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 and wife Daw Khin Khin Win welcome Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 May—A ceremony to welcome Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur, who are in Nay Pyi Taw to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, was held on the lawns of Presidential Palace, here, at 9 am today.

Indian goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife left Golden Palace Hotel for the Presidential Palace in a motorcade to attend the welcoming ceremony.

They were accorded a warm welcome by President U Thein Sein and wife there. Afterwards, national anthems of both countries were played while President U Thein Sein and the Indian Prime Minister took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais.

After that, President U Thein Sein and Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Indian Prime Minister introduced his delegation members to President U Thein Sein. President U Thein Sein also introduced the welcoming party including Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw to the Indian Prime Minister.

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India is willing to cooperate more deeply in various sectors of the two countries

President U Thein Sein

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Nay Pyi Taw, 28 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received the visiting delegation led by Prime Minister of the Republic of India Dr Manmohan Singh at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 9.20 am today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

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Finishing touches of Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 in Pakokku Township in full swing

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint at bridge construction site.—MNA

In response to the reports, the Union minister stressed the need for opening of the bridge in a systematic manner as it is to be completed soon meeting the set standard, to make finishing touches smartly, and to exert concerted efforts to complete the task sooner since the earlier the task has completed the more benefit the people could enjoy.

The bridge lies in Pakokku Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region. The 900 feet long bridge is facilitated with 24 feet wide motorway flanked by 3 feet and six inches wide pedestrian lanes on either side. It is of RC bole pier type in lower structure and of RC beam and RC floor in the upper structure, and it can withstand 73 tons of loads.—MNA

Dy Finance and Revenue Minister holds meetings with foreign guests

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than meets Executive Director Mr. Der Juan Chia of IMF.—MNA

The three professors of IUJ discussed matters related to human resources development and plans for scholarships.

Similarly, the deputy minister held a meeting with Executive Director Mr. Der Juan Chia of International Monetary Fund, at the ministry in the afternoon, which concentrated on progress of Myanmar reforms, now-running banking system in cooperation with Asia Development Bank and World Bank and IMF, as well as having bright future potentials.—MNA

Cash donated for elevator installation at ancient Kyaikthalan Pagoda in Mawlamyine

Installation of the lift may contact the office of the pagoda board of trustees (Ph:057-21334, Chairman U San Myint (Ph:057-24193), and Treasurer U Khin Maung Win (Ph:09-5322300).

A family of U Aung Hla and Daw Mya Maw donates K 1 million.—MNA

Ethics

Human civilization has evolved throughout the successive ages based on ethics of different races and different places and also different communities. The world saw the rise of mega empires which had their own moral principles and their fall together with the deterioration of their ethics.

In this context, ethics are the principles that guide, control and protect human races and their societies. Ethics are also an essential part of everyday human life. They are our own ways of making the right course of action. Without them, our actions would be random and aimless. There would be no way to work towards a goal because we are unable to take wise and correct decisions.

So, every community or profession must have its own ethics. There are also different ethics for different industries and institutions. For example, philosophers, journalists, writers, military personnel, police have their own ethics which in fact are the tools for their own unity, progress, image and survival.

Ethics can also help us distinguish between what is good and what is evil in our world, between right and wrong human actions, and between virtuous and non-virtuous. Subsequently they can be called a branch of philosophy that deals with morality.

Unfortunately, sometimes ethics are an issue many people or groups of people would be likely to disregard. In many cases, power or money or monetary gains can manipulate people to commit unethical things either in the workplace or in everyday life.

So there must be measures to enforce ethics in every society, profession and institution through awareness campaigns covering talks, round-table meetings and knowledge-sharing workshops and even award-and-punishment programs as any flaw or weakness in our ethics will reduce our ability and chance for our success in every aspect.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.
Vietnam, Myanmar boost cooperation ties

HANOI, 28 May — The cooperation potential between Vietnam and Myanmar is huge and the two sides should further boost the bilateral ties, the Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung made the remark here on Sunday during Myanmar’s Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe’s visit to Vietnam.

Speaking on cooperation between the two countries, when Dung received the Yangon Region Chief Minister, he said especially on economic, trade and investment, the two sides should further promote activities to better exploit the advantages of each country, contributing to build a stronger ASEAN community in the future. Dung welcomed Yangon’s cooperation with other regions of Vietnam, particularly in investment, trade and tourism, added that Vietnam will direct ministries, branches and relevant agencies to closely cooperate with Myanmar’s authorities to hold investment promotion conference in Yangon next month.

Dung also asked Yangon’s authorities to create favourable conditions for Vietnamese businesses to boost investment in the region.

For his part, U Myint Swe said the purpose of his visit to Vietnam this time to implement agreements which have been signed by leaders of the two countries, particularly the 12 agreements reached during Myanmar’s President U Thein Sein recent visit to Vietnam. In 2011, the bilateral trade between Vietnam and Myanmar reached over 167 million US dollars, an increase of 9.8 percent over 2010. — MNA/Xinhua

Colombian rebels set date for French journalist’s release

BOGOTA, 28 May — Colombia’s largest guerrilla group the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) announced on Sunday it will free captive French journalist Romeo Langlois on Wednesday.

The FARC posted a statement on a website saying the correspondent for French news channel France 24 would be released to a humanitarian commission on 30 May, just over a month after he fell into the rebels’ hands while covering a Colombian army anti-narcotics operation in the northern department of Caquetá.

“The liberation of French journalist Romeo Langlois will take place this Wednesday, 30 May,” a division of the FARC known as Front 15 said, without specifying the time or location of the handover.

“The coordination of the site where Mr Langlois will be released will be submitted at an opportune time to the humanitarian mission composed of the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), (former Colombian senator and activist) Piedad Cordoba and the French delegate,” according to the statement cited by local news media.

The FARC had requested that the French government assign a delegate to the committee set up to receive the 35-year-old journalist seized on 28 April.

The French envoy, selected by newly-sworn-in President Francois Hollande and believed to be a Foreign Ministry official, is announcing the announcement of the date of the release prior to traveling to the South American nation. There is speculation surrounding Langlois’ state of health, since he was reportedly shot in the right arm during the clash with rebels, and subsequently shed his helmet and flak jacket to identify himself as a civilian. — Xinhua

Two suspected ETA members arrested in France

MAGDEBURG, 28 May — Two presumed members of Basque separatist group ETA were arrested by police in southeast France on Sunday. One of the pair Orioitz Guruchaga is suspected to be the number one ETA’s military wing, while the other, Xabier Arambaru Sagarminda, is thought to have formed part of ETA’s recruitment wing. Guruchaga and Arambaru were reported to be armed at the moment of their arrest in the small town of Cauna at around 15.30 hours local time (1330 GMT).

The operation means that 15 members of the organization, which wants the independence of the Basque Region of northeast Spain and southwest France, have been arrested since ETA declared a definitive end to all violence on 20 north east Spain and southwest France, have been arrested since ETA declared a definitive end to all violence on 20

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US Army armored vehicles are seen in this long exposure picture at Combat Operation Outpost (COP) Senjaray in Zahiri District of Kandahar Province, southern Afghanistan on 27 May, 2012. — Reuters

Moscow congratulates the Eurovision top winners

MOSCOW, 28 May — Russian President Vladimir Putin has congratulated the “Buranovo Grannies” for their outstanding performances in the just-ended Eurovision 2012 Song Contest, the Kremlin Press service reported on Sunday.

Putin expressed his admiration for the Buranovo Grannies who took second place in the Eurovision competition held in Azerbaijan’s capital Baku, and said he was surprised by the “talent and enthusiasm” of those grass-roots artists, according to the Kremlin.

The songs, including some in the Udmurt language, are “excellent" ways of promoting Russia as a multi-cultural country, Putin said. He hopes the Russian people would soon get the chance to listen to Buranovo Grannies’ concerts.

The president also intended to meet with those grannies in their village during his trip to the central republic of Udmurtia, according to the press service.

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Singers from 26 countries participated in this year’s contest. Swedish singer Loreen won the contest with her song “Euphoria”, while those village grannies got the second place with their disco song “Party for Everybody” in both English and their local Udmurt language. Serbian singer Zeljko Joksimovic came third. The final contest was broadcasted by Russian television Channel One. Some

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23,000 people watched it at the Baku Crystal Hall. Inaugurated in 1956, the Eurovision Contest has been held annually among member countries of the European Broadcasting Union. Each member country submits a song to be performed on live television and then casts votes for the other countries’ songs to determine the most popular song in the competition. Azerbaijan won the right to host the contest after the victory of an Azerbaijani singing group “Ell & Nikki” at Eurovision 2011 in Dusseldorf, Germany.

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Giants radio telescope gets split location

LONDON, 28 May—The world’s biggest and most advanced radio telescope, capable of detecting signs of extraterrestrial life in the far reaches of the universe, will be spread across South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Scientists leading the project rejected the suggestion that the decision to split the location meant science had taken a back seat to political expediency.

When completed in 2024 the telescope will be made up of 3,000 dishes, each 15 metres wide, together with many more antennae, that together will easily wash over surface area of a square kilometre. Scanning the sky 10,000 times faster and with 50 times the sensitivity of any other telescope, it will study the origin of the universe and will be able to detect weak signals that would indicate the presence of extraterrestrial life.

The decision was announced at a meeting of the international consortium controlling the project, at Schipol Airport in the Netherlands on Friday.

New frog colours scientists’ hands yellow

FRANKFURT, 28 May—German researchers say they’ve found a new frog specie in Panama that dyes the fingers of researchers handling them a bright yellow.

Reptile and amphibian specialists at the Senckenberg Research Institute in Frankfurt, Germany, discovered in 2010 in the Serrania de Tabasara mountains of western Panama, a highly understood part of the Panamanian central mountain range, the institute reported on 22 May.

“When we finally caught the first individuals by hand, we noticed that it dyes ones fingers yellow when it is handled,” researcher Andreas Hertz said. “The scientific name (Diasporas “drupa”)—an international — to study the sun in an unprecedented level of detail,” the telescope was built on the island of Tenerife at a cost of €12.85 million ($16.6 million) by a German consortium led by the Kiepenheuer Institute for Solar Physics in Freiburg which covered the majority of the expense. “In advanced technology will allow the solar telescope has ever observed.”

The solar telescope is the largest in Europe and the third largest in the world, the institute said.

Google to help UK computer teaching

LONDON, 28 May—Dozens of computer science teachers will work in British schools thanks to a partnership between Google and the charity Teach First, Google’s chairman says.

Without investment in the subject, Britain risked “losing a generation” of scientists, Google’s Eric Schmidt said.

Google would provide funds to provide “teaching aids, such as Raspberry Pi’s [single-board computer] or Arduino [open-source electronic prototyping platform],” the chairman said.

“The challenge that society faces is to equip enough people, with the right skills and mindset, and get to them to work on the most important problems.”

Google is providing funds to Teach First, a charity that puts “exceptional” graduates on a six-week training programme before deploying them to schools where they teach classes over a two-year period, the BBC reported.

Telescopes

In designing a wind driven tumbleweed rover.

“Tumbleweed’ design could be Mars rover

RALEIGH, 28 May—US scientists say a wind-driven “tumbleweed” Mars rover could be the best design for a scientific vehicle capable of moving across rocky Martian terrain. Researchers at North Carolina State University say their findings could help NASA in its quest for the next generation of such robots.

“There is quite a bit of interest within NASA to pursue the tumbleweed rover design, but one of the questions regarding the concept is whether it could perform on the rocky surface of Mars,” Andre Mazzoleni, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, said. “We set out to address that question.”

Mazzoleni and colleague Alexander Hart developed a computer model to determine how varying the diameter and mass of a tumbleweed rover would affect its speed and ability to avoid getting stuck in rock fields, common on the Red Planet, that average one rock per square yard.

Saxon scientists make ‘printable speaker’

SAXONY, 28 May—Chunky, space-stealing speakers could become a thing of the past, thanks to scientists in eastern Germany who have made the world’s first printable speaker. Paperthin, they promise to make noise in the tech world and beyond.

A team from the Institute for Print and Media Technology at Chemnitz University of Technology, Saxony, had been working on the project for just two and a half years when they managed to make a successful prototype.

“It involves printing layers of polymers and conductive chemicals onto a single piece of paper to create a speaker,” Mazzoleni said. “A cable is used to run music from a computer or MP3 player, which causes the printed layers to vibrate against each other and push the sound out.”

Member Dr. Georg Schmidt, told The Local.

He explained that, as polymers are cheap to make in big batches, the printable speaker could not only become a viable, cheaper alternative to normal speakers. That is as long as you don’t mind a slight lack of sound — the speakers cannot yet deliver heavy sounds when turned up to 11.

“As soon as we had them working we used them to listen to the radio all the time in our office,” Schmidt said. “They can create sound up to 80 decibels, more than enough to hear inside.”

Although he added that because all of the new wafer-thin creations were going on display at a media fair in Düsseldorf, they have had to switch back to regular speakers for the time being. The team in Chemnitz have high hopes for the printable speaker, which is “very flexible and even produces a better sound when it’s bending,” Schmidt said, but refrained from going into the complicated physics behind this.

While the speaker could be a great alternative to regular speakers, the team are particularly interested in the idea of developing “intelligent packaging.” The speakers will be on display in Düsseldorf at the “drupa” – an international print-media expo that takes place between 3 and 6 May.
Japanese automakers project record sales

Toyota, Nissan, Honda, Suzuki and Fuji Heavy Industries project record sales for the year ending in March 2013. Toyota predicts its second largest sales on record. As a result, sales at 7 major Japanese auto firms are expected to grow 17 percent from earlier this year.

Last year, 4 of the 7 companies posted a year-on-year sales decline as the earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan and Thai flooding forced them to cut production.

It remains to be seen whether earnings this year will also increase in the face of a strong yen and renewed concerns over the European debt crisis.

Health Tip: Avoid cross-contaminating Food

Cross-contamination can occur when different foods are stored or prepared together. For example, germs from raw meat can contaminate ready-to-eat foods that are prepared at the same time.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics suggests how to avoid cross-contamination:
- In the grocery store, make sure fresh and frozen meat, poultry, fish and eggs are packed separately.
- On hot days, place groceries in the back seat of your air conditioned car, rather than the trunk.
- Store all appropriate groceries in the refrigerator or freezer within two hours.
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- Wash reusable grocery bags in hot water.
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In this file photo, visitors crowd around a Toyota Dear Qon concept car during the Beijing International Automotive Exhibition in Beijing, China.

Citi unit lost $20 m in Facebook IPO

NEW YORK, 28 May—Citigroup Inc’s(CN) Auto-
mated Trading Desk had trading losses of about $20 million from Facebook Inc’s(FB) initial public offering on Nasdaq OMX Group Inc’s(NDAQ)OJ, the exchange, a source with knowledge of the situation said on Friday.

The unit’s losses were in addition to claims by market makers Knight Capital Group Inc (KCG N) and Citadel Securities, which each had losses of $30 million to $35 million.

UBS AG (UBSN VX)(UBS N), the other large market maker involved in the IPO of the social networking company on 18 May, has not disclosed any losses.

Nasdaq asked firms to detail estimates of losses by Monday night. After that, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority will evaluate the filings and put out a report on the matter in about four weeks, two sources said.

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A manipulator allows the surgeon to perform the normal movements associated with the surgery while the robotic arms carry out those movements using “end-effectors” to perform the actual surgery, Kernstine explained.

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Medical machines have been widely used in cardiothoracic cases, in neurosurgery, hysteric, and for prostate and other cancers.

Toyota to boost production in emerging countries

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“QRSC’s research and training activities are aimed at identifying and addressing unmet clinical needs, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of healthcare in Qatar,” said Dr Abdulla Al-Ansari, the centre’s director.

The research was also backed by Department of Health.

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A BBC spokesman said, "We are aware of the situation and hope it will be resolved as quickly as possible."
President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win host dinner to Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife and party

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win hosted a dinner to the delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 7 pm today.

Also present at the dinner together with President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win were Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, union ministers, deputy ministers, the Myanmar ambassador to the Republic of India and wife and heads of departments.

The Indian Prime Minister and wife were accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife and high-ranking officials. First, the President and the Prime Minister made speeches.

Before and during the dinner, artistes from the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture presented the entertainment.

Next, the President presented the album on the trip to Myanmar to the Indian Prime Minister.

After the dinner, the delegation led by the Indian Prime Minister and wife enjoyed the entertainment of artistes from the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture.

Later, the President and the Indian Prime Minister presented flower bouquets to the artistes and had a documentary photo taken together with them.

UMFCCI, Indian entrepreneurs exchange view on economic cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met with entrepreneurs from the Republic of India at the delegates listening room-2 of the Myanmar International Convention Centre here at 10am today.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on economic development between the two countries.

Also present on the occasion were President of UMFCCI U Win Aung, Vice-President of UMFCCI U Thaung Tin and officials, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr V.S Seshadri, entrepreneurs from the Republic of India, departmental officials and others.

First, President of UMFCCI U Win Aung made an opening speech, and Chairman of Indian Delegation CEO of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mr Sunil Bharti Mittal and Managing Director of FICCI Mr Rajya Vardhan Kanoria extended greetings.

Next, an official from the Ministry of Commerce discussed potentials for trading between the two nations, an official from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development on investment opportunities in Myanmar, and an official from UMFCCI on potentials for investment in construction, electricity, communications and agricultural sectors.

Next, President U Win Aung and Director-General of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration U Aung Naing Oo replied to queries raised by the Indian entrepreneurs over banking, oil and gas sector, mining industry and infrastructures.

After that, CEO of CII Mr Sunil Bharti Mittal and Managing Director of FICCI Mr Rajya Vardhan Kanoria gave suggestions over the discussions.

Later, the MoU on mutually beneficial cooperation in industrial and energy sectors between Myanmar and India entrepreneurs was signed.

In the afternoon, UMFCCI President U Win Aung hosted a luncheon in honour of the Indian delegation.
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U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyaw and Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and departmental heads. Together with the Indian Prime Minister were his delegation members, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Villur Sandarajam Seshadri and high-ranking officials.

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein said his government and people warmly welcomed the visit of the Indian Prime Minister and his delegation, which would further strengthen the existing amicable relations between the two countries. And this is the first ever visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Myanmar in 25 years. Myanmar expressed its deepest thanks to India for rendering assistance in development of border regions of the two countries, transport and infrastructures in those border areas. Multifaceted cooperation will continue for the stability of border regions in the mutual interest of the two countries.

In exercising democracy, Myanmar has yet to develop its democratic experience and practices. So, it is prioritizing State peace and stability and national economic development. Steps are being taken for all political forces to be able to take part in political processes for peace and stability, and to make peace with national ethnic armed groups.

In so doing, the aim of the government is that all the Myanmar people, including national race armed groups, must be able to live equally within the framework of law, added the President. Now, the relations with the existing 10 armed groups for making peace are improving and there have been contacts with the KIA group in northern Myanmar. It is therefore hoped that peace process will meet with complete success soon.

As for economic development, Myanmar is inviting investment from the international community. But for more investments, it is necessary to lift the economic sanctions of Western countries completely, noted the President. He then invited India’s investment in Myanmar so as to create job opportunities for the people, manufacture value-added goods, develop the technological sector and improve light and medium industries.

In his speech, the Indian Prime Minister said India and Myanmar have been the friendly nations for a thousand years in terms of their religions and cultural traditions. India is willing to cooperate more deeply in various sectors of the two countries. The Indian Prime Minister said he praised Myanmar for its success in national reconsolidation efforts and would fully support those efforts.

The visiting Indian Prime Minister expressed his wishes to see more cooperation between the two countries in regional and international issues, to further strengthen the relations with ASEAN and to invite President U Thein Sein to attend ASEAN-India Summit to be hosted in India. He then wished Myanmar success in its new chapter and expectations.

Later, both sides cordially discussed signing of bilateral agreements and MoUs, India’s investment in road, water and air transports, industrial and economic sectors and technological development and opportunities for cooperation with the international community in peace, development and national consolidation efforts. — MNA

President U Thein Sein meets Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace. — MNA

Union Science and Technology Minister U Aye Myint and Indian External Affairs Minister Mr SM Krishna sign MoU in the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.— MNA

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and Foreign Secretary of India Mr Ranjan Mathai sign MoU on establishment of modern educative paddy bio-garden in the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.— MNA

Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank Managing Director U Nyi Phyu Hla and EXIM Bank of India Chairman and Managing Director Mr TCA Ranganathan sign MoU on $ 500 million loan in the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.— MNA

President U Thein Sein shaking hands with Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh. — MNA

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and Foreign Secretary of India Mr Ranjan Mathai sign MoU on establishment of modern educative paddy bio-garden in the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.— MNA

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U Ohn Than and the Indian external affairs secretary on MoU on establishment of advanced agricultural research and education centre and establishment of modern educative paddy bio-park in Nay Pyi Taw Agricultural Research Department, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and the Indian external affairs secretary MoU on establishment of joint commerce and investment forum between Myanmar and India, and opening of border haats at Myanmar-India borders, Secretary of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department Daw Yin Yin Myint and Director-General Mr. Sarvijay Chakravarti of The Indian council of World Affairs (ICWA) MoU on cooperation between the MISIS and ICWA, Managing Director U Nyi Phyu Hla of Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank and Governor of Exima Bank of India Managing Director Mr. TCA Ranganathan MoU on Indian government’s low-interest USD 500-million loans to Myanmar, Dagon University Rector Dr Hla Htay and Calcutta University Pro-Rector Professor Suranjana Das MoU on cooperation between the two universities and exchanged the documents.—MNA

President U Thein Sein introduces Union ministers at the welcoming ceremony to Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.—MNA

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Winners in RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity Golf Tourney awarded

YANGON, 28 May—Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club hosted RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity Golf Tournament on 26 May.
RMGCC Director of Golf (PGA Golf Professional, Myanmar PGA) U Hsan Tun explained purpose of the tournament at the prize presentation ceremony in the evening.
Tin Tun clinched Nearest to the Pin award, Thein Naing Soe Longest Drive award and Kyaw Htay Straightest Drive award.
Kyaw Htay stood first, followed by the runner-up Thein Naing Soe and the second runner-up Police Col Zaw Win (Reid) in Converse (A), (B), (C) one stick event.
In Division (C) event, Hlaing Myo stood first, Khin Maung Aung second and Mr Precheun third. Wai Yan Aung emerges champion in Division (B) event in which Khin Htet Aung and Ye Tun Aung stood second and third. Ye Htet Aung stood first, Tin Tun second and Thein Naing Soe third in Division (A) event. The proceeds of the tournament go to charity for orphan care organizations.—MNA
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since Myanmar is transitioning towards a more democratic form of Government in March 2011, they committed further to enhancing these exchanges so as to take bilateral cooperation to a higher level. The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the recent successful visits from Myanmar including that of the Foreign Minister of Myanmar U U Winna Maung Lwin in January 2012; the Minister of Construction of Myanmar U Khin Maung Myint in February 2012; and from India including the visit of the Minister for Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs of India Mr. P.K. Bansal to Myanmar in February 2012. The two sides agreed to continue with the frequent exchanges of visits at the leadership level.

13. Both leaders reaffirmed their shared commitment to fight the scourge of terrorism and insurgent activity in all forms and in all regions. Both sides emphasized the need for enhanced cooperation between security forces and border guarding agencies for securing peace, security and stability in the border areas, which was critical for overall development. In this context, the two leaders welcomed the holding of the first meeting of the bilateral Regional Border Cooperation Group (RBGP) and felt it was useful in promoting cooperation and understanding for better border management. Both leaders reiterated the assurance that territories of either country would not be allowed to be used for activities inimical to the other, including for training, sanctuary and other operations by terrorist and insurgent organizations and their operatives.

14. Both leaders also alluded to the importance of sound border management as an intrinsic part of maintaining border security. In this context, they directed that the respective Survey Departments should inspect and maintain boundary pillars in a systematic manner. They also directed the respective Heads of Survey Department to finalise dates for an early joint inspection of the sectors jointly identified at the 17th National Level Meeting.

Connectivity

15. The two leaders emphasised the importance of enhancing connectivity between the two countries as a means of promoting commercial, cultural, tourististic and other exchanges between the peoples of the two countries. They expressed satisfaction at the steady progress in the development of the Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project. They welcomed the finalisation of the site of the Land Customs Station at Zorinpui (Mizoram) following joint inspection by Indian and Myanmar officials in April 2012. It was agreed that the project would enhance, bilateral trade, people-to-people contact and contribute to the development and prosperity of the people living in the ‘landlocked’ North Eastern region of India.

16. The Prime Minister of India announced that India would undertake the task of repair and construction of 71 bridges on the Tamu-Kalewa friendship Road. The two leaders decided on the establishment of a joint office for the comprehensive coordination of the project. The President of Myanmar also assured his Government’s commitment to the project. The two leaders noted the progress in the upgradation of the Kaladan-Yargyi road segment to a national highway standard. The proposed project will help in establishing trilateral connectivity with more in Myanmar via the Myanmar-Thailand and Thailand-Myanmar-India. It was agreed that efforts would be made to establish seamless trilateral connectivity by 2016. Taking note of the importance of enabling people-to-people contacts, the two sides agreed to launch a trans-border bus service from Imphal, India to Mandalay, Myanmar. The two leaders directed the concerned officials from both sides to finalise all modalities to enable its early operationalisation.

17. They also welcomed the signing of the new Air Service agreement which would enhance direct air connectivity and facilitate easy business interaction, tourism and people-to-people exchanges.

18. The two leaders agreed to constitute a Joint Working Group to determine the technical and commercial feasibility of cross-border rail links and the commercial feasibility of direct shipping links between the two countries.

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ensure development of capital market in Myanmar.
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office this morning and held discussion on provision
International University of Japan (IUJ) and party at the same
programme cooperated by IMF.

of Myanmar U Than Nyein received Executive Director Mr
Chia Der Jiun of IMF Mission.—

Power and Energy
35. The two leaders emphasised the need for closer
cooporation to further energy security. In this context,
they welcomed the signing of the Production Sharing
Contract between the Government of Myanmar and the
Jubilant Energy of India. They encouraged investment
by Indian companies in Myanmar oil and gas sector, including in available blocks that are being offered for investment which have good
prospects. They also agreed to encourage investment
by Indian companies in downstream projects in the
petroleum industry.

36. The Myanmar President expressed his appreciation to
India for undertaking the preparation of Detailed
Project Reports of the Tamantabi and Shwezawgya
hydropower projects. Both leaders directed their
respective officials to study the contents of the DPRs
and finalise the future course of action, taking into
account technical, commercial and socio-
environmental considerations.

Culture and People-to-People Exchanges
37. The two leaders emphasized the centrality of culture in
further deepening the close bonds between the peoples
of India and Myanmar and expressed satisfaction with
the signature of the Cultural Exchange Programme for
the period 2012-2015. It was noted that the CEP would
also promote cultural exchanges between the North
Eastern States of India and the bordering areas of
Myanmar.

38. They also welcomed the preparations that have been
made towards organizing the international Conference
on Buddhist Heritage in Myanmar in December 2012
with the cooperation of the Indian Council for Cultural
Relations, Ministry of Religious Affairs of Myanmar and
the Sitagu World Buddhist Association.

39. The Myanmar side thanked India for its decision to gift
a 16 feet sand stone replica of the Sarnath Buddha later
in the year that will be installed in the precincts of the
Shwedagon Pagoda. A smaller replica will be unveiled
by the Prime Minister during the visit. The Myanmar
side also conveyed its appreciation to India for the
facilities and courtesies being extended to Myanmar
pilgrims visiting India.

40. The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the ongoing
pace of work on the project for conservation and
restoration of the Ananda Temple in Bagan, Myanmar
by the Archaeological Survey of India which is expected
to be completed over the next 2 years.

41. The two leaders also welcomed the formalization of
contacts between Indian and Myanmar think tanks and
academic institutions and urged scholars to participate
actively and exchange views in academic events being
held in either country.

42. The President of Myanmar welcomed the
announcement made by the Prime Minister regarding
the Government of India’s support for setting up of a
school with technical assistance from India.

Regional and Multilateral
43. The two leaders discussed a broad range of regional
and international issues of mutual interest. They
agreed to continue their coordination on issues of
common interest on the international agenda.

44. The two leaders emphasized the importance of close
coordination towards the cause of regional
cooperation. The Prime Minister of India extended
his good wishes to Myanmar for a successful term as
BIMSTEC Chair, including its proposal to host the next
BIMSTEC Summit meeting. The two leaders
looked forward to further intensification of ASEAN-
India cooperation under Myanmar’s chairmanship of
ASEAN in 2014. The Prime Minister of India
emphasized that Myanmar holds a significant place
both in India’s Look East Policy and in its
collaboration with ASEAN countries under the
Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI). The two leaders
agreed to cooperate closely on activities related to the
forthcoming ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit.

45. The Prime Minister of India thanked the President of
Myanmar for the warm and gracious hospitality
extended to him and the members of his delegation
during their stay in Myanmar.

46. The Prime Minister invited the President of Myanmar
to visit India on mutually convenient dates which will
be decided through diplomatic channels. The
President of Myanmar accepted the invitation.
that six insurgents were killed on Saturday in joint operations this year. A total of 414 members of British forces have died members killed so far this month in Afghanistan, for a total of that death.

Another NATO service member died Friday in an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan. No details have been given on

KABUL, 28 May — Four NATO service members were killed in an explosion in the Nahr e Saraj region of southern Helmand province. The British Ministry of Defence announced late Saturday that the soldier died while traveling in a vehicle. Another NATO service member died Friday in an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan. No details have been given on that death.

Four NATO service members killed in Afghanistan

Man admitted to hospital for kidney stone, discovers he’s a woman

DENVER, 28 May — A Colorado man who was admitted to the hospital for a kidney stone received surprising news when the nurse came back with test results revealing he was actually a woman. Denver photographer Steve Crecelius said he’d felt a little different all his life. “When I was about 6 years old, I started having these feminine feelings, but that was in the ’60s. Wearing my mom’s makeup, I thought looked pretty,” Crecelius told ABC News.

So when he went to the emergency room five years ago, he wasn’t too shocked when the nurse told him she found traits of both genders in his ultrasound results. He was intersex, meaning he had both male genitalia and internal female sex organs. “The nurse is reading the ultrasound and says, ‘Huh, this says you’re a female,’ Crecelius said. “It was very liberating. I had spent so much energy after the age of 13 constantly evaluating how people looked at me and acted toward me. Steve, who now goes by ‘Sue,’ said his wife and their six children accepted his new identity right away.

“We told them individually. Some were in person and some weren’t,” Crecelius said. “Every one of them said, ‘We don’t care one way or the other.’ We love you for who you are and you’re still my dad.” Crecelius and his wife, Debbie, have been together for 25 years and she supported him every step of the way, including taking him to buy his first bra. She told Crecelius, “You know, when I first saw you, I said to myself, ‘He runs like a girl.’ ‘Think we were pretty good when she began to mourn the loss of her husband,” Crecelius said.

Police to arrest bus company chief over fatal tour bus accident

TOYKO, 28 May — Arrest warrant for the president of four bus operator Rikentetsu was approved on Monday over Japan’s worst single-vehicle highway accident last month in Gunma Prefecture which killed seven passengers and injured 38 others. Yasunori Hara, 55, will be arrested on suspicion of allowing driver Kazan Kono to use his company’s name to obtain business permits for Kono’s four buses in violation of Japan’s Road Transportation Law.

Kono, charged Rikentetsu’s overnight tour bus into a roadside wall on the Kanetsu Expressway in the early hours of 29 April during Japan’s Golden Week holiday period on its way to Tokyo Disneyland, and was prosecuted Tuesday on a charge of negligent driving resulting in death and injury. Hara admitted the name-lending at a Press conference after the accident, but said he did not take any bribe for it.—Xinhua

Rocket kills two at Pakistan market

QUETTA, 28 May — Rockets fired by suspected insurgents on Saturday killed two people and wounded 20 others in Pakistan’s troubled southwestern city of Quetta, police and hospital officials said. One rocket which landed at a busy market killed a 17-year-old boy and wounded 18 others, police said. One of the injured died later in hospital.

“A boy was killed on the spot and one of the wounded, a man, died at hospital,” senior police official Mohammad Zubair told AFP. A second rocket landed about a kilometre (mile) away in a Christian neighbourhood and wounded three family members.

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Japanese train with "rice balls" to sharpen soccer skills

Japanese have come up with a novel way of preparing themselves for this year's London/Olympic men's soccer tournament - training with odd-bouncing triangular "rice balls."

The balls, shaped like the traditional Japanese "tonigiri" rice ball wrapped in seaweed, were fired at goalkeepers during training at the weekend, local media reported. "It was good practice," goalkeeper Takuya Manada told the Nikkan Sports newspaper after a dizzying session trying to stop the oversized lunch snacks. "Hopefully we can apply it in matches."

Goalkeeping coach Hisanori Fujisawa said: "The ball is irregular in shape so it behaves irregularly through the air too. It sharpens reactions and helps improve concentration."

Japanese, who employ various innovative training methods, including playing with volleyballs, face Spain on 26 July in their opening Group D match at the London Olympics before meeting Honduras and Morocco.

World's biggest boxes of pasta on sale in Turkey

Shoppers can buy a half-tonne box of pasta from Thursday at supermarkets in Turkey, but not the world's spaggiati capital of Italy.

Too heavy and too big for the shopping trolley, delivery is included in the price.

Italy's Barilla, the world's biggest pasta maker, and Turkey's Migros Ticaret supermarket chain teamed up to produce the mega box of penne pasta, which sells for 990 Turkish lira ($560), for charity.

Guinness World Records have declared the cardboard box-1 at 1-and-a-half metres high and well over a metre wide - the biggest pasta box ever produced, Parma-based Barilla said.

The boxes will be sold at supermarkets in Istanbul, Edirne and the resort port city of Izmir.

The sales of the massive cartons will go to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Turkey consumes 45,000 metric tons (496,000 tons) of pasta per year, and is the world's No 5 producer.

Paris Hilton pole dances on fairground ride in Cannes for photoshoot

Paris Hilton posed on a merry-go-round, posed on the carousel, and finally was picked up by a hot model standing in the sea.

"About to do an iconic photo shoot around Cannes with the amazingly talented Ellen Von Unwerth. Inspired by the one and only Bridgeport Bardot," the Mirror quoted her as tweeting. "Just finished a crazy sexy shoot with Ellen Von Unwerth styled by Sascha Lile. So many fun pics and so many incredible couture gowns! Lovens."

"Before any rumours get started. The guy in my photoshoot with Ellen Von Unwerth today is not a new love interest. Just the model Ellen hired," she added. Internet

I hate riding horses: Stewart

LOS ANGELES, 28 May— Actress Kristen Stewart says she hated doing the horse riding scenes in her latest movie "Snow White and the Huntsman" in which she plays the Snow White.

Directed by British director Rupert Sanders, "Snow White... also stars Charlize Theron, Chis Hemsworth and Sam Claflin."

"Riding a horse was the worst part of the movie. The dynamic between horse and rider is not for me," the 22-year-old was quoted as saying by contactmusic.com.

But the "Twilight" star enjoys watching horses run. "I'll happily watch a horse run around a pasture. I'll even run with him but I hate riding horses. But it's cool to watch people genuinely uncomforatable on screen," she said.

Stewart is known for playing Bella Swan in the "Twilight" saga. Internet

Kanye gives style tips to Kim

Kanye West explained about his iconic style in an interview with the Mirror. "You put on it — it's not going to scratch your skin. If you don't have a good base, it's not going to look as great as it could," the Internet quoted him as saying.

Emma Stone to be honoured with MTV movie award

LOS ANGELES, 28 May— Actress Halle Berry says she will go for a natural look "handily everwear make-up. I like to give my skin a break — let it breathe."

"It's cleansing your skin," people.com quoted Berry as saying. Despite going make-up free on regular occasions, Berry admits to being a big fan of using Spa skincare products and sunscreen. "It's cleaning your skin, watching what you eat, no smoking, not too much drinking, no sugar — just simple. And using sunscreen! If you don't have a good base, then it doesn't matter what you put on it — it's not going to look as great as it could."

Robert Pattinson 'top choice for The Hunger Games sequel'

Robert Pattinson has reportedly being pursued to play the character Finnick Odair in "Catching Fire," the sequel to "The Hunger Games."

According to web site Internet, Pattinson is a top choice for the role after with Lionsgate confirmed Francis Lawrence as the director of the sequel, the New York Post reported.
Djkovic, Federer open Roland Garros bids

PARIS, 28 May — World number-one Novak Djokovic kicked of his historic Grand Slam on Monday when he tackles Italian claycourter Potito Starace in the opening round of the French Open first round.

The top seed is just seven wins away from becoming the only man to hold all four major titles at the same time. But the Wimbledon, US Open and Australian Open champion has never made a final in Paris, falling at the semi-finals on three occasions.

He also has Rger Federer in his half of the draw where the great Swiss looms as a potential semi-final opponent. Federer, the holder of a record 16 Grand Slam titles, was the champion at Roland Garros in 2009, and he also starts his campaign on Monday against Germany's Tobias Kamke.

Defending women's champion Li Na of China is second seed on Philippe Chatrier Court where she faces Romania's Sorana Cirstea. Top seed and world number one Victoria Azarenka, the Australian Open champion, begins proceedings on the main court against Albertas Brianti of Italy. Former men's world number one Lleyton Hewitt of Australia is also in action against Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic.

The former Wimbledon and US Open champion will take to Court Seven with two screws and a metal plate now locking permanently into place in the big toe on his left foot after undergoing radical surgery to prolong his career.

Hewitt, now ranked 175, has had only two weeks of practice ahead of his first round match and if he gets past Kavcic his next opponent could be Djokovic. — Internet

Rodddick loses in French's 1st round; Williams wins

PARIS, 28 May — Easy to understand why Andy Roddick never enjoyed playing on red clay all that much. First and foremost, the footing is tricky as can be. The soft courts take his booming serves and forehands down a notch, too. Put it down to the need for hard or grass courts. As if that weren't enough, he arrived at this French Open having played only 16 matches in a season interrupted by injuries to his right hamstring and right ankle.

If Roddick was tempted to sit out Roland Garros altogether — or tempted to use his health or rust as an excuse for playing poorly — he did not. The 26th-seeded American, once ranked No. 1 and once a Grand Slam champion, gave it a shot and came up short Sunday, exiting in the first round of a major tournament's opening round for the first time since 2007, and at the same venue.

His 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 loss to 8th-ranked Nicolas Mahut at the French Open dropped Roddick's record to 7-10 this season, 6-4 on clay. Of the seven previous major title winners in action on Day 1 in Paris, including Venus Williams in her first Grand Slam match since revealing in August she was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease, only Roddick was beaten.

Like Roddick, and for much the same reasons, Williams is not nearly as comfortable on clay as her faster surfaces. She's also dealing with the difficult process of learning to live with Sjogren's syndrome, a condition that can cause fatigue and joint pain. But the 31-year-old Williams, a seven-time major champion, overcame a slow start Sunday to beat 19-year-old Paula Ormaechea of Argentina 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

"A lot of it, I have to figure it out. It's physical and emotional and all kinds of different things. Mental," Williams said of her medical condition. "It's hard for me to do that right now." — Internet

I will be 100 percent fit for Euro 2012, insists Fabregas

MADRID, 28 May — Cesc Fabregas insists that he will be 100 percent fit for the start of Euro 2012. The Barcelona man suffered a thigh injury shortly after coming on as a substitute in Friday night's Copa del Rey final win over Athletic Bilbao and has been ruled out of action for 10 days.

The news has cast doubt on Fabregas' participation in his country's tournament opener against Italy in London on 12 June but the former Arsenal star has moved to reassure fans by posting the following message on his Twitter page:

"Thank u all for caring abt my injury. I'm in shock I got it twice." — Internet

Will I be 100 percent fit for Euro 2012?

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Euro 2012, which will be held in 11 cities across eight countries, starts on June 8 and runs until June 26. The matches will take place at 14 venues, including the Olympic Stadium in London, Old Trafford in Manchester and the Stade de France in Paris.

The tournament will be played in a round-robin format, with the top two teams in each group advancing to the knockout stages. The final will be played at the Olympic Stadium in London on June 26.

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Fabregas has been a key player for Spain in recent years, helping them win the Euro 2008 and 2012 championships as well as the 2010 World Cup. He is expected to be one of the key players for Spain in Euro 2012, which is the most important tournament for them.

International Sports

Johnson edges Dufner to win at PGA Colonial

FORT WORTH, 28 May — Zach Johnson fired a 10-under 61 on Sunday to hold off Jason Dufner and win the Crowne Plaza Invitational, the third US PGA victory this season.

Johnson had been struggling for much of the season but was named in the US Open team. He is a one-time Indy winner and has been in form in recent months, winning a three-shot lead over Dufner in the final round.

"Kind of like old times, I'm in shock I got it twice." — Internet

Dufner, who won his first US PGA title in 2006, appeared to be winning the tournament on Sunday but faltered on the final hole, allowing Johnson to win by three shots.

"I had a lot of adjectives I'm thinking of right now. And luck would be the biggest one," said Johnson, who won his third US PGA title on Sunday. "I'm in shock I got it twice." — Internet

Johnson edges Dufner to win at PGA Colonial
British woman held for drugs in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 May — A British woman was arrested for allegedly smuggling cocaine into the Indonesian island of Bali, an official said Monday, and may face the death penalty under stiff anti-drug laws.

Customs officials detained the woman, identified as Lindsay June Sandiford, 56, on May 19 with almost five kilograms (11 pounds) of cocaine after arriving at the airport in Denpasar on a Thai Airways flight from Bangkok.

“We arrested the suspect after we found 4.791 grams of cocaine in her suitcase. She hid it in the lining of her suitcase,” Denpasar airport customs chief Made Wijaya told reporters.

“We conducted an X-ray scan on the luggage, found a suspicious substance in it and then examined it,” he said. The cocaine has a street value of more than 23 billion rupiah ($2.5 million) and Sandiford, who told officials she is a housewife, faces the death penalty for drug trafficking, Wijaya said.

Indonesia enforces stiff penalties including life imprisonment and death for drug trafficking.

Two members of an Australian drug smuggling gang known as the “Bali Nine” who were arrested in 2005 are facing death row, while seven others face lengthy jail terms.

Another Australian, Schapelle Corby, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison for smuggling 4.1 kilograms of marijuana in 2005, recently had her term slashed by five years after a clemency appeal to President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The 34-year-old is due to be released in September 2017.

Japan goes bears most blame for Fukushima

TORO, 28 May — Japan’s prime minister at the time of the Fukushima nuclear crisis apologised on Monday and said his government bear most of the responsibility for the disaster. “The nuclear accident was caused by a nuclear plant which operated as national policy,” he said. Former prime minister Naoto Kan told a parliamentary inquiry into the cause of the worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl in 1986.

“I believe the biggest portion of blame lies with the state,” he said. The former premier, who has come out strongly against nuclear power since the Fukushima disaster in March last year.

“The person who was in charge of the country at the time of the accident, I sincerely apologise for my failure to stop it,” Kan, who stepped down in September after 15 months in office, said.

Ukraine Olympics boss quits over ticket scandal

LONDON, 28 May — The general secretary of Ukraine’s National Olympic Committee (NOC) resigned on Monday following claims by the BBC he sought to sell tickets for the London Games on the black market.

Volodymyr Gerashchenko has submitted his resignation from the position of general secretary of the NOC “in the interests of the sporting community and the sport of Ukraine,” the committee said in a statement.

The BBC said Gerashchenko had been arrested as part of the investigation into alleged ticket shaving for the London Games.

Internet

Lazio captain arrested in illegal betting probe

ROME, 28 May — Lazio captain Stefano Mauri and several top players were arrested on Monday, while police also searched the home of Antonio Conte, the coach of Serie A champions Juventus.

Mauri was one of 19 people implicated in the investigation into alleged match-fixing in the domestic game, as police swooped in dawn raids on a number of addresses up and down the country, according to Italy’s domestic Anas news agency.

The players are suspected of having received money to fix matches for betting syndicates, whose head is believed to be based in Singapore.

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President U Thein Sein meets Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held talks with visiting Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh of the Republic of India at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Aye Aye Myint, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Sports Minister U Aye Myint Kyu, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw, and departmental heads were present at the call as Indian Ambassador Dr VS Sheshadri accompanied the visiting goodwill delegation and high-ranking officials.

The two sides frankly discussed matters related to joint projects, commercial and economic cooperation, trade, investment, communications, education, science and technology, industry, culture, livestock and fisheries, defence, religious affairs, electricity, health, agricultural cooperation, finance and revenue, transport, oil and gas, ASEAN-India relations, and cooperation in regional and international arena.

President U Thein Sein and visiting Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh attended the agreement and MoU-signing ceremony (See page 8)

Joint Statement on the occasion of the State Visit of Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

1. The Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh is paying a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from May 27 to 29, 2012 at the invitation of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein. He is accompanied by his wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur.
2. The Prime Minister was accorded a ceremonial welcome in Nay Pyi Taw and the President of Myanmar hosted a banquet in his honour.
3. The visit of Prime Minister, the first after 25 years, is a historic milestone in the relations between Myanmar and India.
4. The two leaders held a restricted meeting, followed by delegation level talks, on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. The talks were held in a warm, cordial and constructive atmosphere reflecting the close and friendly relations between the two neighbouring countries and peoples.
5. During the official talks, the Prime Minister of India was assisted by the External Affairs Minister Shri S.M. Krishna, National Security Adviser Shri S. Menon, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Shri Pulok Chatterjee, Foreign Secretary Shri Ranjan Mathai, the Ambassador of India to Myanmar Dr V.S. Sheshadri and other senior officials.
6. The President of Myanmar was assisted by U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and other Union Ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and Senior Government Officials.
7. The Prime Minister of India and the President of Myanmar comprehensively reviewed the multifaceted bilateral relationship and took stock of developments since the very successful State visit of President U Thein Sein to India in October 2011. They expressed satisfaction at the ongoing official exchanges and the growing economic, trade and cultural ties, as well as people-to-people exchanges.
8. The two leaders agreed on a vision for the future in the pursuit of the common good - bilaterally, regionally and globally. They agreed to cooperate in the areas such as border area development, transportation, connectivity, agriculture, trade and investment, promotion of friendly exchanges and human resource development. They recognized that peace and stability in the region is necessary for development and well-being of the people of their respective countries. In this context, they emphasized the importance of close cooperation between India and Myanmar and the need to effectively harness their respective resources for the good of the peoples of the two countries.
9. The Prime Minister of India congratulated the President of Myanmar on the path breaking reform measures taken by the Government of Myanmar towards greater democratization and national reconciliation. He commended the ongoing efforts at political, economic and social reform, which included negotiation of preliminary peace agreements with several ethnic groups as well as dialogue with various democratic political parties including the National League for Democracy led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He also expressed appreciation for the free, fair and peaceful conduct of the recent by-elections.
10. The Prime Minister of India reiterated India’s readiness to extend all necessary assistance in accelerating the country’s democratic transition and developing the capacity of democratic institutions such as the Parliament, National Human Rights Commission and the Media. Recalling the very successful visit of a Parliamentary delegation led by Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, to India in December 2011, the Prime Minister conveyed India’s readiness to undertake training programmes for Myanmar Parliamentarians and staff.
11. The following instruments for enhancing bilateral cooperation were signed during the visit:
   (i) Memorandum of Understanding regarding US$ 500 million Line of Credit
   (ii) Air Services Agreement between Myanmar and India
   (iii) Memorandum of Understanding on the Myanmar-India Border Area Development
   (iv) Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Joint Trade and Investment Forum
   (v) Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the Advanced Centre for Agricultural Research and Education (ACARE)
   (vi) Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Rice Bio Park at the Department of Agricultural Research in Nay Pyi Taw
   (vii) Memorandum of Understanding towards setting up of Myanmar Institute of Information Technology
   (viii) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between Dagon University and Calcutta University
   (ix) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) and the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)
   (x) Agreement on Cooperation between the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) and the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)
   (xii) Memorandum of Understanding on establishing Border Haats across the border between Myanmar and India
12. The two leaders underscored that bilateral relations between India and Myanmar are rooted in shared history and geography, culture and civilization. Welcoming the enhanced frequency and engagement between the two countries had intensified significantly