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Union Information & Culture Minister attends 9th Asia Media Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attended the 9th Asia Media Summit held in Bangkok of Thailand on 28 May. It was attended by ministers from Asia and Pacific Region, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and Pacific Region Dr Nqoene Heyzer, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Director Mr Yang Binyuan of Asia and Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), Managing Director Mr Thapchai Yong of Thai Broadcasting Development Authority, Mr Zhao Houlin of International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and high-ranking officials, heads, experts, media men from government and private broadcasting corporations of 62 countries in Asia and Pacific Region totalling about 600.

At the ceremony, officials extended the greetings, and UNESCO Director-General Ms Irina Bokova’s video speech was displayed. After that, Dr Noeleen Heyzer read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Kimoon to the 9th Asia Media Summit.

After the opening ceremony, those present discussed and exchanged views on “Media, Development and Conflict: Can Media Make a Difference?” paper and “Building a Media-Literate Public” paper. After that, the Union Minister looked round Medihub Market and Networking booths on show at Asia Media Summit. Government and private broadcasting corporations from Asia and Pacific Region opened 37 booths at the Summit. MRTV-4 from Myanmar also opens booths there.—MNA

State visit to Thailand to be paid by President U Thein Sein postponed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—The visit of U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to the Kingdom of Thailand from 4-5 June 2012 has been postponed to a mutually convenient date which would be coordinated by the two sides.—MNA

Union I&P Minister meets IOM guests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi received Migration Expert Mr. Knight David Richard of International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Chief of Mission Ms. Mariko Tomiyama of Yangon-based IOM at his office here on 30 May.

Both sides discussed matters related to immigration management and migration, making systematic inspection and management at sea ports, airports and border gates, capacity building of staff, providing technical assistance and conducting courses. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Directors-General and Head of Office.—MNA

Facebook users suffer service disruptions

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 June—Facebook has suffered a series of service disruptions which left many people unable to use the social network.

The problems meant that the site was unreachable for some people for almost two hours. Sporadic disruptions were reported by many people and even those who could get through said pages were taking a long time to load.

Facebook apologised but said it had fixed the problem.

Stock slide

News of problems getting at and using Facebook spread quickly as people took to Twitter, news sites and blogs to express their frustration.

“Facebook is acting like its stock. It keeps going down,” quipped one Twitter user.

Website watching sites such as Downrightnow and Downforeveryonejustsaid reported that the site was intermittently available for a period of several hours.

In a statement, Facebook said some users “briefly experienced issues loading the site” but these had been resolved and it should be working fine for everyone. It gave no details about what had caused the problems.

Facebook has a reputation for reliability and the problems come at a sensitive time for the company. It is under intense scrutiny given the poor performance of its stock following its flotation on the Nasdaq stock exchange 18 May. The stock has fallen almost 23% since its debut.

Facebook’s debut on the stock market has put the social network under close scrutiny.
**Back to school**

The very first day of June is the day all the basic education schools far and wide the country reopen after the summer break. Ahead of the day one of new education calendar, a series of school enrollment day ceremonies where chief ministers of respective regions and states repeated education policy of the incumbent government took place.

Pursuing the dream of free and compulsory primary education, the government thus provides all the text books and six exercise books free of charge to each and every student. The six free note books may be quite helpful for a student to start an academic year. Teachers are also called for cooperation with the government in its bid to lure all the school-age children into schools, distancing themselves from collecting extra fees.

These efforts deserve praises, but these alone could not make the education system much better. The education system of our country is prone to parrot-fashion learning method for years, rather than logical thinking the thing that basic education schools fail to deliver.

To be optimistic, many sweeping education reforms are tangible. We have already realized that it will take a long time to heal the old-fashioned system. But these reforms should not be long overdue because it is the matter that the future of the country largely rests on.

The government made a firm commitment to increasing spending on education which is increased by significant number than that of the preceding FY.

The 1 June is not only the day our children start an academic year but the day our future start an academic year. Teachers are also called for cooperation with the government in its bid to lure all the school-age children into schools, distancing themselves from collecting extra fees.

**Application for registration as political party passed**

According to the agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the regular consultations have been held at the respective capitals alternatively. For the year 2012, at the invitation of holding the Sixth Bilateral Consultation in Moscow on 29 May 2012, Myanmar Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint led a delegation to Moscow from 28 to 30 May 2012. The Sixth Bilateral Consultation was held on 29 May 2012 at the Small Mansion of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow.

Frankly discussions were made between the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint and an accompanying member of Myanmar Ambassador in Moscow U Min Thim and Russian Delegation of Third Asian Department led by Deputy Minister Mr Igor Morgulov to review the current cooperation and to explore the possibility in new cooperation. They can also exchange views on issues of mutual interests.

Myanmar Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister had an opportunity to brief the current political and social development and both Deputy Foreign Affairs Ministers expressed their satisfaction on current cooperation in regional organizations as well as in the United Nations and pledged for continuation.

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of the Russian Federation welcomed Myanmar’s current reform and development and wished for continued success in international relations.

Discussions were also made on promotion of bilateral trade. Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint arrived back from Moscow via Bangkok yesterday.

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**Mother’s Son Construction participates at Housing & Living 2012 including; Automobile Show 2012**

**English: how good is good enough on line?**

More people are trying to learn English than any other language in the world. In technology, business and diplomacy, a command of English is essential, as it turns from a mere useful skill into a prerequisite for access to the best jobs and highest incomes. Asian countries have long known the importance of being able to communicate in English. Now it becomes a fact that the demand for more and better. English is increasing very fast Myanmar has made a very conscious effort to improve proficiency in English throughout the education system since 1978 when Goodall was beginning to become world-known the New English Text for the Matriculation Examination has concluded Goodall’s story of his life-long devotion to the chimpanzees in the first chapter. Myanmar education authorities were aware of what the school system required and training for English teachers emphasized to make a steady increase in influence in Standard English. With a due to see an increasing number of students admitted to higher education and more students competent to use English in international business, teaching English in primary schools was introduced in Myanmar.

The growing dominance of English is clearly seen in information technology where internet is the demi-god. The internet highlights the challenge as 80% of webpages are in English. The need for English was raised by the globalization of business before the IT boom. The ability to communicate grows increasingly important due to one factor that is Asian countries becoming home to foreign investors.

Web browsers first appeared on computers in the early 1990s after the birth of the Internet in 1969. Despite their achievements, the network pioneers, the most talented computer scientists including ICER lictifier, Robert Taylor graduate students Vint Cerf, Steve Crocker and John Postel remain unknown outside the computer world. Over the next decade dozens of new networks were born, including the USENET news groups, an electronic forum now used by millions of people around the world to discuss everything from particle physics to Barney the dinosaur.

Eleanor Johnson is an English professor at Columbia University in New York. She suspects a strong link between the rise of instant and casual communication on line and an increasing writing mistakes. But she admits these may not be much scientific evidence, at least not yet.

The founder of an online dictionary of Internet and text messaging terms and a British linguist who has written much scientific evidence, at least not yet.

What is their message about the mistakes in the students’ work?

“If it’s helping the kids write more or communicate more in English that’s great,” they say. In fact that is what teachers teaching English should advocate that is my opinion.
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**Tomato genome project bears fruit**

**San Francisco, 1 June—Online retail powerhouse Amazon.com on Tuesday unveiled a smartphone that can measure radiation as consumers in Japan clamour for reassurance following last year’s Fukushima nuclear disaster. The latest model in the firm’s Pantone series comes complete with a sensor that enables users to see at the touch of a button how much radiation they are being exposed to.

The phone, which is putting on general sale from July, can also keep a record of exposure in every location the phone has been to, Softbank said in a statement, adding that it can detect gamma rays in a range of 0.05-9.0 microsieverts per hour. Japan’s top operator NTT DoCoMo set a tech fair last year showcased a smartphone with a changeable “jacket” that measures radiation levels. DoCoMo said at the time that they were undecided on the product’s commercial launch.

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**Amazon streams video to Xbox 360 consoles**

**San Francisco, 1 June—Amazon.com vice president and “Mad Men.”

**Oracle plans new cloud-based products, first Ellison tweet**

**Redwood City, 1 June—Larry Ellison, the billionaire chief executive of software maker Oracle Corp, said his company will launch a new suite of cloud-based software products and computing services the first week of June and he plans to send out his first tweet to announce the event.

**Oracle CEO Larry Ellison delivers the keynote address at the 29th Oracle OpenWorld in San Francisco on 2 October, 2011.**

**Oracle generates about $1 billion in annual revenue from Web-based software, Ellison said on Wednesday at a conference organized by All Things Digital. That is about a third what Salesforce.com projects it will pull in during the current year. The new cloud, or Web-based, products include a platform for building and running applications, databases and business management software, Ellison said. He is scheduled to provide more details at an event for customers and analysts on 6 June at Oracle’s headquarters in Redwood City, California.**

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**Fukushima quake, tsunami disturbed upper atmosphere: NASA**

**Washington, 1 June—The massive earthquake and tsunami that hit Fukushima, Japan, last year wreaked havoc in the skies above as well, disturbing electrons in the upper atmosphere, NASA reported. The waves of energy from the quake and tsunami that were so destructive on the ground reached into the ionosphere, a part of the upper atmosphere that stretches from about 50 to 500 miles above Earth’s surface.

The ionosphere is the thinnest part of the atmosphere, where solar ultraviolet radiation breaks up molecules and leaves a haze of electrons and ions.

In images released on Friday, NASA showed how the earthly disturbances from the 1 March, 2011 quake and tsunami were echoed in the movement of electrons far aloft. This movement was monitored by a network of GPS signals between satellites and ground receivers.

Scientists have been watching this phenomenon before, for tsunamis in Samoa in 2009 and Chile in 2010. The Japanese event, however, occurred in a region more closely monitored by a dense network of GPS receivers, NASA said in a statement.**

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**Japan’s Internet and mobile giant Softbank president Masayoshi Son introduces the world’s first smartphone featuring a nuclear radiation detector, named “Pantone 5.”**

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China, Japan, ROK and ASEAN to discuss disaster relief by armed forces

BEIJING, 1 June — Defence officers, military commanders and officials from ASEAN countries, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) will gather in China from 24 to 28 June to discuss post-quake and disaster relief emergency response operations by armed forces, said a spokesman with the Chinese Ministry of Defence on Thursday. Defence spokesman Yang Yujun of the ministry made the remarks at a Press briefing here.

Yang said the third Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan and ROK forum on armed forces unconvoluted security will focus on post-quake and disaster relief emergency response operations by armed forces. The forum, to be held in Shijiazhuang Army Command College of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA), will gather defence officers and commanders of ASEAN countries, China, Japan and ROK, as well as officials of the ASEAN Secretariat.

Also at Thursday’s Press briefing, Yang said that the National Defence University of the PLA will host a symposium on laws and rules regulating international relief efforts from 10 to 13 June in Beijing.

With the theme of “obligations and rights of armed forces participating in international disaster relief”, the symposium will gather military officials and law experts from relevant parties of the ASEAN Regional Forum, as well as officials of the ASEAN Secretariat.

Chinese Navy training vessel “Zhenghe” pays goodwill visit to Italy

TARANTO, (Italy), 1 June — The Chinese Navy training vessel “Zhenghe” arrived in the southern Italian port city of Taranto on Thursday, starting a five-day goodwill visit to the country.

Decorated both with the Army (PLA)’s ocean-going flags, the People’s Liberation Army (PLA), will gather defence officers and commanders of ASEAN countries, China, Japan and ROK, as well as officials of the ASEAN Secretariat.

Chinese and representatives of Italian Navy vessels and training facilities.

“The Zhenghe,” carrying a total of 308 sailors, including 110 students from the Dalian Naval Academy, will also hold a joint navigation and passage exercise with the DDG “Doria” of the Italian Navy.

The ship, with a scheduled route of more than 30,000 nautical miles, is expected to pay port calls to 11 countries and working visits to three countries during its global voyage.

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“The very fact of a 29-percent growth was the first four months of 2012 increased by 40 percent to a growing trade turnover,” the Kremlin said. Putin praised processes that have been going on recently the goal is full integration of women within the framework of sustainable development, according to the United Nations Development Program.

Lukashenko, Putin praise Russian-Belarus integration

Moscow, 1 June — Visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin met his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko once again proved the mutual readiness to promote and fill our relations with new content. During the talks we discussed prospects of economic ties in detail,” the Russian president said. Lukashenko also underlined the importance and significance of Putin’s visit to Belarus. “Belarus has been and will always be Russia’s closest and most reliable ally,” he added. According to the Belarusian head of state, Belarus supports the idea of creating a single economic zone stretching from Lisbon to Vladivostok.

“If these integrations from Lisbon to Vladivostok are combined, we would get a single economic space. I think that taking into account the processes that have been going on recently the goal is quite achievable,” the Belarusian leader said.

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The ship’s five-month global voyage, which started from China’s northeastern port city of Dalian in mid-April. During their stay in Italy, the Chinese sailors aboard the ship will meet with provincial and municipal officials as well as those from the Taranto Naval Command. The Chinese officers and cadets will also participate in sports games with local navy officials, and visit Italian Navy vessels and training facilities.

The summit will be held in Rio de Janeiro, and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) will hold a summit of top women leaders from around the globe during the UN Rio Conference on Sustainable Development in June.

The “Summit for the Future Women Want” will take place on 21 June, the second day of the so-called Rio+20 conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro, and will gather a number of female presidents and prime ministers who will call for concrete action toward the full integration of women in sustainable development.

Brazil’s President Dilma Rousseff, the first woman to ever lead the South American giant, will attend the summit, as will...
Kingfisher Airlines posts worst-quarter; no funding in sight

**Fatty acid protects vision in seniors**

“Fishy” addition makes a strong case for eye care at all ages.

**Japanese scientists identify schizophrenia gene**

In a landmark discovery, scientists have identified a gene believed to be involved in the development of schizophrenia.

**Health Tip: Eat right during menopause**

A natural drop in estrogen levels, combined with stress and lack of sleep, can make it difficult for a woman to maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle.

**Euro, European shares recover but Spain risks weigh**

European shares staged a rally on Monday, but Spanish shares were left in the doldrums as concerns over the country’s budget deficit weighed.

**Sumitomo Mitsui faces fine for insider trading**

Japan’s financial services regulator has reportedly asked Sumitomo Mitsui Bank to pay a fine for insider trading.

**Fewer food choices don’t help weight loss**

Restricting food choices during a weight loss diet may not be effective, according to a new study.

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Israel hands over Palestinian militants' remains

JERUSALEM, 1 June—Israel transferred to Palestinian authorities on Thursday the bodies of dozens of Palestinian militants, saying it hoped the move would help restart peace efforts.

The militants had been buried, some of them for decades, in a desolate Israeli military cemetery for “enemy combatants” in the occupied West Bank. They included several suicide bombers.

The remains of 80 Palestinians were handed over to Western-backed President Mahmoud Abbas’s Palestinian Authority. The remains were transferred to the Gaza Strip, controlled by Hamas Islamists. “It is our hope that this humanitarian gesture will serve both as a confidence-building measure and help get the peace process back on track,” said Mark Regev, spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

“Israel is ready for the immediate resumption of peace talks without any preconditions whatsoever,” he said. Abbas has demanded a halt to Israeli settlement building in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem as a condition for returning to peace talks that collapsed over the settlement issue in 2010.

The Palestinian Authority and Hamas both held official memorial ceremonies later in the day. The militants were regarded by Palestinians as heroes in a struggle for statehood. Dozens of Israelis were killed in attacks they carried out.

Two dead in Seattle shooting

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 June—Two people were killed and three others wounded in a shooting on Wednesday morning at a coffee shop in the US city of Seattle, local police said.

The victims were male, and the three wounded included “one with life-threatening injuries, and two seriously wounded,” Seattle Police Department said in a Twitter feed.

The shooting happened at Cafe Racer, just north of the city’s University District. Local schools have been locked down after the incident, according to local media reports.

The shooting could be a “domestic violence situation,” The Seattle Times newspaper quoted a law enforcement source as saying. The suspect is still at large and was seen running away from the scene with a gun, police said, describing the shooter as a white male between 30 and 40 years of age.

Truck hits students at Calif high school; eight hurt

HOBERT, 1 June—A high school junior in a pickup truck sped through a red light and into dozens of teenagers who were crossing a street outside a California high school on Wednesday, leaving eight people injured, three of them critically, authorities said. Classes at Hemet High School had just ended for the day when Daniel Carrillo, 18, who was in a 1994 Ford Ranger with his twin brother and a friend, ran through a crosswalk.

“Hemet High was in the middle of traffic,” said California Highway Patrol Officer Darren Meyer said. About 30 people were in the crosswalk, headed toward the school parking lot and the school’s football stadium, Meyer said.

“The kids were in the crosswalk doing everything right,” said Hemet High School principal Emily Shaw.

Eight people were hit: five female students, two male students and a 60-year-old woman whose ties to the school were not clear. Three of victims were in critical condition, and five more were critically injured with minor injuries, CHP and county fire officials said. None of the victims’ names was released. Witnesses told the Riverside Press-Enterprise that the driver, whose truck was sided off-road use, was in a right-turn-only lane that heads into the parking lot, but he accelerated into the intersection, running a red light and hitting the pedestrians.

“He revved the throttle like crazy. We heard the RPMs build,” said the driver’s friend, who told The Press-Enterprise.

The suspect is still at large, police said, describing him as a white male between 30 and 40 years of age.

Indonesian team discovers Russian crashed plane’s FDR

JAKARTA, 1 June—An Indonesian team joining in National Search and Rescue (Basarnas) found the Flight Data Recorder (FDR) device of the crashed Russian passenger plane Sukhoi Superjet 100 on Wednesday night, Basarnas Chair Daryatmo said on Thursday.

The FDR was found buried by at least 20 metres away from the tail part of the crashed plane, Daryatmo told a Press conference here, adding that the FDR is to be investigated by Indonesian investigation team. Together with the Voice Data Recorder (VDR), the FDR was part of the plane’s Black Box equipment that records pilot’s conversation and plane’s instruments during a plane’s flight.

On 16 May The Indonesian team previously found the VDR device a few days after the crash in Mount Salak, West Java on 9 May that killed all 45 people onboard among which eight were Russian crews. Daryatmo said that results of the investigation over the devices would be announced 12 months later.
School enrollment day observed in Botataung Township

YANGON, 1 June—A school enrollment day ceremony was held at No. 6 Basic Education High School in Botataung Township, Yangon East District, on 29 May.

At the ceremony, chairperson of Yangon Region Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Thaung Mya, chairperson of Yangon East District WAO Daw Moi Thu Tint, assistant director of Township Education Officer, provided the school head, social organization, wellwishers, parents and students were present. At the ceremony, books and stationery were provided.—Kyemon

Annual meeting of Kyaukme Township CCI held

KYAUKME, 1 June—Second Annual Meeting of Kyaukme Township Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held in Kyaukme, Shan State (North) on 29 May.

Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Lay made a speech at the ceremony to hold school enrollment day ceremony annual meeting at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township on 29 May.

School enrollment day in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 1 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day was held at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Thingangyun township yesterday. It was attended by chairperson of Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Thaung Mya, Yangon East District MCWSC chairperson and members, Chairman of Township Education Supervisory Committee, administrator of Township General Administration Department, departmental officials, Township MCWA chairperson and members, social organizations, teachers and students.

At the ceremony, the Chairperson of District MCWSC, the Township MCWA Chairperson and officials provided the students with uniforms and stationery.—San San Kyi (Thingangyun)

Monsuoon tree-planting ceremony held in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township

KYA-IN-SEIKKYI, 1 June—A rainy season tree-planting ceremony was held in the compound of People’s Hospital in Payathonesu sub-township, Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, Kayin State, on 25. At the ceremony, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, state ministers, state/sub-divisional officers, and local people, grew a total 1200 saplings.—Township Forest Department

SPOKEN ENGLISH COURSE CONCLUDES: Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (Central) U Thu Taw makes a speech at the concluding banquet.

Cash donated for better drainage system in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 1 June—A meeting on better drainage system was held at Thakayta Township General Administration Department on 25 May. It was attended by Township GAD Administrator U San Min, region-incharges from the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and ward administrators.

At the meeting, Green and Clean Foundation donated K 760,000 for 19 wards in Thakayta Township.—Kyemon

Annual meeting of Kyaukme Township CCI held

KYAUKME, 1 June—Second Annual Meeting of Kyaukme Township Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held in Kyaukme, Shan State (North) on 29 May.

Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Lay made a speech at the occasion. Afterwards, Association Chairman U Tin Maung Oo submitted annual reports for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Twenty seven executive members were elected at the ceremony.—Myanma Alin

FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES INSPECTED: Township Fire Station Incharge U Saw Lwin Aye, market Administrator U Than Oo and members inspect preventive measures against fire at Mingalar Market in Pobadhari Township, Nay Pyi Taw on 26 May.—Kyemon

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: Township Administrator U Thein Sint of Lanmadaw Township General Administration Department, provides cash assistance, uniform and stationery to an offspring of Township GAD’s staff at the Township administrator office on 30 May. —Township IPRD
Union I & C Minister meets foreign new agencies, discusses development of media sector

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, who is in Bangkok, Thailand to attend the 9th ASIA Media Summit, received Director Mr Peter Horrocks of BBC and party, Information and Culture Attaché Ms Annette Se'very of German Embassy to Thailand and DW (Germany) news agency, Asia and Europe Coordinator Nicolas Sanson of CF1 (France) news agency and party on 29 May.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on extended broadcasting of national race radio programmes, launching of a new TV channel for national races, establishment of Myanmar Media Development Centre for training of Radio and TV technicians, participation of foreign media in the process of transforming MRTV into public service broadcasting.—MNA

Shan State Chief Minister views farm equipments

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat today inspected a total of 15 tractors, 5 harvesters, power tillers and other farm equipments donated by Indian Government at No. 85 tractor camp in Shwenyaung.—MNA

Union A&I Minister visits farmlands in Nay Pyi Taw

Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited Farmers Educational Farm near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township here this morning.

Myanmar and Chinese agriculturalists conducted the minister around 100-acre research farm under joint venture of Chinese CETC and Shwe Than Lwin Company in western Kyaku Village.

The minister also visited construction of irrigation facilities and production roads near Bowdigon Village in Lewe Township to reclaim 200-acre advanced farmland.

In response to discussions of agriculturalists, the minister called for educating farmers to be able to choose correct crops and establish modal farms.—MNA

Shan State Chief Minister views farm equipments donated by Indian Government—MNA

Dy Health Minister inspects medical treatment in Maubin, Pyapon Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin on 28 May made an inspection tour of People’s Hospitals in Maubin, Kyaiktal and Pyapon Districts.

On 29 May, the Deputy Minister continued her inspection tour of Kyatpanweezauk rural health care centre in Pyapon and encouraged field trip medical treatment being given by the specialists of Pyapon District Hospital.

She attended the ceremony to review rural development tasks and poverty alleviation held at Thiri Annawa Hall in Pyapon on 30 May.

Then, the Deputy Minister fulfilled the needs for effectively medical treatment at Dedaye People’s Hospital after donating publications to No. 2 Basic Education High School’s Library.—MNA

Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin addresses ceremony to review rural development tasks and poverty alleviation.—MNA

Japan company to make investment in Myanmar tourism industry

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Director-General U Aung Zaw Win of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Katsuyaki Takeuchi of Asahi Shokuhin Co., Ltd of Japan and President Mr David William Yang of Green Earth Power Co., Ltd, accompanied by Managing Partner U Aung Thitha of AVA Capital Management, at the minister’s office this morning.

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Myanmar, Thailand to cooperate in banking, human resources development

NAV Pyi Taw, 1 June— Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Senior Executive Vice President Mr Somkiet Siritchai of Kasikorn Bank, of Thailand at his office here this afternoon.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on cooperation in banking, assistance of technology and human resource development.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.—MNA

Ayeyawady Region marks World No Tobacco Day- 2012

NAV Pyi Taw, 1 June— World No Tobacco Day-2012 was observed at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association in Pathein yesterday morning.

World No Tobacco Day 2012 observed in Monywa

NAV Pyi Taw, 1 June— Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye inspected 30 New Holland brand power tillers donated by India at No.6 medium workshop of Agriculture Mechanization Department of Monywa, progress in construction of two-storey Chindwinyadana market and undertaking of Htanazlake Creek drainage system and sanitations tasks near Kyawkkar village in Monywa Township, on 30 May.

The following day, the Region Chief Minister delivered a speech at World No Tobacco Day 2012 ceremony, at Monywa City Hall. At the ceremony, Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein read out message sent by the Union Minister for Health.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister and officials looked round pamphlet and posters on show at the booth.—MNA

Kachin State Chief Minister inspects development tasks in Mohnyin District

NAV Pyi Taw, 1 June— Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngau Hsiu held a meeting with officials and rural people at the briefing hall of Mohnyin-Nyahkong-Natma-Myothitkalay-Hobin inter-village road in Mohnyin District on 29 May. Afterwards, he inspected the construction site of Kyawbinyepauk bridge whose width of 12 feet and length of 20 feet, being implemented on the inter-village road, and provided cash to the workers working on the construction tasks.

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School enrollment day observed in Waingmaw

NAV Pyi Taw, 1 June— A school enrollment day ceremony for 2012-2013 academic year of Waingmaw Township in Kachin State was held at Yadanal Hall of No.2 Basic Education High School on 30 May. Region Education Officer U Chit Swe explained the process of school enrollment day.

Next the well-wishers presented exercise books, middle-school text books, school uniforms, bags, stationery and cash assistance through responsible persons. —MNA

Commerce Ministry grants stipends to offspring of staff

NAV Pyi Taw, 1 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint addressed ceremony to grant stipends to offspring of staff for 2012-2013 academic years at the auditorium of the ministry here this morning.

The minister said the government is implementing a series of plans for development of national education standards so as to put in place a constantly learning society.

Now the country sees international-standard infrastructures for higher education, he said.

The Union minister and the deputy minister presented stipends through directors-general, the head of office and the general manager.

The stipends provided at the ceremony for 853 students amounted to K 15.238 million and Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading also presented exercise books to students in region/state branches.—MNA

Committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw meet Chin State government, Hluttaw representatives and national races representatives

NAV Pyi Taw, 1 June— Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal-Peace-Making Committee and Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee held a meeting with Chin State government, Hluttaw representatives and national races representatives, at the meeting hall of State Government Office yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-Making Committee U Thein Zaw made an opening speech.

After that, Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai clarified State government’s undertakings and State Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Khin Kham, undertakings of State Hluttaw. Afterwards, the State ministers, the Hluttaw representatives, the national races representatives, National Races Literature and Culture Committee, political parties, townswolders and social organizations participated in the discussion. Then, members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal-Peace-Making Committee reviewed the discussions. After that, Committee Chairman U Thein Zaw made a concluding remark.—MNA

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China factory surveys signal wider economic weakness

BEIJING, June—China’s economy betrayed signs of a broadening slowdown as surveys of its vast factory sector showed momentum eased in May, signaling a deeper-than-forecast deterioration in demand at home and abroad and the likelihood of more policy easing. The official purchasing managers’ index — covering China’s biggest, mainly state-backed firms — fell more than expected to 50.4 in May from 51.0 in April, reading this year and down from April’s 13-month high, with output at its lowest since November 2011. The HSBC China manufacturing PMI, tracking smaller private sector firms, retreated to 48.4 from 49.3 in April — its seventh straight month below the 50.0 mark that demarcates expansion from contraction — with the employment sub-index declining to 48.1, its lowest level since March 2009. “Growth in Q2 is likely to slow, probably below 7.5 percent year-on-year. That puts the annual growth target at risk and the risks continue to increase because the external environment is weakening,” Duruz Kowalczyk, senior economist and strategist at Credit Agricole CIB in Hong Kong, told like the cash for clunkers programme, but we will get more monetary measures as well.”— Reuters

Railway giants eye cooperation on trans-Eurasian corridor

SOCHI, June—Railway giants from Russia and other countries discussed the development of a trans-Eurasian railway network in Russia’s Black Sea resort city of Sochi on Thursday, with an expectation that the network could boost the global and regional economy.

“The trans-Eurasian corridor is one of the answers to these challenges,” Vladimir Yakunin, president of the Russian Railways (RZD), told a three-day forum named “Strategic Partnership 1520.”

Prime Minister of the European Commission and EU Commissioner for Transport Siim Kallas also attended the forum, and stressed the development of trans-Eurasian railways face both challenges and opportunities. Over 95 percent of freight container traffic between Europe and Asia is made on the seas, though it takes twice more time than the current railway transport, Kallas noted.

Against such a backdrop, railways transport is especially a trans-Siberian railway, should become an alternative to the sea route, he said. Kallas also urged international cooperation on transport security and coordination on different technical standards and legal systems, adding that the moves would not only intensify the cargo shipments across the continent, but also bolster the economic growth. During the forum, some 10 international documents on cooperation were signed.—Xinhua

Austrian, Pakistani diplomats appointed as senior UN officials

UNITED NATIONS, June—United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed on Thursday diplomats from Austria and Pakistan as new under-secretary-general and assistant secretary-general respectively, a UN spokesman told reporters here. “For the position of under-secretary-general for communications and public information, the secretary-general has selected Mr Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal of Austria,” said Eduardo Del Buey, deputy spokesman for the UN chief, at the daily news briefing. Since 2007, Launsky-Tieffenthal has been the spokesman and head of the Department for Communication and Information of the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs. Meanwhile, Ban named Shamshad Akhtar of Pakistani assistant secretary-general to lead the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), said Del Buey.

Until recently, Akhtar had been World Bank vice president for the Middle East and North Africa Region, the spokesman added.—Xinhua

Palestinians bury remains of 91 militants held in Israel for years

GAZA RAYSHALL, June—Palestinians on Thursday buried the remains of 91 militants that had been held for many years in anonymous Israeli graveyards. The remains of 79 militants, wrapped with Palestinian flags, were buried in the West Bank City of Ramallah on Thursday with 12 others buried in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, after Israel handed earlier in the day the remains of those Palestinian militants to the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). In Ramallah, President Mahmoud Abbas placed wreaths on the coffins at the presidential headquarters, as the presidential guards fired 21-gun salute.

Sheikh Mohamed Hussein, Mufti in the Palestinian territories, greeted the remains, and Tayeb Abdul Rahim, secretary-general of the Palestinian presidency, said that the Palestinian leadership would never forget about the martyrs. Meanwhile, in the Gaza Strip, 12 coffins crossed into the enclave through Erez crossing point between Israel and Gaza. Hundreds of Palestinian mourners gathered in front of Gaza City’s main mosque, some of the mourners were masked, wearing military uniform and holding rifles and hand-grenades. They waved flags of Palestinian militant groups, mainly the armed wings of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad. Ismail Haneya, Hamas leader in Gaza, was among the mourners.

Yazeeed Hawaihi, top leader of President Abbas’ Fatah Party in the Gaza Strip, addressed a speech at the ceremony, calling on all factions, including Hamas movement, to reconcile and end division.—Xinhua

An investor sleeps on chairs next to computers at a brokerage house in Wuhan, Hubei Province in this 20 Feb, 2012 file photo.—Reuters

Four dead as church collapse in Nigeria

OYO, Nigeria, June—At least four people were confirmed dead and two others were seriously injured on Thursday when a church building under construction collapsed in Ibadan, capital of southwest Nigeria’s Oyo State.

State commissioner for works and housing Yimus Akintunde confirmed the incident to Xinhua, describing it as terrible and disheartening. Akintunde said those killed in the incident were construction workers at the church building site, and preliminary investigation indicated that contractors of the building project failed to use standard materials for the construction work.

“If the contractor had not compromised quality, this incident would not have happened,” he said, adding that rescue workers quickly arrived at the scene of the incident to provide assistance to the victims. Governor of the state Abiola Ajimobi and his wife were among early callers and sympathizers at the site. The governor, while promising that a thorough investigation into the cause of the collapse, said those injured were being treated at an undisclosed hospital in the state.—Xinhua

Jobs data points to recovery losing momentum

WASHINGTON, June—Payrolls growth picked up only slightly in May and claims for jobless benefits rose last week, suggesting the US labour market recovery was losing steam after a strong performance early in the year.

Other data on Thursday showed factory activity in the Midwest slowed considerably in May and economic growth in the first quarter was a bit softer than initially estimated.

Economists said the reports reflected business anxiety amid an uncertain global economic outlook as the euro zone’s debt crisis escalates and China’s economy slows.

“The economy is growing at an anemic pace and the job market is showing some signs of hesitation in the pace of hiring. There is a lot that was wrong,” said Paul Edelstein, an economist at HSBC Global Insight in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Private employers created 133,000 jobs in May, payroll processor ADP said. That was only a slight step up from April’s tepid increase of 113,000 and below economists’ expectations for a gain of 148,000. The report comes ahead of the government’s closely watched employment report for May on Friday, which is expected to show nonfarm payrolls increased 150,000, up from a paltry 115,000 in April.

The recent cooling in the labour market has been largely viewed as payback for strong gains during the winter, when unusually warm weather spurred economic activity. But economists are starting to worry that the troubles in Europe and an uncertain fiscal outlook at home are now dampening the US recovery.

Initial claims for state jobless benefits rose 10,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 383,000, a Labour Department report showed. 

Reuters

Iraqi policemen stand guard near the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Shula district on 31 May, 2012.—Reuters
French FM says France ready to promote all-round development of ties with China
PARIS, 1 June—French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said on Wednesday that France is ready to make joint efforts with China to promote the all-round development of bilateral ties, especially by deepening cooperation in economic fields.

France wants to make joint efforts with China to make bilateral economic and trade relations more smooth and balanced and achieve concrete results in regional cooperation between the two nations, the French foreign minister said.

For his part, Kong Quan, Chinese Ambassador to France said that Beijing and Paris are two influential powers in the world and it is absolutely necessary to further advance their friendly relations and deepen mutually beneficial cooperation.

Xinhua

Reports question quality of children’s clothing
BEIJING, 1 June—Quality watchdogs across the country have released a series of reports on problems with children’s clothing, including products from some big brands. Children’s wear from famous fashion brands such as ZARA and Disney failed to meet national standards during a survey of major manufacturers in Shanghai conducted by the Shanghai Quality and Technology Supervision Bureau. According to the report released on Monday, ZARA’s children’s shirts were of poor quality in fiber content. The pH value of Disney’s long-sleeve shirts could not meet the standard. Another 15 batches of children’s clothing among 91 tested failed the standard.

Shen Weimin, deputy director of the bureau, said substandard pH value in clothes could harm human skin and may lead to infections. “All children’s wear involved in the report have been pulled from the shelves,” said an employee named Yin in the public relations department of ZARA’s Shanghai office.

About one-third of children’s clothing sold in Beijing was found to have problems in fiber content, pH value and other indicators, according to a report released by the Beijing Consumer Association on Sunday. xinhua

Novozymes launches world’s largest enzyme plant in US
BLAIR, 1 June—Danish enzyme maker Novozymes inaugurated the world’s largest enzyme plant in Blair, Nebraska in central United States on Wednesday, in a major effort to march into the US biofuel market. With an investment of 200 million dollars, Novozymes’s newest plant encompasses nine buildings with a floor space of 137,000 square feet. It is located within a 500-mile radius of 60 percent of all ethanol producers in the country.

According to the leading enzyme firm, the plant will specialize in making top enzymes, a key technology component for both the existing and advanced biofuel markets. Peder Holk Nielsen, executive vice president of Novozymes, said the plant as a critical part of Novozymes’ global production chain, added to its existing plants in China, Brazil, Denmark and the United States “The United States is the world’s largest biofuel market today, and many of the new advanced biofuel plants will be located in the US Midwest, one of the main reasons we chose Nebraska for our new site,” said Nielsen. In his views, today’s 10 percent blend of biofuels in US gasoline reduces gas prices for consumers by about a dollar a gallon. With the recent approval of 15 percent blends by the US Environmental Protection Agency and increased production capacity coming online, together with volatility in many key oil producing regions and the cost of oil production on the rise, the potential of biofuels could go even further, which means a good opportunity for Novozymes. xinhua

Cost of a second child: Pair fined 1.3m yuan
BEIJING, 1 June—A couple in eastern China’s Zhejiang Province who violated China’s family planning rules has been fined 1.3 million yuan ($US260,000), the biggest such penalty levied by authorities in the City of Ruian. The couple gave birth to a daughter in February after having a son in 1995, Modern Express reported yesterday. Couples may have a second child under a few conditions, such as both spouses being from one-child families, or the first child has a non-inherited disease. In some provinces, rural couples are allowed to have a second child if their first child is a girl.

The couple did not qualify. They are wealthy operators of several companies across the nation, the paper said. Local regulations say the fine should be four to eight times the average annual income of local residents, and family planning authorities have flexibility in meting out penalties. Since violators are rich families in Ruian, they are given the maximum fines, local authorities said. Ruian is in the jurisdiction of Wenzhou, which boasts many wealthy entrepreneurs. Nearly half of Wenzhou’s families have two kids, and more than a dozen couples have been fined more than 1 million yuan. xinhua

Bedouin seize two US tourists in Egypt’s Sinai
ISMAILIA, 1 June—Armed Bedouin tribesmen have kidnapped two US tourists in Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula to demand the release of a tribesman arrested in a drugs case, Egyptian police said on Thursday. The American men, both 31, were seized while driving near the resort of Dahab. “There are negotiations now between the security forces and the armed gunmen to free the tourists,” a police source said, adding the Bedouins were seeking the release of one of their tribe who has been jailed in a drugs case. “We can confirm that there were two US citizens kidnapped near Dahab on the Sinai Peninsula and we are working closely with the Egyptian authorities to resolve the situation,” a US embassy official said, without giving further details.

Several other tourists have been held briefly by tribesmen in recent months, but have been released unharmed. Bedouin tribesmen in the Sinai have attacked police stations, blocked access to towns and taken hostages to show their discontent with what they see as a poor average annual income from Cairo and to press for the release of jailed kinmen. Two American women were held in a short-lived kidnapping in February until Egyptian authorities negotiated their release a few hours later. —Reuters

Report warns of risk from nicotine addiction
BEIJING, 1 June—Smoking habits have barely changed over the past decade and lack of knowledge about damage caused by nicotine addiction poses huge challenges, a landmark report said.

The report, the first official document issued by the ministry on the dangers of nicotine, shows that the smoking rate among people aged from 15 to 69 had declined by just 0.08 percent from 2002 to 2010. Chen Zhu, the minister of health, listed the challenges facing those trying to reduce the number of smokers. xinhua

An Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier guards a checkpoint in the main square of Kandahar City in March 2012. A suicide bomber rammed an Afghan police checkpoint on Thursday, killing at least five policemen and wounding six others in the southern province of Kandahar, an official said. —INTERNET

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

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Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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Phone No: 256924/256914

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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 5 / 2012
5th Waning of Nayon 1374 ME
(25 May 2012)

1. The News and Periodical Enterprise under the Ministry of Information has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position:

Position: Assistant Manager (Account)
Vacancy: 2
Educational Qualification: B.Com./B.Act.

2. The applicants -
(a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
(b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel ) on 22 June 2012.
(c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well in tact limbs.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expeditied Mail Service, or by registered mail letter not later than 22 June 2012.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/- for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant position will have to follow the Instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main) 2012, dated 2 January 2012.

5. For service personnel, his or her original application together with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 22 June 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanma and General Knowledge examination papers on 14 July 2012 (Sunday) and English examination paper on 15 July 2012 (Sunday).

7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 12 July 2012.

8. The Ministry of Information has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates In discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to the News and Periodical Enterprise(Yangon Branch), 6A(21), Thil Thwin Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Tel: 01- 200812).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 – 606502, 607 – 606493).

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be viewed on Websites: ucsb.link.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

Tourists take photos of a tiger in Rathambore Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan State, north India, on 30 May, 2012. Neeraj
Pot donated to charity sells for $565K

A British hospice said a pot donated to its charity shop turned out to be a rare Chinese artwork and sold for $565,416. Janet Loud, head of shops for St Peter’s Hospice in Bristol, England, said a worker suspected the pot of being worth more than it gave up and gave it to experts, who identified it as a bamboo creation of popular Chinese artist Gu Jue between 1662 and 1722, Metro.co.uk reported. Identified it as a bamboo creation of popular Chinese artist Gu Jue between 1662 and 1722, Metro.co.uk reported. Gu Jue was a master of bamboo carving and his works are highly prized by collectors. The pot was purchased by a buyer from Hong Kong for $565,416.

Bareilles' 'Once Upon A Time' at No 8

10 are Lionel Richie's 'Dancing on the Ceiling' at No 5. Underwood's 'Blown Away' at No 4, featuring Myles Kennedy of the band Alter Bridge. The 22-year-old from Nashville is the latest star to put her name to a major record deal, with her self-titled debut album hitting stores September 14. John Mayer performs at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City on 14 March, 2011.

Brooks is best known for his contributions to the art of the moving image through a long period that includes hits like “Fire Walk with Me” and “Dune,” “Wild at Heart,” “Das Boot,” “The Elephant Man,” with Lynch as director and co-producer, and as executive producer. Lynch himself has been critical of the way the film was presented in theaters, saying that it was “incredibly rare.” It is believed that the film was intended to be viewed in a more immersive environment, such as a cinema, but it was released on VHS and later DVD in a cut-down version. Lynch has also likened writing about Jobs to writing about the Beatles. To be honest with you, one of the hesitations I had was that this was a little like writing about the Beatles. There are so many people out there that know him and revere him; I saw a minefield of disappointment. Hopefully, when I’m done with my research I’ll be in the same ballpark as some of the folks in here in terms of their knowledge about Jobs,” said Sorkin. He also discussed the challenges of turning a biography into a movie and said the movie won’t likely reveal Jobs’ entire life.

People visit a classic car exhibition in Buxton City, north China's Hebei Province, on 27 May, 2012. Some 20 classic cars were displayed at the exhibition here.


Chiklis, Hudson booked for Boston Pops fireworks show

Boston, 1 June—Actor Michael Chiklis is to serve as host of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular at which Grammy Award winner Jennifer Hudson will sing. The programme is to be broadcast live on the network from the Charles River Esplanade in Boston on 4 July. This will be the second consecutive year Chiklis — star of the upcoming CBS drama series “Vegas” and native of Lowell, Mass — will emcees the event. Hudson will perform some of her biggest hits with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra under the direction of conductor Keith Lockhart, CBS said.

Steve Jobs flick won’t be full biography, says screenwriter Aaron Sorkin

WASHINGTON, 1 June—Academy award winning screenwriter Aaron Sorkin has revealed that his movie about Steve Jobs won’t likely cover the Apple co-founder’s entire life. Sorkin, the screenwriter of ‘The West Wing’ and ‘The Social Network’, plans to adapt Walter Isaacson’s biography of Jobs into a film. “I am at the earliest possible stage with ‘Steve Jobs’,” Sorkin said. “I know I’m going to go through a long period that will not look to a casual observer like writing.” Sorkin has only just begun his research and has revealed that the film will not cover Jobs’ entire life. “Any publicity is good publicity,” he said.

A bear took a swim in the backyard pool

A pair of California teenagers said they were shocked and entertained to discover a large bear taking a dip in their backyard pool. Rachel and Valerie Gasparini said they were alone at their Monrovia home when they saw the bear walking through their back yard toward the pool, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, reported.

Bareilles' "Once Upon A Time" At No 8

Another Time" at No 8, the newest single from American Idol star Fantasia, received critical acclaim upon its release. Fantasia's powerful vocals and emotional delivery have earned her a loyal following among fans of the show. The song’s release was accompanied by a music video that was praised for its creativity and aesthetic appeal. Fantasia has been a consistent performer on American Idol, winning the competition in 2004 and becoming a household name. The music video for "Another Time" features Fantasia as a woman on the verge of a nervous breakdown, played by actress Kirsten Stewart. Stewart, known for her roles in films such as "Twilight" and "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse," was praised for her performance in the video. The song’s release was accompanied by a music video that was praised for its creativity and aesthetic appeal. Fantasia has been a consistent performer on American Idol, winning the competition in 2004 and becoming a household name.
"Illinois" Thomas Pieters wins NCAA golf title

**LOS ANGELES**, June — Illinois sophomore Thomas Pieters shot a final-round 71 to win the NCAA Division I golf championship on Thursday at Riviera Country Club. Pieters finished at 5-under 208, three shots better than Julien Brun of TCU and Florida’s Tyler McCumber, son of PGA Tour player, Mark McCumber. Pieters began the day with a two-stroke lead and after a bogey and birdie on the first two holes was tied with UCLA’s Anton Arboleda. The Belgian made a birdie on the next hole and never relinquished the lead. "I was a tough day," Pieters said. "My strategy was to make a lot of pars. I struggled a little and the last couple of holes I was nervous, but we told him the goal was to finish top five."

Chicharito bails out Mexico in 2-1 win over Bosnia

**CRAICAGO**, June — Javier Hernandez bailed out Mexico with only seconds to spare. "Chicharito" jumped on a defensive gaffe by Bosnia-Herzegovina in the 92nd minute, scoring on a right-footed shot from close range to lift Mexico to a 2-1 win in the exhibition Thursday night. It was one of the lone highlights for El Tri, which will have to shore up a slow defence and improve its transition game before Sunday’s exhibition against Brazil. Giovani Dos Santos had Mexico’s other goal, in the sixth minute. Edin Dzeko scored for Bosnia in the 29th minute.

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**DUBLIN, Ohio**, June — Phil Mickelson withdrew from the Memorial tournament, citing fatigue, after a seven-over-par 79 in Thursday’s opening round. The American world number 12 pulled out of the elite event because his back jack Nicklaus at Muirfield Village Golf Club after covering his back nine in six-over 62, "I think mentally, I’m a little bit fatigued," Mickelson told reporters. "The course is here in such great shape. It’s a beautiful way to get ready for the US Open."

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LOCOG promises to serve best food during Olympics

**LONDON, June** — The London Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) on Wednesday revealed details of the food and drink that will be served to the millions of ticket holders and thousands of athletes during the Games this summer. Over 14 million meals will be served during the Games, across 40 locations — the largest peace time catering operation in the world and 1300 different dishes.

 LOCOG said that 835 spectator concessions featuring more than 150 different types of dishes will showcase the great diversity and quality of British food at affordable prices. As well as the millions of ticket holders and spectators, LOCOG is also responsible for feeding more than 15,000 athletes across both the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The primary concern of the 23,900 athletes and team officials is to make sure they perform to their peak on competition days. Their ability to do this depends in no small part on the provision of familiar and nutritionally balanced food and drink, which will be available at exactly the right time of day or night.

The main dining room seats over 5000 athletes and consists of four zones including British, European, Mediterranean, African and Caribbean dishes and cater for special diets such as Halal, Kosher, low salt and allergens.

In line with London 2012’s sustainability commitments, the Games will also aim to use local produce and reduce the carbon footprint of the food. All dairy, beef, lamb, pork and poultry is also Red Tractor accredited as a minimum.

GM’s Chevrolet to sponsor Manchester United

**WASHINGTON, June** — General Motors announced on Thursday a three-year sponsorship deal with Manchester United, the world’s most popular football club, fixing Chevrolet as the team’s exclusive automotive sponsor. The move came weeks after GM said it would no longer advertise on Facebook or the Super Bowl, the American football championship and one of the country’s most-viewed television events each year.

Joe Ewanick, GM chief marketing officer said football or soccer as it is known in the United States, has a broad fan base around the world.

"More than 3.5 billion people follow soccer and only about 840 million people follow the NFL," added Ewanick, referring to the US National Football League, which controls the Super Bowl. "We have to go where our customers are." He said.

Ewanick declined to put a dollar figure on GM’s support for Manchester United, but said the Chevrolet brand, long identified with American sports, now sells 60 percent of its vehicles outside the United States. Though they lost this year’s English Premier League title, Manchester United has a record 19 league titles and is arguably the most popular sports team in England and in front of hundreds of millions of fans across Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas.

In April Forbes magazine ranked it the world’s most valuable football team, worth $2.24 billion. Ewanick said part of the new sponsorship money would be spent on the Super Bowl and Facebook.

Ewanick said the Super Bowl audience has peaked. GM sources also said the television networks had increased the price tag on Super Bowl ads by 20 percent to roughly $4 million for a 30 second ad for the 2013 championship.

The money saved will also go to sponsorship of a China Cup Football tournament in China, the world’s largest car market and GM’s target market outside the United States.

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"But I’m hitting it so poorly ... I have to look at what’s best to get my best golf shape. It’s a beautiful way to get ready for the US Open," Mickelson said of the tournament’s three-day major championship.

"I came back and had a Tuesday outing in Long Island, the pro-am. Mentally I’m a little bit fatigued."
Slowdown in orders hits confidence of New Zealand exporters

Wellington, 1 June — New Zealand manufacturers are seeing sales and staff numbers fall along with their confidence, according to the latest survey of business conditions from the New Zealand Manufacturers and Exporters Association (NZMEA) on Friday.

Total sales in April were down 1.51 percent from April last year, with exports up by 5.41 percent, but domestic sales down 6.09 percent, according to the survey. The survey sample covered 428 million NZ dollars (321.17 million US dollars) in annualized sales with an export content of 43 percent, said a statement from the NZMEA. The current performance index, which combined profitability and cashflow, was 101, up from 99 in March, on a scale where above 100 indicated expansion and below 100 contraction.

The change index, measuring capacity utilization, staff levels, orders and inventories, remained steady at 101, and the forecast index covering investment, sales, profitability and staff was also steady at 102. Staff numbers for April decreased year on year by 3.38 percent. "Generally the story of sales just holding up, but worker books and a lack of confidence in future prospects remains prominent," NZMEA chief executive John Walley said in the statement.

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Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. Chesterfield, e.g. (6)
2. Kind of line (7)
3. Synthetic thermoplastic material (6, 6)
4. "Miss Regrets" (6, 6)
5. Series of six balls bowled from one end of a cricket pitch (5, 5)
15. Drink from a dish (9)
17. Detachment (9)
19. Original matter prior to the Big Bang (9)
20. Modified car for speed (2 wds) (10)
21. Dance bit (8)
22. 45 degrees clockwise (9)
24. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (acronym) (20)
25. Professional beggar (12)
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29. "Sentineled uncle" (7)
30. Setting at an obtuse angle (7)
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Down
1. Used to express lack of interest (2 wds) (8)
2. Good for nothing (8)
3. Tailor, at times (8)
4. Religious community where Hindu holy man lives (8)
5. 128 cubic feet (8)
6. Egg cells (8)
7. What's up? (2 wds) (8)
8. Pie chart, e.g. (9)
9. Cockeyed (9)
10. Be noisy (9)
11. Assign a value to (9)
12. Sideward (9)
13. Came out (9)
14. Family head (9)
15. Mollify (9)
16. "Buona" (Italian greeting) (9)
17. Dogwood trees, e.g. (9)
18. Back (9)
19. Deception (9)
20. Cheerful (9)
21. Quality of just coming into being (9)
22. Registered in a class (9)
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Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan addresses opening ceremony of Taekwando and Wushu Coaching and Referee Course.—MNA

**Music4Children**, Friday, 1 June, 2012, an unidentified 9-year-old with asthma.

**YANGON, 1 June—**Israeli Music Therapist Ms Tsvia Horevsh will equip teachers from nine special schools in Yangon with some insight into the therapeutic role of music-making for disabled children at the workshop from 28 May to 2 May. Israeli Music Therapist Mr Bayldon said.

**NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—**A KIA armed group blew up the tower No. 73 of the 230 KV Shweli-Mansi national grid near Pankanine village and the tower Nos. 206, 207 and 208 near Monewi village in Namkhon Township, Shan State (North) on 18-5-2012 and 19-5-2012. Consequently, the lower parts of the towers were broken and fell to ground resulting in the cut of power supply from Shweli Hydropower Plant.

**NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—**A new Rainfall Record is being set atop Himalayan peak in Nepal.—INTERNET

**NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—**A total of 2664 publications have been donated to the hospital today.

**NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—**The minister also met coaches and backroom staff who are training new faces at his office.

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**Repair of 230 KV Shweli-Mansi national grid in progress.—MNA**

**NPE donates publications to Nay Pyi Taw People’s Hospital (1000-bed)**

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