Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union
* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

President U Thein Sein visits Temple of the Emerald Buddha

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President U Thein Sein and party visited the Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Grand Palace, Bangkok, Thailand on 24 July morning.

The President signed the visitors’ book at Chakri Mahapasat Throne Hall in Grand Palace and viewed round the building. The President and party paid obeisance to the Emerald Buddha and presented cash donation. They then observed mural paintings and works of arts around the temple and posed for documentary photo together with Thai personnel. They then paid homage to pagoda in the precinct and viewed round religious buildings.—MNA

Myanmar vows to strengthen prevailing friendship, open-hearted mutual trust, bilateral cooperation between two neighbouring countries

Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra hosts dinner to President U Thein Sein

President U Thein Sein delivers address at dinner hosted at Outer Santi Maitri Building at Government House in Bangkok.—MNA

On arrival at the Government House, the President was welcomed by the Thai Prime Minister. The two leaders viewed gifts to be exchanged.

The President cordially greeted those present at the dinner at Reception Hall and viewed arts and cultural booth of Thailand displayed in the hall.

The Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra hosts dinner to President U Thein Sein

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**PERSPECTIVES**

**Myanmar’s anteroom**

With dilapidated infrastructures and poor utility services, nobody won’t believe that Yangon was once “the garden city of the East” famed for its spacious parks and leafy avenues. In rainy seasons, Yangon’s roads often flood since box culverts of the city’s decades old waste disposal system are blocked. The city with the largest urban population in Myanmar contributed by emerging satellite towns encapsulating the city centre is prone to urbanization issues. The city’s service providers found themselves hard to cope with constantly growing consumption.

Following the government’s car import policy reforms, luxury vehicle prices, once merely a display of wealth by elites, have come within the reach of upper middle class. Consequently, the moon surface-alike downtown roads of Yangon which hosts a large segment of the middle-class urban population are congested largely.

Yangon is a city with largest number of colonial buildings in Asia. The Yangon regeneration plan should be built around the ancient buildings which could be transformed into luxury hotels and museums while attaching an immense importance on upplying the city. Recent reports suggest that more gas power plants will be built in the outskirts of Yangon to satisfy growing electricity demand of the city. For the long run, the municipal officials of the seat of Yangon region government should pay more attention on renewable energy sources as most of global cities are trying to acclimate themselves as green cities.

As Myanmar has opened up once again to the outside world, world businessmen and tourists are flocking into the country. Yangon has become the anteroom of Myanmar where almost all business deals are done and the famous cordial welcome is first extended. To attract more visitors, we need to rearrange our tourist cities.

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**Computer technicians of MCF discuss to promote education standard of computer universities**

**NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—**A ceremony for holding talks with scholars of Myanmar Computer Federation to improve higher education standard of the universities of computer studies was held at the meeting room of Yangon University of Computer Studies under the Ministry of Science and Technology on 22 July, with an attendance of Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint. The Union Minister pointed out that the professors of Computer University and external computer technicians need to join hands to uplift the standard of computer universities to become centre of excellence in Myanmar. Yangon Technological University and Mandalay Technological University have been improved to Center of Excellence as well as some computer universities are being tried to uplift Centre of Excellence, he said. The curricula that prescribed for those universities will meet not only the standard of international level but market demand, laws, and mordern technology, he noted. In this way, the education standard of computer universities can be improved as expected and it will become Centre of Excellence, said the Union Minister.

As the duration of computer science and technology courses have been extended to five years, the faculty members are responsible for not only training the students theoretically and practically but also providing necessary teaching for those students enabling them to apply advanced technology, he noted.

Next, the directors-general of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the rectors and faculty members of the universities of computer studies discussed the ways to improve computer education system in Myanmar. Moreover, President of Myanmar Computer Federation U Thein Oo and computer technicians exchanged views on work procedure of Myanmar computer education system from ASEAN standard to international standard each step by step.

The Union Minister met faculty members of Yangon University of Computer Studies and urged them to turn out outstanding students with international level. He then left necessary instructions—MNA

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**Appointment of Ambassador agreed on**

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—**The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E. Mr. Luis Fernando Danus Charpentier as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Chile to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Mr. Luis Fernando Danus Charpentier was born on 21 October 1954 in Antofagasta, Chile. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile in 1976. He served at various capacities at the Chilean Embassies in United Kingdom, New Zealand, Malaysia and Indonesia as well as at the Chilean Permanent Mission to the United Nations. Currently, he is serving as Chilean Ambassador to Singapore and he will be concurrently accredited to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Singapore.—MNA

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**MRTV, CRI to jointly organize Myanmar poem recitation contest**

**NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—**Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information of Myanmar and CRI of China will jointly organize a Myanmar poem recitation contest. The poems in Myanmar language for the contest, which do not have specific requirements for age, education and title, must portray Myanmar-China friendship, and natural beauties and traditional customs of the two countries. There is no limit of words, but wordings that could tarnish the image of any other country and political wordings will not be accepted. The contestants must send the original copy and two copies of the poem, typed and handwritten, on the only page, attaching an assurance of his/her own creation, the pseudonym, the brief curriculum vitae, complete address and two passport photos, to Myanmar Poem Recitation Contest Organizing Committee, MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) or MRTV, Yangon (Pyay Road) or Myanmar/crt.cn through email, not later than 30 October.

The names of tentatively selected poems will be announced and the contest is scheduled to be held in the end of November. Two special prizes (China trip), one first prize, three second prize and five third prize and beautiful poem prizes will be awarded. For more details, one may contact MRTV (Nay Pyi Taw) (Ph: 067-79475 and 067-79374).—MNA

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**Flag of Zomi Congress for Democracy**

**Seal of Zomi Congress for Democracy**

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**Political party applies for registration**

**NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—**Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing political parties. The Zomi Congress for Democracy applied for registration as political party to the Union Election Commission today.—MNA

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**Union Health Minister visits Lewe Township Hospital**

**NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—**Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin visited 100-bed township hospital in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township yesterday.

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The Union Minister urged the trainees to win trust of the people, providing quality healthcare to patients with a heart of gold.—MNA

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**The War Veterans Organization of Mohninzin Township held a ceremony to present stipends to outstanding students for 2012-2013 academic year at the office of the organization on 21 July.**

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**Union Election Commission**

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2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rule 14 (d) that those who wish to remonstrate with the Union Election Commission about the party name, flag and logo may do so with firm evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement.

Union Election Commission
Iran accuses Israel of plotting Bulgaria bus attack

United Nations, 26 July—Iran’s UN envoy accused Israel on Wednesday of plotting and carry out a suicide bomb attack on a bus in Bulgaria a week ago in which five Israeli tourists were killed.

A suicide bomber blew up the bus in a car park at Burgas airport, a popular gateway for tourists visiting Bulgaria’s Black Sea coast, killing himself, the Israeli tourists and the Bulgarian bus driver and wounding more than 30 people.

Israel has accused Iran and the Lebanese Islamist group Hezbollah of the bombing. Iran has denied the accusations.

Fighter scrambled to intercept aircraft ahead of Games

London, 26 July—Britain’s controversial Olympic security procedures swung into action on Wednesday when a fighter jet was scrambled to intercept an aircraft that had entered restricted airspace.

The Typhoon jet was ordered to intercept the aircraft after it failed to contact air traffic controllers, the Ministry of Defence said.

Communications were then restored and the fighter jet told to stand down.

Olympic organizers have been criticized for militarising the Games after missile batteries were installed in residential areas around Olympic sites and in aerial attacks.

Thousands of troops have also been deployed to secure the Games.

“We can confirm that a Typhoon launched shortly before 1130 today,” a defence ministry spokeswoman said. “This was in response to a commercial aircraft that was out of communication with air traffic control services. Communications were quickly restored. No further action was required.”

Security officials are on high alert ahead of and throughout the 27 July to 12 August Games. Experts warn that the Olympics are the type of high-profile event that could be targeted by militants.

British warships, fighter jets, surveillance aircraft and helicopters are on standby in case of security breeches.

Anti-war protesters have accused the Ministry of Defence of creating a climate of fear and the ministry itself is trying to lower its profile.

168,000 affected by Typhoon Vicente in S China

Nanning, 26 July—Typhoon Vicente has affected 168,000 people in Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, including nine,000 who were forced to evacuate, said authorities on Wednesday.

Vicente, this country’s eighth typhoon, made landfall near the city of Taishan in Guangdong province early Tuesday, bringing gales and rainstorms to Guangdong and Guangxi.

Between Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon, precipitation surpassed 200 mm in several cities in Guangxi, while winds of more than 100 km per hour were recorded in the cities of Nanning, Yulin, Wuzhou and Beihai, according to the region’s meteorological centre.

The storm has toppled more than 1,200 farm houses and damaged 8,490 hectares of crops. Direct economic losses totalled 46.6 million yuan ($7.3 million), the region’s civil affairs department said.

In Guangdong, three people died and six others were reported missing due to disasters caused by the typhoon, which also caused temporary blackouts and traffic disruptions.

Local meteorological authorities in Guangxi said heavy downpours could continue into Friday.

Seven soldiers killed in S Philippine clash

Zambanga City, 26 July—Seven soldiers died and five others were wounded in Thursday’s clash between military and suspected Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippine province of Basilan.

Lt Col Randolf Cahangbang, spokesman of Western Mindanao Command, said the Abu Sayyaf militants initially harassed the military detachment in Upper Cabangbang, Siasi town at about 7:30 am local time.

The soldiers were pursuing the first group that initially harassed the army detachment when they bumped into the bigger enemy group. The fighting continued as the troops pursue the militants. Those killed and wounded were retrieved and airlifted to the military base in the city.

According to Cahangbang, the group of troops believed that the group it encountered was the same group responsible in an attack early this month against rubber plantation workers which left six people killed.

Homemade South Korean satellite to go boldly into space

Song Ho-Jun shows his satellite during an interview with Reuters at his house in Seoul on 10 July, 2012.

Homemade South Korean satellite to go boldly into space

Seoul, 26 July—Years of planning, a homemade South Korean satellite will fly off later this year for a South Korean artist when he fulfills his dream of launching a small satellite into space.

Making a satellite is no more difficult than making a cellphone,” said Song Ho-Jun, 34, who said he built the $500 OpenSat to show people that they could achieve their dreams.

“I believe that not just a satellite, but anything can be made with the help of the Internet and social platforms. I chose a satellite to show that symbolically.”

There’s a long history of do-it-yourself satellites being launched by universities and scientific groups around the world, as well as amateur radio clubs, but Song said his is the first truly personal satellite designed and financed by an individual.

An engineering student at university, Song regularly incorporated technology into his art pieces. In a work called Apple he used light bulbs that would “ripen” — change color from green to red when people take photos of it with flashes.

After working as an intern at a private satellite company, he came up with the idea for his “Open Satellite Initiative,” which in turn led him to contact space professionals from Slovenia to Paris.

“I’m just an individual, not someone working for big universities, corporations or armies, so they open up to me and easily give out information,” said Song.

The bespectacled Song spent nearly six years combing academic papers, shopping online at sites that specialize in components that can be used for space projects, and running inside electronic stores hidden in the back alleys of Seoul.

He ran a small electronics business to support himself, but the bulk of his funds came from his parents.

At least 5 missing after tanker explosion off Malaysia’s east peninsula

Kuala Lumpur, 26 July—At least five people were missing after an fire broke out on a tanker early Thursday morning near the docking area of the federal territory of Labuan, an island off Malaysia’s east peninsula, its operator said.

Malaysia International Shipping Corporation (MISC), said in a statement that a fire broke out onboard its 38,000 DWT IMO 11 chemical/palm oil tanker, Bunga Alpinia.

“The ship has 29 crew members, of which 23 are Malaysians and six Filipinos. At present, 24 have been safely brought ashore whilst five are still unaccounted for,” the statement said.

Sources told Xinhua that the fire broke out after an explosion. Officials at the local fire-fighting department confirmed the accident, which happened around 2:30 am, but declined to provide further details by saying the recuse operation is still underway. The vessel was alongside the Methanol terminal owned by Malaysia’s state oil and gas giant, Petronas, when the incident took place, MISC said.

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Skydiver Fearless Felix jumps from 18 miles up

In this 15 March, 2012 photo provided by Red Bull Stratos, Felix Baumgartner prepares to jump during the first manned test flight for Red Bull Stratos, ROSWELL, NM on 25 July, 2012, the 43-year-old Austrian plunged to Earth from an altitude of more than 18 miles landing safely near Roswell, NM. — Reuters

Employees hang a poster advertising the New iPad at an Apple dealership in Wuhan, Hubei Province on 19 July, 2012. — Reuters

Apple says Samsung patent royalty demands unfair

Apple Inc said Samsung Electronics Co Ltd is demanding from the iPhone maker a far higher patent royalty than Apple pays to other companies, at a rate the South Korean company has never sought from any other licensee. The information was contained in portions of an Apple legal brief freshly unsealed in US court on Monday and provides more detail about each side’s negotiating position in the run-up to a high-stakes trial set to begin next week. In a separate filing, Samsung contended that its royalty demands are consistent with industry norms.

Also on Wednesday, a US magistrate in San Jose, California, ruled that Samsung wrongly leaped to allegations that could have helped Apple pursue its $2.53 billion lawsuit over disputed patents. The magistrate, Judge Paul Grewal, also said that a jury may hold this matter against the South Korean company. "We intend to appeal Judge Grewal’s decision to the trial judge, and if necessary, to the Court of Appeals," Samsung said in a statement. "Samsung remains committed to comply with all information requests from the court." A trial is scheduled to start in the San Jose federal court on 23 July. Apple and Samsung, the world’s largest consumer electronics corporations, are waging legal war around the world, accusing each other of patent violations as consumer electronics corporations, are waging legal war around the world, accusing each other of patent violations as

Microsoft reportedly won’t let Dell build a tablet for Windows RT launch

WASHINGTON, 26 July — It’s no secret that Microsoft is being much more careful than usual when it comes to which vendors it will let make tablets based on its Windows RT operating system for its Windows RT tablet launch this fall. And according to Unwired View, only four of Microsoft’s (MSFT) original equipment manufacturers have been given the green light to make Windows RT tablets so far: Asus, Toshiba, Samsung and Lenovo. Hewlett-Packard had originally been asked to make a Windows RT tablet, but the company declined to offer last month, opening up speculation that Dell might take its place. However, Business Insider’s Julie Bort reached out to see whether Dell is actively involved in making a Windows RT tablet this year and has received a rather cagey answer, as Dell would only confirm that it’s “working with Windows RT” and plans to release a tablet for some time in the future and wouldn’t go into specifics about specs or release dates.

Bort also mentions that “since Microsoft announced it would be competing with its OEM partners making tablets, Dell has released a bunch of high-end ultrabooks that can run Linux,” meaning relations between Microsoft and Dell might not be the warmest at the moment.

Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer claims huge cosmic ray haul

Geneva, 26 July — The largest-ever experiment in space has reported the collection of some 18 billion “cosmic ray” events that may help unravel the Universe’s mysteries. The data haul is far greater than the total number of cosmic rays recorded in a full century of looking to date. Run from a centre at Cern, the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) saturns a dark and exotic antimatter. The astronauts who installed it on the space station in 2011 are in Geneva to see an update on how it is performing. Mission commander Mark Kelly told reporters that AMS was "the pinnacle of the science that the ISS will do." The huge number of events seen by the experiment includes some of the highest-energy particles from the cosmos that we have ever seen Kelly’s flight — the STS-134 mission — was the last for the shuttle Endeavour before it was retired from the NASA fleet. The crew visited the Payload and Operations Control Centre at Cern on Wednesday, where a shift of six scientists is watching what is whizzing through the AMS 24 hours a day. AMS deputy spokesman Roberto Battiston told BBC News that seeing the astronauts back in town was “a great joy.” “We are really thankful of these astronauts because we should never forget they put their lives at stake to do something that for us is pure fun — that is our interest, our curiosity,” he said. “They have high expectations that the AMS will find something interesting, because they put a lot of effort into it. They feel part of the family.” The heart of the seven-tonne, $2bn machine is a giant, specially designed magnet which bends the paths of extraordinarily high-energy charged particles called cosmic rays into a series of detectors, giving hints of what the particles are.
LG Electronics said on Wednesday that its smartphone business would struggle further, with its mobile division estimating a loss of 12.9 trillion won ($138 million) on revenue of 12.9 trillion won. Quarterly income was up nearly 50 percent from a year earlier but fell 35 percent from the previous three months.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann makes discussion—MNA

The Seventh Korea-Myanmar Bilateral Forestry Cooperative Meeting took place at Myat Taw Win Hotel here this noon, with an address by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun.

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The Seventh Korea-Myanmar Bilateral Forestry Cooperative Meeting in progress at Myat Taw Win Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Dr Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann (5), U Aung Myint of Gangaw Constituency, U Sai Than Naing of Papun Constituency, U Sein Tun of Hluttabin Constituency, U Shwe Maung of Buthidaung Constituency, U Ohn Tin of Rakhae State Constituency No (10) and Daw Nan Se Aua of Hlpa-an Constituency discussed the proposal submitted by U Tin Htut of Zalan Constituency on “doing justice to farmland confiscation not to harm farmers”. They discussed the proposal is a good one in the interest of the farmers. They welcomed the directive of the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to form a commission. Once the proposal is approved, tasks will be carried out in accordance with Section (228), Sub-section (a) of the constitution. Now is time the country is marching towards democracy. The new government led by the President is initiating measures for all-round development, rural development and poverty alleviation. Easing difficulties of farmers should be prioritized. Their lives should be improved. The proposal is seconded to alleviate poverty and create job opportunities for farmers.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Dr Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said in this discussion: The proposal submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Htut of Zalan Constituency is an opportunity for all. It is an opportunity for all citizens and the Union, rather than a challenge. Legislatures, government and judicial bodies are democratically elected. Questions can be raised, and proposals and bills can be discussed frankly in an organized manner in the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw are fulfilling desires, attitudes and needs of the people. Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Htut submitted the desire of people and attitudes and needs of farmers as a proposal.

The Tatmadaw government deserves thanks for creating such opportunities. The Tatmadaw government initiated multi-party democracy system and market economy, holding referendum. The world was taken aback by peaceful transition. Each and every citizen needs to enjoy democratic rights and opportunities in disciplined manners. As the people, the people’s representatives, the people’s government and the civil servants have specific duties and authorities in respective organizations, they will be able to serve the interest of the country and its people appropriately.

The incumbent government will have to continue confiscating lands to implement projects, plans and undertakings in the interests of the people and the State. Fair undertakings with goodwill which will profit the people, the country and the Union will have to be welcomed.

If discussions from various aspects on the proposal of Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Htut are revised, the issues are based on:-

(1) compilation of accurate demographic data,
(2) whether respective individual’s or organization’s implementation of policies introduced by leaders with goodwill and good intentions is fair or legitimate,
(3) whether original objectives of projects and plans can be carried out or are reasonable,
(4) transparency, and
(5) check-and-balance system.

Taking lessons from the case, we must continue democratic reforms boldly. We should not be hesitant. Democracy wins every one-hearted case that is owned by the public, not a thing of an individual or a group. Undisciplined conducts cannot be done, citing democracy. Democracy has discipline. We should be cautious in order to avoid mob democracy and democratic authoritarianism.

I want to reiterate the call for performing duties in the interests of the people, the country and the Union fairly with no consideration of political affiliation, dogmatism, regionalism, sectarianism, and religion and personality cult.

As the Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal submitted by U Tin Htut with genuine goodwill, the persons who will be assigned duties in accord with the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw need to perform duties in the interests of the people, the country and the Union, getting rid of greed, vengeance and retaliation.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Tha Than said in his discussion that the Union government, and respective Region/State governments and Hluttaws will settle the issues in accordance with Farmland Law, bylaws and rules and regulations in considerations of case-wise reality. The Union government will handle the case fairly. He then proposed to put the proposal on record. The proposal was put on record with majority votes.

As the Hluttaw agreed to form the commission to investigate farmland acquisition, the Hluttaw will form the investigation commission.

Today’s session concluded at 4:05 pm and the date for sixth day session will be announced later.

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Present at the meeting were members of the joint committee led by Deputy Minister of Forestry of the Republic of Korea Mr Kim Nam Gyun, and officials of the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said the Korea-Myanmar Bilateral Forestry Cooperative Meetings were held since 1999 in the KOIC and Myanmar on a rotating basis every two years. Based on the results of those meetings, such joint-projects as biodiversity conservation, afforestation, dry zone greening works, reduction of climate change impact, REDD Plus, wood-based industries, research and development could be implemented. Dry zone greening projects and activities implemented under assistance of KOICA between 1998 and 2010 could help desertification, decline in quality of farmland and dryness to some extent. Likewise, AKECOP initiated in 2010 also contributed to restoration of forests. (See page 7)
Specific law for protection of rights of national races people in desperate need

President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra view fine arts and culture booth of Thailand at Reception Hall of Outer Santi Maitri Building at Government House in Bangkok.

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conservation of bio-diversity, protection of forest farming, and capacity building for human resources development.

Furthermore, AfoCo could be signed at ASEAN+3 Summit held in Bali of Indonesia during November, 2010. The adopted framework would help climate change problems, facilitate sustainable development of forest and bio-diversity, rural development and poverty alleviation schemes.

Means of development over-dependent on natural resources are not an option for sustainable development. Green strategies with a focus on low-carbon emission and natural resources conservation were in desperate need. Means of green development were new viable policy for sustainable development and poverty alleviation. For this reason, green economy and green efforts have grown significant, which was the major result of UN Sustainable Development Conference held in June of 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Myanmar was in the process of democratic transition and had made known socio-economic prospects to the globe. It was actively collaborating with all the global organizations for environmental conservation and in its transformation from brown economy to green one. There was a great deal of prospects for investment in various sectors including the forestry throughout the transition period. Myanmar would like to cooperate with Korea on a long-term basis as the latter was a leading country in low-carbon and green development strategies.

Capacity building through environmental awareness of the people and technical support and initial investments were carried out since then.

The two countries signed MoU on forestry sector cooperation in 1999. With the assistance of ROK, such cooperation in forestry sector, ongoing plans and future actions including completion of Myanmar forestry investment guide book, restoration of forests in Bago Mountain Range with the assistance of the Korean Forest Service progress in reduction of climate change impacts through implementation of REDD Plus, implementation of AfoCo and fund-raising for restoration of mangrove forests damaged by Nargis Cyclone, sending of overseas students to Korea, continuous forest management, reduction of climate change through REDD Plus, conservation of watershed areas, afforestation of mangrove forests, conservation of bio-diversity and implementation of new projects for communal forest establishment.

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President U Thein Sein visits Temple of the Emerald Buddha

President U Thein Sein and party at Temple of Emerald Buddha in Grand Palace, Bangkok together with officials of Thailand. (News on page 1) — MNA

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President U Thein Sein thanked the Thai Premier for hosting to the delegation a grand banquet which, he said, reflected the traditional friendly ties and growing cooperation between the two countries.

He tagged his trip as a historic and meaningful first-ever goodwill visit to Thailand as the Head of State after the democratically elected government had taken office in Myanmar.

The President recalled memories of scenic Thailand and hospitable people he had witnessed in his visit to Thailand as the Prime Minister in 2008. He expressed his delight of revisiting the beautiful Bangkok.

He expected to observe the Thai government’s measures to bring about economic progress of Thailand, bearing challenges of natural disasters, during previous years in his stint in Thailand.

He vowed to strengthening prevailing friendship, open-hearted mutual trust and bilateral cooperation between the two neighbouring countries, sharing 1,300 miles long border, and common traditional customs, beliefs, and religions. The President welcomed recent progresses in mutual cooperation. He also thanked the Thai Prime Minister for her understanding and invaluable support towards Myanmar and its people.

The elected Myanmar government has pledged to fulfil the desires and needs of the people, he said. In so doing, the government is bringing about political stability for stability of the country while adopting peace-making policies, he explained. He said it is also striving to realize socio-economic development of the people.

He expressed his congratulations on Thailand’s economic development and wished future success of Thailand and Thai people.

The President also wished good health of His Royal Highness Thai King and Queen and Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra. He then proposed a toast to physical and mental wellbeing of those present at the dinner.

The two leaders then had dinner together.

Thai culture troupe performed traditional dances and songs of the two countries at the dinner. The President then gave away a bouquet to the cultural troupe. — MNA

Union Labour Minister discusses labour affairs during visit to Thailand

Mr Shinawatra extends greetings at dinner. — MNA

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 July—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi met employee protection NGOs, the Thai Minister of Interior and the Thai Immigration Commissioner on his visit to Thailand and discussed migrant workers.

On 24 July morning, the Union minister received representatives of BAT, FED, Foundation, MAP Foundation, Mekong Migration Network which are employee protection NGOs in Thailand and media persons of NHK, Irrawaddy and Eleven Media Group at the meeting hall of Myanmar Embassy in Thailand. In the meeting, he said that the President specified his discussion on protection of the interest of migrant workers at the meetings between the two countries. NGOs are to carry out the issues that the government cannot undertake; emphasis will be placed on the issues submitted by NGOs; and it is necessary to join hands among government service personnel, social organizations and migrant workers. Next, he met the Thai Minister of Interior and held a discussion on issuance of temporary passports for all Myanmar migrant workers, urging employers not to hold passports of workers, free travelling, issuance of stay permits over C of I for dependents of migrant workers, creation of learning opportunity for children of migrant workers at schools in Thailand and opportunity for learning monastic education at monasteries in Mahachai and Surat Thani regions.

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President U Thein Sein heads for home

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein accompanied by members of the delegation left Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok in a motorcade on 24 July afternoon and arrived at Don Mong Airport. The President and party were seen off at Don Mong Airport by Privy Council member Mr Thepkamol Devakula of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Gen Yuthasak Sasiprapha, Minister for Transport Mr Charupong Ruang-suan, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pisana Suvanajata, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win, Military Attaché Col Win Maung, staff and families of embassy and military attaché office.

The President and party left Don Mong Airport at 5.50 pm local standard time.

President U Thein Sein being seen off by Privy Council member Mr Thepkamol Devakula, Deputy Prime Minister Gen Yuthasak Sasiprapha and officials at Don Mong Airport of Bangkok.—MNA

Tatmadaw provides aids to Putao

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Education, health and socio-economic conditions of local national people and government employees in Putao of Kachin State have improved, following smooth road transportation and swift commodity flow as it is reachable in a day in ordinary times by car from Myitkyina, 218 miles away.

KIA, since starting armed attacks on 9 June, 2011, exploded bridges along Myitkyina-Putao 11 times. On 2 July, KIA exploded 270 ft long Phoninkha Bailey Bridge near milepost No (36). Although vehicles could use by road of the bridges in ordinary times, they are not accessible in rainy-season due to inundation. Local people and government employees faced difficulties of higher living expenses stemmed by such difficulties.

To tackle the issue on temporary basis, Tatmadaw transported foods and aids for local national people and government staff in Putao on 24 and 25 July. The Y-8 aircraft of Defence Services (Air) transported 730 bags of rice, 4 barrels of edible oil, 250 viss of salt, 800 viss of onion and other food, stationery and assistance along Myitkyina-Putao road.—MNA

Myanmar Air Force transports food and aids for local people and government service personnel in Putao region.—MNA

CPT Ministry seeks advices for communication sector development

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—“It needs to learn the communication sector reforms of the neighbouring and regional countries—how they surmounted the challenges and limitations on the path—to be on a par with them in terms of communication services,” stressed the Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at Communication and Information Technology Development Workshop at the ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister speaking on the occasion called for frank discussions about the rapid development of communication sector for development of the nation and socio-economic improvement of each citizen. He underscored the need to cooperate with local/foreign private sectors in undertaking reforms toward communication sector development of the nation. He said his ministry invited international communication tender consultant and take actions for establishment of joint venture companies seeking advice from the consultancy.

The reformation of the communication sector called for parallel renewal in legislation and regulations, technology, finance, human resources development and capacity building of the staff personnel. Efforts must be exerted with goodwill for success of the communication sector reform and fulfillment of the communicational needs of the people.

Present at the workshop were Deputy Minister U Win Than, departmental heads, professionals of communication sector and departmental heads, chief engineers and professionals submitted ten papers and replied queries of those present.

The ministry would seek advices for development of communication sector by holding seminars and the seminars would be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.—MNA
Land Allotment and Utilization Scrutiny Committee formed for ensuring systematic management of land utilization

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The 15th day session of people for their activities of cultivation. Therefore, the ministry does not allow them to utilize the lands as farmlands only and does not allow them to utilize the lands through other ways and means. To extend squatter activity, they will give educational talks to the local people and supervise their tasks.

According to the statistics, a total of 30,035 acres of squatter, farmland, cropland and others are located in the above-mentioned forest reserves. A total of 5,992 acres of pine, teak and hardwood forest plantations and 3,722 acres of other crops are allowed on the forest reserves. The Land Allotment and Utilization Scrutiny Committee was formed for ensuring systematic management of land utilization in the nation by implementing land utilization policies and land utilization plans. On completion, land utilization tasks can be undertaken systematically for fulfilling the requirement of agricultural lands of local people and development of the State.

The officials from local authorities, Forest Department and related departments made field visits, inspections, designation of borders for farmlands and putting records on map references in six forest reserves to inspect cultivation of farmlands of local people from village-tracts of Taikkyi Township. The team of authorities allows them to utilize the lands as farmlands only and does not allow them to utilize the lands through other ways and means. To extend squatter activity, they will give educational talks to the local people and supervise their tasks.

With regard to squatter activities as residence, cultivation and slush-and-burn farming in the forest lands, action should be taken against those offenders under the existing forest laws. However, they are local people residing near the forest reserves and they are working their tasks as their own land for cultivation. Therefore, the ministry considers in all aspects not to occur unacceptable problems. Thus, the ministry does not take action against the local people for their activities of entering the forest lands and organizes the local people to establish community forestry through crops plus forest forests and private forests. Arrangements are made for applying effective plans to occur extension of more squatters in the forest land. Action was taken against the persons in some cases under forest law, forest rules and Flora and Fauna Conservation and Environmental Conservation Law.

The representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist, not later than 31 July.

U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State Constituency No 5 asked whether there is a plan to establish coal-fired power plant in suitable place in coal-produced Kalewa-Tamu region. Deputy Minister for Electric Power No 1 U Myin Kyaw Zaw replied that a study on deposit of coal was conducted to implement a 600-megawatt Coal-fired Power Plant Project in the place, seven miles north to Kalewa of Kalay District of Sagaing Region. The study showed that from 1.35 million tons to 1.89 million tons of coal must be used annually for operation of the plant and the adequate coal can be extracted from Paluzawa Coal Mine for the plant. The necessary survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Mines. Paluzawa Mine is one of two coal deposits in Kalay Township where Ministry of Mines has conducted surveys. The deposit has 52.6 million tons of coal and there remains 55.4466 million tons of coal at the mine by June 2012.

As such, the ministry holds several meetings for ensuring least degradation of environment and for emphasizing technological issues so as to implement the coal-fired Power Plant to be installed with 600-megawatt generating capacity between Kalewa and Tamu regions. Moreover, feasibility study is being conducted. In case, construction of the power plant will be undertaken under procedures.

Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi holds discussion with Commissioner of Immigration of Thailand.

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BY U TAR WIN OOO KHO SAI TIN AUNG, THE HLA TAY MYINT, THEIN HLAING AND BRANDON TAYLOR

Bill Revoking the Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention against Disturbances and Oppositions is to be considered by the Amyotha Hluttaw. U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No 5 seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw approved to consider the bill. The representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist, not later than 31 July.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No 9, U Ohn Maung Aye of Rakhine State Constituency No 10 and U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No 9, with discussed the proposal on drawing new law for development of civil tenancy and revocation of 1960 Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act submitted by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No 3.

With regard to the proposal, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko U Tin said that a large number of houses were destroyed in major cities of Myanmar the war time of Second World War. Due to internal insurgencies after regaining Independence, the people were resettled in the urban areas. In consequence, rents of tenancy hiked to be shortage of housing. Therefore, the Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act was promulgated as temporary act in 1946. The temporary act was amended in 1948 and then it was substituted with the 1960 Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act.

The act was not prescribed with equal terms of provisions for problems between landlords and tenants. The provision states it shall not collect deposit in addition to rent or the deposit more than one-month rent is not conformity with the present time. As the provision was a hindrance to expell the tenants, the landlords lose the rights. That is why the act is not conformity with the present system.

In sending a message by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw to the President on 2 May 2012, the Ministry of Home Affairs is to seek approval from the Hluttaw, to amend or to substitute nine laws with new ones in line with the rules and regulations. The 1960 Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act is one of these acts. Thus, the 1960 Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act was revoked in accord with the guidance of the President and the ministry coordinates with the Office of Attorney General of the Union to be able to submit the Land Tenancy Law (Bill) in line with Section 156 of the Constitution, and he noted that the proposal should be withdrawn.

Proposer Hluttaw representative U Phone Myint Aung submitted his opinion to put the proposal on record, and the Hluttaw decided to record it.

The Hluttaw session came to an end at 11.35 am and the 16th day session will be held at 8 am tomorrow. At today’s session, three questions were answered, two bills submitted, one bill discussed and recorded.— MNA

High tide warning

YANGON, 26 July—The Public are here by informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.0 feet to 21.0 feet will be above the datum are excepted to occur in Yangon River during the period 1st to 6th August 2012. That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2010 and 2011, and that the warning issued by Myanmar Port Authority only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—MNA
Britain awards 4.5 billion plan to deal with hacker

LONDON/TOKYO, 26 July—The British government has approved a 4.5 billion pound ($7 billion) contract with a consortium led by Japan's Hitachi (6501.T) to build 92 intercity trains at a newly-built factory in northern England, in a deal which will create more than 900 UK jobs.

The Agility consortium, made up by Hitachi and British construction company John Laing, has long been the preferred bidder for the contract, which the Japanese firm had originally hoped to seal in a deal in 2009. Hitachi will assemble 596 railway cars at the factory to be situated in County Durham in north east England, in a deal led by Japan's Hitachi

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Sweden’s anti-immigrant sniper guilty of two murders

Stockholm, 26 July—A Swedish anti-immigrant sniper, accused of killing two of his friends last year, was found guilty of two counts of murder on Tuesday, highlighting rising ethnic tension in the Nordic region. The trial was the latest in a string of high-profile cases in Sweden where far-right groups have been accused of targeting immigrants.

Sweden’s third-largest city, Malmo, has a population of 325,000, of which one in four is of immigrant background. The city’s reputation as a mecca for far-right groups stems in part from a rise in crime, including an increase in gang violence.

According to a media release.

The department targeted businesses in Mexico and Colombia operating with one of his wives and her four children, including a residential community, a shopping mall and an industrial park.

It also blacklisted seven gas-station firms controlled by one of Moreno’s other wives.

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UK to rule in October on Pentagon hacker US extradition

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A man coming down an escalator passes an advertisement for Hitachi in Tokyo on 8 March, 2011.—Reuters

Ocean waves could supply 10 pct of Australia’s electricity by 2050

SYDNEY, 26 July—The waves in the ocean could supply about 10 percent of Australia’s electricity by 2050, new study released on Wednesday by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) found.

The national science agency’s study found that with appropriate energy resources could power a city the size of Melbourne by 2050. Ian Creswell, director of CSIRO’s Energy from Oceans Flagship, said CSIRO wanted to understand the potential of the clean and sustainable energy source. “Assessing the opportunities and challenges from resource to market is a first for ocean renewable energy in Australia,” he said.

The report of CSIRO found that although wave energy resources provide 10 percent of Australia’s electricity needs by 2050, there were many economic, technological, environmental and societal challenges that would determine its place in Australia’s future energy mix.

The report also found the areas that could benefit from wave energy technology include Perth, the southern coastline and to a lesser extent the east coast of Australia, while tidal technology could supply niche areas such as northeast Tasmania and the Moreton bay region in Western Australia.—Xinhua

Toshiba’s NAND flash memory has been a rare bright spot among Japan’s fading chip industry, which has struggled to upgrade old plants and make the big investments needed to compete with aggressive overseas rivals.

Japan’s last remaining player in the dynamic random memory (DRAM) market, Elpida Memory Inc, filed for bankruptcy in February, while Renesas Electronics Corp is scrambling to avoid the same fate by cutting its workforce and closing half of its domestic plants.

Toshiko, the world’s No. 1 NAND memory chip producer, has been trying tounload its US chip business, SanDisk Corp, to Samsung Electronics Co. The company said Tuesday it will slash production at its Yokkaichi plant in western Japan due to an oversupply of chips for USB drives and memory cards.

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An explosion on Wednesday in a coal mine in northern Mexico killed seven miners, officials said, highlighting lax safety conditions in small mines that are often poorly regulated.

Emergency services brought the bodies of the men, aged between 20 and 39 years old, to the surface after an hours-long rescue effort, said Juan Antonio Ibarra, a security forces cordoned off the blast.

The explosion, which involved up to 50 meters underground, came two days after an explosion that occurred 246 feet (75 meters) underground.

Gas likely caused the controlled blast. Some vehicles were also destroyed because of the impact and two more people were injured who were quickly evacuated..."Can see cable cars are hanging and we're dangling mid air," Danny Price, head of traffic control at the Emirates Air Line, posted a photo of the stationary cable cars and evacuation on social media site Twitter to vent their frustration.

"All passengers were safely back in the terminal by 12:18 pm and water and first aid were made available to them. We would like to apologize to anyone affected," said the operator Emirates Air Line, operator of the Emirates Air Line, which connects the O2 Arena in Greenwich with the ExCel exhibition centre at the Royal Docks in east London, which was launched to great fanfare by London mayor Boris Johnson last month.

"Dozens stranded over Thames as cable car breaks down" by Reuters


"7 people killed in blast in NW Pakistan" by Xinhua

According to local media, the blast took place in the main market of the Sarar area of Bajaur Agency, Pakistan’s northwestern restive region bordering Afghanistan.

"Chinese city in $130billion economy stimulus plan" by Reuters

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The government of Changsha, a city known for its machine-making and non-ferrous metal industries, would also speed up financial reform and innovations, said the report, which provided no details about how the program would be financed. The China News Service paraphrased Chen Raner, the Communist Party secretary of Changsha, saying that economic pressure on the city could not be properly financed with China’s banks still nursing bad loans worth an estimated 2-3 trillion yuan after local governments racked up debts of 10.7 trillion yuan in the first half of Beijing’s nationwide stimulus programme unveiled in 2008.—Reuters

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Tote bags express Olympic dissatisfaction

A British designer says his line of sarcastic tote bags for London residents annoyed by the Olympic Games is proving popular.

As by Leigh said he took great care not to violate any Olympic copyrights when he created the totes, which are modeled on the London 2012 logo but do not contain the word “Olympics” or any associated symbols, The Sun reported on 24 July.

“You can’t use the words London 2012 or the Olympic rings, but they can’t copyright the word London,” Leigh said.

“The typeface isn’t the same typeface either.”

The bag slogans include “They’re all on steroids,” “I’m renting my flat to fat American family” and “It only took me three hours to get to work this morning.”

Leigh said sales have been so brisk the bags have temporarily sold out.

Britney Spears tough to please: Simon Cowell

LONDON, 26 July—Music Mogul Simon Cowell says singer Britney Spears is a tough judge on reality show “The X Factor” and not at all easy to please. “Britney is quite mean, which I think you will discover,” said Cowell.

The 52-year-old who is known for giving tough comments himself, says that Spears and fellow judge Demi Lovato are harder to please than him or fourth judge singer I.A Reid, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“They are harder to please than me or LA. They are very harsh, giving people a no. They definitely have their own opinions,” he said—Internet

Cure AIDS with love, says Elton John

WASHINGTON, 26 July—Singer Elton John believes AIDS can be cured with love as that is what drives research into the potentially fatal disease.

“Maybe you think I am naive. Maybe you think I am off my rocker. Here I am telling an audience of 7,000 global health experts that you can end AIDS with love,” he said at the AIDS 2012 international conference, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“But thanks to all this compassion, all this love, more than 8 million people are on treatment. Thanks to people who have chosen to act, who have chosen to care, we can see an end to this epidemic...” he said.

“...but it’s going to take a lot more compassion to get us there, a hell of a lot more,” he added. The 65-year-old went on to note that “shame and stigma” prevent many people from getting help with the condition and discussed his belief that everyone needs to feel that they matter in the world.

“We have inexpensive and accurate take-home tests for HIV. But we can’t convince people to get tested if they think their lives don’t count. Millions of people around the world feel ashamed because of who they are. They feel subhuman, worthless, like they don’t matter at all,” he said.

Worthington to team up with Schwarzenegger?

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—“Avatar” star Sam Worthington is reportedly in talks to star alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger in David Ayer’s “Ten.”

According to variety.com, the details of Worthington’s role has been kept under wraps, but the actor “plans to accept” the offer. Penned by Skip Woods, “Ten” focuses on an elite DEA task force who deals with the world’s deadliest drug cartels. Specialising in complex mobile operation, during the Middle Ages, “most books were written on vellum,” rather than vellum. “Spain was a very Catholic country, since Christianity had been taken there in the third century BC,” wrote one student, while another, submitted by the same professor, spoke “Pope Paul V, himself a Catholic.”

The winner of the contest is scheduled to be announced in next week’s issue of Times Higher Education.

Emma Watson feels shy around fans

LONDON, 26 July—British actress Emma Watson struggles to cope with her fame as she becomes a bit shy when fans recognize her. The 22-year-old became well-known as a pre-teen when she landed the role of Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter franchise. In a series of posts on Twitter, she posted: “It’s been 10 years but I still feel so uncomfortable with being recognised. Just a bit shy I suppose,” reports contactmusic.com.

“I wish I had camouflageing powers like a superhero. That would be so helpful. Except for with kids, they are usually shyer than me so I don’t feel so bad,” she further posted—Internet

Rowling plans tree houses for her kids

“Harry Potter” scribe JK Rowling revealed she is spending £388,000 to build a pair of interlinked tree houses for her kids in Scotland.

Rowling submitted drawings to Edinburgh Council planners showing each of the tree houses, one for her 9-year-old son and another for her 7-year-old daughter, will be accessible through tunnels built in the garden of her home and the two houses will be linked by a rope bridge, The Daily Telegraph reported Tuesday.

“It would be highly unlikely that JK Rowling will not get permission for these tree houses,” a council source said. They are only for her children to play in, she’s not seeking permission for residential permission for them.”

Kristen Stewart sorry for cheating on Robert Pattinson

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—U.S. actress Kristen Stewart publicly apologized for cheating on her boyfriend, Robert Pattinson, with the married director of “Snow White and the Huntsman.” The longtime couple are the stars of the romantic “Twilight” vampire film franchise and have been dating for several years.

Several media outlets reported on Tuesday, Stewart, 22, recently had a brief fling with director Rupert Sanders, who is 41, married and the father of two children. TMZ said Stewart publicly confirmed the affair Wednesday and apologized to Pattinson, 26.

“I am deeply sorry for the hurt and embarrassment I’ve caused to those close to me and everyone this has affected,” the actress said. “This momentary indiscretion has jeopardized the most important thing in my life, the person I love and respect the most, Rob. I love him, I love him. I’m so sorry,” Sanders issued a separate statement to People.com on Wednesday.

“Apatry about the pain I have caused my family,” said Sanders, who is married to actress-model Liberty Ross. “My beautiful wife and heavenly children are all I have in this world. I love them with all my heart. I am praying that we can get through this together...”—Internet

Stephen Merchant to star in HBO pilot

LONDON, 26 July—British actor and writer Stephen Merchant, a frequent collaborator of Ricky Gervais, is penning and will star in a TV pilot for HBO, Deadline reported.

The BBC said the show is based on Merchant’s 2013 stand-up comedy tour “Hello Ladies” and will be about an Englishman looking for love in Los Angeles.

Merchant is best known for his work with Gervais on the original British version of “The Office,” as well as the sitcoms “ Extras” and “Life’s Too Short.”

He has also appeared in the big-screen comedies “Hall Pass” and “Tooth Fairy.”—Internet

Magazine compiles exam answer mistakes

A London-based high education magazine has released the entries in this year’s “exam howlers” contest, which seeks to find the funniest test mistakes.

Times Higher Education said the entries in this year’s contest, which are submitted by professors, include a sentence about the time “Stalin began to build a buffet zone in Eastern Europe,” rather than a “buffer zone,” and a student’s statement that “most books were written on vellum,” rather than vellum.

“Spain was a very Catholic country, since Christianity had been taken there in the third century BC,” wrote one student, while another, submitted by the same professor, spoke “Pope Paul V, himself a Catholic.”

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Missing python found in owner’s yard

Authorities in Virginia said they have found a Myanmar python reported missing from its owner’s home. The York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office said the 10-foot-long snake disappeared this month from its owner’s Yorktown home and was found on 23 July coiled up in the yard of the home, The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot reported on 24 July.

The sheriff’s office said the snake was healthy and has been returned to its owner.

Kristen Stewart with her “Snow White and the Huntsman” director Rupert Sanders, Internet.

Singer Emma Watson, Internet.

Singer Elton John, Internet.

Actor Stephen Merchant, Internet.

British author J K Rowling at Wimbledon in London.
Brazilian star Oscar joins Chelsea

Talented playmaker becomes the fourth signing for the Blues this summer

LONDON, 26 July — Chelsea have completed the signing of international playmaker Oscar from Internacional. The 20-year-old playmaker, who is preparing for Brazil's London 2012 Olympic campaign, has become Chelsea's fourth signing of the summer.

“A 5ft 10in attacking midfielder who can play wide, he has a reputation for good pass-and-move football, protecting the ball and choosing the right moment to pass plays,” read a statement on the club’s official website.

Oscar, full name Oscar dos Santos Emboaba Junior, started his career with Sao Paulo in Brazil, making his first-team debut in 2008.

He moved to Internacional two years later and was used as a substitute in the 2010 FIFA Club World Cup. Regarded as one of his country’s brightest stars, Oscar has played for Brazil at every age group from Under-15 to Under-20 and was part of the side that won the Under-17 World Championships four years ago.

He also scored a hat-trick as his side defeated Portugal 3-2 in Colombia to win the FIFA Under-20 World Cup last year. Oscar made his senior debut for Brazil in September 2011 and has won six caps, the last of those coming against Argentina in June, a match in which he claimed his first goal for his country.

Chelsea have already completed the signings of brothers Eden and Thorgan Hazard as well as Oscar’s 20-year-old playmaker, who is also isn’t on the North London team’s official website.
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Crime News

Stimulant tablets worth K 900 million seized in Myitkyina
MYITKYINA, 26 July—Supervisor Police Captain Sai Thein Zaw and party of Myitkyina Special Anti-Drug Squad managed purchase of large amount of narcotic drugs. Of them, Police WO Khin Zaw took the appearance of drug buyer.

At about 7:30 pm on 21 July, they received call of traffickers to inform them to wait on Monday-Myitkyina Union Highway beyond the Akye checkpoint in Akye Village of Myitkyina Township. Together with witnesses, the authorities seized the traffickers and searched them under the law.

The authorities seized 300,000 stimulant tablets weighing 30 kilos worth K 900 million and K 900,000 in unleaded petrol weighing 30 kilos worth K 900 million and K 900,000 in unleaded petrol. The authorities investigated and classified the tablets as marijuana, khat, and other narcotic drugs.

The police said that, under the law of narcotic drugs, the minimum sentence for a second offense is 10 years. The police have seized two suspects and are currently investigating the case.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 27th July, 2012

The New Light of Myanmar Friday, 27 July, 2012

North Korea incident overshadows action

CARBON, 26 July — A major diplomatic incident marred the first day of competition at the London Olympics on Wednesday when the North Korean women’s soccer team walked off after the South Korea flag was mistakenly displayed before their match against Colombia. The error occurred in Scotland at Glasgow’s Hampden Park stadium which was hosting one of the day’s six matches kicking off the women’s tournament and led to a lengthy delay before the game eventually started.

Kicking off almost an hour later than the scheduled start-time of 1845 GMT, North Korea were far more composed on the pitch and went on to record a 2-0 victory. In the day’s other games, reigning Olympic champions the United States, building on a third successive gold, came from behind to beat France 4-2, world champions Japan defeated Canada 2-1 and hosts Britain overcame New Zealand 1-0. Brazil, among the favorites for gold, thumped Cameroon 5-0 and Sweden, another possible medalist, thumped South Africa 4-1.

On Friday, the drama in Glasgow marked a day in which sporting action began around Britain two days before the official opening ceremony in London on Friday. The trouble started when the South Korean flag was shown on a giant screen before the kick-off of the Group G match at Hampden Park, one of five venues hosting games outside London. The broadcast was mistakenly displayed when the North Korea flag was then shown, and the North Korean team and the North Korean media manager also sent a protest email to sport in-charge of the Games and the North Korean media manager.

“The South Korean flag was shown in the video package on the screen before the kickoff and the North Koreans were naturally very upset about that,” Hampden Park media manager Andy Mitchell told Reuters. We have made a full apology to the team and the North Korean NOC (National Olympic Committee). A genuine mistake was made for which we apologize. Steps will be taken to ensure it does not happen again.”

When asked if he thought it was an accident, Mitchell told the media: “It is possible. The system that the Games have is very complex and the broadcast is controlled and monitored by a number of people, and so sometimes things happen. It is not for us to speculate or to comment on what is going on. The matter cannot be solved, we thought going on was nonsense. Winning the game cannot compensate for that thing.” — Reuters

PRIZES AWARDED: The prize presentation for distinction winner students in matriculation examination 2012 was held at Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Pakokku on 24 July. Deputy Commissioner U Kyin Maung Yi of District General Administration Department presents prize to an outstanding student.

U Kyaw Mra
Rtd. Director, Sports and Physical Education Department
Rtd. General Secretary, Myanmar Olympic Committee (75 years)

U Kyaw Mra, second eldest son of (former Chief Secretary to the Govt of the Union of Myanmar & Former Special Adviser of Public Administration Division, UN Hlaing, U Shwe Mra-Daw Khin Thint), brother of U Tarn Mra-Daw Marthe Maw, U Soe Mra-Daw Yin Dang, U Win Mra-Daw Mya Mar Mar Win, U Mg Mg Mra-Daw Tin Tin Khaing, U Paw Myint Oo-Daw Mra Sandy, U Aye Kyaw-Daw Mra Hninzi, Dr Rai Mra-Dr Katherine Ba Thike, Dr Aung Mra, Dr Zin Mra-Dr Aye Khin Tu passed away at Sakura Hospital on 25-7-2012 (Wednesday) at 5:40 am. Funeral will be held at YAY WAY CEMETERY on 27-7-2012 (Friday) at 12 noon.

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**President U Thein Sein attends luncheon hosted by Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking of Thailand**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein on 23 July attended a luncheon hosted by Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking of Thailand at Shangri-La in Bangkok of Thailand.

Also present at the luncheon together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Tin Naing Thein, U Aung Kyi, U Than Htay and U Win Myint, the Kayin State chief minister, the Taninthayi Region chief minister, the adjutant-general, deputy ministers, the Myanmar ambassador to Thailand and departmental heads.—MNA

**President U Thein Sein receives Thai businessmen**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President U Thein Sein received Thai businessmen separately at The Siam Suite in Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, on 23 July evening.

The President met CEO and Chairman of SCG Group Mr Kan Trakulhoon and party at 3.15 pm.

He received CEO and Chairman of PTT Group Dr Pailin Chuchottaworm and CEO of PTTEP Mr Tevin Vongvanich at 3.45 pm and Vice-President Mr Adirek SriPratak of CP Group Company at 4.30 pm.

Present at the calls together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Tin Naing Thein, U Aung Kyi and U Than Htay, the deputy industry minister, the Myanmar ambassador to Thailand and departmental heads.—MNA

**President U Thein Sein receives guests separately**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received guests separately at Mandarin Oriental in Bangkok on 24 July.

At 10.30 am, the President received Indochina Bureau Chief Ms Anasuya Sanyal of Channel News Asia International Television and replied to queries in a TV interview.

At 11.45 am, the President received Chairman Mr Upakit Pachariyangkun and party of Dawei Power and Utility Co. Ltd and discussed donation of two 122 MW turbine generators and investment of 15 MW generators for Dawei Industrial Zone.

At 1.30 pm, the President received the delegation led by Thai Minister of Defence Air Chief Marshal Sukumpol Suwanatat.

The President also received CP Group Chairman Mr Dhanin Chearavanont and party and discussed development of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors in Myanmar. He met with Chairman U Hla Win and party of MK Group of Companies and had a discussion on breeding of cows and milch cows, establishment of milk and dairy product factories and training for livestock breeding.

The President also received Chairman Mr Vikrom Kromadit and party of Amata Foundation and focused on development of industrial zones. Moreover, he received Vice Chairman Dr Mark Fung and party of Singaporean Investment Holdings Pte Ltd and discussed upgrading of education and health sectors of Myanmar.

Also present at the calls were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Tin Naing Thein, U Aung Kyi, U Than Htay and U Win Myint, Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko, the Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand and departmental heads.—MNA