGON, 15 March—A short documentary video on prevention against trafficking in person will be presented in the TV programmes by March.

MTV EXIST will show a documentary video entitled Enslaved with participation of vocalist R Zami soon to broaden horizon of the people on anti-human trafficking tasks.

The documentary video was created by Central Committee for Prevention against Trafficking in Person, USAID, AnsoDanDASEAN. The work will be presented in the last week of March through MRTV and MRTV-4 with the aim of disseminating knowledge about prevention against trafficking in person and raising preventive measures.

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**DISTRICT NEWS**

**Group-wise vaccination of measles discussed**

**YANGON, 15 March—** Organized by Hmawby Township Health Department of Yangon Region, an educational talk on group-wise vaccination of measles to children was held at the meeting hall of Township General Administration Department in Hmawby of Yangon Region on 9 March morning.

At first, Head of Township Health Department Dr Kyaw Nyein explained the procedure for vaccination of measles. Health Assistant I U Myint Soe reported on programmes to carry out vaccination. It was attended by departmental personnel, village administrators and members of social organizations.

**TOWNSHIP IPRD**

**Short documentary film, Japanese Film Festival 29-30 March**

**YANGON, 15 March—** A short documentary film to mark the anniversary of Japanese eastern earthquake incident that caused in northeast region of Japan on 11 March 2011 and Japanese Film Festival will be held at Japanese Embassy at No. 100 on Natmauk Street in Bahan Township soon. The film festival will comprise the 30 minutes long film "Setting Sail From the Ruins," and 123 minutes long Wanko-The Story of Me, My Family and My Dog at the embassy hall starting 2 pm on 29 and 30 March.

Those wishing to enjoy the films may fill up the necessary points bringing together with citizenship scrutiny cards to enjoy the films.

-Ko Gyi Tha

**Govt will do more to continue to invest in parks, says Khaw**

**SINGAPORE, 15 March—** Singapore National Development Minister Khaw Boon Wan has said that his ministry will do more to continue to invest in parks.

In his latest blog post, he wrote that parks add to the quality of life, promotes healthy living and community bonding. Mr Khaw pointed out two big projects - the Rail Corridor and the 150 kilometre-long Round Island Route which will link up the city’s major natural, cultural and historical attractions.

But with such investments, Mr Khaw urged the community to play its part in taking ownership of public spaces.

He cited parks in Australia, Japan and Korea, which Mr Khaw described as being “wonderfully clean” and not because they have “foreign cleaners to pick up litter”.

“The users do not litter in the first place. Park users take their rubbish with them as they leave. Pets are leashed and the owners (clean up after their pets). Many Singaporeans are picking up such good habits. But I think we are still not yet at the level of the Aussies, Koreans or Japanese,” he said.

**Fire destroys two poultry farms in Ketumati Myothit**

**YEDASHE, 15 March—** A forest fire destroyed one hut and two poultry farms of U Aye Kyaw in Ward 2 of Toungoo, 50 yards to the burnt hut. In the fire, over 1,000 chickens were blazed.

Fire brigade members put out the fire with the use of one fire engine from Ketumati Myothit, two from Yedashe Township and one from Toungoo Township. As a result, the fire did not burn other residences and it was extinguished at 12.25 pm.—Kyemon

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It started from out of regulator being kept upstairs of the monastery.

Fire brigade members put out fire with the use of 36 fire engines of Myanmar Fire Brigade, seven two supporting vehicles and two supporting vehicles and the fire died out at 11.25 am.—Thurein

**Un timely strong winds hit Nyaunglebin**

**NYAUNGLebin, 15 March—** Untimely strong winds hit Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region from 7.30 pm to 8 pm on 12 March.

Moreover, heavy rain fell there up to 9.30 pm.

The strong winds destroyed some houses and blew off roofs of some buildings.

In the strong winds, some lamp-posts fell down and trees broken down.—Myanma Alin

**Pedigrees of golden Hamilton’s Carps provided**

**YANGON, 15 March—** A ceremony to provide pedigrees of golden Hamilton’s Carps to local fish breeders was held in Sangyounglay Village of Shwepyitha Township on 3 March with the aim of flourishing fingerling hatching technology for rural people.

Head of Yangon Region Fisheries Department U Myo Aung, Head of Yangon North District Fisheries Department U Thant Zin and officials of Myanmar Fisheries Department demonstrated hatching of fingerlings at the pond of fish breeder U Soe Win.

Likewise, the official team presented pedigrees of golden Hamilton’s Carps to local fish breeders in Sinnakaw Village of Kyauktan Township and Tagundaing Village of Twantay Township. They demonstrated hatching of fingerlings.—District IPRD

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**Take Fire Preventive Measures**

An aerial handout photo received from the New South Wales Premier Barry O’Farrell shows floodwaters at North Wagga Wagga.

**Australia floods inundate almost 2,000 homes**

**SOUTH WALES, Queensland and Victoria, damaging crops, roads and bridges. In badly-hit southern New South Wales, more homes were evacuated Saturday as the State Emergency Service said some 1,963 homes had been inundated, mostly around the major inland town of Wagga Wagga and the surrounding regions.**

“There’s further assessments being done at present to see whether they will crack the 2,000 mark which sadly I think it will do,” State Emergency Service (SES) spokesman Phil Campbell told AFP.

“This is all over-floorboard flooding. It is the significant stuff that causes so much damage and it does range from water up to the ceiling to down to just creeping into the house.”

**MULTIPLIER COURSE OPENED: Dawei District Map Drawing Multiplier Course I/2012, organized by Taninathay Region Immigration and National Registration Department, was opened at the region government office on 27 February. Head of Region INRD U Than Thwe speaks on the occasion.**

**MYANMA ALIN**
Two earthquakes rattle Japan

Tokyo, 15 March—A tsunami advisory, warning of a half-metre wave following a 6.8-magnitude earthquake Wednesday off the Japanese coast, has been canceled, officials said.

Two earthquakes with magnitudes greater than 6 struck off the east coast of Honolulu, Japan, the US Geological Survey said.

The first quake, at a depth of 16 miles, was a magnitude of 6.8, USGS said. It was about 145 miles south of Kushiro, in the North Caucasus Region.

The total mass of the explosive devices was the equivalent of over 100 kg of TNT. According to bomb experts, an explosion of that magnitude would have destroyed a whole city block, the committee said.

All the bombs were taken to a secure area and destroyed.

Earthquakes are common in the mainstream Muslim North Caucasus republics. Nalchik witnessed a clash in 2005 between 150 local militants and police. The attackers killed 35 policemen and 14 civilians but lost 92 of their own men.

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Japan’s Meteorological Agency issued a tsunami warning following the first quake but not the second, Kyodo News reported. Reports of damage or injuries for both quakes were not available.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MONZA EXPRESS VOY NO (9)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MONZA EXPRESS VOY NO (9) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged in accordance with the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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World’s tallest man finally stops growing

London, 15 March—Sultan Kosen, the world’s tallest man, has finally stopped growing, after he was treated at a US hospital to control the production of growth hormone.

The 29-year-old at 8ft 3inches measures in Guinness World Records as the tallest living man.

Kosen from Turkey received treatment at the University of Virginia Medical Centre in May 2010 for treatment for a disorder called acromegaly, which is usually caused by a tumour in the pituitary gland.

Special equipment was flown in from Sweden to fit Kosen’s larger skull, according to doctors.

According to the Richmond Times- Dispatch, he was placed on a new medication that could potentially help control the production of growth hormone and stop his continued growth.

University officials now claim that Kosen has stopped growing.

The treatment will be noted in Guinness World Records.

“He’s done very, very well, fortunately,” the Telegraph quoted Dr Jason Sheehan, a University of Virginia brain surgeon, as saying.—Internet

Tourists pose for photos at the Avenue of Stars in Hong Kong, south China, on 14 March, 2012. Hong Kong’s visitor arrivals in package tours in February soared by 37.7 percent year on year to 9,204, and the total visitor arrivals in package tours in January and February add up to 17,761, according to figures released by the Travel Industry of Hong Kong on Wednesday. —Xinhua

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Senior Somali government officials, including President Sharif Ahmed, Parliament Speaker Sharif Hassan and Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohammed Ali, live and have offices in the zone, officials said.

Internet

Terror attack foiled in Russia

Moscow, 15 March—Russian security forces Wednesday prevented a terrorist attack by defusing nine bombs at an illegal laboratory in Nalchik City.

According to the National Anti-Terrorism Committee, the laboratory where the bombs were produced was located in a garage in Nalchik, capital of Kabardino-Balkaria republic in the North Caucasus Region.

The total mass of the explosive devices was the equivalent of over 100 kg of TNT. According to bomb experts, an explosion of that magnitude would have destroyed a whole city block, the committee said.

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Dhaka, 15 March—At least 12 more people were still listed missing, the area’s government administrator Azizul Alam said. Local media, quoting relatives, put the number of missing higher.

The ferry carrying about 200 people collided with a cargo boat and sank early Tuesday, sending scores of people into the Meghna River, just south of Dhaka.

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Three days after a ferry sank in the river, killing 117 people, rescuers recovered more bodies and are searching for more.

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MADRID, 15 March—Real Madrid had few problems in qualifying for the last eight of the Champions League as they defeated CSKA Moscow 4-1 in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Wednesday night. The win, which came thanks to goals from Gonzalo Higuain, Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema, took Madrid into the quarterfinals of the competition and keeps alive the club’s hopes of winning a tenth European Cup.

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho had said in the run up to the game, that he would start with three strikers, but in the end he only started with two as Cristiano Ronaldo partnered Higuain in attack. While fit again Karim Benzema was kept on the subs’ bench.

Madrid did have two attacking midfielders in Kaka and Mesut Ozil on the pitch, but it was a more defensive player, Sami Khedira who was to prove vital with a magnificent pass for Higuain to open the score after 25 minutes. Higuain once again proved that he deserves a place in the Real Madrid starting line up with his fourth goal in three matches. Ahmed Musa came close to levelling the score before the break, but Iker Casillas showed he was alert to the danger with a good save.

Ronaldo doubled Madrid’s lead 10 minutes into the second half as he shot from 30 metres and CSKA goalkeeper Sergio Chepchogov made a horrible mess of it, allowing it to bounce into the back of the net when he really should have made a save.

Karim Benzamena replaced Higuain with 21 minutes remaining and wanted to time in claiming his claim to a first team place by scoring the third goal a minute later. Zoran Tosic gave his side a slim lifeline when he scored for CSKA with a fine individual goal with 13 minutes remaining, but Ronaldo rounded up the scoring in the last minute of injury time as he finished from a Benzema cross.

Real Madrid’s Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring his team’s second goal during the 2012 BNP Paribas Open at the Indian Wells stadium in Madrid.—Xinhua

Chelsea’s Italian striker Didier Drogba scores the opening goal during their UEFA Champions League match against Napoli at Stamford Bridge, London, England.

Nadal humbles Dolgopolov to enter BNP Paribas Open Quarterfinals

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—World No 2 Rafael Nadal made quick work of Ukrainian Alexandr Dolgopolov to advance to the quarterfinals of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open, joining Novak Djokovic and David Nalbandian into the last eight of the event.

Two time former champion Rafael Nadal breezed past World No 21 Alexandr Dolgopolov in straight sets to advance to the quarterfinals of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open, season’s first masters series event being played here in Indian Wells, California, USA.

Nadal made a superb start to the match and broke Dolgopolov’s serve in the second game to race to a quick 3-0 and 4-1 lead, after which he sealed the 43 minute first set with a 6-3 scoreline.

The second set did not change the story much as Nadal made quick in-roads and broke Dolgopolov twice with the help of his penetrating ground strokes to seal the 6-3, 6-2 victory in just 76 minutes of play.

Nadal joined top seed and defending champion Novak Djokovic into the last eight after the Serb was stretched to limits by another Spaniard Pablo Andujar in a two hour plus battle ending with 6-0, 6-7(5), 6-2 scoreline in the former’s favour.—Internet

Roger Federer beats Bellucci to reach the quarter-final at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—Third-seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland earned a 6-4, 6-2 win over the Italians at the 2012 BNP Paribas Open. Federer converted 2 out of 3 break-points, while Bellucci converted 2 out of 3 break-points in the first set. Federer gave a fitting reply to World No 50 Bellucci, as he claimed the title convincingly in 63 minutes.

Federer took the opening set 6-4 as he was far ahead in the first set and cruised into the final. Federer hit a pass at the net to break Bellucci in the fourth game of the match. Bellucci served to 0-15 in the fifth game, but Federer put away a volley for a double break to take the second set. Bellucci hit a double fault to lose the second game of the set.

World No 9 Angelique Kerber moved into the final of the 2012 Indian Wells Open. Federer took 1 hour and 40 minutes to win this duel, as he fired 8 aces and mastered 82% points on his first serve. The Swiss also managed four winners and converted 7 out of 9 break-points, while Bellucci only had three winners and converted 2 out of 3 break-points.

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Ronaldinho in Brazil’s preliminary Olympic squad

LONDON, 15 March—Ronaldinho was on Wednesday named in Brazil coach Mano Menezes’ preliminary 52-man squad for the football tournament at this year’s London Olympics.

Menezes must whittle the squad down to 35 players by 8 June before announcing a final 18-man squad by 12 August.—

There is strong competition for the three over-age slots, with Flamengo playmaker Ronaldinho joined in Menezes’ list by Barcelona right-back Dani Alves, Chelsea defender David Luiz and Milan centre-back Thiago Silva.

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Novak Djokovic survives Andujar to enter quarters in Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—Novak Djokovic had to lose a set against Spaniard Pablo Andujar, but then made the most of the third set to win 6-0, 6-7, 6-2 and marched into the quarterfinals of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open.

Djokovic started with confidence but then lost the second set to a charging Pablo Andujar.

The World number one later regrouped and took care of the Spaniard in three sets.

It was blistering performance from Djokovic as he struck his forehands to perfection and moved Andujar from side to side with his backhands efficiently.

Andujar tried his to keep pace with the world number one but was unable to fish out a single game.

Djokovic broke thrice and consolidated with ease to take the first set 6-0.

Andujar played with confidence in the second as he combined cannon first serves with massive forehands.

He held all his service games with ease and put Djokovic under immense pressure on his service games.

He dragged the set to a well deserved tie-breaker and continued his aggression.

He cracked an ace and shot 10 winners to win the set 7-6(5) and levelled scores at one set all.

Djokovic was quick to forget about the past and pounced on the first look of a break point in the first game of the third set.

He took the early break and managed to hold serves consolidating the break.

He then snatched another break of serve in the seventh game and consolidated comfortably.

The Serbian served 4 aces, got 69% first serves and knocked 28 winners to win 6-0, 6-7(5), 6-2.

WASHINGTON, 15 March—A US satellite giving the only advance warning of incoming high-energy solar particles is getting old and is possibly on its last legs, researchers say.

But for a replacement for NASA’s Advanced Composition Explorer, or ACE, satellite is at least two years away, they said.

ACE provides the only advance notice of incoming high-energy particles from the sun which can wreak havoc on indispensable radio, GPS and satellite communications, researchers said.

Launched in 1997, ACE gives the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration’s space weather forecasting arm advance notice if a storm is headed toward Earth, as it did with the solar storm that left the sun Tuesday.

How much longer the satellite can keep working is a concern, scientists said.

“I would be a very bad day for us if that spacecraft was not working,” William Murtagh, programme coordinator for NOAA’s Space Weather Prediction Center in Boulder, Colorado, told Discovery News.

“When an eruption occurs on the sun, there are still quite a few question marks as to if it’s going to hit the Earth and when it’s going to hit the Earth,” he said.

From about 1 million miles away, ACE provides the only early warning of what’s headed toward Earth and utility operators, airlines, satellite owners, GPS users and others depend on space weather alerts from NOAA.

“ACE is a single point of failure and it’s old,” Murtagh said. “Every time I have a space weather storm I cringe a little bit that our very own space weather satellite doesn’t succumb to the storms I’m relying on it to help forecast.”
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