True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein receives police chiefs of ASEAN and heads of police force of dialogue partners countries

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received police chiefs of ASEAN and heads of police force of dialogue partner countries and representatives from Interpol Secretary Office, who are attending the 32nd ASEANAPOL Conference being held in Nay Pyi Taw, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 2 pm today. Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and the director-general of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —MNA

UEC meets parties participated in 2012 by-elections

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 May—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye met political parties which fielded candidates in 2012 by-elections at the commission office here this morning.

Chairman U Tin Aye, the secretary and members of the commission, chairmen and secretaries of central executive committees of political parties which participated in by-elections, independent candidates, UEC officials, local media and guests attended the meeting.

In his opening address, Chairman U Tin Aye guaranteed that UEC would try its best for ensuring next elections freer and fairer by reviewing weak and strong points of 2012 by-elections. He quoted international election monitors as saying that the by-elections was a free, fair and peaceful one. The commission chairman called for cooperation of the political parties with the UEC.

Officials of the political parties discussed weaknesses and strengths of the by-elections and made suggestions.

UEC Secretary U Win Ko made sector-wise clarifications.

The concluding remarks of the commission chairman brought the meeting to an end.— MNA

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Knowledge-based industries

Apart from financial resources, human resources development plays an important role in the national democratization process as it calls for rapid progress of knowledge-based industries that ensures sustainable and robust national economic growth which in turn facilitates reforms the country is carrying out in various sectors.

Truly, we are seeking and harnessing various means effective in paving the way towards peace, progress and prosperity through accelerating our reform process a source of power we are relying on for our own brighter future.

In this context, we are picking up the pace of our reform process through the might of knowledge-based industries acting as one of its main driving forces to bring us all towards peace, progress and prosperity or in other words democracy as aspired by the people.

When it comes to knowledge-based industries it includes businesses from banking, insurance and tourism to high-tech and high-end industries that require a large number of highly-qualified human resources such as technicians, intellectuals and academics and the research and development programs in which people of these three given categories are also the main working force.

Accordingly, we need a constant source of highly-qualified human resources supply for the long-term growth of knowledge-based industries and a good education system in which teachers of both basic education and higher education can concentrate their efforts totally on well-rounded progress of their students will be one of the best answers to implementation of forest sector projects and cooperation.

Also present at the call were Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department under the Ministry, Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department and Deputy Director-General U Tin Tun of Planning and Statistics Department. —MNA

Myoma Gonsaung library opens in Pyawbwe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Myoma Gonsaung library in Myoma village in Pyawbwe Township, was held at the library on 18 May. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Myint Soe, staff officer of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Phone Naing and Patron of library committee U Aung Soe, formally opened it. After that, Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Oo delivered a speech and the Township IPRD staff officer discussed the perpetual existence of the library. Then, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative donated K 50000; the Region Hluttaw representative, K0.1 million; the Township IPRD staff officer, 189 books and publication; and wellwishers, books and publication. —MNA

Phoe Yarzar Library opened in Yebyu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Phoe Yarzar Library was opened in Paleku village in Yebyu Township in Dawei District of Taninthayi Region this morning. Township Administrator U Tun Myint, Township Administrator U Tin Naing, Staff Officer Daw Phyu Phyu Shein of Township IPRD formally opened the library. Myanmar Libraries Foundation and local people financed the construction of the library building. —MPA

Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Nan Malar Swe gave educational talks on public-centred approach TB preventive measures at Aungmyethazan Township Administration Department, Mandalay on 22 April. —TEN HLA AUNG (MNA)
New Delhi, 22 May—At least 18 passengers were charred to death and more than 35 others sustained injuries in a major rail mishap in southern India.

The mishap happened when a passenger train, the Hampi Express, rammed into a stationary freight train near Pennukonda station in the state's Anantapur district at 3:15 am (local time). The train was going from the state's Hubli District to the neighboring state of Karnataka's Capital Bangalore when the collision took place," the official said, on condition of anonymity. Such great was the impact of the collision that two coaches of the passenger train caught fire. As a result, 18 passengers were charred to death and those injured have been admitted to a local hospital where the condition of some are said to be serious, the official said, adding that preliminary probe has revealed that the driver of the passenger train may have overridden the signal.

The death toll is likely to go up later in the day as several passengers were still feared trapped inside three damaged coaches of Hampi Express, two of which derailed and caught fire after the collision, say railway officials. "The exact number of trapped people is not known yet, but efforts are on in full force to bring them out safely. Doctors are working hard to give relief to all the injured," Anil Saxena, Public Relations Officer of Indian Railways.

WHO chief warns “two danger zones” for world health development

Geneva, 22 May—World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Margaret Chan warned on Monday that squeezed funds and rise of chronic non-communicable diseases were “two danger zones” for the world public health development. "In these difficult financial times, I see an extremely dangerous tendency to measure how much health can be bought for a given amount of money," Chan made the remarks when addressing the 65th World Health Assembly, held from Monday to Saturday, adding this can be dangerous, especially for a disease like HIV/AIDS.

Chan said that the lack of funds might mean that the UN goal in fight against diseases like HIV/AIDS be missed. "We have good reason to believe that the UN target of having 15 million people on treatment by 2015 will not be met," she said. Chan also stressed that non-communicable diseases, including cardiovascular disease and diabetes would cost the long-term damage over progress in global health. WHO data showed that rates of obesity nearly doubled in every region of the world from 1980 to 2008. Worldwide, one in three adults has raised blood pressure, while one in 10 adults has diabetes.

She pledged that the WHO is giving the prevention and control of these diseases the utmost priority.

“Those are the diseases that can cancel out the gains of modernization and development,” she said.

Six people killed, 15 injured in Iraq's violence

Baghdad, 22 May—Six people were killed and 15 others injured on Monday in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Iraq, the police said.

The deadliest incident in the day occurred near Baghdad when gunmen using assault rifles attacked a police checkpoint near a government-owned facility in Tai area, some 20 km north of Baghdad, killing three policemen and wounding two others, an Interior ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In separate incident, a roadside bomb exploded in Baghdad's western district of Ameriyah, injuring three civilians, the source said. Elsewhere, a sticky bomb attached to a government car went off at an Iraqi army base in Abu Ghraib area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, killing the driver and wounding a soldier and two civilians, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua.

Also in Abu Ghraib, another sticky bomb attached to a civilian car detonated at a parking lot of a government building, killing the driver and injuring a passer-by, the source said.

Correction

Please read “The United States, the European Union, Canada and Australia have all moved in recent weeks to ease or suspend sanctions on Myanmar” in paragraph 9 of the news under the heading “Obama nominates ambassador to Myanmar” appeared on page 3 of this daily issued on 20 May, 2011.
Los Angeles museum gets gift for shuttle home

Science & Technology
Scientist says climate records from Australia show there are no other warm periods in the last 1,000 years that match the warming experienced since 1950.

1,000 years of Australasian climate studied

“Anonymous” affiliate claims hacked Chicago police site as NATO opens

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Scientists discover way to ‘starve’ cancer cells

A Motorola Droid phone is seen displaying the Google search page in New York on 15 August, 2011. Reuters

China approves Google’s Motorola deal

BEIJING, 22 May—China said on Sunday it had granted conditional approval to Google’s plans to acquire Motorola Mobility Holdings (MMI), clearing the last regulatory obstacle to a deal that will help the search company’s plans to develop its own smart phones.

The approval, which Google (GOOGO) had announced on Saturday, comes nearly eight months after the application for the $12.5 billion purchase was submitted and requires that the No 1 search company keep its Android operating system free and open for at least five years.

“At the end of the five years, the Ministry of Commerce will continue to assess the state of the Chinese smart phone operating systems market,” said a statement posted on the ministry’s website.

Google’s Android software is the top operating system for Internet-enabled smart phones.

The company wants phone-maker Motorola for its 17,000 patents and 7,500 patent applications, as it looks to compete with rivals such as Apple Inc (AAPLO) and defend itself and Android phone manufacturers in patent litigation.

US and European regulators approved the deal in February.

S Korea’s industrial power sales slow in April

SEOUL, 22 May—South Korea’s industrial electricity sales slowed last month compared with a month before due to less working days and slower export growth, a government report showed on Monday.

Sales of industrial electricity, a gauge of industrial activities, reached 21.22 billion kilowatt-hours in April, up 1.7% from the same month last year, according to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy. For the first four months of this year, industrial power sales grew 3.5% on-year to 85.89 kilowatt-hours.

The April growth was down from an on-year expansion of 4% tallied in the previous month, and a 9.1% increase a year earlier.

The slower growth was mainly attributed to less working business days caused by the April general election.

Slower export growth also contributed to weaker demand for industrial electricity. The Asia’s No.4 economy logged a 4.8% on-year contraction in exports in April.

Meanwhile, electricity sales for educational facilities, households and general usage grew 2.8%, 3.2% and 2.5% respectively in April on an on-year basis.

Total power sales, including industrial and household sector, came in at 38.5 billion kilowatt-hours in April, up 2% from a year before.—Xinhua

UK to award contracts for work on nuclear sub

CHICAGO, 22 May—Britain is set to announce this week the award of 350 million pounds of contracts for design work on new nuclear-armed submarines, a government official said on Sunday, a move that may cause friction in the coalition government.

The decision signals that Prime Minister David Cameron’s centre-right Conservatives remain committed to acquiring a costly new nuclear submarine fleet despite calls from their junior Liberal Democrat coalition partners to consider cheaper alternatives to avoid a large public debt.

The government will announce which companies have won the 38 million pounds of contracts for initial design work on the submarine’s nuclear reactor.

The Conservative-led government had hoped the contracts but said they would go to British companies and safeguard or create 1,900 jobs in Britain’s submarine-building industry, which is dominated by defence giant BAE Systems (BAE.L). Britain currently has four Vanguard class submarines carrying Trident nuclear missiles but the vessels are due to go out of service in the 2020s.

The Conservative want to build a new class of submarines to carry Britain’s nuclear deterrent at a cost of around 25 billion pounds, even though spending on non-nuclear defence and other government departments is being slashed to a big budget deficit.

The centre-left Lib Dems have argued for cheaper alternatives, such as putting nuclear missiles on existing Astute submarines.

In a gesture to the Lib Dems, whose support has plunged since the coalition was formed after the 2010 election, the government announced last year it would study the feasibility of alternatives.

The government’s decision to award the contracts will be delayed until 2016, after the next national election, in another gesture to Lib Dem sensitivities on the issue.—Reuters

Juice may be acidic enough to hurt teeth

LONDON, 22 May—Many parents give children smoothies and juice every day, unaware that their high-acid levels and sugar content can destroy young teeth, a British doctor says.

An investigation by The Sunday Telegraph reported the acid levels of popular juice drinks — including one more acidic than vinegar. Dr Kathy Harley, dean of the dental faculty at the Royal College of Surgeons, said 50 percent of 5- to 11-year-olds now have signs of damage to their tooth enamel caused by excess acid in their diet.

Tooth enamel begins to be destroyed when acid levels in the mouth drop below 5.5 on the pH scale — 7 is neutral — while 1 is a strong acid.

Water has a pH of 7, and milk is just below at 6.8, but the investigation found “This Water,” a product sold in Britain that contains lemons and limes that describes itself as a “juice drink blended with pure squeezed juices and pure spring water,” had a level of 2.7, more acidic than cider vinegar, which has a pH level of 2.9.

The other fruit drinks tested included: Tropicana orange juice, Copella apple smoothie, Innocent juices, Capti Sun orange drink and Fanta Fruit-Shake. They are all low-sugar drinks and had acid levels ranging from 3.3 to 3.8.

However, the most acidic beverage tested was Coca-Cola, with a pH level of 2.5 and 12.5 teaspoons of sugar in a 17.5 ounce bottle, the Telegraph said.—Internet

Health Tip: Keep cloth grocery totes clean

Reusable grocery totes may be friendly for the environment, but they can also be helpful in the fight against harmful bacteria.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics suggests how to keep grocery totes clean:

* Regularly wash grocery totes either by hand (use hot, soapy water) or in the washing machine.
* Bag separately in plastic any fish, poultry or meat before placing them in a tote.
* Be sure to separate these products from prepared or packaged foods.
* Carefully clean any kitchen areas (such as a counter) where you place totes while unpacking.

* Don’t leave totes in the trunk of your car; store them in a cool, dry place.—Internet

A currency dealer monitors exchange rates in a dealing room at the Korea Exchange Bank in Seoul. Asian markets bucked the euro fell further on 18 May, 2012.—Reuters

Juice may be acidic enough to hurt teeth. Food and drink regulators are waiting for more to come through.Mexico, the world’s 14th biggest economy, still looks to compete with rivals such as Apple Inc (AAPLO) and defend itself and Android phone manufacturers in patent litigation. An investigation by The Sunday Telegraph reported the acid levels of popular juice drinks — including one more acidic than vinegar. Dr Kathy Harley, dean of the dental faculty at the Royal College of Surgeons, said 50 percent of 5- to 11-year-olds now have signs of damage to their tooth enamel caused by excess acid in their diet. Tooth enamel begins to be destroyed when acid levels in the mouth drop below 5.5 on the pH scale — 7 is neutral — while 1 is a strong acid. Water has a pH of 7, and milk is just below at 6.8, but the investigation found “This Water,” a product sold in Britain that contains lemons and limes that describes itself as a “juice drink blended with pure squeezed juices and pure spring water,” had a level of 2.7, more acidic than cider vinegar, which has a pH level of 2.9. The other fruit drinks tested included: Tropicana orange juice, Copella apple smoothie, Innocent juices, Capti Sun orange drink and Fanta Fruit-Shake. They are all low-sugar drinks and had acid levels ranging from 3.3 to 3.8. However, the most acidic beverage tested was Coca-Cola, with a pH level of 2.5 and 12.5 teaspoons of sugar in a 17.5 ounce bottle, the Telegraph said.—Internet

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Wind turbines are seen in La Ventosa on 7 Feb, 2012. Surrounded by towering turbines in every direction, the town of La Ventosa in Spain — is at the heart of a wind power boom in the country. Mexico, the world’s 14th biggest economy, still punches well below its weight in terms of wind energy, ranking 34th on the planet in installed capacity last year, according to the Global Wind Energy Council (GWECS). But the market is growing fast. By the end of this year, the national wind energy association expects Mexico to jump to number 20 on the list.—Reuters

Defence Secretary Philip Hammond said last week his department had fixed a 38 billion pound “black hole” in the defence equipment budget, saying that the government said it inherited from its Labour predecessor and did not expect to make further cuts to the armed forces. He set out plans for a defence equipment program of 152 billion pounds over 10 years which he said included funding for a new class of nuclear submarines. The government has already announced that the main spending decision on the new generation of submarines will be delayed until 2016, after the next national election, in another gesture to Lib Dem sensitivities on the issue.
Traffic rules inspected in Indaw Township

**Yangon, 22 May**—A team led by Police Sergeant Tun Tun Oo of Traffic Police Force inspected traffic enforcement and took actions against traffic rule violators, on Mandalay-Myi Kyina Strategic road near Seinhthaya market in Mawlu model village in Indaw Township, yesterday. Actions were taken against 14 violators. And educative talks on traffic rules were given.—Kyemon

**Mon Myat Micro Credit Cooperatives Ltd holds AGM**

Mon Myat Micro Credit Cooperatives Ltd held its annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year, at Dhammayangyi Matgin monastery in Myinmu Township today. At the ceremony, Chairperson U Shwe Mann and head of Township Cooperatives Department Daw Myint Myint Thein delivered speeches. Afterwards, vice-chairman U Myint Thein read out executive’s report and director U Soe Tint submitted future works and sought the approval. Then, Chairman awarded 102 members who repaid loan without fail. A total of 437 members attended it.—Myannah Alyn

**RMGCC 3rd Anniversary golf tournament on 26 May**

**Yangon, 22 May**—RMGCC 3rd Anniversary golf tournament, organized by Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club, will be held at the golf club on 26 May. Any golfers may participate in the tournament. The purpose of holding it is to donate fees to the orphans. Handsome prizes will go to winners. Myanmar Brewery Co., Ltd is diamond sponsor; Super Power and Singtech, Platinum sponsor; Royal Modern Furniture, Red Link and Alpine, gold sponsors; Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel, Karzweik Palace, MAI, Canon, CP, Taylormade, Transview and Crest Link, silver sponsors. For more information, may dial 01-639445-7 and 01-639435-9 and hotline 09-8636395.—Myannah Alyn

**LinyaungU library opens in Kayan Township**

**Yangon, 22 May**—Opening of LinyaungU library in Paipayo Village in Kayan Township, Yangon South District, was held on 18 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Tin Myint, staff officer of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Ei Zai Hlaiing and village administrator U Than Aung formally opened it. After that, officials accepted 150 books and publications donated by Myanmar Library Foundation, 100 books and publications by Township administrator, 50 books by Chairperson of Township MCWA and 100 books by Township IPRD. The library was built with contribution of K 0.5 million by Myanmar Library Foundation and K 0.3 million by local people.—Myannah Alyn

**Educative talks for young ladies given in Kawthoung**

**Kawthoung, 22 May**—Educative talks for young ladies, jointly organized by Kawthoung District and Township Women’s Affairs Organization was held at Chaungsa village in Shwepyisoe village-tract, Kawthoung Township on 13 May in conjunction with the donation of books and publications to libraries. It was attended by Chairperson of Kawthoung District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Cho Cho Thein and members, Chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Khin Mar Kyi and members, members of WAO and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, youths and townsenders. At the ceremony, the District WAO Chairperson explained the purpose of donation of books and publications and the Township WAO chairperson gave educative talks.—Kawthoung IPRD

**Myanmar traditional cane ball competition held in Thaton**

**Thaton, 22 May**—Myanmar Traditional Cane ball competition, organized by Cane ball Sub-committee of Thaton District Sports and Physical Education Department, was held at the District gymnasm in Binhlaing ward in Thaton yesterday. A total of 16 teams from the district and teams from Mawlamyine, Mudon and Hpa-an townships and Bago Region. Selected cane ballers of Myanmar Cane Ball Federation demonstrated cane ball skills. Assistant Director U Aung Myint Oo of District Sports and Physical Education Department, Chairman of District Cane Ball Sub-committee U Than Aung and members and fans enjoyed the competition. Afterwards, District Women’s Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw Yi Yi Lwin and members donated K 15000 to District Cane Ball Sub-committee through the Sub-committee chairman and vice-chairman U Aung Soe Khang.—Kyemon

**BOOKS AND STATIONERY DONATE: A ceremony to donate 150 dozen of exercise books and stationery to Basic Education Primary school No. 18 in Thingangyun Township by Saya U Shwe Zira, U Aung Zaw Latt, U Aung Myat Thet and U Thawda family, was held at the school on 20 May.**

**UNIFORMS PROVIDED: A ceremony to present uniforms to staff members of Yangon South District General Administration Department was held at the meeting hall of District GAD on 21 May.**

**Myanma Alin**
Trainees of Primary Teachership Training Course seek Chief Minister’s advice

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—The demonstration-receiving ceremony of trainees of the three-year Primary Teachership Training Course No. 44 of University for Development of National Races was held at No. 1 BEHS of Dawei yesterday morning. Present on the occasion were Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko, the Chief Justice of the Region High Court, region ministers, region-level departmental officials, social organizations, course instructors and trainees.

The Region Chief Minister made a speech on the occasion. In his address, the Region Chief Minister said that Myeik University and Dawei University were opened in the Region to local people to be able to pursue higher education within their reach, adding Myeik and Dawei also saw the technological university and university of computer studies each, and the Region has been facilitated with 44 high schools, 66 middle schools and 1000 primary schools where altogether 262046 students are pursuing education, he said.

The Region Chief Minister stressed the need for trainees to abide by rules and disciplines set by the university, to strive for flourishing of Union Spirit while in studying, to respect Our Three Main National Causes and the 12 objectives of the State, to make efforts for implementing the seven objectives of the university, to try their best to become outstanding trainees and to strictly follow disciplines set for trainees.

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In his speech, he said: there are four drafted bills—patent law, Industrial Design Law, Trademarks and Service Marks Laws and Copyright Law regarding new Intellectual Property Rights Law. Necessary amendments to the bill will be made in coordination with Union Attorney-General Office and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Myanmar is in urgent need of Intellectual Property Rights Laws as the country sees a lot of foreign investments. Laws that protect Intellectual Property Rights should be in line with international standards as ASEAN Community will emerge in 2015. Intellectual Property Rights Laws can protect fundamental rights of citizens and generate country’s economic development and a flow of foreign investments.

Union Commerce Minister meets Ghanaian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Ghanaian Ambassador Mr Daniel Kwasi Abodakpi of Ghanaian Embassy based in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia, at his office this afternoon. At the call, they had a cordial discussion on potential for trade and economic cooperation between Myanmar and Ghana.

Deputy Home Affairs Minister receives Chairman of US-ASEAN Economic Council and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Deputy Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint received a delegation led by Chairman of US-ASEAN Economic Council Ms Frances A. Zwenig at his office here at 11 am today. At the meeting, they had a discussion on matters of mutual interest.
Diplomats explore Kawthoung, Dawei

YANGON, 22 May—Diplomats led by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint and Patron of Diplomatic Corps Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua and wife, ambassadors, chargé d'affaires and resident representatives of UN agencies and their spouses left Yangon for Taninthayi Region on 19 morning to witness development and explore beauty in the region.

Region Electricity and Industrial Minister Dr Win Aung and officials welcomed the diplomats at Kawthoung Airport. They observed Pachen River and went sightseeing in Kawthoung. The region minister hosted dinner to the diplomats at Andaman Club Resort Hotel.

On 20 May, they proceeded to Dawei where Region Development Affairs Minister U Aung Kyaw Ko welcomed them. They visited Dawei and Dawei Special Economic Zone being implemented by Italian Thai Development Public Co Ltd where Chairman of Dawei Special Economic Zone Management Committee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and the company chairman explained about Dawei SEZ and answered queries raised by the diplomats. They then looked round the project site and took the flight which landed Yangon at 5 pm.

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint and diplomats being welcomed by ethnic damsels at Dawei Airport.—MNA

Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar meets foreign guests

NAV PYI TAW, 22 May—Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein received a call on the Governor, at the same venue, at 11 am. At the call, they had comprehensive discussion on extension of banking services cooperation with Myanmar banks. In the afternoon, the Governor met IMF Staff Visit Mission. They discussed providing technical assistances in reform and development of monetary sector of Myanmar. Also present at the call were heads of departments.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Swire Investment Group eyes investment in Myanmar

NAV PYI TAW, 22 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung met delegation led by Mr Charles Bermridge of Swire Investment Group at the ministry here this morning.

They discussed matters related to running Hong Kong-Yangon flights as of coming open season by Cathay Pacific Airlines owned by the conglomerate and investment by Swire Pacific Offshore Operations Pte Ltd in Myanmar.

The Union Minister said in response to discussions that Hong Kong and Myanmar are no strangers to each other. He added that Myanmar is facing similar economic and social developments. He assured Mr Bermridge of Myanmar’s open doors for foreign investments.

Afterwards, the two foreign ministers held a joint press meeting at the Department of State and replied to the queries raised by the media.

The Union Minister also met with Deputy Secretary of State William J Burns at his office and had a frank and cordial exchange views on promotion of bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and the United States at 3.15 pm.

Union Foreign Affairs Minister pays official visit to the United States of America

NAV PYI TAW, 22 May—The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back by air this morning after paying an official visit to the United States of America from 16 May to 17 May 2012 at the invitation of the Hon. Mrs Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

During the visit, the Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin met with Senator John McCain at his office in the United States Senate Building at 5 pm on 16 May. On 17 May 2012, the Union Minister also met with Senator Mitch McConnell at 9.30 am and the Chairman of the East Asia & Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Senator Jim Webb at 11.00 am respectively at their offices in the Senate Building. During the meeting, the US Senators reiterated their support for the on-going reform process in Myanmar. They also discussed on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperations between Myanmar and the United States, including lifting of all sanctions imposed against Myanmar as early as possible.

The Union Minister updated the Senators on recent political, economic and social developments of Myanmar as well as progress on the peace building efforts of the Myanmar Government with national races armed groups.

Afterwards, the Union Minister attended the luncheon hosted by Mr Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Bureau, at the Webster Dinning Room of the Department of State.

The Union Minister called on the Secretary of States, Hon. Mrs Hillary R. Clinton at the Department of State on the same day at 2 pm. At the meeting, Secretary Clinton reaffirmed the continued support of the US on the on-going reforms being undertaken in Myanmar. She informed the decision of the US government on the appointment of US Ambassador to Myanmar in over 20 years, easing of economic, trade and financial restrictions on Myanmar to support economic and social development of Myanmar. The Union Minister also updated the Secretary of State on Myanmar’s efforts of democratic transitions and national reconciliation process.

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Union Electric Power No. 2
Minister receives Chinese,
Thailand-based guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Tin Naing Thein received a delegation led by Vice President Mr Xu Haiyun of Huanneng Lancang International Energy Co., Ltd in China at his office here this morning. At the meeting, the delegation led by Chief Engineer Mr Chen Jiaheng of Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation of China and discussed progress of drawing the Myanmar power plan being implemented under contract signed on 14 February 2012 between the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation, completion of the three-phase of the project by February 2013, difficulties encountered and giving training on drawing of power system project to Myanmar engineers in China.

Similarly, the Union Minister received a delegation led by Chief Executive Officer Mr Kowit Kvantaparasu of General Electric International Co., Inc based in Thailand and had a discussion on installation of TM 2500 Mobile Power Generation generators of the company to satisfy power demand in summer, ensuring double power supply by upgrading of Frame 6 and Frame 5 gas-fired power plants under flange to flange system and construction of new power plant with F6A Gas Turbine Generator for medium-term power supply. The Union Minister also received a delegation led by Deputy Chief Engineer Mr Chen Jiaheng of Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation of China and discussed progress of drawing the Myanmar power plan being implemented under contract signed on 14 February 2012 between the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation, completion of the three-phase of the project by February 2013, difficulties encountered and giving training on drawing of power system project to Myanmar engineers in China.

IMF ready to help Myanmar’s reforms

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Deputy Division Chief, Ms Meral Karasulu of Asia & Pacific Department of International Monetary Fund (IMF) paid a call on Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein at the latter’s office at 2.30 pm on today. Both sides had a cordial discussion on planning affairs, promoting private sector, establishment of money market and information network, technical aids to manage loans and foreign assistance, opening courses. Also present at the call were the director-general of Planning Department, the director-general of Central Statistics Organization, the deputy director-general of Foreign Economic Relations Department and responsible persons. —MNA

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein receives Deputy Division Chief, Ms Meral Karasulu of Asia & Pacific Department of International Monetary Fund.

Dy H&T Minister receives Thai delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung met a delegation led by Deputy Director General Ms Suchada Thaibunthao of Thailand International Cooperation Agency and Development Cooperation Officer Mr Grisada Phakham from Thai Embassy in Yangon, at his office here this morning. At the meeting, they discussed matters related to opening of hospitality courses in cooperation with Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA) for human resource development, opening of short- and long-term courses and scholarship to be awarded by Thailand. The deputy minister explained opening of hotels tourism courses in Myanmar, holding of workshop on responsible tourism industry with the help of Hanns Seidler Foundation, drawing of responsible tourism policy lawbill with help of foreign scholars from 22 May to 5 June, plans underway for drafting Tourism Master Plan with the help of Norway and drawing of rules and regulations related to foreign investment laws. —MNA

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Co-ordination meeting of sports clubs in Mandalay Region held

MANDALAY, 22 May—Co-ordination meeting of sports clubs in Mandalay Region that will compete in Inter-Region—Isthma Challenge Cup Tournament 2012, was held at the meeting hall of Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department, Mandalay Region on 15 May. It was attended by assistant directors and staff officers from District and Township Sports and Physical Education Department, Sport Sub-committee

24/7 electricity supply in Tangyan Township

TANGYAN, 22 May—For the supply of electricity in Tangyan round the clock, installation of power lines through Lashio-Mongyal-Tangyan 66-KV power grid project is under progress in Tangyan Township. According to Township electric engineer, it has been completed by 80 percent and distribution of electricity will start with about 2000 electric meters after completion.

Coordination meeting on disposal of rubbishes held in Thingyangun Township

YANGON, 22 May—Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee held co-ordination meeting on disposal of dry and wet rubbishes, at Thingyangun Township General Administration Department on 18 May. At the ceremony, Deputy Head of YCDC Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department U Khin Win explained the collecting of litter and disposal of dry and wet rubbishes. Afterwards, officials from districts and township Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Departments discussed piles of rubbishes in the wards and townsships, collecting of rubbishes and dissemination of knowledge on systematic disposal of rubbishes. —Myanma Alin

Pyinnyabeikman library opens in Hlegu Township

HLEGU, 22 May—Opening of Pyinnyabeikman library was held at the library on 20 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Aung Ko, Township Information and Public Relations Department Staff Officer Daw Than Than Hla and village-tract administrator U Hla Hla Hla Myint and party held discussions on raising reading habits and perpetual existence of library. After that, ward administrator U Khin Maung Yi also discussed future works for raising reading habit. —Kyemon

Think Tank Meeting on development of Myanmar Football

YANGON, 21 May—Think Tank Meeting on development of Myanmar Football took place at Sedona Hotel on 19 May. It was participated by President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, Yadanaarbon club owner Dr.Sai Sam Tun, media men and experts. The meeting focused on systematic selection of youth footballers, construction of more football grounds, further success of Myanmar National League, achieving success in international matches and winning of AFC-U22 and Nay Pyi Taw SEA Games 2013.

Educative talks on cultivation of teak plantations given in Letpadan Township

LETpadan, 22 May—Educative talks on cultivating rural house, growing teaks and hardwood and environmental conservation was held at Kyunkalay village, Letpadan Township on 17 May. At the ceremony, head of Township Forest Department U Naing Nay Thein and staff gave talks on benefits of growing plants. It was attended by the village administrator and local residents. Forest Department of Lepadan Township will grow 130000 saplings including teaks, hardwoods and shady trees in the coming rainy season. —Forest Department

Writers association formed in Kyauktaw Township

KYAUKTAW, 22 May—A ceremony to hold plenary meeting and formation of Writers Association was held at Sedona Hotel on 19 May. At the ceremony, deputy administrator of Township General Administration Department U Sein Hla Maung acted as chairman of selection committee and staff officer of Township IPRD Daw Aye Mya Than and patron of Township writers association U Saw Maung (Pathein Maung Saw Maung), as members. U Than Saw (Than Saw-Law) was elected chairman; U Ba Thaung (Thumyat Mahaungmyay), secretary; and U Kyaw Hla Thein (Maungyar-Kyauktaw), treasurer. —Myanma Alin

Meeting on raising reading habit held in Tamway Township

YANGON, 22 May—Meeting on raising reading habit and development of Alindan library in Pomagon ward in Tamway Township, Yangon East District was held today. At the ceremony, Township Information and Public Relations Department Staff Officer Daw Hla Hla Myint and party held discussions on raising reading habits and perpetual existence of library. After that, ward administrator U Khin Maung Yi also discussed future works for raising reading habit. —Myanma Alin

Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2012 on 5-8 June

YANGON, 22 May—Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2012 golf tournament, mainly sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, will be held at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon, Insein Township here from 5 to 8 June. Only amateur golfers who have Handicap 0-12 level may entitle to compete in the tournament. It will be held in line with R & A Rules and Limited (St Andrew) and regional regulations. Those wishing to participate in it are to register along with K 200000 competition fees not later than 2 June. For more information, contact Han Event Management and dial 09-2073671,09-73130474 and 09-49102009—Myanma Alin

Writers association formed in Nyaungdon Township

NYAUNGDON, 22 May—A plenary meeting on formation of writers association was held in Nyaungdon Township Information and Public Relations Department on 17 May. At the ceremony, Chairperson U Myo Min presented report of executive of Township Writers and Journalists Association and member U Nyunt Bo (Nanda-Aunglan), financial report.

EDUCATIVE TALKS GIVEN: Educative talks on reducing crimes is being given by Township Police head Police Captain Than Shin, at Hmawby Township General Administration Department in Yangon Region on 18 May. —Township Police Force
**Westfield gives a peak at World Trade Centre plans**

LAS VEGAS, 22 May—The first shops could throw open their doors in the redeveloped World Trade Centre by March 2013, Australian mall operator Westfield said on Monday, 13-and-a-half years after the New York landmark was destroyed in the 11 September attacks. The redevelopment of the World Trade Centre is years behind schedule and billions of dollars over budget. After years of negotiation, Westfield last week signed a deal with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for a $1.25 billion joint venture to lease the retail space at the World Trade Centre.

Westfield, one of the world’s biggest mall owners, said the first retailers for the redeveloped site could be announced by the first half of 2013, with an opening date set for March 2015.

Potential tenants of the rebuilt World Trade Centre got a peek at what the new shopping area may look like during a trade conference in Las Vegas on Monday. Westfield Co-Chief Executive Peter Lowy said 352,000 sq feet of shipping would be spread over three above-ground levels and two below ground. Westfield is also expected to operate another 90,000 sq feet of retail space among the 8.8 million sq feet of office space under construction.

Lowy said Westfield planned to be selective about possible tenants. “We’re going to do something that no one can imagine,” Lowy told Reuters during the International Council of Shopping Centres annual convention, or RECon.

The stores will cater not only to the people who will live and work at the World Trade Centre, but also to the masses of tourists who visit the National 11 September Memorial Park and Museum, as well as the proposed performing arts centre.

**Five US inspections made so far over Russian missile forces**

MOSCOW, 22 May—The United States has conducted five inspections of Russia’s missile forces in the past six months, a Russian military official said on Monday.

As part of the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), US inspectors have held five inspections since December in the sites of Russia’s Strategic Missile Forces, Rocket Forces Commander Lt General Karakayev told local media.

Under the framework of the new treaty, Russia and the United States could conduct 18 annual inspections to verify each other’s strategic offensive weapons, Karakayev said, adding that the two sides exchanged information on their strategic offensive arms on 1 March and 1 Sept each year.

The new START treaty, which came into force last February, obliges the two countries to hold limited numbers of deployed land-based and sea-based intercontinental ballistic missiles, heavy bombers, warheads and launchers. The treaty’s duration will have 10 years and it may be extended for no more than five years.

**New Zealand to ban foreign-flagged fishing boats**

WELLINGTON, 22 May—New Zealand has banned the use of foreign-flagged fishing boats in its waters to improve working conditions for crews and monitoring of catches, the government said on Tuesday.

New Zealand has the fifth-largest exclusive economic zone in the world, extending from 12 to 200 nautical miles offshore, and the fishing industry relies heavily on foreign vessels. The zone produced NZ$1.5 billion ($1.1 billion) in exports last year.

The vessels, often low-cost ship operators based in Asia, are chartered by New Zealand fishing companies but operate under the laws of their home countries or countries they are registered in.

An inquiry into conditions on the chartered vessels found examples of physical abuse of the crews, dangerous working conditions, underpayment of wages and illegal deductions.

“Reflagging will provide greater protection to the crew as they will be employed by a New Zealand-based party under a New Zealand employment agreement,” Labour Minister Kate Wilkinson said in a statement.

Local fishing companies will have four years to change.

Last year, officers of the Korean-registered Oyang 75 were charged with breaking fishing rules, and members of the ship’s largely Indonesian crew walked off the vessel because of the conditions onboard.—Reuters

**Bomb threat forces evacuation at Utah spy site,**

FBI says

SALT LAKE CITY, 22 May—A bomb threat forced the evacuation of a National Security Agency facility under construction in Utah on Monday but investigators found nothing suspicious and declared the site safe, an FBI spokesman said.

The spy agency facility is being built at Camp Williams, a military base just south of Salt Lake City. The Army Corps of Engineers is overseeing the $1.2 billion project. FBI spokeswoman Deborah Bertram declined to say how the threat was received but said it led to an evacuation at the site.

FBI agents spent several hours at the site after the threat was received. “We found nothing suspicious,” Bertram said, later adding that the agency had “cleared the scene.” The Army Corps of Engineers said in a statement that work that on the site, called the Utah Data Centre, was to resume on Tuesday. US officials have released few details on the purpose of the centre.

The National Security Agency is in charge of collecting and analyzing foreign communications and protecting US government communications and information systems.

**Singapore’s wholesale trade rebounds in Q1, higher price matters**

SINGAPORE, 22 May—Singapore’s domestic wholesale trade in the first quarter of 2012 climbed 3.4 percent on year, mainly due to higher sales of food, beverages and tobacco products, the Department of Statistics said on Monday.

The petroleum and petroleum products, ship chandlers and bunkering sectors recorded growth of 8.5 percent and 11.5 percent respectively. However, their sales figures were much more related to the price issues, which respectively declined by 6.2 percent and 4.4 percent compared with the previous year following a decrease in price effect.

Meanwhile, foreign wholesale trade soared 12.7 percent on year-on-year basis in Q1, mainly due to a growth of 21.5 percent on year in telecommunication and computers sector. After adjusting for price changes, foreign wholesale trade increased 8.6 percent.

The government owned the sharp increase of foreign wholesale trade to higher prices compared to a year ago. Among all the sectors, petroleum and petroleum products surged 21.1 percent on year and ship chandlers and bunkering sectors increased 13.5 percent. After removing the price effect, foreign wholesale trade volume of the petroleum and petroleum products sector increased by a smaller 6.1 percent while that of the ship chandlers and bunkering sector declined marginally by 0.5 percent.

Earlier statistics released that Singapore’s economy enjoyed a strong rebound in Q1 of 2012 with GDP growth of 10 percent compared with the previous quarter.
Pakistan blocks Twitter over “blasphemous content”

By Reuters

Islamabad, 22 May — Pakistan on Sunday blocked access to Twitter in response to “blasphemous” material posted by users on the microblogging and social networking website, a senior government official said.

“This has been done under the directions of the Ministry of Information Technology. It’s because of blasphemous content,” said Mohammed Yaseen, chairman of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA).

“They (the ministry) have been discussing with them for some time now, requesting them to remove some particular content,” he said.

Pakistan blocked access to YouTube and about 1,000 other websites for nearly two weeks in May 2010 over blasphemous content.

Any representation of the Prophet Muhammad is deemed un-Islamic and blasphemous by many Muslims, who constitute the overwhelming majority in Pakistan.

PTA chairman Yaseen did not specify which users or messages had prompted the ban. The Internet Service Providers Association of Pakistan said its members have been asked to block Twitter indefinitely, but no reason has been provided by the government.

Yaseen said the ban would be lifted after ongoing discussions between the Pakistan government and Twitter about the allegedly blasphemous material are resolved. Officials from the Ministry of Information Technology and from Twitter were not immediately available for comment.

Twitter has become increasingly popular in Pakistan in recent years, its users including politicians and government officials.

Samsung’s mobile chief says he has options to settle war with Apple

By Reuters

Seoul, 22 May — Samsung Electronics’ (005930.KS) mobile division chief JK Shin said on Sunday the South Korean technology giant was still seeking to resolve differences in its international patent war with Apple Inc APPL.O.

“There is still a big gap in the patent war with Apple but we still have several negotiation options including cross-licensing,” Shin told reporters at Seoul airport shortly before his departure for the United States.

A Twitter page is displayed on an Apple iPhone in Los Angeles on 31 October, 2009. Reuters

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25 cellphones seized from Pakistani jail

Islamabad, 22 May — At least 25 cellphones have been recovered from different barracks of a Pakistani jail during a search operation, an official said on Monday. The phones were alleged to be owned by the jail superintendent.

The recovery was made from Adiala jail in Punjab province’s Rawalpindi district where the search was launched following transfer of the jail’s superintendent who had allegedly allowed mobile phones without any check, the report quoted reliable sources as saying.

Batteries, chargers and phone SIM cards were confiscated from jail inmates in various barracks during the search operation carried out by the Adiala jail assistant superintendent. — Internet

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NATO launches limited missile shield operation

By Reuters

To be continued...
Tightrope walker practices for Niagara walk

A famous tightrope walker preparing to walk the high wire over Niagara Falls is practicing in New York by walking a tightrope near some local businesses. Nik Wallenda, 33, a seventh-generation member of the legendary Flying Wallendas circus performing family, is walking high wire this week over Niagara Falls, NY, parking lot with a TGI Fridays’ restaurant, a Starbucks, a Sheraton hotel and the Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel serving as substitutes for the falls, which have been closed since 15 June, The New York Times reported.

"This is about mind line," he said while crossing the high wire. "Rightnow, I’m putting myself at the top of the falls." Wallenda said his practice sessions have been drawing crowds of 100 to 200 people.

He said the keys to his performances are prayer and practicing.

"Woo-walking," it’s about doing it," Wallenda said. "The more I do this, the more comfortable I get."

Dubai’s Burj Khalifa is currently the tallest building in the world.

Jennifer Lopez really beautiful, says Jane Fonda

LONDON, 22 May — Veteran actress Jane Fonda, who is fit and fab at 73, says Jennifer Lopez is the most beautiful woman she has met.

In fact, Fonda says she is hooked to reality show "American Idol" because she loves to see what looks Lopez adopts for the show.

"I like looking at Jennifer Lopez. She is really, seriously beautiful," contactmusic.com quoted her as saying.

Lopez is one of the judges on the singing talent hunt show.

Robin Gibb of Bee Gees fame dead at 62


He was 62.

A statement posted on Gibb’s Web site and attributed to his family said he died "following his long battle with colorectal cancer and intestinal surgery," CNN reported.

"He really is something else." Gibb’s son, Robin-John, said.

"He was a very special person and his music will continue to be enjoyed by millions of fans all over the world. We will miss him so much."

The Bee Gees scored pop hits with "I Started a Joke," "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart" and "Lonely Days" before turning to disco in the mid-70s. Their music for the film "Saturday Night Fever" catapulted them to international superstardom with hits like "Staying Alive," "Night Fever" and "How Deep Is Your Love." The trio were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

Robin Gibb was born 22 Dec, 1949, in England. Heed his brothers were raised in Manchester before the family moved to Australia, where they began performing on television shows. In addition to his wife, Robin Gibb is survived by his daughter. Melissa and son Spencer and Robin-John. — Internet

Woman charged in sea shell stabbing

Authorities in Florida said a woman is facing felony charge after allegedly stabbing a man in the shoulder four times with a sea shell.

Port St Lucie police said the 41-year-old victim told officers he and Patricia Wehr, 40, went out for drinks because she had to be in court tomorrow for a battery charge... and she was stressed and they argued upon returning home early 15 May, TCPalm.com reported.

The man said Wehr, who he described as intoxicated, scratched his face and bit his ear before following him into the kitchen and stabbing him in the shoulder four times with a "sea shell similar to a thin conch shell," the police report states.

Wehr, who told police she wanted the man out of her house, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Flash proud of Guns N' Roses

LOS ANGELES, 22 May—Slash, former lead guitarist of Guns N’ Roses, says he is very proud of his time with the band and insists he will always include the band’s songs in his live shows.

“I’m very proud of what we did in that band, but it’s nice to be recognised for something you’ve got going right now,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted Slash as saying.

Despite having success with his band Velvet Revolver as a solo artist, the guitarist admits nothing compares to the time when he made it big in 1987 with their debut album “Appetite For Destruction”. Internet

Singer Taylor Swift

Swift dating Foster The People frontman?

LOS ANGELES, 22 May—Singer Taylor Swift is reportedly dating Mark Foster, the founder of band Foster The People. The couple was recently snapped together on a lunch date.

The singer was spotted enjoying lunch with Foster at Cafe Romahe. Buttery tried to avoid being caught on camera by leaving the eatery separately, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Swift is no stranger to high-profile relationships. She has previously dated singer Justin Bieber, actor Taylor Lautner and Jake Gyllenhaal, while Foster had been linked to actor Lea Michele.

Every band’s ever been in, I truly think it’s just about the music, never about who was the star,” he said.

New Album

American bison graze in a lush meadow in Yellowstone National Park, in Wyoming.

Burglar’s disguise—underpants

Security footage at a Fruitland, Idaho, coffee shop caught two robbers making off with a safe—one of them wearing underwear on his head as a disguise.

Eight security cameras at the Big Star Coffee Shop caught the robbery on tape around 4:30 am on 18 May, The Idaho Statesman reported. Two men burst in, one with a bandana over his face, the other hiding behind a pair of underpants.

“They kicked in the back door and went right for the safe,” said owner Jason Wilson, who suspects one of the culprits to be a disgruntled former employee.

Their plan came up short when they found the big safe, weighing more than 200 pounds and bolted into cement, was impossible to steal. Instead they made off with a smaller safe containing less than $500.

“Who robs something with underwear on their head?” Wilson riddled. “I think the underwear shows they’re not the smartest criminals—or the most well-prepared.”

An employee discovered the robbery at 5:30 am, after the master minds left evidence at the scene. Police were investigating.

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Barça's Abidal leaves hospital after liver transplant

Cheyenne Woods is pictured in 2009. The 21-year-old niece of 14-time major winner Tiger Woods, has signed with her uncle's agent, Mark Steinberg, and is set to start playing in LPGA Tour events this year.

A new Woods, Tiger’s niece

Christy, tees off

New York, 22 May—Cheyenne Woods, the 21-year-old niece of 14-time major winner Tiger Woods, has signed with her uncle’s agent, Mark Steinberg, and is set to start playing in LPGA Tour events this year.

In a Monday statement posted on the Exel agency website, Cheyenne Woods said she plans to play in LPGA events this year on sponsor exemptions and seek a full-time spot on the women’s golf tour through the qualifying tournament.

“I am really looking forward to pursuing my goals and dreams to compete on the highest level,” Woods said. “As I begin my professional career, I am confident and excited about working with Excel as they help sharpen my future.” Woods posted the lowest scoring average at Wake Forest University and has graduated with a cum-munications degree.

The daughter of Tiger Woods’ half-brother Earl Woods Jr missed the cut at the 2009 Wegmans LPGA while playing on a sponsor’s exemption. Steinberg has represented Tiger Woods since 1998 and departed IMG to work at Excel a year ago.

“We are excited about the opportunity to represent Cheyenne,” Steinberg said.

Schweinsteiger apologises for snubbing German president

Munich, 22 May—Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger on Monday apologised for not shaking the hand of German President Joachim Gauck after the German club’s Champions League defeat to Chelsea in Munich at the weekend.

A photo of a vacant-looking Schweinsteiger, the losing team’s silver medal in his hand, walking past Gauck’s extended hand without even looking at the president featured in most German newspapers on Monday. Schweinsteiger missed his penalty kick in the decisive shootout as Chelsea won 4-3 on penalties after the tie had ended 1-1 after extra-time.

“It’s absolutely not the case, it’s an misunderstanding,” Schweinsteiger said in a statement issued through the Bavarian club of the apparent snub. “If you put yourself, even a little bit, in my situation and if you look at the photo, you can see I’m completely in my own world after such a disappointment.”

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Garcia wants to keep Cole at Lille

PARIS, 22 May—Lille coach Rudi Garcia said on Monday he would love to have former England international midfielder Joe Cole back for next season provided they reach agreement with his English Premier League side Liverpool.

The 30-year-old has returned to Liverpool after a season on loan at the 2011 Ligue 1 champions where he scored four times in 27 appearances and Garcia admitted he would be interested in having him back.

“From a sporting angle we would like to keep him,” said Garcia, who is resigned to losing his Belgian playmaker Eden Hazard in a multi-million euro deal during the summer.

“But he does not belong to us and he has not discussed matters with Liverpool.”

“It is a very fluid situation. The only certainty for the moment is that he is returning to Liverpool, the club to which he belongs.”

Should Cole return to Lille he would have Champions League football to look forward to, as they finished third in Ligue 1 last season, whereas Liverpool finished eighth and have only a Europa League campaign ahead of them owing to their success in the League Cup.

Cole joined Liverpool on a four year contract in 2010 on a free transfer from Chelsea but failed to impress in his first season and was sent out on loan by then manager Kenny Daglish at the beginning of last term.

Drogba tells Chelsea team-mates he’s off

PARIS, 22 May—Ivy Coast great Didier Drogba has told his Chelsea team-mates he is leaving the newly-crowned Champions League winners because he doesn’t fancy spending time on the substitutes bench.

France Football said on Monday.

The 34-year-old—who scored the late equaliser and then the decisive penalty in the shootout win over German side Bayern Munich on Saturday—is quoted by the magazine as saying he was ready to return to France for a third spell at Paris Saint-Germain castle.

“We (he and his team-mates) will not be together for next season,” the magazine cited Drogba as saying.

“As I have decided to leave, I wanted to tell them to their faces.

“Only that I couldn’t do it. They made me break down. Even if it has been three years that I have said I wanted to leave, I found it hard to admit that it was finished with me and Chelsea.”

Especially that I had no great desire for this. But I don’t envisage sitting on the bench, watching others play at a time when the club is looking at putting together a new team.

“So we go, i am readying myself for a great leap into the unknown.”

“I will be another adventure,” added Drogba, who is out of contract having been at the club since 2004 after joining from Marseille.

English media have linked the Ivorian target man — scorer of 55 goals in his 84 international appearances— with Chinese side Shanghai Shenhua, where his former Chelsea team-mate Nicolas Anelka is player-coach.

Balotelli must create right headlines: Prandelli

Rome, 22 May—Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said on Monday he wanted to see headlines only about what volatile Italian striker Mario Balotelli did on the pitch and not off it during next month’s European Championship.

The 23-year-old Manchester City star has been included in Prandelli’s squad despite several moments of injudicious behaviour on and off the pitch last season.

However, Prandelli, who is desperately light of striking options, made it clear that Balotelli was on probation.

“In my opinion, he has to see it as an extraordinary occasion for him as it is for the national side,” said Prandelli.

“It is a time for him to be written about for what he does on the pitch and not what he has done off it.”

Prandelli added that in the bigger picture he did not see Italy winning the tournament they last reached the final in 2000— but certainly restoring some of the lustre lost when they became the first defending champions to go out in the World Cup finals group stages in 2010.

Italy’s forward Mario Balotelli, looks on during a training session ahead of the Euro 2012. Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said he wanted to see headlines only about what the volatile striker did on the pitch and not off it.
Drogba, fresh from his British reports that Anelka’s comment from Shenhua about French striker Nicolas Anelka just weeks after the big-head coach, just weeks after telling local media that he was outburst by the striker, who coach has sparked a public microblog late Monday.

“The club has actively assumed command soon,” the him to take up the post and according to reports. Shenhua’s star player Anelka is said to be threatening to Shenhua’s star player Anelka is serving dual roles for Shenhua, although the club also named former DR Congo national manager Jean-Florent Liongwe Bengue as acting head coach after Sacking Frenchman Jean Tigana last month.

TOKYO, 22 May—The world’s tallest tower and Japan’s biggest new landmark, the Tokyo Skytree, opened to the public on Tuesday. Nearly 8,000 visitors were expected to take high-speed elevators up to the observation decks of the 634-meter (2,080-foot) tower to mark its opening. Some reportedly waited in line more than a week to get the coveted tickets for a panoramic view, though Tuesday ended up being cloudy in Tokyo. Skytree is recognized by Guinness World Records as the tallest tower, beating out the Canton Tower in China, which has 600 meters (1,968.1 feet).

The world’s tallest structure is Dubai’s Burj Khalifa, which stands 828 meters (2,717 feet). That’s a different category because it’s a skyscraper, not a tower.

Skytree will serve as a broadcast tower for television and radio, along with being a tourist attraction. It replaces the 333-meter-tall (1,092 1/2-foot-tall) Tokyo Tower — a symbol of Japan’s capital since 1958 — as the broadcast hub.

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Unemployed youth hang out in Tunisia in 2011. The ILO said nearly 75 million youths or 12.7 percent of people aged 15 to 24 will be out of work this year, up from 12.6 percent in 2011.

Youth unemployment rate is projected to remain at the same high level, said the ILO.

In its Global Employment Trends for Youth report, the body suggests offering tax and other incentives to businesses hiring young people and more entrepren- eurship programmes to help youths kick-start a career.

“The youth unemployment crisis can be beaten but only if job creation for young people becomes a key priority in policy-making and private sector investment picks up significantly,” said executive director of the ILO’s employment sector, Jose Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs. More than a quarter (27.9 percent) of youths were unemployed in North Africa last year following the Arab spring uprisings, an increase of five percentage points on 2010.

The Middle East figure stood at 26.5 percent in the report’s regional breakdown.

In central and south-eastern Europe the unemployment rate dropped slightly to 17.6 percent in 2011 and Latin America and the Caribbean also saw a small decrease to 14.3 percent.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, the rate stood at 11.5 percent compared to 13.5 percent in south-east Asia and the Pacific.
32nd ASEANAPOL Conference opened

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 May—The 32nd ASEANAPOL Conference was held at the Grand Ball Room of Thingaha Hotel at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone here this morning with an address by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko Ko.

Also present on the occasion were officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Myanmar Police Force (Headquarters), representatives led by police chiefs from ASEANAPOL member countries Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, representatives from dialogue partner countries China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and Australia, representatives from Interpol Secretariat, ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Police Force Secretory Office and officials.

Chief of MPF Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun extended greetings and Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko Ko made an opening speech.

After opening ceremony, the first plenary session started with addresses by representatives from Interpol Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat.

Chairman of the 31st ASEANAPOL Conference Chief of Lao Police Force Police Brig-Cenar Bat Malabon presented reports and the meeting chose Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun as chairman of the 32nd ASEANAPOL Conference.

Next, the Chief of Lao Police Force handed over the duties to Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun.

Afterwards, the meeting chose representative of

Pantanaw Township gets one more station hospital

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 May—The opening ceremony of 16-bedded station hospital in Chaungkalay village in Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady Region was held on 20 May morning.

Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint, Region Social Affairs Minister U San Maung and donor U Nyein Myaing formally opened the hospital.

The Region Chief Minister unveiled the inscription of the hospital.

Thaikchaung villagers get electricity

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 May—A ceremony to launch self-reliant transformer was held at Thaikchaung village in Nan-aw village-tract in Zeyathiri Township, here this morning.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung, Zeyathiri Township Administrator U Myat Thein Tun and Member of Thaikchaung Village Electric Supply Committee Chairman U Hla Win formally opened the ceremony.

Next, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung delivered a speech and Village Electric Supply Committee Chairman U Thwin Oo explained power supply tasks.

The self-reliant transformer costs a total of K 44.5 million contributed by villagers and it is of 200 KVA type capable of supplying electricity to 96 houses.

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