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Does it include you?

Today, the whole world shows its love for the mother earth celebrating World Environment Day with the message “Green Economy: Does it include you?” as United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) nears. Particularly, your social inclusiveness in green economy has come under the spotlight.

Our planet has been suffering higher level carbon emission and worrisome resource insufficiency for years. Many hunted for the money at risks of the giving nature. Now, we should focus on how we could acquire a fortune in a way that also contributes to the earth.

The green economy reduces “environmental risks and ecological sacrifices” while improving “human well-being and social equity”, the United Nations Environment Programme defines. To turn into a Green Economy, a public or private business must embrace Corporate Social Responsibility in line with the law, ethical standards and international norms. It monitors whether their business activities have any impact on carbon emission and biodiversity while committing to enhancing energy sufficiency.

Being a part of society, you have not only the right to enjoy the fruits of the green economy but the responsibility to participate in the drive. As it is a matter of concern for all of global citizens, you need to give a hand to the bid for sustainable development for better world with adequate resources. The world needs your hand.

Political party submits application to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Those wishing to set up political parties have been applying for registration as political parties to Union Election Commission. Shan State Kokang Democratic Party including U Antoni Su and 16 political parties to Union Election Commission. Shan State

Regarding their application, the UEC has made requirements, and so did lawyers and the committee chairman. Ministers and Hluttaw representatives discussed the speeches. Afterwards, the State advocate-general, the State auditor-general at State Government Office in Loikaw, Kayah State on 1 June. At the meeting, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee U Hsai Paung Nut extended the greetings and explained the purpose of paying visit to Kayah State and the Committee’s objectives and aims.

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Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee meets Kayah State government, Hluttaw Speaker, Hluttaw representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee U Hsai Paung Nut and members met with Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyaw Swe, State High Court Chief Justice U Kyaw Lin Maung, the State ministers, and the State Auditor-General at State Government Office in Loikaw, Kayah State on 1 June. At the meeting, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee U Hsai Paung Nut extended the greetings and explained the purpose of paying visit to Kayah State and the Committee’s objectives and aims.

The meeting came to an end after the chief minister made a concluding speech. After that, the committee chairman presented the constitution manual to the chief minister. They took documentary photo taken.

In the afternoon, a meeting between Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee and the State Hluttaw speaker, deputy speaker, National Races Affairs Ministers, National Races Literature and Culture Troupes, political parties, religious and social organizations, entrepreneurs and townsmen, took place at City Hall of Loikaw.

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40 trainees receive sewing skills

IMF Deputy Manager Mr Shinohara donated US$ 3,000 to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) through Chairman of the hospital management U Maung Maung under Civic Community Programme on 4 June.

MMCWA Chairperson and CEC members view trainees at the course.

World No Tobacco Day observed in Yangon

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe addresses World No Tobacco Day.—MNA

YANGON, 4 June—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe delivered an address at a ceremony to mark the World No Tobacco Day at the University of Nursing (Yangon) in Lannawdaw Township today.

Head of Yangon Region Health Department Dr Aye Ko Ko read a message sent by the Union Health Minister at the ceremony.

The Yangon Region Chief Minister also delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the sports and education course for the 2012-2013 academic year of the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) at the institute today.

During the ceremony, he gave cash assistance for uniforms to coaches and teachers of the course. He also accepted a thank you presentation by nine donors. A total of 368 trainees are attending the course.
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Pakistan and US: allies without trust

A car stops as a coal truck drives down a road at Adaro Energy’s coal mine near Banjarmasin in Indonesia’s South Kalimantan Province, on 1 June, 2012. Indonesia plans to control coal exports and is considering a tax on shipments from the world’s top thermal coal exporter, the mining minister said on 4 June, 2012, comments that pushed shares in the country’s top coal miners down by more than 10 percent. — Reuters

5.1 magnitude quake hits Italy, some buildings collapse

MILAN, 6 June — No casualties were reported but some buildings collapsed in central-northern Italy as a magnitude-5.1 quake on Sunday evening shook the same area that was hit by two powerful fatal quakes on 20 and 29 May. The latest shock occurred at 9:20 pm local time and was centered in the town of Novi di Modena at a depth of 20 km, according to Italy’s Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV). The so-called “Clock Tower”, a centuries-old building in the historical centre of Novi di Modena, as well as other buildings that had been partially damaged by the previous quakes, totally collapsed.

Carlo Marchini, mayor of the nearby town Concordia sulla Secchia, told Rai State television that fortunately there were no further dead nor injured people as all residents were already living inside city tents outside the historical centre. “I was in a city tent at the moment, and there were scenes of panic. But fortunately all homes had already been evacuated so there was no one injured,” he said. Yet, several people were reported to feel frightened.

“The situation had slightly improved in the past few days, as no powerful shakes had been recorded, but tonight I saw panic-stricken people again. Every new quake is a blow to the heart,” said Rudi Acconci, mayor of another town in the area, San Possidonio. “This is not life anymore. We are continuously feeling some moving under our feet, and we can just hope it will stop one day. It is just exhausting,” a local resident told Sky channel. At least 16,000 people in the hit-area have been out of their homes since 20 May, when the first powerful quake of the long sequence that killed 24 people and injured hundreds others. Local experts recommended to all residents not to get close to their homes as other shocks may occur in the next days. They also noted the epicenter was slightly moving towards northern Italy. “We have registered dozens of aftershocks in the past days, so this last shock although powerful can be considered as the end of the sequence,” a seismologist of INGV, Alessandro Santus, said. And, noted the seismologist, “the 5.8-magnitude earthquake on Tuesday claimed 17 lives and the 6-magnitude quake on 20 May killed seven people.”

Vietnam to open restricted sites for MIA search: Pentagon

HANOI, 4 June — The Vietnamese government has agreed to open three previously restricted sites to help the search for and excavation of the remains of US servicemen listed as missing in action, a Pentagon spokesman said on Monday. The agreement was unveiled at a meeting between representatives of the US government, led by Secretary Leon Panetta and his Vietnamese counterpart Phung Quang Thanh, spokesman George Little said. He gave no details about the sites. “The Department of Defense believes these sites are critical to locating missing-in-action personnel from the Vietnam War and that JIGAC research teams will strongly benefit from access to these sites,” Little said, referring to the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command mission in Vietnam. At the meeting, Panetta and Thanh also exchanged artefacts taken by Vietnamese and US soldiers during the war, which ended in 1975. Little said the exchange, involving the diary of a Vietnamese soldier killed in 1966 and the personal letters of a US army sergeant killed in 1969, is the first of its kind between the two defense ministries. On Sunday, Panetta became the most senior US official to visit Cam Ranh Bay in central Vietnam, a former US logistic hub during the Vietnam War, since the end of the war. The United States wanted to expand defence ties with Vietnam following a memorandum signed last year on defence co-operation, the Vietnam Defence Ministry-run Vietnam People’s Army paper quoted Panetta as saying at a briefing there on Sunday. — Reuters

Japan PM announces new Cabinet lineup

TOKYO, 4 June—Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda on Monday announced his second Cabinet reshuffle since he took office last September, replacing five ministers out of 18, in a move to win support from the opposition parties for his tax raise bill. Defence Minister Naoki Tanaka and Transport Minister Takashi Maeda, who were both censured in April by the opposition-dominated Upper House of parliament, were replaced by Satoshi Morimoto, a 71-year-old professor at Kyushu University, and Yuichiro Hata, the Democratic Party of Japan’s Diet affairs chief in the upper house, respectively. Noda became the country’s first post-war Cabinet reshuffle since World War II. Senior Vice Justice Minister Makoto Taki was named new defence minister. — MNA/Xinhua

Iran’s new space centre to be launched

TEHRAN, 4 June—Iran’s Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi said that Iran’s new space centre, named Imam Khomeini Space Centre, will be launched in the future, local daily Tehran Times reported on Sunday. This new space centre which is 80 percent complete will be used for sending satellites made by Iran and other Muslim countries into space, Vahidi was quoted as saying on Saturday.

The Iranianscientists and experts from the Aerospace Industry Organization of the Defence Ministry, will send into orbit from the Imam Khomeini space centre, said the minister. As the first step, Vahidi said the Tolou (down) satellite will be launched into orbit from the Imam Khomeini space centre in the near future, according to the report. Iran, a founding member of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, launched its first domestically-made data-processing satellite, the Omid (Hope), into space in 2009, according to the report. Vahidi said that it will push ahead with its space programme in the coming years.

Members of the Red Cross stand beside their ambulances outside a drug rehabilitation clinic which was attacked by gunmen in the outskirts of Torreon on 3 June, 2012 in this handout picture released by the Attorney General of Torreon, adding the clinic in the city of Torreon sits a drug rehabilitation clinic in the city in northern Mexico late on Sunday, leaving 11 people dead and at least 8 wounded almost a year to the date after a similar fatal attack nearby.—Reuters

Colombian President applauds capture of criminal group ringleader

BOGOTA, 4 June — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, who recently praised the capture in Venezuela of Diego Perez Henao, or “Diego Rastrojos,” head of the criminal group “Los Rastrojos,” in Twitter, confirmed Perez’s arrest, and greeted the Venezuelan and Colombian authorities who took part in the operation. Earlier, Venezuelan Interior and Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said Perez was arrested in Rojas region in Venezuela’s western state of Barinas, near the border withColombia. El Aissami said Perez was arrested together with three others. Colombian Police Director Jose Roberto Leon said the capture was “a victory against all criminal groups in Colombia. Leon thanked Venezuelan authorities for their help in Perez’s capture, adding the ringleader pretended to be an estate’s foreman in Barinas and his guards had workers. The police director said rewards will be paid to the informers of Perez’s capture, adding the US government had offered 5 million US dollars and the Colombian government had offered 1.2 million Colombian pesos (about 660,000 dollars) to the ones who provided information leading to Perez’s capture. The United States had requested Perez’s extradition.

US President Barack Obama (R) meets with Pakistan’s President Asif Ali Zardari in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, on 14 Jan, 2011.— Reuters

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How Internet use may indicate depression

WASHINGTON, 4 June — Internet data indicates students with signs of depression tend to use the Internet differently than those with no depression symptoms, US researchers say.

Lead researcher Srinath Chellappan, an assistant professor of computer science at the University of Missouri, and colleagues identified nine fine-grained patterns of Internet usage that may indicate depression.

“The study is believed to be the first that uses actual Internet data, collected unobtrusively and anonymously, to associate Internet usage with signs of depression,” Chellappan said in a statement.

Previous research on Internet usage has relied on surveys, which are a far less accurate way of assessing how people use the Internet.

The researchers collected a month’s worth of Internet data for 216 Missouri undergraduate students anonymously and unobtrusively with the students assigned pseudonyms to keep their identities hidden.

The study found depressed students tended to use the Internet in a more “random” manner — frequently switching among applications, perhaps from chat rooms to games to e-mail.

Chellappan said the randomness may indicate trouble concentrating — a characteristic associated with depression.

Chellappan’s research has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of IEEE Technology and Society Magazine.

Study: Birds resemble juvenile dinosaurs

Texas at Austin and elsewhere said their study was sparked by the realization that skulls of modern birds and juvenile dinosaurs show a surprising degree of similarity.

That’s because while many dinosaur species took years to reach sexual maturity, birds sped up the clock — some species reach maturity in a little as 12 weeks — allowing them to retain the physical characteristics of baby dinosaurs, a UT Austin release said on Wednesday.

“What is interesting about this research is the way it illustrates evolution as a developmental phenomenon,” Harvard researcher Arkhat Abzhanov said. “By changing the developmental biology in early species, nature has produced the modern bird — an entirely new creature — and one that, with approximately 10,000 species, is today the most successful group of land vertebrates on the planet.”

“You can have such dramatic success simply by changing the relative timing of events in a creature’s development is remarkable,” he said. “We now understand the relationship between birds and dinosaurs that much better, and we can say that, when we look at birds, we are actually looking at juvenile dinosaurs.”

Senator calls Facebook IPO specious

WASHINGTON, 4 June — US Sen Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn, says Facebook’s initial public offering is the “poster child,” for practices on Wall Street that favour big investors.

“They impose a spoiler child for all that’s wrong with current practices,” Blumenthal said in an interview, The Washington Post reported on Saturday.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not confirmed or denied that it is conducting an investigation into the Facebook IPO that was marred by technical problems, including a 30 minute delay and difficulty for traders to confirm transactions on the day of Facebook’s public debut.

Areas of concern include underwriter Morgan Stanley giving one set of information on Facebook’s revenue forecast to some of its investors and holding that information back from others, the Post reported.

“You wonder, isn’t there something wrong with this picture? Where the underwriters selectively pick (who should receive) information, then the public is not only permitted but encouraged to participate?” Blumenthal asked.

Morgan Stanley’s Chief Executive Officer James Gorman has insisted that the firm followed established rules when it came to the IPO. Some, however, say the case provokes new questions, including whether or not the recently passed JOBS Act went too far by allowing companies with under $1 billion in revenue a separate set of rules about what must be disclosed before an IPO compared to larger companies.

The law was supposed to make it easier for smaller companies to go public.

“I voted against the JOBS Act, and the Facebook IPO may be Exhibit A why we need to revisit some of the issues that were given so little attention,” Blumenthal said.

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New material to aid in terrorism fight

WASHINGTON, 4 June — A new standard reference material will aid in the detection of two explosive compounds known to be used by terrorists, a US government agency says.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has designed the new test samples to simulate the size and behaviour of residues that remain after handling the explosives PETN (pentanitrothiophuranitrate) and TATP (triacetone triperoxide).

Instrument developers, academic researchers and government labs can use the standard reference material, or SRM, to test, refine and validate their new detector designs, an NIST release reported on Wednesday.

Both PETN and TATP, relatively difficult to detect in the field, were used in failed terrorist attacks by the “shoe bomber” in 2002 and the “underwear bomber” in 2009.

The new NIST SRM, while not itself explosive, contains meticulously measured concentrations of the two explosives that can be used to test and validate the ability of machines and methods to detect the explosives’, the agency said.

Flying drone copies bat flapping

“Bat wings are highly articulated, with wing skeletons very similar to those of human arms and hands,” said Julian Colorado of the Polytechnic University of Madrid. “The way bats change the shape of their wings has great potential for improving the maneuverability of micro air vehicles.”

Colorado and colleagues in Madrid and from Brown University in Rhode Island have built a drone with an 18-inch wingspan inspired by a type of bat called the gray-headed flying fox, capable of changing the profile of its wing between the downstroke and upstroke, NewScientist.com reported on Wednesday.

On the downstroke a large wing surface area is required to generate lift and propulsion, but on the upstroke a large area creates drag, so a bat folds the wing towards the upstroke.

In the “Batbot,” the extension and contraction of the wing is controlled by shape-memory alloy wires that switch between two shapes when different currents are applied, pulling in to slim the wing profile on the upstroke.

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Weather forecasters to use fastest supercomputer

Tokyo, 4 June — Japan’s Meteorological Agency is to introduce a new supercomputer that it says is the fastest of all machines at weather organizations in the world.

The agency has used supercomputers since 1959 to forecast local downpours, paths of typhoons, and other phenomena.

The new system that starts on Tuesday in Tokyo can perform 847 trillion calculations per second.

The speed is 30 times that of the current system introduced 6 years ago.

The agency currently forecasts rain clouds, rainfall, and other conditions for areas of 5 by 5 kilometres. The new supercomputer reduces the size to 2 by 2 kilometres.

The agency says this will improve forecasts for rapidly growing cumulonimbus that may cause downpours and gusts of wind in very limited areas.

Those sudden developments have been difficult to catch. An agency official says forecasters hope the better precision in forecasts will also improve precision of their alerts and warnings.

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#### Foxconn defends work, living conditions

Taipei company Foxconn, an electronics giant with plants in Shenzhen and Zhengzhou on the Chinese mainland, released a statement saying, “The welfare of our employees is without a doubt our top priority and we are working hard to give our more than one million employees in China a safe and positive working environment,” CNN reported on Friday. The company also makes electronics for Sony, Microsoft and Nokia.

Rights groups Students and Scholars Against Corporate Misbehaviour said it interviewed 170 Foxconn workers and found many employees were subjected to long working hours, unpaid overtime, humiliation by management, and poor working conditions.

Some workers felt the most pressing issue is their treatment by management, while others felt pay was the main issue. But most agreed they had witnessed no significant improvements, SACOM’s Debby Chan Sze Wan told CNN, referring to the watchdog created by Foxconn since 2010.

Workers recently received raises but said they were actually worse off because paid overtime was reduced. Foxconn said it is working with the Fair Labour Association “to carry out a remediation programme to continuously improve the working environment for our employees and to ensure they are treated with respect.”

#### UN Secretary General’s message on World Environment Day

As the world gears up for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), World Environment Day is an opportunity to highlight the need for a paradigm shift towards a more sustainable world. This year’s theme, “Green Economy: Does it include you?”, underscores the need for everyone to play their part in keeping humanity’s ecological footprint within planetary boundaries.

The world’s population stands at 7 billion and may rise to more than 9 billion by 2050. This means greater pressure on already crowded cities – where more than half of all people now live – and on natural resources, as demand for food, water and energy rises. It also means more people in search of decent jobs. Globally, 1.3 billion people are currently unemployed or under-employed. An estimated half billion more will join the job market over the next decade.

Sustainability entails providing opportunity for all by balancing the social, economic and environmental dimensions of development. We argue that there is conflict between economic and environmental health. With smart policies and the right investments, countries can protect their environment, grow their economies, generate decent jobs and accelerate social progress.

Rio+20’s opportunity to deepen global commitment to sustainable development. In Rio we should agree that measuring growth and wealth by Gross Domestic Product alone is inadequate. We should agree that the world needs a set of sustainable development goals that will build on the Millennium Development Goals. And we should make progress on some of the building blocks of sustainability – energy, water, food, cities, jobs and the empowerment of women.

Sustainability is gaining prominence on the public policy agenda in both developed and developing nations. The UN itself is working towards climate neutrality and sustainable management of our offices and activities. In Rio, we must mobilize the partnerships we need to shift the world onto a more sustainable trajectory of growth and development. On this World Environment Day, in advance of this historic conference, I urge governments, businesses and all members of society to make the holistic choices that will ensure a sustainable future – the future we want.

#### UN investor suspected of TEPCO insider trading

Tokyo, 5 June—Japan’s Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission has asked US authorities to investigate a US investor for alleged insider trading involving shares of Tokyo Electric Power Company.

People familiar with the matter say the Japanese securities regulator is holding off until it is able to question the investor directly and is asking the US Securities and Exchange Commission to help.

They say the unnamed investor obtained confidential information about planned TEPCO share offerings in 2010 and made a profit by short-selling the shares.

Nomura Securities Company was involved in TEPCO’s share offerings. The investor is thought to have obtained the information about the offerings apparently through his firm’s Japan operations.

The Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission asked the Financial Services Agency in May to fine Samitomo Mitsui Trust Bank and another firm for insider trading.

The commission is also investigating the role of brokers in such insider trading cases and their information management systems.
The New Light of Myanmar 5 June 2012

To the leaders who are the hope of Myanmar

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Preamble
First I would like to acknowledge that I wrote this article out of much anxiety only after weighing the pros and cons again and again with a feeling full of hesitation and uncertainty. Sincerely, I have the feeling of anxiety whether it may have certain impacts on the two political leaders who I am sure have vision and insight much wider and deeper than me. However, with sincere truth from the bottom of my heart I wrote this article in connection with the two leaders who in fact are our hope and who are rare that such persons are exceptional.

World Economic Forum, a new step of Myanmar

Recently news on the Pyithu Hluttaw representative and Chairperson of National League for Democracy Mr. U Win Myint attending the World Economic Forum for Asia and Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, has become the headline and breaking news of domestic and foreign media. Especially, it was significant news in the United States of America where I live. It would not be an overstatement if I say that the whole world was focusing on the two leaders.

The forum was interesting for Myanmar expats, because we had that both President U Thein Sein and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi would attend it. Another fact that we had to know is that it was the first trip abroad as the president of the country who never left the country for abroad since she came back to Myanmar in 1988. The US media were saying that it was a test of the democracy path paved by President U Thein Sein. The more heartening fact is that next year’s forum will be held in Myanmar. In my view, it proved that Myanmar was advancing step by step towards the global stage. Besides, I felt so much joy to the level of having goose pimples. Nowadays, our country has been changing its image through reforms.

Anxieties of a person from afar

I listened carefully and seriously to the words of both Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Minister of Energy U Than Htay, as the tendency of international investors for Myanmar depends on their words. What’s more, the two leaders, President U Thein Sein and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, have already made a mutual agreement to set aside differences for the common interest of the nation and the people. What worried me then was that if the words of the two were contrary to another the hard-won trust (including international confidence in Myanmar in addition to the mutual trust between the two leaders) would vanish.

I was relieved. I found basic similarities in their words. They called for investments in labour-based industries to generate job opportunities soonest. While Daw Aung San Suu Kyi focused on job creation investment, Energy Minister U Than Htay gave priority to inviting labour-intensive industry.

But my anxieties remained. I heard news saying that the President had postponed his visit to Thailand after the end of the forum. A friend of mine from the Sume Department Aung San Suu Kyi asked me by phone. His question was: “Why?” Columnist Thomas Fuller of The New York Times made a comment saying it seemed that President U Thein Sein felt itinerant. I was worried as I had been seeing the dawn in our country after waiting for many years. We have just started to see national reconciliation a long-waited dream of our people throughout the past successive eras. Our democracy has not yet mature in all aspects, and our society still has much to do to reach the level of the US society.

Not to be haunted by nightmare

Even before the 2010 elections, some of my close friends of the State Department and the Congress asked why our government was so bitter about the word “Burma.” I explained that the reason was to preserve our national sovereignty and internationalism. So they told me that we need to differentiate between the term and the reality. So I said, “OK Mitchell I will not call you Mitchell, instead I will call you Clinton that is not your name. Can you imagine what situation made them understand the matter. Then I explained the close relationship between the Tatmadaw (Armed Forces) and Myanmar history; the true nature and traits of Myanmar soldiers; and the need to stay away from words that may be haunting like a nightmare. So if there is wish to establish good relations with Myanmar and to understand that the word “Burma” reminds us of the colonialists. Like us the United State had also faced civil war, but with different historical background. Moreover, they do not have the American race, but only the American citizen. We both drove out the British colonialists, but under different situations. I also explained that their country with constant strong citizenship and our country with constant strong nationalism were not in a parallel trend. When both President U Thein Sein and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said that Burma was just a race of the many ethnic races, we were incredibly inspiring and happy. At that time, there sprouted up a belief in my heart: “Once in a blue moon we have seen two leaders with impressive background. We have also witnessed the two have a lot in common in the way they think and work in politics. Both of them have unchallenged their fists for the common interest which has been like a pipeline for the nation. Our nation can be united again if it could not be united in such a rare time never before in history. Our nation would be able to restore national consolidation again for sure.”

Bring about the rule of law

Our nation has endless works to be done. For this, the two leaders have to work hard, no doubt about it. What comes the first and foremost here is the rule of law to which both of the leaders attach great importance. Looking back the history, it was the British colonialists who introduced bureaucracy to our nation along with the judicial system. I do not mean to point a finger at the entire system, but they had in fact practised the judicial system designed for the benefit of the rulers as the way colonialists behave. Jury system is exercised in US in which I am living. Jury system does not vest judicial power to the judge, instead the judge has to deliver the verdict based on the decision of the members of the jury who judge whether the defendant is guilty or not. Unfortunately, our judicial system has definitely been a system of judge and jury.

In US, every citizen understands the constitution very well. They know the laws issued and also observe the actions of legislature and MPs in detail. Meanwhile, they also fulfill the citizenship duties. All the politicians, MPs, and senior government officials have learned the constitution and existing laws almost by heart. So far as I know, civic education there is at the extremely high level whereas in our nation, we still have to promote civic education and capacity of understanding of law that could guarantee safety of their investments would be settled in line with the law. But I am concerned that these two leaders have to work hard, no doubt about it. What comes the first and foremost here is the rule of law to which both of the leaders attach great importance. Looking back the history, it was the British colonialists who introduced bureaucracy to our nation along with the judicial system. I do not mean to point a finger at the entire system, but they had in fact practised the judicial system designed for the benefit of the rulers as the way colonialists behave. Jury system is exercised in US in which I am living. Jury system does not vest judicial power to the judge, instead the judge has to deliver the verdict based on the decision of the members of the jury who judge whether the defendant is guilty or not. Unfortunately, our judicial system has definitely been a system of judge and jury.

It would be required the combined efforts of the government, political leaders, MPs and the entire civil society for the higher-standard civic education of our citizens. Politicians are responsible for leading the people. The beginning cannot be said fair if the democratic transition has gone far to such extent. Frankly speaking, most of us did not expect such much. Negligence is inseparable part of our society and work in politics. Both of them have unclenched their fists for the communication between the government and the parliament, between the government and political parties and between political parties and the people. Another fact that is as constitution is the highest prescription in every State, it is the bonding law every citizen of respective State including the president and prime minister has to abide by. I do not want to see a small mistake resulting in great remorse and am deeply worried that it would harm mutual trust and cooperation.

Create job opportunities

Experts like me could more understand homesickness. We, the citizens who are working odd jobs in neighbouring countries, each have the will that our country stands higher than these countries. This is the love of the country and the nationalist fervour. If we could enjoy wages and standards of these countries pay, guarantees these countries offer and living standards these countries provide in our native land, nobody would take risks working away home. We would be working in our own country peacefully without parents, relatives and community. Now our country is having bright prospects thanks to the two leaders’ bid to find common ground. To draw the bright future of the neighbours, it is just enough if we work tirelessly in our own land. The citizens were in a hurry. Our country should be developed in good time.

While both Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the Energy Minister invited investments that would create employment opportunities in Thai Forum, international investors gave a nod of approval and prepared the ground. Nobody should raise doubts and uncertainties of investors in such time. The citizens in my view are expected to work hard without the advantage of this situation.

Most of those who were present at the forum were from multinational corporations. Most of them were interested to do businesses and invest in Myanmar. There were also entrepreneurs who were following the forum news despite their absence. I am really worried that warning them to be not optimistic about Myanmar and speaking that there is no rule that the law could guarantee safety of the investment. I do not want to shut the door on opportunity. I firmly believe that the leaders love the country and people more than I do. The feeling of the one inside the country would not be the same with that of the one outside. I am ready to accept the blame if someone says me, “What are you worried about, living abroad?” But, our hope is the present time Myanmar is passing.

Clearing the clouds of doubts

We both drove out the British colonialists, but under different historical background. Moreover, they do not have the American race, but only the American citizen. We both drove out the British colonialists, but under different situations. I also explained that their country with constant strong citizenship and our country with constant strong nationalism were not in a parallel trend. When both President U Thein Sein and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said that Burma was just a race of the many ethnic races, we were incredibly inspiring and happy. At that time, there sprouted up a belief in my heart: “Once in a blue moon we have seen two leaders with impressive background. We have also witnessed the two have a lot in common in the way they think and work in politics. Both of them have unchallenged their fists for the common interest which has been like a pipeline for the nation. Our nation can be united again if it could not be united in such a rare time never before in history. Our nation would be able to restore national consolidation again for sure.”

I answered that these things do not arise overnight and have been underlining for the country for years and they arise now because the people are granted more rights in improved political system. It is because of the opening up by the new government led by the incumbent President. He accepted my reason that such peaceful protests are usual in democratic countries. Though, I am concerned. They are doubted. They start to lose confidence. I do not want to blame the government or the protesters. Those are unavoidable. The energy issue could be resolved in a possible with a certain section of sustainable energy strategy. Also the salary dilemma could be settled in line with the law. But I am concerned that these two leaders would undermine the confidence of investors in Myanmar. I do not think one or any organization should not block the investors in this situation.

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School enrollment day held in Singu Township

SINGU, 4 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day of Singu Township, took place at Basic Education High School in Singu, on 25 May. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Hla Win delivered a speech and township education officer U Pang Zanan explained the school enrollment. After that, the township administrator, chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Myint Myint San and officials presented text books and exercise books to students. The school head spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the township administrator, the MCWA chairperson, the School head and officials visited school enrollment.

Myanma Alin

Assistances provided to students, war veterans members in Hsipaw

HSIPAW, 4 June—A ceremony to provide assistances to students and old war veterans, took place at Hsipaw City Hall in Hsipaw Township in Shan State on 31 May.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization Captain Thein Htaik Oo (retd) delivered a speech. After that, Captain Thein Htaik Oo (retd) and officials provided cash assistances to students and old war veterans.

Myanma Alin

Educative talk on traffic rules given in Loilem

LOILEM, 4 June—An educative talk on traffic rules, organized by District Office (Loilem) of Road Administration was held at the District office on 10 May. District staff officer U Chit Tin of Road Administration Department and an official gave educative talks on traffic rules. It was attended by drivers, bus conductors, car owners and local people. —RAD

Books show held in Tatkon Township

TATKON, 4 June—With the aim of raising reading habits and acquiring knowledge, book show was held at Tatkon Township Information and Public Relations Department in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 24-25 May. Staff officer Daw Tint Tint Khaing of Township IPRD and chairman of Township Writers Association U Thein Win Myint opened the show. —Township IPRD

Midwifery course opens in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 4 June—An opening of Midwifery Course, conducted by Kyaukme District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, was held at Kyaukme District MCWA on 24 May.

District Commissioner U Khin Maung Lay and Chairperson of District MCWSC Daw Lwin Lwin Maw delivered speeches on the occasion. Afterwards, District Dr Daw May Thin explained the purpose of opening it. A total of 20 trainees from eight townships are attending six-month course. —Myanma Alin

To the leaders who...

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We want no suspicion between the two leaders and between individuals and organizations behind them which could spur ugly history. We no longer want to worry about that. Mutual trust between the President and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is our nation’s future. It is our firm belief that the two leaders are more far-sighted and visionary than us. This being so, we don’t want any suspicion between them.

Conclusion

It was found that many politicians (both Republicans and Democrats) in the United States of America where I was living took great interest in Myanmar affairs. The result of Presidential elections will emerge by the end of the year. According to current information, Obama is gaining upper hand. Whether Obama or Mitt Rooney takes office, the attitude of the US towards the country can be better or more flexible. Changes in view and attitude are now in sight. Some call for fully lifting of sanctions while others disclose that once gunfire in Kachin State ceases there will emerge ray of peace in the nation.

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**Myanmar delegation attends World Economic Forum on East Asia**

**World Economic Forum on East Asia, 30 May - 1 June, 2012**

**Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay delivers an address at World Economic Forum on East Asia held at Shangri-La Hotel in Bangkok of Thailand.**—MNA

On 1 June, Union Minister U Than Htay discussed the topic titled “The Promise and Future of Myanmar” and recent reforms in Myanmar, democratization process, rule of law, transparency, corruption, accountability, peace-making process and holding of World Economic Forum on East Asia in Nay Pyi Taw of Myanmar in 2013 as a host country.

After that, the Union Minister and party also had discussions with Union Minister for Energy of Thailand Mr Arak Chonlatanon and party, Permanent secretary Mr Sihanak Ketkewon of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and President and Chief Executive Officer Dr Paul Chichottaworn of PTT Public Co., Ltd, on promoting cooperation in energy sector, providing assistance in energy sector and promoting friendship between two countries.

The delegation member Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung attended tourism discussions. On 31 May, director-general U Htun Aung of Energy Planning Department had a discussion with Senior Director, Head of Industries Mr Roberto Bocca and party on implementation of new energy architecture in Myanmar.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back here on 2 June. MNA

**By Dy NPED**

**Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw arrived back here by air after attending Global Project Plaza 2012 held in Lotte Hotel World in Seoul of Korea from 30 May to 1 June.**

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—**

**Minister attends Global Project Plaza 2012 held in Lotte Hotel World in Seoul of Korea.**—MNA

**Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan receives British MP Mr Lord Powell.**—MNA

**By Dy Construction Minister inspects road and bridge works in Ayeyawady region**

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—**

Deputy Construction Minister U Kyaw Win inspected road works between mile post No. 11/4 and 11/5 on Sakkaw-Danbyuo-Zalan-Hinthada University compound. The deputy minister also inspected repairing of Talokehtaw Bridge between mile post No. 11/4 and 11/5. Erosion of Ngawm Bridge’s approach piles, condition of Pathin suspension bridge and called for ensuring durability of the bridge. MNA

**By Dy Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (28/2012) conducted**

**YANGON, 4 June—**

The inauguration ceremony of the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (28/2012) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Wannyninnayar Haly of the Ministry at 10.00 am today, with an opening address delivered by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Minister, U Maung Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Directors-General and responsible officials of the Department under the Ministry, retired Myanmar Ambassadors, senior diplomats, professors and instructors as well as trainees. It was learnt that the 12-week course includes contemporary international affairs, holding and attending of international conferences, negotiation skills, international law, international economic relations, international etiquette, diplomatic and official correspondence and communication skills, among others and it was attended by 194 trainees. MNA

**By Dy Diploma in Emergency Medicine course opens**

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—**

“There have been a lot of lives lost due to deficiency of pre-hospital care system. All people should have easy access to emergency medical care not only in clinical setting but also in community setting. The pre-hospital care system can save 40 percent of the injured and structured hospital emergency service, hospitalized victims,” said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khan, at the opening of Diploma in Emergency Medicine, jointly conducted by Ministry of Health and Australia University, at University of Medicine (1), here, on 2 June.

After that, Australian International Development Agency First secretary (Development Aids) Ms Shananti Sekhon of also delivered a speech. A total of 18 trainees from different fields are attending five-day course which is conducted by experts from Australia and Hong Kong. Intheaheemon, the Union Minister met with rectors, professors/deans, lecturers and academic physicians from University of Medicine (1&2) and specialists from teaching hospitals at University of Medicine (1). Afterwards, he also met with assistant lectures, demonstrators and doctors and assistant doctors from Hospitals in Yangon, at the same venue.—MNA

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MR runs Yangon-Mandalay trains with new coaches

YANGON, 4 June—For the convenience of passengers, Myanmar Railways (MR) runs No.5 Yangon-Mandalay Up-train and No.6 Down-train with new coaches. The new coaches were made from Myitnge locomotive workshop. The trains start operating as of 25 May and the locomotive workshop also repairs new coaches and plans are under way to import new coaches.

MoU on cooperation between Amyotha Hluttaw Committee and ROK Parliament signed

YANGON, 4 June—Under the Myanmar-Korea Friendship Programme, signing of MoU on cooperation between Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee of Myanmar and the Parliament of the Republic of Korea, was held at Royal Mingaladon Golf Country Club in Mingaladon Garden City, here, yesterday. It was attended by Chairman of Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Dr Kyaw Tin Shwe, Amyotha Hluttaw Farmers and Foreign Workers Affairs Committee and ASEAN Economic Community Committee Chairman Dr Myint Kyi, Amyotha Hluttaw Publics Account Committee Secretary U Nu, member Mr Sein Htun and officials of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and officials from the ROK Embassy.

Anti-human trafficking course opens in Mingala Taungnyunt Township

YANGON, 4 June—An opening ceremony of anti-human trafficking course, conducted by anti-human trafficking group and monitoring group of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, took place at No.1 Basic Education High School on 30 May. Townships Administrator Zeya Ohn made an opening speech on the occasion. Member of Township anti-human trafficking group Chief of Township Police Force Police Captain Myo Myint Kyaw and officials gave talks on anti-human trafficking law.

A total of 180 trainees from 20 wards attended the two-day course.

Educative talks on establishing private forest plantation given in Nattalin

NATTALIN, 4 June—Edative talks on establishing private forest plantation, conducted by township-level multiplier course on children-centered approach learning methods, was held at Basic Education High School in Yinnabin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region on 25 May.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Soe Hlaing and township education officer Daw Myint Kyaw made speeches. Afterwords, officials explained facts about the multiplier course and the children-centered approach. Plats are under way to hold educative talks soon.

Multipler course on CCA learning methods opens in Yinnabin

YINMABIN, 4 June—An opening ceremony of township-level multiplier course on children-centered approach learning methods, was held at Basic Education High School in Yinnabin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region on 25 May.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Soe Hlaing and township education officer Daw Myint Kyaw made speeches. Afterwords, officials explained facts about the multiplier course and the children-centered approach.

DISTRICT NEWS

Assistances provided: Township administrator U Thein Win of Tamway Township General Administration Department presents cash assistance to a staff of Tamway Township GAD, at a ceremony to provide cash and books to offspring of Township GAD’s staff, on 31 May.
Three murderers who raped, stabbed a woman to death to be brought to trial soonest

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 June**—On her way from tailoring work to home, Ma Thida Htwe, 27, daughter of U Hla Tin, of Thabyechang Village, Kyaukminaw Village-tract, Yanbye Township, was stabbed to death by unknown persons at the man grove near a rain tree beside the road leading to Kyakhtayan Ward of Kyaukminaw Village and Chaungwa Village at 5.15 pm on 28 May.

A complaint over the case was lodged to Kyaukminaw Police Station by U Win Maung, a brother of the victim. The police station opened the case under Section 302/382 (muder/robery) of Criminal Procedure Law. The head of Kyaukpyu District MPF and party went to Kyaukminaw Village on 29 May, making the related clues and interrogated three suspects, namely, Htet Htet (a) Rawphi, son of U Kyaw Thuang (Bengali/Islam), of Kyaukminaw (south ward), Rawphi, son of Sweeneytam (Bengali/Islam) of Kyauknimaw (Thaya ward) and Khochi, son of Awechay (Bengali/Islam), of Kyaukminaw (Thaya ward).

At 7 pm on 31 May, the District/ Township departmental officials and Yanbye Township Pyithu Tharlawi representative U Ba Kyi made clarifications to avoid disturbance at Kyaukminaw Township Administrative Office, and the villagers left the office at 5.40pm. At 9 pm on 31 May, they left Yanbye for Kyaukminaw Village with two boats. The Villagers accepted K 1 million donated for the village and K 600,000 from the victims’ family by the State Transportation Minister U Kyaw Khan and five sets of robes and K 100,000 by the State Tharlawi representative U Than Naing for the victim’s funeral.

At 5 pm on 31 May, the State Security and Border Affairs Minister, the deputy head of the State Police Station, the Kyaukpyu District Deputy Commissioner and the head of the District Police Station participated in the victim’s funeral and held discussions with the villagers. At 9 am on 1 June, the State Chief Minister and party left for Kyaukpyu and held discussions with the Kyaukpyu Township youth organization over the murder case. The discussions mainly touched upon handing down deterrent punishment on the murderers soonest and helping prevent riots when they are being brought to trial.

**10 Muslims killed in bus attack**

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 June**—In relation to the case of Ma Thida Htwe who was ruthlessly assaulted on 28 May, a group namely Wunthaun Rakkha Association, Taunggp, handed out leaflets around 6 am yesterday to locals at crowded places in Taunggp, asking them to turn the head of the Township Administrator and the head of the Township MPF were monitoring the situations and sent the three to Kyaukpyu Jail at 10.15 am on 30 May. At 1.20 pm the same day, about 100 Rakhine nationals of Kyauknimaw arrived at Kyaukminaw Police Station and demanded to return the three to them who were explained by officials concerned that the three had already been sent to Kyaukpyu Jail. However, the victims’ families were unsatisfied with the decision, attempting to enter the police station which in return had to fire five shots to disperse them. At 1.30 pm the same day, about 100 Rakhine nationals of Kyaukminaw Village left for Yanbye and the Kyaukpyu District Deputy Commissioner and the head of Kyaukpyu Police Station also went to Yanbye to prevent further disturbance and ensure prevalence of law and order settling the problems with the villagers.

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A number of people gradually arose to 200. As Chairman of Sittway Township Rakhine Nationalities Development Party U Aung Mya Kyaw promised the crowd at 7.45 pm that he would search for U Aung Than Wai, an RNDP member, the crowd dispersed and U Aung Than Wai’s wife left the police station.

As the crowd of 300 gathered again in front of the police station at 9 pm, U Aung Mya Kyaw said he would bring Aung Than Wai to the police station at about 10 pm. U Aung Mya Kyaw brought Aung Than Wai to the police station at about 10.40 pm and requested the crowd to split up. The crowd did not separate and threw pieces of broken glasses and stones into the police station. The roofs of the police station building and staff quarters were torn and windbreakers of two vehicles owned by the police force were broken.

The angry mob attempted to break into the police station from the front door at 11.10 pm and the policemen tried to disperse the mob firing gunshots into the air. However, the mob did not break up and attempted to enter into the station again from the front door at 11.15 pm, breaking down the front lamp of the station.

The policemen did the same dispersing the mob which spread to both sides of the police station. But, the mob was still surrounding the police station, the police force members discharging duties had to use riot weapon and tear gas bomb at 1 am on 4 June to disperse the mob. The mob set fire on PCO building in front of Yoma Bank at the Junction of Main Street and U Ottama Street at 3 am.

In the incident, 12 civilians were wounded and were sent to Sittway Hospital. Nine out of the mob have been detained for investigation. At present, a law has been enacted for peaceful gathering and procession for the sake of democratic and human rights. Nonetheless, such anarchic and lawless organized acts are totally unacceptable. So, necessary investigations would be made into the case and punitive measures would be taken under the law.

**Crowd destroy Sittway police station**

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Boy confirmed with bird flu in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 4 June— Hong Kong health authority said on Saturday that a two-year-old boy has been confirmed with H5N1 influenza A and urged the public not to panic. The Centre for Health Protection said the boy’s condition has changed from stable to serious after testing positive for the deadly avian influenza, while his parents’ tests for influenza were negative. “The boy’s parents are all along asymptomatic, which means that the chance of a human-to-human transmission is slim,” said a spokesman of the centre in a statement. The boy was put to intensive care treatment while his parents were in quarantine in the same hospital.

A native of China’s southern city of Guangzhou, the boy went to Hong Kong with his family on 26 May to seek medical treatment after running a fever for weeks. After reporting the influenza case, the city government raised its bird flu alert level to “serious” and tightened control on live chickens, poultry imports, supervision of local farms and markets. The authority has intensified disease monitoring and infection control in public hospitals. Hospital staff will keep close watch over visiting patients and enforce triage assessment and appropriate segregation at waiting areas in line with clinical guidelines. Besides, all 30 local chicken farms will be inspected within two days to ensure that their chickens are healthy and biosecurity and health measures are followed strictly. The Centre for Food Safety has contacted with its mainland counterparts in search of the infection source. Once the source is located, an area within 11 kilometers will be declared an infection zone. Imports of live poultry and poultry products will be suspended for 21 days in the zone. “At the moment, it is an isolated case. We feel that there is no need for panic among Hong Kong citizens,” said York Chow, the Secretary for Food and Health of the city government, while addressing media earlier in the day.— Internet

After stop at NYC airport, shuttle goes to sea

NEW YORK, 4 June— The prototype space shuttle that arrived in New York City by air earlier this spring is on the move again, this time by sea. The Enterprise has been parked at Kennedy Airport since it flew from Washington to New York atop a 747 jet. The shuttle was placed on a barge Saturday and readied for a slow journey through the harbor to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum on Manhattan’s West Side. The barge is scheduled to be taken Sunday across New York Harbor to Port Elizabeth, NJ.

Then, on Tuesday, a tugboat is to move the Enterprise to the Intrepid, a decommissioned aircraft carrier. Plans are in place for a floating crane to lift the spacecraft onto the flight deck.— Internet

Web China: young netizens worry Chinese parents

BEIJING, 4 June— Playing with dolls or building blocks may be the favourite pastime for Chinese kids in the past, but now they are being challenged by the attractive cyberspace.

A recent survey report says more than 70 percent of kids have experience of Internet surfing at or before the age of 10, and 10 percent of them began accessing the Internet before three years old. The report, released by the Chinese Young Pioneers Business Development Centre in March, was based on a survey of 11,000 elementary and high school students and 5,500 parents across the nation. According to the report, what the kids do online are mostly playing games and using social media like Twitter-like Weibo, or QQ, a popular online chatting tool in China. According to a similar survey report released by the Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences on 30 May, 82 percent of the more than 3,000 children respondents surf the Internet everyday.

These reports aroused heated debate on Weibo.com. Parents worry that addiction to online games may affect children’s academic performance, as well as their physical and mental wellbeing.

These worries are well-founded. According to the centre’s report, 72.6 percent of the children surveyed have viewed information online considered as “harmful” by parents, such as sex-explicit pictures and videos of violent content. For nine-year-old Yi Fan, the biggest fun getting on line is playing games. “I feel happy when playing games... thrilling,” said Yi, who has at least 30 minutes surfing online everyday after finishing homework. Intheeyes of grade-five pupil Little Hao (nickname), playing online games on computers is a trend. “Allofmyclassmates play online games on computers, and most of them have played for two years,” said Little Hao. Playing computer games at an early age has negative effects,” said Wang Xiangnan, a researcher from the Beijing-based Sentian Psychological Institute.

China’s non-manufacturing sector expands slower

BEIJING, 4 June— China’s non-manufacturing sector grew at a slightly slower rate in May as the world’s second largest economy showed signs of further moderation.

The Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) of the country’s non-manufacturing sector, a key economic indicator, dropped to 51.9 percent in May, according to data released by the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing (CFLP) on Sunday. It was the second consecutive month of decline, after the index fell 1.9 percentage points from March to 56.1 percent in April. A PMI reading above 50 percent indicates expansion from the previous month, while readings below this mark indicate a contraction. “The non-manufacturing economy has maintained steady and strong growth as the PMI in May remained on a high level despite a slight retreat,” said CFLP Vice Chairman Cai Jin.

The figure followed Friday’s release of the PMI for the country’s manufacturing sector, which ended five consecutive months of growth and dipped to 50.4 percent in May from 53.3 percent in April. Analysts expect China’s economy to downshift further in the second quarter as Europe’s sovereignty debt crisis, sagging export and flagging property market dampens investment. The country recorded 8.1-percent annual growth in the first quarter, the slowest expansion in almost three years. In May, the sub-index for new export orders of the non-manufacturing sector decreased by 2.2 percentage points-month-on-month to 51.5 percent, the CFLP data show.

In this photo provided by the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Space Shuttle Enterprise is loaded on to a barge in a canal near John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York on 2 June, 2012. The Enterprise will be towed past landmarks along the Hudson River and docked at Jersey City, NJ on 3 June until 5 June, when it returns to New York and lifted to the flight deck of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, which is docked in New York Harbour. — AP

Participants use their feet to paint a 1,600-square-metre painting during a charity event to raise funds for the mentally disabled in Hong Kong on 3 June, 2012, in addition to helping a Guiness World Record. — Reuter

One person killed in plant blast in Texas, US

HOUSTON, 4 June— One person was killed and another was injured in a plant explosion, which occurred early Saturday in Houston, in a city in the US state of Texas, local media reported. According to local TV channel ABC13 reports, a welding machine malfunction should be blamed for the accident, which happened at an Oiltanking Partners facility in Channelview.

The person who died in the accident was an employee of an independent contractor and the injured man was also a contract worker, who has been taken to a hospital for medical treatment. The company said in a statement there was no fire, environmental or health threat that occurred, and a thorough investigation was underway. Firefighters at the blast site also confirmed that the blast did not pose a threat to the public as no hazardous materials were released.

The company, which is engaged in the storage and transport of crude oil, refined petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gas, is part of the Oiltanking Group, which is the world’s second-largest independent tank storage provider for products, chemicals and gases.

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In this photo provided by the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Space Shuttle Enterprise is loaded on to a barge in a canal near John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York on 2 June, 2012. The Enterprise will be towed past landmarks along the Hudson River and docked at Jersey City, NJ on 3 June until 5 June, when it returns to New York and lifted to the flight deck of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, which is docked in New York Harbour. — AP

China’s non-manufacturing sector expands slower

BEIJING, 4 June— China’s non-manufacturing sector grew at a slightly slower rate in May as the world’s second largest economy showed signs of further moderation.

The Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) of the country’s non-manufacturing sector, a key economic indicator, dropped to 51.9 percent in May, according to data released by the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing (CFLP) on Sunday. It was the second consecutive month of decline, after the index fell 1.9 percentage points from March to 56.1 percent in April. A PMI reading above 50 percent indicates expansion from the previous month, while readings below this mark indicate a contraction. “The non-manufacturing economy has maintained steady and strong growth as the PMI in May remained on a high level despite a slight retreat,” said CFLP Vice Chairman Cai Jin. The figure followed Friday’s release of the PMI for the country’s manufacturing sector, which ended five consecutive months of growth and dipped to 50.4 percent in May from 53.3 percent in April. Analysts expect China’s economy to downshift further in the second quarter as Europe’s sovereignty debt crisis, sagging export and flagging property market dampens investment. The country recorded 8.1-percent annual growth in the first quarter, the slowest expansion in almost three years. In May, the sub-index for new export orders of the non-manufacturing sector decreased by 2.2 percentage points-month-on-month to 51.5 percent, the CFLP data show.
HUMANS REMAIN MAIN THREAT TO INDONESIA'S ENDANGERED RHINOCEROS

Jakarta, 4 June — Human hunting has been the biggest threat to the rare species one-horned Javan rhinoceros, according to a government official said on Monday. “For rhinos, the main threat is humans, besides natural causes such as disturbance and disease,” Novianto Bambang, director of conservation and biodiversity at the Forestry Ministry said. “Humans are very strange, in my opinion, because they are interested in the rhino for its horn. There are many who believe rhino horn makes them grow taller, or increase virility. The problem is, to get the horn, like it or not, they have to kill the rhino,” he added.

According to him, there were only 35 Javan rhinos remaining at the Ujung Kulon National Park in West Java. Novianto said that that the number of rhinos in the park. "The one-horned Javan rhino and the two-horned Sumatran rhino, of which only 200 remain in the wild. "Indonesia has two species of rhino that are still endangered at the national level, the one-horned Sumatran rhino, of which only 200 remain in the wild..." he quoted by the Xinhua.

Karl Helmreich from Germany drives the tractor “Final Destination” during the Tractor Pulling Austria Championship 2012 in Tallen, Austria, on 3 June, 2012.— Xinhua

“Snow White” takes surprise win in North America box office

Los Angeles, 4 June — Universal’s “Snow White and the Huntsman” took a fairy-tale-like win at the weekend North America box office with a better-than-expected debut of $52.2 million, according to industry estimates released by Hollywood.com on Sunday. The fourth-highest debut this year behind “The Avengers,” “The Hunger Games” and “The Lorax,” and above last weekend’s “Men in Black 3,” reuniting Will Smith, having left the franchise office with a better-than-expected debut of $52.2 million and a 10-day total of $112.3 million. But the film’s mega-star Smith, who had seen the big screen for three years, did not manage to beat rising female star Stewart this time. Marvel Studios’ record-breaking “The Avengers,” distributed by Walt Disney, was really a huge success. Although it was in the third with 20.3 million dollars on the first day, the box office at the weekend, it surpassed “The Dark Knight” to become the third highest grossing film of all time in North America, just after just 29 days of its release. The film has earned $552.7 million dollars in total, completed to be the highest-grossing film of all time in North America.

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Police: Woman stole seven pregnancy tests

Police in Florida said they arrested a woman accused of stealing seven pregnancy tests and a container of lubricant from a Walgreen’s store. The Manatee County Sheriff’s Office said Joy Noelle Nagle, 27, stuffed the items into her shorts at a Sheriff’s Office said Joy Noelle Nagle, 27, stuffed the items into her shorts at a Walgreen’s in Bradenton and was arrested after leaving the store without paying for the items, the South Florida Sun Sentinel reported.

Deputies said they found the pregnancy tests in Nagle’s shorts and the lubricant hidden under her purse along with Adderall pills that weren’t prescribed to the suspect. Nagle was charged with possession of a controlled substance and retail theft.

Peter Andre to collaborate with Chris Brown?

Singer Peter Andre is likely to collaborate with Chris Brown for his new album. Andre is currently working on a new album in Los Angeles and Walgreen’s. André told the Times that they had “some good chats” together, but refused to confirm whether they had agreed to put out a duet. “I’m writing my column from Los Angeles this week and my time in the studio is going really well. One of my highlights has been meeting Chris Brown, who’s working in the same studio,” con-tactmusic.com quoted Andre as saying.

“Lots of people have been asking me if we’re working on music together, but you’ll have to wait and see. It’s been really fun hanging out with him though and we’ve had some good chats,” he added.

Andy Samberg leaving ‘SNL’

NEW YORK, 4 June — American actor and comedian Andy Samberg has said he will not return as a cast member to “Saturday Night Live” after seven seasons on the show. “It’s an incredibly emotional and strange moment in my life,” Samberg said on the New York Times on Friday. “Obviously it’s not a huge shock, but it didn’t officially decide not to come back.”

Samberg joined the comedic sketch show in the fall of 2005 and was perhaps best known for his musical offerings on the hit series of digital shorts he helped pioneer, the newspaper said.

His first viral hit for “SNL” was rap video “Lazy Sunday,” in which he and fellow cast member Chris Parnell rap about Red Vines licorice and “The Chronicles of Narnia.” The video was in collaboration with Samberg’s comedic hip-hop group The Lonely Island, which later

Littering case over dollar dropped

Cleveland prosecutors have dropped their case against a man who was ticketed for littering when he dropped a dollar he was attempting to give a disabled person. Chief City Prosecutor Jonathan Cudnik dropped the case against John Davis in Judge Angela Stoke’s courtroom, saying the city does not consider money to be trash, WV, Cleveland, reported.

Davis said he was relieved by the decision, as the $344 littering ticket was approaching $500 with court costs factored in and he would lose additional money from missing work and attorney’s fees.

Davis said his attorney, Marcus Sidoti, will donate all fees to the Different Needs Foundation charity.

Bear interrupts graduation ceremony

A black bear interrupted a California elementary school’s water-gun party, news media reports. The bear approached the school’s fence, the Los Angeles Times reported.

A black bear caught two students from more than 600 parents attending a graduation ceremony on the Sierra Middle School side of a chain-link fence.

“The bear got on scene, there was graduation going on and he was not an invited guest,” said Kim Rodriguez with Kern County Animal Control. “He felt like he was unwelcome, so he left.”

The bear climbed the fence onto the empty playground and only stayed for a brief moment before climbing back over the fence and fleeing to a nearby apartment complex, where it was captured and taken to the local Animal Control facility.

Naomi Judd hosts satellite radio talk show

Country music star Naomi Judd will host a talk show on current events and personal relationships on satellite radio this summer, SiriusXM said. The six-week engagement of “Think Twice” will debut on 8 June on SiriusXM with Judd conducting live and telephone interviews through 13 July. Judd is best known as a Grammy winning singer, but will be airing her views on issues such as politics, family relationships and even the creationism vs. evolution debate, SiriusXM said in a written statement.

“I’m a communicator,” said Judd. “I have an insatiable curiosity about human behaviour and for questioning the status quo, and can’t wait to connect with SiriusXM listeners across the country.”

SiriusXM said Judd would not exactly step into the host chair on her own. Her first guest will be daughter Ashley Judd, who made her name as an actress.— Internet

Lucas names Kennedy co-chair of Lucasfilm

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 June—George Lucas has named veteran Hollywood producer Kathleen Kennedy Lucasfilm as he prepares to retire. Lucas said he plans to retain his position as CEO of the San Francisco-based company that produced the Star Wars and Indiana Jones franchises, but adding Kennedy will allow him to move forward with retirement plans.

“It was the 25-year-old star reluctantly had her hair cut and dyed to mimic Taylor, TMZ reported. Life-time movie "Liz & Dick" will be aired on 3 November. The actress, who was in the Parent Trap, has had to deal with a lot of problems including alcohol addiction and due to this her career has suffered.— Internet

Bertinolli wants to fit in People bikini

NEW YORK, 4 June — US actress Valerie Bertinelli said she wants to lose five pounds so she can again fit into the green bikini she once donned on the cover of People magazine.

Bertinolli, 52, lost 40 pounds through weight-loss system Jenny Craig and appeared on the cover of People in the green bikini three years ago. Now she said she needs to drop five more pounds for the swimsuit in the People magazine.

“Like the five pounds that creeps on and then you have to take it back off, creeps on and take it back off, and I think that a lot of people go through that before the summer,” she said on Thursday at the American Heart Association’s Wall Street Run & Heart Walk in New York.

“It’s calling my name! It’s saying, ‘Valerie, it’s time,’ ” the “Hot in Cleveland” star said.— Internet
Azerbaijan hockey team member gashed in the head

The victory bumps Lewis from seventh to third in the world rankings, pushing past Cristina Kerr as the top US player and moving from seventh to third in the LPGA Classic on the Bay Course at SeaRidge Resort in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

**LONDON, 4 June — Chelsea defender Gary Cahill will miss the summer’s European Championship after suffering a double fracture of his jaw while playing for England in Saturday’s match against Belgium.**

Cahill collided with Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart early in the match after a push from Belgium’s Dries Mertens. He was replaced by John Terry, and taken to hospital for scans, which revealed two fractures of his jaw, one on either side.

**Liverpool’s Kuyt agrees move to Turkey**

Liverpool, 4 June — Liverpool forward Dirk Kuyt has agreed a move to Turkish side Fenerbahce. The club said the Dutchman, who has scored 51 times in 288 Barclays Premier League appearances for the Reds, is expected to complete the formalities within the next few days. Kuyt, 31, is currently preparing for the summer’s Euro 2012 tournament with the Netherlands.

**Mexican blank Brazil in tune-up friendly**

Arlington, 4 June — Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez and Tottenham Hotspur playmaker Giovani dos Santos scored to give Mexico a 2-0 victory over Brazil in an international friendly on Saturday. Dos Santos scored the opening goal in the 21st minute and Hernandez converted from the penalty spot in the 32nd minute to give the Mexicans victory before 84,519 spectators at the home stadium of American football’s Dallas Cowboys.

Five-time World Cup champions Brazil are testing younger talent ahead of next month’s start of the London Olympics while Mexico will begin qualifying matches on Sunday for the 2014 World Cup that the Brazilians will host. Brazil, with playmakers Neymar and Hulk in a starting role, were coming off a 4-1 rout of the United States last Wednesday. The Mexicans were coming off a 2-1 victory over Bosnia-Herzegovina in a World Cup qualifier in the third minute of stoppage time. Mexico will open their 2014 World Cup qualifying campaign against Guyana in Mexico City on Friday.

**American Lewis captures LPGA title**

Galloway, 4 June — American Stacy Lewis fired a final round par-71 to capture the US$1.5 million ShopRite LPGA Classic by four strokes on Sunday for her second victory of the season. Lewis finished the 54-hole event on 12-under par 202, Australia’s Katherine Kirk birdied three of the last four holes to take second on 205, one stroke ahead of Japan’s Mika Miyazato and Spain’s Azahara Munoz.

The victory bumps Lewis from seventh to third in the world rankings, pushing past Cristie Kerr as the top US female golfer. “I wouldn’t have the world now and the top

American, Lewis said. “I don’t even know what to say. It’s incredible. I was so proud of myself.”

Lewis had two victories in three starts after winning earlier this season at the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic. “I’ve gotten off to a really good start and just been playing some good golf,” Lewis said. “I’ve been a bit of an underdog and I’ve been there before, but I’ve never been this good.”

Stacy Lewis holds the championship trophy after winning the ShopRite LPGA Classic on the Bay Course at Seaview Resort in Galloway, New Jersey.

**Tiger Woods wins Memorial to Nicklaus**

Muirfield, 4 June — Tiger Woods birdied three of the last four holes, one with an amazing chip shot, to win the PGA Memorial tournament and match host Jack Nicklaus for second on the all-time victory list. Woods captured his 73rd career title with a five-under par 67 final round, putting him on nine-under par 279 after 72 holes to two strokes ahead of South African Rory Sabbatini and Argentina’s Andres Romero.

“Tiger won it again,” Nicklaus said. “He’s a great competitor.”

In a statement on their website, the club said: “Everyone at Liverpool Football Club would like to wish Dirk all the very best for the future and thank him for his contribution to the club.”

Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard said: “Dirk is a great player, a great person and was a great servant to Liverpool.”

“From the first day he came to the club, he was someone you could trust and knew that he would never let you down on the pitch. He added: “I will miss him around the place and I wish him and his family all the best in Turkey.”

**Dirk Kuyt scored more than 50 Barclays Premier League goals for Liverpool.** — Internet

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Pacquiao needs to be impressive

LIVERPOOL, 4 June — Manny Pacquiao, of the Philippines, spars with his trainer Frederich Roach at a media workout in preparation for his upcoming boxing match against Timothy Bradley, at Roach’s Wild Card Boxing Club in Los Angeles on 8th June. — Internet

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Germany are set to arrive in Gdansk for Euro 2012 with key midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger (pictured) having received a clean bill of health and coach Joachim Loew, in a confident mood.—INTERNET

Japanese, Aussies dominate at Santa Clara swim meet

SANTA CLARA, 4 June — Australians and Japanese dominated final day of the Santa Clara Invitational swim meet with three triumphs for each nation in preparation for next month’s London Olympics. Aussie veteran Leisel Jones on Sunday won the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:07.37, 1.08 seconds ahead of American Ali Atkinson, with Aussie Sarah Katsoulis third in 1:09.08.

Aussies also swept both 100 backstroke crowns, with Emily Seebohm winning the women’s race in 1:00.00 and Ashley Delaney taking the men’s 100 back in 1:54.89, .62 of a second in front of Aussie runner-up Hayden Stoeckel.

Japanese swimmers swept the 200 butterfly with Natsumi taking the women’s race in 2:07.32, 2.34 seconds in front of American Jasmine Tosky, and Takeshi Matsumoto won the men’s 200 fly in 1:54.57, 1.86 ahead of Aussie Nick D’Arcy.

Japan’s Ken Takakuwa won the men’s 200 individual medley in 2:00.55, .89 in front of Aussie Nick D’Arcy. —INTERNET

IAEA, Iran to hold nuclear talks on 8 June

VIENNA, June—The UN atomic watchdog and Iran will hold a new round of talks this week to try to reach an agreement to resume a long-stalled investigation into suspected nuclear weapons research in the Islamic Republic, IAEA chief Yukiya Amano said on Monday.

Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, made a rare visit to Teheran two weeks ago and said when he returned to Vienna that he expected a framework cooperation deal to be signed soon with Iran. Iranian officials have made clear that only once such an accord has been finalized will they grant UN inspectors access to the Parchin military site, where the IAEA suspects Iran may have carried out nuclear weapons development activity.

Western diplomats have voiced doubt that Iran will implement any such agreement with the Vienna-based UN agency, which says Teheran has stonewalled its investigation for almost four years.

They say Iran may be offering increased cooperation with the IAEA to use as a bargaining chip in its broader talks with world powers which are aimed at defusing a decade-old standoff over Teheran’s nuclear programme, which has seen the major oil producer subjected to increasingly tough economic sanctions.

Road accident kills 25 passengers in Pakistan

KHA Tư, 4 June—Pakistanis say a bus carrying a wedding party plunged into a ditch in the country’s north, killing 25 people.

Local official Mohammad Zia said the bus was carrying about 100 people back from a wedding ceremony in Katha, which is about 70 kilometers (45 miles) southeast of the capital of Islamabad, late Sunday night.

The official said dozens more on the bus were also injured and taken to the hospital in Katha.

A news release from the president’s office put the death toll at 25.—INTERNET

Israeli firm sees further major offshore gas deposits

JERUSALEM, 4 June—An Israeli company has said there is a high probability of further major natural gas deposits off the northern Israeli coast.

A statement released on Sunday by the Israel Opportunity energy exploration partnership said that prospecting at the Pelagic group of deep-sea fields, west of Haifa, showed a potential 189 billion cubic metres (6.7 trillion cubic feet) of gas and 1.4 billion barrels of oil there.

The quantity of gas discovered in the licences, and at high probabilities, are the third-largest discovered so far off Israel’s shores,” Chairman Ronny Helman said.

“This quantity ensures Israel’s energy future for many decades,” he said.

INTERNET

Palestinian army soldiers examine the wreckage of a passenger bus which crashed in Katha, near Rawalpindi, Pakistan, on 4 June, 2012. —INTERNET

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Union Defence Minister attends 6th
ADMM, 11th Asia Security Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—The Myanmar delegation led by Union Defence Minister Lt-Gen Hla Min arrived back Yangon International Airport by air this evening after attending the 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting held in Phnom Penh in Cambodia and the 11th Asia Security Summit in Singapore.—MNA

Union Auditor-General’s Office’s provides stipends to offspring of staff

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Auditor-General of the Union U Lun Maung this morning presented educational cash assistance to the mother and the baby of his office's staff families led by Director U Thet Oo of Mount Pleasant Resort Hotel.

Shan State Chief Minister views 15th computer art, poster competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—To mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the 15th computer art and poster competitions were held in University of Computer Studies (Taunggyi) today. Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat viewed the competition.

A total of 49 competitors—the 14 university level students in poster competition, 15 BEHS level students and 20 BEMS level students in computer art competition—took part in the competition. —MNA

Six records bettered in monsoon swimming championship

YANGON, 4 June—Six Myanmar records were bettered in second monsoon men’s and women’s swimming championship of Hard Body Swimming Association which took place National Swimming Pool in U Wisara Street in Dagon Township here on 3 and 4 June. Yangon Region Planning and Economy Minister U Than Myint, Road Transportation Minister U Aung Khin, Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, General Secretary of Myan Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik, General Secretary of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation Daw L. Khan U Tin and prize presentation ceremony yesterday evening. Imgyin Kay Khaiing, Sabei Thin, Shun Lei Maw Oo and Soe Yadana Cho bettered the old records. —MNA

French Open-Women: Li shocked, Sharapova through

Chine’s Li Na. French Open champion Li Na’s title defence ended when she was knocked out in a flurry of unforced errors by Kazakh qualifier Yaroslava Shvedova 3-6, 26-0.

After taking the first set, the Chinese seventh seed collapsed, taking only 22 minutes of the next four to see her back in the championship. The Russian second seed, looking to complete her collection of grand slam titles, spent more time on court on Monday than she had in total over her three previous matches. The windswept conditions on Court Philippe Chatrier made it almost impossible for the players to throw the ball and total of 21 games were played in the ill-fated match. Researchers at the University of Tokyo have developed devices that use computer wizardry and augmented reality to fool the computer wizardry and augmented reality to fool the wearer while keeping his hand in the image it displays to the wearer.

On one device goggle-wearing dieters can be made to think the snacks in their hand are a chocolate cookie, or make biscuits appear larger than their real size. Professor Michitaka Hirose at the university’s graduate school of information science and technology said he was interested in how computers can be used to trick the human mind. —INTERNET

Collectively tree planting ceremony held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—The collectively tree planting ceremony to mark 2012 World Environment Day was held in Ottarathiri Village in Sagaing Township. Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning. At the ceremony, staff families led by Director U Thet Oo of Mount Pleasant Resort Hotel and members of Economic Graduate Organization (1994-95) planted the 250oliday trees at the corner of Thirimandaing Street and No.2 Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon Road at Mt Phozaung and in the compound of No.12 Basic Education Clubs and athletes are required to enlist not later than 18 June.—MNA

Linet Kyi Kyi Library opened in Sagaing Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Linet Kyi Kyi Library in Linyin Village of Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region was opened on 3 June morning. Sagaing Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Win, deputy commissioner U Myint Wai and library donor U Myo Zaw formally opened the library and Sagaing Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein unveiled the signboard of the library.

The regional social affairs minister then met locals of Linyin Village and Gongyi Village. He, on behalf of the region chief minister, presented a set of television to Linyin Village library, funds for building Gongyi village library. Responsible persons and the donor also contributed cash assistance and publications to the library. The library building measures 24x12x12 feet and is of RC type two-storey building which cost K. 19.1 million including furniture, publications and periodicals. —MNA