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Eight questions answered, one proposal discussed, one more submitted and one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Seventh day session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 407 representatives.

At the question-and-answer session, Deputy Minister at President Office U Thant Shin replied to the questions raised by U Aung Kyawng of NyaungU Constituency on “there is a plan to open an office of Directorate of Road Administration in NyaungU District”; by U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency on “there is a plan to issue motorcycle licenses, to allow motor cycle riding officially, to seize illegal carrying and sale of motor cycles and to allow to import and sell it officially.”

The deputy minister replied that for the opening of a new office of Directorate of Road Administration in NyaungU District, organizational structure and staff strength needed to get Union Budget allowance. It would be implemented only after the State allowed budget and staff strength.

With respect to the second question, Ministry of Rail Transportation was carrying out the registration of illegally-imported motorcycles in state/region/district offices and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area through four-month one stop services in cooperation with Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Ministry of Home Affairs as of 5-6-2012.

According to the principle of Yangon Region government, registration of unlicensed motorcycles was being carried out only with the outside addresses of Yangon municipal area. Motorcycle riding was not allowed in Yangon municipal area such as Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha and Mingaladon Townships. So, it was impossible to make registration with those addresses. As Htantabin Township was outside of Yangon municipal area, (See page 8)

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Eight questions were answered, two proposals put forward and members of the vice-president scrutinizing board were selected at today’s session.

Regarding the question of U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (3) about whether the punitive actions against corrupt civil servants would be publicized, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung replied that the government exposed corrupt (See page 9)
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From one way to two-way

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Mexico's president-elect calls on rivals to back reform push

MEXICO CITY, 12 July—Mexican President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto called on rival parties to rally around his plans for economic reforms on Wednesday, naming a team of advisers to help negotiate deals in the new Congress.

Pena Nieto's selection on 1 July will bring the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which ruled Mexico for most of the 20th century, back to power after more than a decade on the sidelines. The youthful former governor ran on a platform of ambitious, market-friendly tax, labour and energy reforms, but his plans could hit snags after the PRI failed to win a majority in either the Senate or the lower house of Congress.

“We will have a diverse Congress where no party has an absolute majority and as a result, all the parties will be responsible for coming to agreements,” Pena Nieto told a news conference.

“It is time to agree, not impose,” he said. “Time to build, not obstruct.”

The new Congress convenes in September and PRI lawmakers have said there is a window of opportunity to push through some reforms before Pena Nieto takes office in December.

“We will start promoting these issues at the start of the next legislature,” said Luis Videgaray, Pena Nieto’s campaign manager, who was named on Wednesday to coordinate reform initiatives for the new government.

During the administration of outgoing President Felipe Calderon, the PRI helped block many similar market-friendly reforms. Pena Nieto now says the changes are necessary to transform the country and insists his party is behind him.

Pena Nieto shied away from naming an official transition team before the electoral tribunal formally declares a winner, a decision that could take two more months.—Reuters

Four dead, 14 missing as torrential rain hits Japan’s Kyushu

OKAIA, 12 July—At least four people are dead and 14 others were missing as torrential rain caused by a seasonal rain front hit a wide area of the southwestern Japanese island of Kyushu where thousands of people were forced to evacuate homes on Thursday, local Press said.

According to Japan’s public broadcaster Nippon Hosou Kyokai (NHK), at least three people were found dead and a total of 14 people were missing in Aso City and its surrounding region of Kumamoto Prefecture which saw hourly rainfall between 100 and 120 millimeters on Thursday morning.

In Taketa City of Oita Prefecture, a man was also found dead after he fell into a swirling river on Thursday when the city ordered, or advised, about 25,000 people to evacuate their houses located near the river.

Meanwhile, in Kumamoto City of Kumamoto Prefecture, thousands of people have been urged to leave home since the early morning due to rising water levels of nearby rivers, including Shirakawato, a mainstream river which crosses the city center.

Television images showed flooding submerging some residential squares along with the Shirakawato river in the city.

Forest fire threatens Montenegro national park

BJELAJARAD, 12 July—One firefighter was injured on Wednesday as a forest fire continues to spread toward the Durmitor national park in Montenegro, reported Radio Television Republika Srpska (RTSR).

The blaze, which was ignited by lightning, has already consumed about 10 hectares of forest and is now threatening a stand of centuries old pine trees.

Durmitor, located in the northwest corner of Montenegro, is famous for its ski resort and the Tara River Gorge, the longest canyon in Europe. The authorities closed a section of a regional road leading to the park, from Mojkovac to Durdevica, because of landslides of both roadsides. Access to two isolated mountain villages have been cut off because of the road closure. Two police aircraft are aiding with firefighting efforts in inaccessible areas.

Fire Commander Dragan Markovic said drought conditions coupled with high winds have made the fire difficult to contain. In addition, fires typically spread quickly through pine forests.—Xinhua

Freight train derails, catches fire in Columbus, Ohio

COLUMBUS, 12 July—A Norfolk Southern freight train derailed and burst into flames in Columbus, Ohio, early on Wednesday, forcing nearby residents to evacuate, authorities said.

The 98-car southbound train, with two locomotives, was carrying ethanol and fire officials were letting the biofuel burn itself out, said Columbus Assistant Fire Chief Dave Whiting. He said 10 cars derailed and about three ruptured.

“It’s contained, it’s not spreading,” Whiting said. “It’s doing exactly what we want it to do. We haven’t had to put anybody in harm’s way.

About a hundred people were told to leave their homes within a one-mile (1.6 km) radius of the derailment that took place near the state fairgrounds and Ohio State University, fire officials said.

The train, bound for North Carolina from Chicago, derailed at about 2 am EDT (0600 GMT), said Norfolk Southern spokesman Dave Pidgeon.

He said between 11 and 13 cars derailed but the exact number was undetermined. He also said two cars carrying ethanol were still burning hours after the derailment.

The cause was unknown and under investigation, Pidgeon said. The National Transportation Safety Board joined the investigation, he said.—Reuters

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GENEVA, 12 July — Children with disabilities are 3.7 times more likely to experience violence than non-disabled children, according to a World Health Organization (WHO) review published on Thursday. Factors which place children with disabilities at higher risk of violence include stigma, discrimination, and ignorance about disability, as well as lack of social support for those who care for them, according to the studies. The studies also revealed that placement of children with disabilities in institutions increases their vulnerability to violence.

Researchers conducted 17 studies among 18,374 children with disabilities from seven high-income countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom and France. Tom Shakespeare, WHO Technical Officer of Disability and Rehabilitation, told reporters on Wednesday that disabilities mentioned in the review cover physical, sensory, and intellectual impairments, mental illness and multiple disabilities. A total of 93 million children in the world live with disabilities by this definition, he said. — Xinhua

BYOD policies jacking up companies’ IT costs

NEW YORK, 12 July — Any companies thinking of checking out their BlackBerry and moving to an anything-goes-bring-your-own-device (BYOD) policy should know that such moves come at a price. Per Computer World, a new survey from Osterrnan Research shows the trend toward allowing multiple device types onto companies’ IT networks is leading to significant increases in resources to mobile device management, as companies will need more than four full-time workers per 1,000 devices in 2012, up from 3.6 full-time workers per 1,000 devices this year and 2.9 full-time IT workers per 1,000 mobile devices last year. Practically, extra mobile device management workers mean higher costs for companies and IT spending is projected to go from $284 per user in 2012 to $339 in 2013. — Internet

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Tech Data to buy out partner’s stake in Europe joint venture

BANGALORE, 12 July — Tech Data Corp, which distributes mobile devices, for $165.6 million in cash. Dwindling PC sales and sluggish global IT spending are forcing technology products distributors to diversify into higher-growth, higher-return specialty areas, Tech Data CEO Bob Dutkowsky said. The joint venture, which reported sales of about $1.8 billion in the last fiscal year, was formed in 2007 to capitalize on the growing wireless device market in Europe. — Internet

Health Tip:
Poor air quality affects kids with asthma

When the weather heats up and ozone pollutes the air, kids with asthma should limit their time outside, experts say.

The American Lung Association offers these suggestions for the parents of asthmatic children, when the air quality is poor:

- Run the air conditioner, and don’t let your child spend too much time outside.
- If your kids participate in outdoor activities, limit them to the early morning hours and away from high-traffic areas.
- Talk to your child’s sports coach about practicing in an indoor, air-conditioned environment on very hot days. Send your child to practice with a rescue inhaler, just in case.
- Ensure that your home is well-ventilated, use air purifiers and avoid wood-burning fires inside the home.
- Discuss your child’s asthma action plan with the pediatrician.

Internet
Day 6 of running of the bulls: six hurt, none gored

PAMPLONA, 12 July—Six people were injured on Thursday but none gored in the sixth day of the running of the bulls in Pamplona. Navarra Hospital said three people suffered head injuries, while three others suffered injuries to the face, back or a dislocated shoulder. None were seriously hurt. The run was fast, as several of this year’s have been. It lasted just over two minutes as thousands of daredevils sprinted along the cobblestone streets of this northwestern city with six fighting bulls, trying to keep with them for a few thrilling seconds. At a sharp curve toward the end of the route, some of the bulls slipped and slammed into a wall and a pileup of fallen runners formed. But no one was gored there or at any other point. The bulls run with steers that are supposed to keep them in a pack.

Two more runs remain in this festival that gained international fame with Ernest Hemingway’s novel “The Sun Also Rises.” This year there have been no gorings reported.

Fifteen people have died in the running of the bulls since record-keeping began in 1924. The last person killed was a young Spaniard, in 2009. He was gored in the neck and died quickly. —internet

S Korea to send smallest Olympic team since 1984

SEOUL, 12 July—South Korea will send 245 athletes to compete in 22 events at the London Olympics, officials said Wednesday, the smallest number since 210 attended the 1984 Los Angeles Games. But the Korea Olympic Committee (KOC) remained upbeat about its target of securing at least 10 golds and a finish inside the top 10 in the overall medal tally.

“We have trained and prepared very hard to achieve our goal,” said team chief Lee Ki-Heang as he was presented with the national flag in a ceremony at Olympic Hall in eastern Seoul.

The South failed to qualify in basketball, tennis, equestrian events and canoeing. Its national sport, baseball, was dropped as an Olympic event.

The KOC said the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony would be Yoon Kyung-Shin, a veteran of the men’s handball team who will be attending his fifth summer Olympics.

The 39-year-old, who will be the oldest South Korean athlete in London, was also the flag-bearer at the 2010 Guangzhou Asian games. South Korea has ranked among the top 10 in medal standings in five of the past six summer Olympics. —internet

Baby giant panda born in Tokyo zoo dies

Tokyo, 12 July—A baby giant panda born last week at a Tokyo zoo died of pneumonia on Wednesday, according to park officials who had initially hailed the birth as rare success for Japan’s captive breeding programme.

The renamed infant, Ueno zoo’s first baby panda born in 24 years and its only one conceived from natural sexual intercourse, succumbed to the illness just a week after its birth sparked excitement across Japan.

The zoo said keepers found the baby lying on its back against its mother Shin Shin’s stomach.

“They administered a cardiac massage and other treatment, but unfortunately they confirmed its death at 8:30 am (2330 GMT),” it said.

Shin Shin and her mate Ri Ri were leased from China last year to the zoo operated by the Tokyo Metropolitan government at an annual cost of about one million dollars.

The baby was hailed in China, which has sometimes hostile relations with neighbouring Japan. Shin Shin, a “messenger of friendship,” a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said in response to news of the birth.

Internet

Female giant panda Shin Shin eats bamboo at Tokyo’s Ueno Zoo in April 2011. internet

Neglect, inaction caused Michigan oil spill

DETROIT, 12 July—The Canadian operator of an oil pipeline that ruptured in southwestern Michigan two years ago, causing the most expensive onshore spill in US history, failed to deal adequately with structural problems detected years ago and respond appropriately to the catastrophe, the National Transportation Safety Board said on Tuesday.

Enbridge Inc knew in 2009 that its pipeline near Marshall, a city 95 miles west of Detroit, was cracked and corroded, but it didn’t perform excavations that ultimately might have prevented the rupture, NTSB investigators told the five-member board in Washington before it approved the findings and 19 safety recommendations.

Enbridge didn’t realize the pipeline was gushing oil into the Kalamazoo River and an adjoining creek for more than 17 hours, when a gas company worker pointed it out and during that time Enbridge control centre personnel twice pumped more oil into the ruptured line, investigators found. “Learning about Enbridge’s poor handling of the rupture, you can’t help but think of the Keystone Kops,” NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman said at Tuesday’s hearing. “Why didn’t they recognize what was happening? What took so long?”

The report also faulted the government, citing weak regulation insufficient review of Enbridge’s oil spill response plan by the US Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

The NTSB doesn’t have the power to regulate pipeline companies, but its safety recommendations carry significant weight with lawmakers, federal and state regulators, and industry officials. Results of its investigations sometimes are used in lawsuits.

The spill dumped about 843,000 gallons of heavy crude into the Kalamazoo and a tributary creek, fouling more than 35 miles of waterways and wetlands. —internet

Three more men accused in alleged UK terrorist plot

LONDON, 12 July—Three men from central England appeared in court Wednesday to be accused by prosecutors of taking part in an alleged plot to attack Britain’s far-right English Defence League.

Anza Husain, 24, Mohammed Sadiq, 22, and 22-year-old Zekar Ahmed appeared on Wednesday at Westminster Magistrates’ Court charged with preparing an act of terrorism, which carries a potential life sentence. Deputy Chief Magistrate Daphne Wickham ordered the three men from Birmingham, central England, held in prison custody until a hearing on 31 July.

On Tuesday, three other men were also ordered held. All six will appear together at the hearing at London’s Central Criminal Court.

Prosecutors allege that the men were involved in manufacturing an improvised explosive device and planned to attack a rally of the English Defence League.

The English Defence League claims to be a peaceable opponent of radical Islam, but opponents accuse the organization of racism. Some of its demonstrations have turned violent, while the government has previously banned the group from marching through some mainly Muslim neighbourhoods.

In a separate case, London police said that two men detained in anti-terrorism raids last week in the British capital had been released without charge. Police had arrested seven people on 5-7 July in a series of swoops. Scotland Yard said an 18-year-old man and a 24-year-old man detained at an address close to London’s Olympic stadium had been freed without charge.

The 24-year-old man was hit by a Taser gun during his arrest, but did not require hospital treatment. A 30-year-old man also detained had previously been freed by police. Authorities have said none of the recent allegations have any link to London’s Olympic Games, which begin on 27 July. —internet

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In this photo taken on 7 July, 2012, a recently born Humboldt penguin lies in a nest on Pajaro Nino Island, Chile. A rat invasion is threatening to tip Humboldt penguins toward extinction. —internet

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**Myanmar, UK, UNFPA reiterate commitment to support family planning**

NavPoToW, 12 July—The Government of Myanmar increased the budget for health and the Department of Health created a budget line for contraceptives to improve the health of mothers and children, and the United Kingdom and other donors will provide new funding to accelerate achievement of health MDGs, officials announced today at a press conference marking the London Summit on Family Planning.

The UK’s development agency—Department for International Development (DFID), Marie Stopes International and UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, organized the press briefing to support the Family Planning Summit’s call for more money to ensure that all women and girls can access reproductive healthcare. This support is crucial for solving the world’s unmet need for family planning services.

Mr. Whittingham said his Government intends to contribute 880 million over the next four years to the multi-donor Three MDG Fund for health. “Through this contribution, the UK will help prevent 153,000 unwanted pregnancies and ensure that 57,500 women receive antenatal care visits,” he stated.

Family planning, or what is termed in Myanmar by the Ministry of Health, birth-spacing, is about saving lives and protecting mothers and children from death, ill health, disability and underdevelopment. As a key component of reproductive health, access to birth-spacing information, commodities and services is a fundamental right for every woman and community if they are to develop to their full potentials.

Over the past 30 years, UNFPA has supported reproductive health programmes in Myanmar in partnership with the Ministry of Health and NGOs, and has been the main supplier of contraceptives to the country. Efforts by the Government and development partners to ensure the availability of modern contraceptives are critical to preventing unsafe abortion, the leading cause of maternal death and disability in the country.

**Letpangon Model Village illuminated in PyinOoLwin Township**

PyinOoLwin, 12 July—A ceremony to launch self-reliant 11/400 volt 315 KVA sub-power station was held in Letpangon Model Village of Kywewalatwau Township in PyinOoLwin Township on 7 July morning. Among 211 houses in the village, a total of 193 houses have been installed electricity.

The village electricity supply committee will provide assistance for installation of electricity to the remaining houses. Letpangon Region government has facilitated over 450 houses within two miles distance to the powered in 4,474 houses. For the houses far from the power grid, the government of the region has illuminated the houses of over 160 villages through bio-gas, diesel engines and solar system.

**Trees grown as School Environment Day activity**

Yangon, 12 July—No. 3 Basic Education High School held a tree growing ceremony to mark School Environment Day in the compound of Basic Education High School (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township of Yangon East District on 5 July.

At the ceremony, Yangon East District Education Officer U Shin Lein Aung explained the purpose of growing trees for school environment. Yangon Region Ministers presented Gangaw (Musa ferrea) saplings. Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Regional Minister for Planning and Economic U Thant Myint, and Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Soe Thant of District General Administration Department Assistant Director U Tun Aye of No. 3 Basic Education Department, Deputy Director U Aung Lay and Dehkimdaw Daw Aye Aye Thwe and guests together teachers and students planted saplings.

**Exercise books, stationery donated to monastery students**

Mawlamyine, 12 July—A ceremony to donate exercise books and stationery to Shwepyiaye Monastic Education was held at the school in Mawlamyinegyun on 4 July morning. Abbot of the school Bhaddanta Javana and wellwisher Chairman of Parami Blood Donor

**Cash donated to foundation in Bago**

Bago, 12 July—In memory of late headmaster U Than and Sayamagyi Daw Tin Tin of No. 3 Basic Education High School (National) School of Bago, Daw Khin Khin Sein, U Maung Manng Lay, Daw Khin Hwe Hwe, Daw Khin Khin Tin Daw and Daw Khin Myint Myint Thun, who are nephews and nieces of U Than, donated K 12.5 million to the fund of Sayagyi U Than Foundation on 7 July.

**Bus line 157 on new route**

Yangon, 12 July—No. 157 bus line is running its route as of 8 July. The buses start and finish their routes at North Okkala (Chaungkawk) passing through Thuhamma Road, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Sethmu-1, Tanway, Mingala Market, Sethmu-2, Anawrahtpa Street, Thakin Mya Park, Strand Road, Thiri Mingala Old Market, Hsimualai, Heldin, Thamaing Junction, 8th Mile, Nawade Road and Thuhamma Road. Another route for the buses start and finish at North Okkala (Chaungkawk) passing through Thanlwin, Nawade Road, 8th Mile, Thamaing Junction, Heldin, Hsimualai, Thiri Mingala Old Market, Mirtin, Maha Bandooloa Street, City Hall, Pansodan, Thimbyua Street, Tamway, Sun U Aye and Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

Such route was run by No. 43 bus line. Now, the local people, staff and students rely on No. 157 Bus Line. The bus fare is fixed at K 200 per head. The new route is Shwepawaukkan (Hsinphon)-Chaungkawk-Thuhamma-Kaba Aye Pagoda-Shwegodine-Sule-Kyemyi—PyinOoLwin.

**People at the launching ceremony of electricity supply to Letpangon Village in progress in PyinOoLwin Township**

**Water surface of Mandalay moats cleaned**

Mandalay, 12 July—Mandalay City Development Committee is undertaking all-round development of the city for creating clean and pleasant environments and convenience of the city dwellers. Parks and Playgrounds Department of MCDC removes debris and water dust at surface of water in the moats with the use of Aquamarines.

With a view to ensuring sufficiency of water for the local people, the Water and Sanitation Department lays water pipelines from moats along 22nd and 24th streets between 80th and 85th streets in Aungmyethazan Township, 26th street between 70th and 73rd streets and 74th street between 30th and 35th streets. City dwellers may apply to lay water pipelines with the application attached to citizenship scrutiny cards, household registration and residence endorsement of the ward administrative office to the Water and Sanitation Department.

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registration of motorcycle was being carried out by Yangon North District office, according to the current project. Ministry of Commerce had allowed importers to import motorcycles with import licenses as of 1-1-2010. So, the importers could sell motorcycles with official licenses after paying taxes.

Registration of imported motorcycles through border areas for motorcycle showroom was carried out after being levied by Border Trade Department and Customs Department. People could buy registered motor cycles officially from the showrooms. After the four-month one stop service, arrangements were being made to take legal actions against respective local authorities had been informed to prevent selling unlicensed motorcycles in the showrooms.

Regarding the questions raised by U Win Sein of Kawa Constituency on “there is a plan to extend Thantpin-Thakala-Kayan and Kawa-Omhnae village road (2)” by U Win Koel Huhseng Constituency on “there is a plan to carry out the upgrade and tarmacking of Hthesakha road section 2012-2013 financial year.” With respect to the second question, plans were under way to supply drinking water in main Rural Health Departments and branches in need of water. Water tanks were to be built under the programme of respective health rural health centers. Townships had been informed through respective regional state Health Departments to draw out necessary materials for construction of water tanks.

Regarding the third question, arrangements would be made to choose a suitable site for the construction of guard ward in North Okkalapa Teaching Hospital and General Hospital. For easy transport of patients, it had been equipped with a lift, and plans were under way to install lift including a building. It had been supplied with air-sep and oxygen cylinders with the assistance of Ministry of Health.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Huy Oo of Hinthada Constituency was elected as member of the Electoral Commission which will scrutinize whether the Vice-President elected by the group of Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representatives possesses prescribed qualifications of the President and Vice-Presidents in third section of Chapter (3) President and Vice-Presidents with the agreement of the majority.

Six lawmakers discussed the proposal of Thura U Aye Myint of Werlet Constituency on opening a sports university in the country. They said that it would be more appropriate to open an advanced sports university only when there is sufficient number of competent coaches and tacticians in the country. The suggested that the country should scout stars in the making and the qualified and advanced sports university should provide them constant trainings. They also tipped that it would uplift Myanmar’s sports standards. They discussed in favour of the proposal as such university is in need in the country.

Deputy Sports Minister U Aye Myint Kyu discussed that, if the university is established Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthi Sports Complex as systematic utilization and maintenance. Sports Complex would nurture well-rounded new generations for selected Myanmar sports teams. It would allow to conduct sports and physical education researches and to share experiences on advanced sports in connection with international sports centers.

U Kyaw Myint of Naungkhoi Constituency raising question.

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Fifth paper reading session of Technological Universities held

Myanmar, Singapore red cross societies sign MoU

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 July—Fifth paper reading session of Technological Universities was held at Mandalay Technological University (Upper Myamar) on 10 July, with an opening address by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint.

In his speech, the Minister said that today is the age of globalization. With a view to turning out qualified human resources, the government had been implementing National Education Promotion Plan. To keep abreast of world’s modern science and technology, Myanmar would have to make efforts for turning out export not only for the future but also for the future. Ministry of Science and Technology was conducting undergraduate courses on engineering and architect and bio-technology and graduate courses on engineering and architect, bio-technology, applied science and Ph.D courses on engineering and architect, bio-technology and applied science etc.

Since 1996 to date, the number of bachelor, master and Ph.D degree holders had reached over 100,000. He continued to say that demonstrators and lecturers, trainees were being sent to international paper reading sessions, conferences, workshops and training courses. As part of its effort to support the development of science and technology sector, annual paper reading session was held by students of Master of Engineering Courses in Technological Universities and Colleges.

He urged staff, students and researchers to learn ever-changing science and technology constantly and do researches that can be applied for the country’s development. After that, the Union Minister looked into extended construction of main hall, lecture rooms and practical labs in Mandalay Technology.

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He agreed on the proposal to uplift the sport standards of the country and requested the Hluttaw to approve the proposal and put it on record.

As the Hluttaw agreed on the proposal, it was approved.

U T Khun Myat of Kutikat Constituency submitted the proposal on enacting law safeguarding the rights of ethnic people.

As the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal, the representatives who are willing to discuss it are to submit their name lists not later than 1 pm tomorrow.

The Bill Committee and the Hluttaw representatives who had submitted the amendment proposals discussed each paragraph of 2012 Basic Education Bill submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Education Committee. Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu made clarifications and approval of the Hluttaw was sought.

The bill was then approved.

At today’s session, eight questions were raised and answered, one proposal discussed, one more submitted and one bill approved.

The Pyithu Hluttaw session for today concluded at 4.10 pm and the eight day session takes place tomorrow.

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officials and take such punitive actions as retiring, dismissing or demoting them, as well as taking such actions as retiring, dismissing or demoting them. As no laws have been passed so far to establish such offenses, there is no plan to construct such anteroms currently.

As the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal, Hlutaw representatives who are willing to discuss the proposal are called to submit their name lists.

U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency (10) submitted the proposal urging the Union Government to allow regions and states hold matriculation exams and allow students to join their preferred universities by entrance exams.

A Hlutaw representative seconded the proposal.

As the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal, Hlutaw representatives who are willing to discuss the proposal are called to submit their name lists.

The Hlutaw confirmed U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency (5) as a member of the Vice-President of the Union Hlutaw.

Today’s Amyotha Hlutaw session concluded at 12.10 pm. —MNA

CASH AND FOODSTUFF PROVIDED FOR LOCALS IN RAKHINE STATE

YANGON, 12 July—People in Rakahine State have lost their houses and property on account of the current situation that recently happened there. A ceremony to provide cash and foodstuff for those in Rakahine State was held at Mayakala Hall of Fire Services Department in Mayagyan Township, here, this morning.

The Magway Region Government and people donated K 34,482,907 and foodstuffs, and clothes and 13 kinds of kitchen utensils worth K 8,364,200, Hajji Subha (Haji Uo Ko Gryi (Tanag family) K 2,508,000, Magway Region FSD staff K 100,000, Daw Khin Nyo Win and family K 40,000 and two bales of clothes, Daw Ohn Kyi and family one bale of clothes, U Myo Lwin two bales of clothes, U Ba The and grandchildren K 30,000, three sets of robes and four bales of clothes, Uon Myo Lwin, two bales of clothes, Daw Khin Nyo Win and family K 100,000, Daw Chin Nyo Win and family K 40,000 and two bales of clothes, Daw Ohn Kyi and family one bale of clothes, U Myo Lwin two bales of clothes, U Ba The and grandchildren K 30,000, three sets of robes and four bales of clothes, "Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd" (freight workers, driver and bus conductor) K 211,000, U Kin Win + Daw Tin Aye and family K 20,000 and one bale of clothes and U Than Naing + Daw Kyin Nu and family K 10,000 and two bales of clothes, Deputy Director-General U Ko Hlaing and officials accepted the donations and gave them honour of certificates. After that they spoke words of thanks to them.

Up to now, the donations amounted to K 282,710,723. —MNA

AMYOTHHA HLUTTAW REPRESENTATIVE DR MYINT KYI OF YANGON REGION CONSTITUENCY (8) RAISING QUESTION.

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Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuff for locals suffering due to disaster, The State at Fire Services Department (Head Office). —MNA

RAINY SEASON TREE GROWING CEREMONY HELD IN PATHEIN

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended rainy season tree growing ceremony-2012 of Ayeyawady Region government at Pathein University of Computer Studies near Pathein-Nwesung Road, Pathein, yesterday morning.

The Region Hlutaw Deputy Speaker, Region Ministers, the acting chief justice, the region advocate-general, the region auditor-general, the secretary of region government and Region Hlutaw representatives, officials, members of social organizations and local people attended the ceremony.

The Region Chief Minister planted a teak sapling at the designated place and encouraged those present in growing trees.

At least a total of 734 saplings were planted. —MNA
Increasing number of taxi cannot change taxi fare in Yangon

YANGON, 12 July—During 10-month period after changing motor car policies, the number of taxis distinctly increased in Yangon. Due to increasing number of taxis, their shares of passenger plummeted down. As such, most of the taxi drivers hope emergence of group-owned taxis and they want to reduce payment rate to owners of motor cars.

“In looking at all the vehicles rolling on the roads, only three to four vehicles per ten are private cars. As almost all the cars are taxis, their passenger share reduces distinctly. Due to hiking prices of fuel and owner’s charges, the drivers cannot decline taxi and owner’s charges, the share reduces distinctly. As almost all the cars are taxis, their passenger share reduces distinctly. Due to hiking prices of fuel and owner’s charges, the drivers cannot decline taxi and owner’s charges,” said taxi driver U Kyaw Myint from South Okkalapa Township.

Moreover, they must pay K 15000 to K 20000 for owner’s charge. Unfortunately, they spend their money for cost to some extent. So, we all hope emergence of group-owned taxis for fixing the reasonable fare for passengers and for declining the owner’s charge,” said taxi driver U Myint Aung of South Okkalapa Township.

Taungup Township observes Myanmar Women’s Day

TAUNGUP, 12 July—Organized by Taungup Township Women’s Affairs Organization, the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women’s Day was observed at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 3 July night.

Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Wai Wai Lwin gave a speech.

Next, Secretary of the organization Daw Khin Yi reported on functions of the WAO, Deputy Judge of the Township Court Daw Aye Aye Nwe, the law protecting the women, and Township Law Officer U Aung Than Shwe the law on rights of women.

After that, responsible persons presented prizes to winners in the open article contest at mark the Myanmar Women’s Day.—Myanma Alin

Preventive measures taken against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Insein

INSEIN, 12 July—As part of launching the public hygienic campaigns to decline outbreaks of dengue hemorrhagic fever, the sanitation tasks are being carried out in Insein Township every Saturday. On 7 July morning, the people carried out sanitation at Insein General Hospital. Also present on the occasion were Township Administrator U Tun Naing Soe, Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Hsan of the hospital, health staff, members of Fire Brigade, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Tin Tin Oo and party, ward administrators, members of Red Cross Brigade and social organizations.

CSC ISSUD: Staff of Shwepyitha Township Immigration and National Registration Department made issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to students in implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan. On 5 July, the staff members issue cards to students at Basic Education High School No. 3 in Shwepyitha Township.

UMFCCI officials hold talks with Chinese entrepreneurs

YANGON, 12 July—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung, CEC member U Maung Maung Swe, Executive U Moe Myint Kyaw and party met with a 14-member delegation led by Deputy Secretary General Ms Ouyang Xiaoming and party of All China Federation of Industry of Commerce (ACFIC) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the federation on 2 July morning. They discussed mutual cooperation in farming equipment manufacturing industry, energy, mining and tourism industries in Myanmar, encouragement of the State to development of agricultural sector, investment opportunities at a time when investment law has come out, trading between Myanmar and Chinese entrepreneurs and mutual cooperation in investment matters.

UMFCCI
Arrival of athletes to make London driving trickier

LONDON, 12 July—Getting around London will become trickier from this weekend, when thousands of athletes arrive for the Olympics, and further disruption is expected a week later as the torch relay enters the capital.

Commuters and businesses, already used to congestion on the city’s narrow streets, were warned by London’s public transport authority on Thursday to plan ahead to avoid getting caught up in travel hotspots.

Although the opening ceremony is not until 27 July, large numbers of athletes, officials and the world’s media are due to arrive this weekend to coincide with the opening of the Olympic Village in east London on Monday.

Mexican paper stops drug war coverage after grenade attacks

Monterrey, 10 July, 2012.—A newspaper in Mexico’s northern city of Nuevo Laredo announced on Wednesday it will end coverage of drug-related bloodshed, one day after grenades damaged its offices for the second time this year.

Many Mexican news organizations have decided to report only basic facts about murders and massacres in recent years. But it is rare for a newspaper to drop coverage altogether.

Tuesday’s attack on the daily El Manana was one of the latest incidents that have made Mexico one of the world’s most dangerous places for journalists.

El Manana said in an editorial that it was too dangerous to report on the execution-style murders, car bombs and decapitations that have terrorized residents in the city across the border from Laredo, Texas.

“The editorial board of the company has come to this regrettable decision because of the circumstances that all know about and the lack of conditions to freely carry out journalism,” it said.

El Manana ... does not want to serve the petty interests of any de facto power or criminal group,” the newspaper said.

On Tuesday assailants fired at the newspaper’s main offices with a grenade launcher, damaging the building but causing no injuries. A similar attack occurred on 11 May.

The city south of the Rio Grande has seen a surge in violence in recent months as the brutal Zetas cartel battle rivals for control of lucrative drug smuggling routes.

In one recent incident, 14 severed heads were dumped on the street close to Nuevo Laredo’s town hall in ice boxes.

Cash-strapped France may halt high-speed train expansion

PARIS, 12 July—France may abandon plans for a major extension of its high-speed train network, one of the most visible if costly symbols of its engineering prowess, as the new left-wing government strives to shrink its huge debt.

Budget Minister Jerome Cahuzac broke the news in a television interview on Wednesday, saying it seemed too extravagant to spend so much on a major extension of its high-speed train network many people depend on.

France has vowed to spare French people wage and pension cuts of the kind being imposed in countries such as Greece and Ireland in return for international financial bailouts, saying such austerity risks turning economic stagnation into recession.

Apart from raising tax, he is looking for other ways to keep a lid on public expenditure in Europe’s second-biggest economy, with the aim of getting rid of France’s public deficit by 2017 in line with European commitments.

Garuda Indonesia declares partnership with Liverpool FC

Jakarta, 12 July—Indonesian flag carrier airlines, Garuda Indonesia, set up partnership programmes with English Premier League side Liverpool, to act as official partner to the club.

The statement released by the airline on Wednesday said that the agreement on the partnership programme between the two was signed on Monday.

The partnership programme covers official partner to the club and Garuda Indonesia becomes Liverpool FC’s global airline partner.

Midwest drought slashes corn estimate, jolts market

Washington, 12 July—The worst Midwest drought in a quarter century is doing more damage to US crops than previously expected with the government on Wednesday slashing its estimate for what was supposed to be a record harvest.

The US Department of Agriculture said the corn crop this year will average just 146 bushels an acre, 85 below this year’s ultra-record. The yield would be more immediate for the world’s poor if the drought persists.

The severe scaling back of the harvest has sent corn and soybean prices up by more than a third over the past month, as extreme heat and dry conditions stunt growth in the world’s largest grower and exporter.

The deep cuts to the supply outlook shocked traders, who had expected the USDA to be more conservative in adjusting its views.

The chairman of World Agriculture Outlook Board said the 12 percent cut was the largest he could recall.

“They sent a signal of, ‘Listen, we got a serious problem here,’ ” said Don Roose, an analyst with US Commodities.

The news for traders softened as the day went on as profit-taking and forecasts for slightly wetter weather softened as the day went on as profit-taking and forecasts for slightly wetter weather curtailed gains. After a volatile trading day on the Chicago Board of Trade, corn futures erased earlier gains of nearly 3 percent to end 1.9 percent lower.

The USDA cut its corn harvest projection to 12.97 billion bushels for 2012/13 — still the third largest on record. The yield would be the lowest since 2003, although still more than the 85 bushels an acre expected following the drought of 1988.

As a result, USDA reduced its forecast for corn exports — the amount of grain still in bins at the end of next summer before the new harvest — by 37 percent from last month's more than the 32 percent reduction expected on 9 July.

A farmer breaks open a ear of corn while surveying his crop in Mystic, Iowa, on 11 July, 2012.

“You got a huge drought out here ... and that’s going to affect us a lot,” said Donnie Borden, a farmer in rural Iowa.

The USDA report showed corn stocks as of July 1 were at 7.8 billion bushels, far below the 9.1 billion bushels on hand at this time last year, although still well above the year-earlier level that had been forecast at 7.6 billion bushels.

Suffering from the drought are farmers across the central US, especially in the corn belt, where the crop was expected to average 148 bushels an acre, far above the USDA’s forecast of 135 bushels an acre.

Chief Economist Michael Parry said the report showed the US was in the middle of its corn harvest, but a “catastrophic event” could be needed to bolster the forecast.

The report initially re- jected a near-record rally in grain prices that could eventually hit consumer grocery bills in North America, although the impact could be more immediate for the world’s poor if the drought persists.

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**UNICEF warns of cholera upsurge in Sahel**

GÉNIVA, 12 July—The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) on Tuesday warned that an upsurge of cholera in the Sahel region of Africa was placing children already weakened by malnutrition at acute risk.

UNICEF spokesperson Marixie Mendoza said that a recent upsurge of the deadly and highly infectious disease has killed more than 60 people and sickened about 2,800 this year. She said the epidemic appeared to have been concentrated to the west around Niger and Mali this year, where its impact was being aggravated by massive displacement of people fleeing conflicts in northern Mali. “The combination of displacement, the onset of rains and the acute malnutrition that was extremely dangerous for children,” she said.

Tarik Jasarevic, spokesman for the World Health Organization (WHO), also said on Tuesday that 2,242 cholera cases, including 56 deaths, had been recorded in Niger over the first half of this year. An outbreak of cholera was reported in northern Mali Monday last week. As of Saturday, there were 45 confirmed cases, including deaths, according to Jasarevic. —Xinhua

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**China’s shipping giant boosts synergies with Italian port**

**The Second China-Africa People’s Forum is opened in Suzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 10 July, 2012. The forum will last for two days.**

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**Influenza virus hits Australia**

BRISBANE, 12 July—The influenza virus has hit Australia hard this winter, with Queensland recording the highest number of cases in the country, health experts warned on Wednesday.

The Influenza Specialist Group (ISG), which consists of medical and scientific specialists on influenza from around Australia, said on Wednesday that more than 5,000 cases of the H3N2 and Type B strains have already been diagnosed across Australia. Experts are warning that the time is now to come forward and get vaccinated as the virus can be extremely dangerous for those who are yet to get their flu shots.

ISG said Queensland was the worst affected state with 2,536 diagnosed cases, while New South Wales was next with 2,391. The infection rate for Queensland was ten percent higher than the same period a year ago, the ISG said. Children under nine years old have been the hardest hit by the flu virus and the number of elderly people and those between 35 and 44 years old contracting the virus has also increased.

ISG Chair Dr Alan Hampson said the fact that the H3N2 and the Type B strains hadn’t been prominent in the community for the past few years could increase this season’s severity. When we see high levels of H3N2, which is the predominant strain this season, there is significant impact, especially in high-risk groups,” he said. “Typically, we can expect to see more deaths and hospital admissions.”

Hampson said people should protect themselves by regularly washing their hands, avoiding crowds and getting vaccinated.

—Xinhua
**Bride gives birth at wedding in France**

A bride gave birth only minutes after tying the knot at a townhall wedding in western France, making it more of a “big day” than anticipated, the local mayor told AFP.

“It did rather shake us up,” admitted Jean-Robert Gachet, mayor of Jallais, after hearing that mother and baby were doing well.

Saturday’s ceremony at 11:00 am was nearly called off after the heavily pregnant bride had several false alarms, although her due date was 14 July. The bride was finally a bit won over but we put that down to the stress of the wedding. I tried to hurry it up a bit so that she didn’t get too tired,” said Gachet.

But only moments after the happy couple said their vows, a bride and emergent outsider to pose for the traditional photos, while the guest left the reception ceremony suddenly felt unwell and went back into the townhall.

Emergency services were called, but her waters had already broken and she gave birth to a little boy on the spot at 12:15 pm.

“The cry of the newborn boy was an emotional moment! It was a first for us and for the emergency services,” Gachet said.

A curious cat climbs on to reporter Nicole DiDonato’s shoulder

On Thursday, Fox 17 reporter Nicole DiDonato was delivering her live report on ways to beat the summer heat when a stray cat suddenly climbed upon her shoulder.

“We’ve all heard of newsbombs. But what would you call this breaking news kitty? A reporter? Amazingly, DiDonato remained mostly composed as the cat climbed up the back of her leg, then continued to rest on her shoulder.

When the camera cuts back to the news studio in Grand Rapids, Mich., the Fox 17 anchor notes that they heard meowing off-screen while DiDonato was preparing to go live with her report.

After the report, DiDonato took to her Twitter account, noting that she’s a cat owner (“I actually already have two strays I took home from the last woodcutter worked in!”), which may have encouraged the stray to jump into the show.

“I learned my lesson: Never making eye contact with a cat before a live tease ever again,” she wrote.

Mediated describe the cat as “rude,” but how could anyone be mad at such an adorable little guy giving attention for a second? However, DiDonato also said she was adding a third stray to her home, writing, “One reason I can’t spend my last moments at home.”

Ownership of Dylan’s historic guitar in dispute

**New Album**

First action man of Bollywood, Dara Singh, dies at 83

MUMBAI, 12 July—Bollywood’s “first action hero” Dara Singh, an Indian champion wrestler-turned-actor whose film and television career spanned over half a century, died on Thursday aged 83.—INTERNET

**Bollywood’s “first action hero” Dara Singh** (pictured in 2007), an Indian champion wrestler-turned-actor whose film and television career spanned over half a century, died on Thursday aged 83.—INTERNET

**Voice vocal injury strikes Florence and the Machine**

**New York, 12 July—**Florence and the Machine canceled its next two shows in Europe on Wednesday to enable its frontwoman Florence Welch to recover from a vocal injury in time for a North American tour. “I’ve sustained a vocal injury and have been told I cannot sing for a week... seriously I felt something snap, it was very frightening,” wrote Welch, 25, to her fans on the band’s website (www.f-lorenzandmachine.net).

“Unfortunately this means I will not be able to perform at the Benicassim and Optimus Alive festivals (in Spain and Portugal respectively) this weekend... I hope I can make it up to you in the future.” She did not specify the nature of the vocal injury but “I was told without question not to (perform), so as not to do permanent damage.”

Florence and the Machine is still lined up for a string of concerts in Canada and the United States starting in Burnaby, British Columbia on 20 July and ending in Chicago on 5 August, before returning to Europe for more gigs. Fellow British songstress Adele canceled a number of dates on her concert tour due to vocal cord hemorrhage for the last two cities I worked at—Delhi and Dubai.”

**Klimt up close and personal on his 150th birthday**

**Vienna, 12 July—**On this 150th birthday, Vienna’s museums offer an intimate look at Gustav Klimt, diggong beneath the layers of paint and scratching away at the artist... but not without a good dose of kitch.

Klimt’s work shocked early-1900s Vienna and elsewhere. Alongside this however, his philosophy of tattoos, a toilet-seat cover and a boot covered in tattoos, a toilet-seat cover and a boot, some 140 objects sent from around the world, including pictures of tattoos, a toilet-seat cover and a boot, the two figures from “The Kiss” rotating to Essex Presley’s “Can’t Help Falling in Love.”

This earlier year, the museum made a call on Facebook for the “worst of the worst” and the result was some 140 objects sent from around the world, including pictures of tattoos, a toilet-seat cover and a boot, the two figures from “The Kiss” rotating to Essex Presley’s “Can’t Help Falling in Love.”

Alongside this however, the Wien Museum has also put its entire Klimt collection on show for the first time, including the artist’s death mask, his massive painter’s smock — last in existence — and some 400 drawings from his beginnings in art school to his last few years.
Serena Williams wins 1st match at Bank of the West

Serena Williams returns to Nicole Gibbs during the Bank of the West tournament on 11 July, 2012 in Stanford, Calif

Nicole Gibbs 6-2, 6-1.—INTERNET

Stadium, (Calif), 12 July — Serena Williams had to get her bearings after flying halfway around the world. Once she got loose, she needed just over an hour to pick up another win. Four days after capturing the singles’ title at Wimbledon, the fourth-ranked and top-seeded Williams beat reigning NCAA champion Nicole Gibbs 6-2, 6-1 in the second round of the Bank of the West on Wednesday. “I couldn’t quite believe I was playing today,” Williams said. “But I’m healthy and I have a heartbeat so I didn’t have a reason not to play. I could have felt better.”

Gibbs double-faulted on her first serve and then seemed to regain her composure and played a number of strong points the rest of the way. “I kind of expected that,” Gibbs said. “I could laugh at that one. She is such a hero to me and I had her so built up in my mind I thought she was going to do no wrong. I collected a lot of experience points out there if not physical points.”

Williams, who won her 1999 League Cup and Premier League side win the time he helped the Barclays Tottenham player between White Hart Lane, having Daniel Sousa, first team coach in a new coaching set-up that Boas’s second-in-command has become Andre Villas-Boas’s former Germany international assistant head coach. The reigning NCAA champion pick up another win. Four Williams won the match Nicole Gibbs during the midfield for five seasons.

INTERNET

Khan reinstated as WBA champion

New York, 12 July — Amir Khan has been reinstated to his WBA super-lightweight title reinstated ahead of his fight against WBC champion Danny Garcia in Las Vegas, the governing body said on Wednesday. Khan lost his WBA and IBF super-lightweight titles to Lamont Peterson in controversial circumstances last November. “Justice has been done,” Khan, who was quoted as saying on the Sky Sports website (www.aksports.com). “I’m glad the WBA are reinstating me as champion, it means I walk into this fight as world champion,” said the 25-year-old, who fights undefeated American Garcia on Saturday. “There is a chance to win the WBA belt as well but not only that, the Ring magazine title will be on the line as well. I hope Khan lost his final IBF belt to Peterson on a split decision after having been docked two points by the referee for pushing. A rematch, scheduled for May, was called off after Peterson failed a drugs test for testosterone in an unscheduled dope test conducted by the Las Vegas-based Voluntary Anti-Doping Association in March.—Reuters

Former WBA and IBF super-lightweight champion Amir Khan of Britain shadow boxes during a workout at the Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood, California on 3 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Steffen Freund has returned to Tottenham where he played in midfield for five seasons. —INTERNET

Tottenham appoint Freund as assistant head coach

London, 12 July Tottenham Hotspur have announced the appointment of Steffen Freund as their assistant head coach. The former Germany international has become Andre Villas-Boas’s second-in-command in a new coaching set-up that includes first team fitness coach Jose Mario Rocha, head of opposition scouting Daniel Sousa, first team coach Luis Martinis and goalkeeping coach Tony Parkes.

Freund is no stranger to White Hart Lane, having spent five seasons as a Tottenham player between 1998 and 2003 during which time he helped the Barclays Premier League side win the 1999 League Cup and achieved such acclaim following he was inducted into the club’s Hall of Fame.

The 42-year-old, who collected a winner’s medal in the UEFA European Championship in 1996, made 120 appearances for Spurs after signing from Bayern Munich in 1993. —INTERNET

Villas-Boas will ‘never accept’ Abramovich’s decision to sack him at Chelsea

London, 12 July — Tottenham manager Andre Villas-Boas says he will “never accept” Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich’s decision to sack him after only nine months in charge at Stamford Bridge last season. The Portuguese manager arrived at the Blues with a promising reputation built at Porto but failed to gain control of a Chelsea squad including several senior players. The recently appointed manager at White Hart Lane spoke for the first time about the confrontation with Abramovich after he was forced out of the club.

“I respect the decision of the owner of Chelsea but I will never accept,” Villas-Boas said. “[The Guardian] ‘I told him that for it, him quitting on me when he had been so much involved at the beginning in bringing me in [from Porto] and he was also [the one] who was not putting up to the things that he promised. ‘What reason did he give me to? I’m not sure if I can make it public but the reasons don’t go along or can’t be applied to the fact that it was damaged.”

Robertito Di Matteo took over as interim manager following Villas-Boas’s departure and went on to win the FA Cup and Champions League and, while not taking credit for the successes, Villas-Boas felt he was denied the opportunity to see out what he started but felt the decision to sack him also liberated the players. “The decision to terminate what was going on at Chelsea was not mine, it was the owner’s,” he continued. “It was very sad because I love the project short and Chelsea go on to win two trophies and [you say] how wonderful the squad was, but at the beginning nobody believed in that squad when we put it together.”

“Orthodoxy of the day, I told Roman that eventually, I told Roman that eventually, we can produce record payouts of $2.2 million to 2010 US Open women won the $1.1 million and $2.4 million to Roger Federer in 2007.—INTERNET

Donald defends Scottish Open crown

London, 12 July — World No 1 Luke Donald will be hoping for Scottish Open success this week after going unnoticed by Australian pop singer, Kylie Minogue at Wimbledon could be defending his Scottish Open title after winning the rain-reduced event by four strokes last year at Castle Stuart near Inverness in northern Scotland. ast week Donald was invited to Wimbledon and the Royal Box for the Men’s semi-finals where the Chicago-based British woman, Minogue who, however, the 44-year-old top singer was oblivious Donald was a professional golfer. “She actually wasn’t aware that I was a golfer,” said Donald. So I had to mention that to her, but her boyfriend was a keen golfer and she turned that around, and said he’s a professional golfer. And he turned around and goes, yes, I know (laughing). But it was the first time I had been to the Royal Box and Kylie was a sweet girl, actually. A really genuine nice girl, down to earth, and I enjoyed chatting to her. I got to watch two great matches, and it was fun day out.” Donald is this week celebrating his 32nd week as World No 1 and looking also to capture his second European Tour title in three events since retaining his BMW PGA Championship crown at Wentworth. As well, Donald will be striving to become the first back-to-back winner of the prestigious Scottish event since it came under the European Tour banner in 1972.

However he returns after missing the cut in last month’s US Open with shock opening rounds of 79 and 72 for an 11-over par Olympic Golf Club tally.—INTERNET

US Open boosts prize money to record $25.5 million

New York, 12 July—US Open prize money will jump by more than $2 million this year to a record $25.5 million with another $2.6 million in potential bonuses available, the US Tennis Association announced on Wednesday. For the 40th year in a row, women and men will receive equal prize money, with each singles champion taking home a record $1.9 million and potentially up to $1 million each in bonus money for performance in US Open tuneup events.

Thursdays US Open prize money purse has hit an overall increase in men’s and women’s singles draws. First-round prize money will be boosted by 21 percent over last year. Second-round prize money will jump 19 percent. “We recognize the mounting financial pressures associated with competing on the global professional tennis circuits and especially for those who do not reach the second week of the US Open,” said US Tennis Association president Jon Vegosen.

“We believe the additional prize money, as how it will be strategically distributed, will help alleviate some of the pressure.” Bonus payments for playing in and producing the best results in selected pre-Open tuneup events has helped produce record payoffs of $2.2 million to 2010 US Open women won the $1.1 million and $2.4 million to Roger Federer in 2007.—INTERNET

WTA Tour championship.

Reuters
Australia seeks high-tech edge ahead of Olympics

SAYBON, 20 July — Retail expert Brendan Cole says Australia is unique in the world in terms of the breadth of services offered in a single place: one-stop shop for coaching, nutrition, performance analysis, training and recovery. “We are still renowned, the AIS and Australia, for being pioneers really in a lot of these areas,” Favier told AFP. Every sport has its secret weapons and, in an Olympic year, every advantage counts. Australia’s cycling team has used the latest in satellite and bicycle technology to construct a virtual track which simulates every hill and dip of the London circuit.

AIS director Matt Favier

The information was gathered in a sneaky operation, code-named “Deja-Vu 4”, in which AIS scientists and some of the Olympic hopefuls did a test run of the road circuit last August, according to senior physiologist David Martin. Riders’ bikes were fitted out with instruments to measure the route profile and the amount of power exerted at different stages, along with a GPS to plot a geographical map and a camera to film the scenery. 

Apart from the obvious strategic benefits, Martin said the simulator gives riders a confidence they wouldn’t otherwise have on the Olympic starting line, knowing they have already executed the race scores of times. “You’ve faced it so many times before and you’re ready to put on a show for the rest of the world,” said Martin. “It’s just that little edge that’s the difference between fourth and third maybe; it could be the difference between second and gold.” Swimmer Tommaso D’Orsogna is preparing for his first Olympic Games in one of Australia’s most coveted events, the 4x100m freestyle relay, and he credits the AIS programme with getting him to his peak. Internet

Sports equipment shop of Yadanabon FC sponsor opens in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 12 July — A ceremony to present uniforms and sports gear to Yadanabon FC that is standing the table with 41 points in the first leg of Myanmar National League was held at the ERKE Sports Equipment Shop on 73rd Street between 34th and 35th streets in Chanayetharman Township on 7 July morning.

The shop is being opened by China. Similar shops are opened in Europe, US, Africa, and Southeast Asian nations. The shop provides sponsorship to the Yadanabon FC of Myanmar for the first time.

The shop’s manager, Manager of the FC, U Aung Tun Oo and Manager of ERKE Shop formally opened the shop that sold sports gear to Yadanabon FC fans at 20 per cent discount.

Players of the FC and artisits put commemorative signs on the board. At the ceremony, tickets for the football matches to be held at Bahtoo Stadium were distributed free of charge.

Memorial Service for Daw Kyi Kyi Tin

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Passed away on 7 May 2012 at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Daughter of the late (Pro. Fe Maung Tin - Daw Kyi Kyi) beloved wife of Jack A. Prindiville, older sister of Daw Tin Tin Myaing (Ret. (French, UFL, Yangon) would like to invite, friends and family to her memorial service at Holy Trinity Memorial, Bogayoke Aung San Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon. On Saturday 14 July 2012 at 11 am.

Brenda Pe Maung Tin and Family

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Cuba’s Olympic athletes declared free of doping

Havana, 12 July — All of the 110 Cuban athletes heading to the London 2012 Olympic Games were declared Wednesday to be “free of illegal (performance-enhancing) substances” by Cuba’s National Anti-Doping Brigade. “That fact is another expression of our respect for fair play,” said brigade director Yahurama Castro, adding the rejection of steroids and other performance enhancing drugs reflected the “philosophy of a country that loves this values of physical activity as a means to boost people’s health.” According to the official daily Granma, Castro said the entire Cuban delegation had undergone one or more anti-doping tests and all came back negative. The tests were analyzed at Havana’s Anti-Doping Laboratory, which is certified by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Cuba hopes to better its medal count from Beijing 2008, where the country placed 28th with two gold, 11 silver and 11 bronze medals. — Xinhua

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US eases restrictions on investment in Myanmar

Nav Pyi Taw, 12 July—The US government on 11 July announced that it gave permission to US companies to make investment in Myanmar including oil and gas industry. President Barack Obama announced that the US Chamber of Commerce hailed the easing of sanctions, saying major economies, including Australia, Canada and European Union, had moved more swiftly than the US to invest in Myanmar and the continuing sanctions would have only added to the advantage for Asian and European companies.

National Security Council spokesman Tommy Victor said that the US is striving to enhance cooperation in oil and gas industry of Myanmar and that the cooperation would benefit not only the US but also the people of Myanmar.—MNA

Mawlamyine Zone of Sepak Takraw Championship 2012 commences

Nav Pyi Taw, 12 July—The Sepak Takraw Championship 2012, jointly organized by Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation and Double Strong, kicked off in Mawlamyine Zone at Mawlamyine Gymnasium on 9 July morning, with an opening address by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint. A responsible person of Double Strong explained the purpose of holding the championship and thanked all the contributors for the competition.

Among spectators were the Chief Minister of Mon State and officials. In the debut, Lucky Star played against MYC (A). The championship is being organized in Yangon, Mandalay and Mawlamyine Zones. The final stage matches and prize presentation ceremony will be held in Mawlamyine.—MNA

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Officials make field trips to grassroots level

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Rio de Janeiro, 12 July—Luiz Felipe Scolari won his first major title since steering Brazil to World Cup victory in 2002 after his Palmeiras side beat Coritiba 3-1 on aggregate to lift the Copa Brasil title on Wednesday.

Palmeiras secured a 1-1 draw at Coritiba’s packed Couto Pereira stadium after winning the first leg 2-0 last week in Sao Paulo to give Scolari his fourth Copa Brasil as a coach.

Substitute Ayton had put Coritiba ahead with a majestic free-kick just after the hour mark, but striker Betoinho headed home the equalizer from midfielder Marcos Assuncao’s cross in the 66th minute.

“A team like this should be an example for the history of Palmeiras,” said Scolari in a televised news conference after his players had poured drinks over his head in celebration.

“In these two years so much has been experienced by all of us – a title at this moment comes as a reward to an entire group,” he added.

Former Brazil, Portugal and Chelsea coach Scolari returned to Palmeiras in 2010 after his first successful spell at the club from 1997-2000.

Since guiding Brazil to World Cup victory in South Korea and Japan in 2002, he had won only the Uzbekistan league title with B每股 dioxide in 2009.

The victory means Palmeiras is the second Brazilian team to qualify for next year’s Libertadores Cup, after arch rivals Corinthians clinched the South American championship title last week.

It was Scolari’s fourth Copa Brasil win after success in 1998 also with Palmeiras and 1994 (Gremio) and 1991 (Criciúma). Coritiba were also beaten in last year Copa Brasil final to Vasco da Gama. —Reuters

YANGON, 12 July—The Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint arrived back here by air at 7:10 pm today, after attending the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, the Executive Committee Meeting and the 9th Meeting of the Fact Finding Committee to combat the Drug Menace, held in Indonesia from 8 to 11 July, at the invitation of President of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of Indonesia’s House of Representatives Dr. Marzuki Ali.

They were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker of the Hluttaw U Tin Aung, Chairman Dr Khin Shwe of Amyotha Hluttaw Committee for Education, Health and Culture, the Charge of Affairs of the Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and departmental heads at Yangon International Airport.

The delegation comprised Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin, member of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Social Development Committee Daw Win Maw Tin, Director-General of Hluttaw Office U Kyaw Soe and departmental officials.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials.—MNA