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President U Thein Sein addresses second meeting of Planning Commission

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Our Three Main National Causes

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

NAV PYI TAW, 13 Aug — Chairman of Planning Commission President U Thein Sein addressed second meeting of the commission at the meeting hall of the President Office here this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-President Dr. Sai Maik Kham, Union Ministers, the Union attorney-general, the Union auditor-general, the chairman of Union Civil Services Board, Region/State chief ministers, chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Regions.

President U Thein Sein said in his opening speech that the meeting would focus on drafting city plan, town plan and village plan, a basic need for effective implementation of reform.

in Yangon and Mandalay. The town and village plans must be drafted in consideration of ensuring decent living, sufficient supply of electricity, accessibility of potable water, better transportation, sanitation, and job opportunities for people in all aspects for people-centered development.

While the rural development is the fundamental requirement, systematic urban development is important for the future. 52.1 per cent of world population live in Myanmar, urbanites constitute 32.6 per cent of the whole population.

The population in Yangon makes up about 10 per cent of the whole population of the country. Yangon with international airport and ports is a Myanmar’s economic drive where products from Upper Myanmar and Lower Myanmar meet. It has the potential of a future mega city in Asia. Once it was the model city in Asia. Similarly, Mandalay at the centre of the country is a commercial hub for trade with China and India. The Yangonites and Mandalarians form 20 per cent of the whole population of 600 million in Asia and Southeast Asia are urban dwellers. In 2040, 70 per cent of the population of 600 million in Asia and Southeast Asia are urban dwellers. In

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**No need to worry about**

The causes of environmental disruption are often divided into six categories: elemental, biological, slow-onset and accidental disruptions, disruptions caused by development, and environmental warfare. But particular attention should now be given to three of the six causes.

Elemental disruptions include all natural causes of disasters, such as cyclones, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods and tidal waves.

Biological disruptions are less threatening today that earlier in the century, as a result of the introduction of pesticides, insecticides and monitoring programmes. But they may combine with other causes.

Slow-onset disruptions are the result of interaction among human and ecological forces over extended periods. Global warming, deforestation, land degradation, soil erosion, salinity, siltation of waterways, waterlogging of pastoral land and desertification are included in this category.

Moreover, continuing high levels of population growth in poor regions intensify ecological deterioration. Necessity dictates short-term decisions for survival, for example using slash and burn techniques on ecologically fragile hillsides, rather than considering the long-term need of sustainability. Efforts to alleviate poverty should not put development in this category.

Whatever may be, those problems would soon be successfully addressed through the environmental conservation law which is being discussed at the Hluttaw, and no need to worry about that.

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**Union FM receives International Management Group (IMG)**

**NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug**—The delegation of the International Management Group (IMG) based in Belgrade led by Director-General Mr. Oino Bicciani paid a courtesy call on U Wunna Maung Lwin, the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 8 am today. The IMG is an implementing arm of the EU to conduct capacity-building of the Myanmar Public Administration including training for Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship.

Daw Yin Yin Myint, Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department and U Aung Lynn, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department were also present at the call.

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**Experts meet to review Nomination Dossier of three city states**

**YANGON, 13 Aug**—Experts met for the third time to review the Nomination Dossier which are being drawn to put Beikthano City State, Hanlin City State and Srikestra City State into the World Heritage List at the National Museum today.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandra Khin, experts from the UNESCO, Myanmar Architectures Society, Myanmar Engineering Society, Ministry of Science and Technology and Department Archeology, National Museum and Library.

At the meeting, the deputy minister called on the experts to complete the Nomination Dossier timely.

Technical Capacity Training Workshop on World Heritage Management, the component-I of the Capacity Building for Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Myanmar, was implemented from 8 to 12 June and it has helped the management plan at large, she added.

On Job Trainings of GIS (1) and (2) have been conducted and GIS maps for the Management Plan and the Nomination Dossier have been completed, she said.

She also said that the ministry would seek approval from the Union Government as soon as possible to designate the Buffer Zone and the Protection Zone in the city states.

She thanked the experts for their earnest efforts for completion of the Nomination Dossier. The meeting will be held till 16 August.—MNA

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**National Community Forestry Roundtable Meeting continues tomorrow**

**YANGON, 13 Aug**—The Forest Department under the Ministry of Forest and Regional Community Forestry Training Center-RECOFTC based in Thailand held National Community Forestry Roundtable Meeting at the hall of the forest research department in Yein (Nay Pyi Taw) this morning.

Director-General U San Lwin of the Planning and Statistics Department, on behalf of the Union Forestry Minister, delivered an address at the opening.

The Director-General said that since ASEAN Social Forestry Network-ASFN held in Indonesia in 2010 for the fourth time, Myanmar has been giving a hand in national community forestry activities. The Forest Department has planned three main tasks for continued existence of national community forestry.

Cash assistance presented to students of veterans in PyinOoLwin

**PYAPON, 13 Aug**—Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Committee presented cash assistance to offspring of war veterans for 2012-2013 academic year.

Headmistress Daw Khin Hnin Mu awarded four distinction winners, Daw Khin Hnin Mu awarded four distinction winners, and the Principal Daw Khin Hnin Mu awarded four distinction winners.

Outstanding students honoured in Kayin State

**KAWKAREIK, 13 Aug**—Kawkareik Township Basic Education High School No.2 of Kayin State held the parent-teacher association meeting and prize presentation ceremony for 2011-2012 academic year at its hall on 23 July evening.

Departmental officials and members of the School Board of Trustees presented prizes to 37 students who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours for 2012 academic year.

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A total of K 7 million was awarded to 324 students.

Distinction winning students honoured in Pyapon

**PYAPON, 13 Aug**—Aliyaung Education Service Committee of Pyapon held the ceremony to honour the distinction winning students in the matriculation examination.

Nayin Chan Mingala Hall in Ward 2 of Pyapon in Ayeawady Region on 25 August. The Committee presented cash awards to distinction winners.
As droughtloomsinIndia,fearforitscattle

MHSAWAD, 13 Aug—
Armed with the latest monsoon rainfall data, weather experts finally conceded this month that India is facing a drought, confirming what millions of livestock farmers around the country had known for weeks. Over the past three months, even state agencies have been providing free fodder to those most affected. The drought in India’s annual monsoon—farmers who live a living out of small landholdings and the milk provided by cattle.

At the end of April, Bhimraj Chavan and his wife abandoned their land in western India and headed for a camp that was a haven for the provision of free fodder. Their skinny cattle and a couple of goats ambled around a hat made of straw, leaves and plastic sheeting that Chavan and his family share. At first, there was just a handful of families at the makeshift settlement on the outskirts of a town some 320 km (200 miles) southeast of Mumbai in the state of Maharashtra. But as the monsoon rains failed to show week after week through June and July, turning fields across the region from lushious green to parched white, the numbers there swelled.

Today, the Mhasawad settlement has the air of a refugee camp, teeming with some 6,500 people, twice as many as last week. Buckets and bulk goods that would have gone for thousands of the economy’s 1.2 billion people—half of the population—who depend on farming for a livelihood.

India is heavily dependent on the capricious annual monsoon, which brings about 75 percent of the rainfall that the country receives, to irrigate crops and fill its reservoirs. Although agriculture accounts for just 14 percent of the GDP, a successful monsoon can be life-changing for some 600 million people—half of the population—who depend on farming for a livelihood.

The area was cordoned off by security forces after another blast and an investigation was launched, he said. Violence has been on the rise since Taleban launched an annual spring offensive on 3 March. The area has been a stronghold for the Taleban and other insurgent groups.

The worst damage and most casualties appeared to have been in rural villages close to the towns of Ahar, Varzaghan and Harees, near the provincial capital, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, told Reuters.

“Nobody knows what happened to his wife and two daughters,” aged 4 and 7, Ahmad said. “We fear that if rescuers don’t get to them soon they will lose their lives. Too if they’re still alive.”

While significant, the aftermath of the fire that broke out in east London is now under control, relieving the fear that it may influence the Olympics closing ceremony that is due to start in the night.

The fire took place not very far from the Olympic park, where the closing ceremony is due to start at 9 pm.

But firecrews will stay at the scene throughout the night to completely extinguish the fire.
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The Cuban tree frog is one of many species affected by the fungal disease chytridiomycosis. **INTERNET**

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Over the years, various teams of scientists have conducted a whole raft of experiments to find, for example, whether Bd is more active in warm or cold temperatures. The new research looked at what happens in a more real-life situation — when chytrid fungus is actually on a vulnerable frog. And the key variable the scientists looked at was variability of temperature, rather than temperature itself. Cuban tree frogs (Osteopilus septentrionalis) infected with Bd were kept under various conditions.

In some, the temperature was kept constant at either the bottom or top of their natural range (15C and 25C [59F and 77F]). In others, the temperature was predictably between the two values, mimicking the natural day-night cycle; and in a third set, the temperature was switched between 15C and 25C unpredictably. One fungus fared better in cooler conditions, and when the temperature changes were regular, Bd was already on the frogs, the fungus grew faster under unpredictable temperature change. The explanation is that being a simpler organism, it is able to adapt faster than the frogs’ immune system. Previous research has found alterations in frogs’ white (immune) cells due to temperature changes. But Dr. Raffel suggested it was hard as of now to project what this meant for amphibians and the chytrid threat. “There’s a lot of observational evidence that climate change is leading to increased variability and unpredictability of temperature and precipitation. It’s not completely possible that the kind of effects we observed could become more important in the future,” he said. “But I think it’s really difficult to make extrapolations partly because work needs to be done with additional species, and also because we haven’t done the experiments yet that would allow us to make predictive models in a quantitative way.”

Petropedestal Benjamin Tapley from the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), who was not involved with the study, also suggested it was too soon to draw strong conclusions.

“This paper presents some interesting and potentially useful information on climatic shifts and Bd,” he said. “But there are now over 7,000 species of amphibian, and the relationship between each of these potential hosts and Bd will be species-specific, so I would be cautious of drawing broad scale conclusions.”

Climate might boost frog disease chytridiomycosis **INTERNET**

**Barnes & Noble cuts price on Nook tablets**

**NEW YORK, 13 Aug —** Barnes & Noble Inc cut prices on three models of its Nook e-reader and tablet devices on Sunday, ahead of the peak of the back to school season and amid speculation that rival Amazon.com Inc is preparing to launch a new version of its Kindle Fire tablet.

Barnes & Noble, which has said the Nook has allowed it to win 27 percent of the US e-books market, said it had slashed the retail price of its Nook Tablet with 16GB of memory to $199 from $249. Amazon is the market leader with about 60 percent of e-book and e-reader sales.

The largest US bookstore chain also shaved $20 off its 8GB version of the tablet $179. Barnes & Noble lowered the price of its Nook Color by $20, bringing it to $149, the latest reduction for that model.

The new prices went into effect on Sunday. Despite the popularity of the Nook devices, Barnes & Noble has had to reduce the price of various versions on a number of occasions to compete with Amazon, which is believed to be preparing to launch a new version of its Kindle Fire tablet.

The price reductions cut into Barnes & Noble’s earnings.

The company, which has bet its future on staking a claim in the e-books industry, reported lower-than-expected revenue in the fourth quarter and said Nook revenue fell 10.5 percent.

Signs at one Manhattan branch of the store already reflected the new prices on Sunday.

**New iPhone app checks your heart rate by reading your face**

**NEW YORK, 13 Aug —** Aerobic fitness is one of the best ways to get — and stay — in shape. Irene's getting your heart rate up, but it's also important to keep track of your pulse so that it stays within a helpful range and you don’t end up doing either.

A new app from a pair of MIT graduates can help you do it using only your iPhone or iPod touch.

New iPhone app checks your heart rate by reading your face **INTERNET**

**After Curiosity, uncertainty lingers on NASA’s Mars programme**

PASADENA, 13 Aug—This week’s launch of NASA’s Mars rover Curiosity set the stage for a potentially game-changing quest to learn what the planet most likely ever had a shot at developing life, but follow-up missions exist only on the horizon.

The United States has planned to team up with Europe on a trio of missions beginning in 2016 that would culminate in the return of Mars soil and rock samples to Earth, an endeavor the National Research Council considers its top priority in planetary science for the next decade.

Citing budget concerns, the Obama administration terminated NASA’s participation in Europe’s ExoMars programme earlier this year, leaving the US to re-examine its options before another flight opportunity comes and goes.

Earth and Mars favourably align for launches about every 26 months. The situation is complicated by massive budget overruns in the $2.5 billion Curiosity mission, intended to determine if Mars could now or ever have supported microbial life, and in the $8 billion James Webb Space Telescope, a successor to the Hubble observatory.

The press conference was called to announce the results of a new risk analysis that says it would be too costly for NASA to carry out another full-scale mission to Mars, and has been used to blame for leaving Mars exploration short of its billion-dollar-commitment mandate needed for another ‘flagship’ mission of the scale it would take to fetch rocks and soil from the Red Planet and bring them home. A NASA report due for release this month is expected to outline NASA’s alternatives for Mars missions that could launch in 2018 and 2020.

A second rover mission to follow up on Curiosity’s findings or to explore one of three other candidate landing sites originally identified for Curiosity would be the “next logical step,” said NASA’s Mars exploration programme chief, Doug McCauley. But he doubts he will have the money for it. Although unlikely to draw a crowd to New York’s Times Square like Curiosity’s spectacular landing did, a new orbiting satellite to detect and analyze minerals or peer beneath the planet’s surface with infrared eyes would help scientists zero in on the best place for an eventual sample-return mission — **Reuters**

The Curiosity rover is seen in this stitched image taken by an InSight camera, located on the now-upright mast, in this picture released by NASA on 8 Aug, 2012. **REUTERS**
Shares steady, growth worries limit gains

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BlueScope and Nippon steel agree $1.4b joint venture

The Australian firm has agreed to sell 50% of its South East Asian and North American building products business to Nippon for $550m in cash. The proceeds are expected to help ease BlueScope’s debt burden. BlueScope shares rose as much as 50% in Australia after the deal was announced.

"This is a significant new platform to enhance our growth opportunities in some of the fastest growing markets in the world," Paul O’Malley, managing director of BlueScope said in a statement.

The proceeds received from Nippon Steel Corporation will afford BlueScope further financial flexibility and balance sheet strength to continue to grow businesses delivering strong returns.

G20 plans response as food prices climb

SINGAPORE, 13 Aug — The Group of 20 countries are planning a meeting to coordinate a response to surging food prices, the Financial Times reported on Monday, as the worst US drought in more than half a century devastates crops, lifting grain prices to record highs. G20 officials plan to hold a conference call in the week of 27 August to discuss amending, which could be held in late September or early October, the Financial Times said, quoting four unnamed officials familiar with the conversations.

Benchmark Chicago corn climbed to an all-time high on Friday after the US Department of Agriculture cut its production estimate by 10%, following 6,300 students in 40 states from 2003 to 2006, according to a report released by China Heart Congress on 62-year-old Hong Bixia, left, on Thursday in Beijing, 13 Aug — Just nine months after the United States initiated an investigation against China’s solar panels industry, Europe — the largest buyer of Chinese solar products — is likely to start another round of a trade war with Chinese manufacturers. German company SolarWorld AG has filed a petition with the European Union to request an anti-dumping investigation on solar products imported from China.

If the EU follows the US precedent and launches an anti-dumping investigation, the Chinese solar industry could suffer a serious blow, according to a joint statement issued by more than 30 Chinese companies.

The statement underlined the fact that the domestic market — despite its promising potential — is not an immediate alternative for local companies. But things might change as the Chinese market develops. The challenges faced by China’s solar industry mirror the ones faced by Feng Xiaofeng, the founder of Jinjiang, Fujian Province-based LDL Solar.

The New York-listed company made Peng the fourth-richest man on China’s Hurun Wealth List in 2008, when he was only 33 years old. LDL Solar used to be ranked No 1 in Asia for its wafer production capacity. Today, the company is still No 1 in the industry, but now for the amount of debt it holds on its balance sheet. And bankruptcy rumors have plagued it recently. Chinese manufacturers control nearly $5 billion worth of solar panels annually to the US. And nearly 60 percent of China’s solar products — which export value is $535 billion — were shipped to the European market in 2011.

While eurozone demand is shrinking due to the debt crisis and subsidy cuts, the US is imposing punitive tariffs, as high as 250 percent, which may block some Chinese companies from the market. Weakening external demand and a small domestic market have left Chinese solar manufacturers struggling. Major players, including Suntech Power Holdings LTD, LDL Solar and Yingli Green Energy Holding, all posted bigger-than-expected losses in the first quarter of the year.

The demand for steel in Asia’s emerging economies is expected to grow robustly in the near-term, because of global recovery. Nippon Steel and BlueScope agreed to form a joint venture to further financial flexibility and balance sheet strength to continue to grow businesses delivering strong returns.

Weight gain slower where school-food laws are strong

New York, 13 Aug — Regulating the foods and beverages sold in schools and of federal meal programs at schools may help curb the child obesity epidemic, suggests a US study released on Monday. Researchers found that fifth graders in states with strong “competitive food laws” packed on fewer pounds than did kids in states with no such legal requirements.

State laws are seen as a key policy response to the 2007-08 financial crisis and a response to surging food prices, the Financial Times reported on Monday, as the worst US drought in more than half a century devastates crops, lifting grain prices to record highs. G20 officials plan to hold a conference call in the week of 27 August to discuss amending, which could be held in late September or early October, the Financial Times said, quoting four unnamed officials familiar with the conversations.

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UN chief launches new initiative to protect oceans

The UN chief, Ban Ki-moon, on Sunday announced an initiative to protect oceans from pollution and over-fishing and to combat rising sea levels which threaten hundreds of millions of people. The initiative, called the Oceans Compact, sets out a strategic vision for the UN system to more effectively tackle the "precarious state" of the world's seas. Ban highlighted the "grave threat" from pollution, excessive fishing and global warming.

"Our oceans are heating and expanding," he said in a speech to a conference marking the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. "We risk irrevocable changes in processes that we barely comprehend, such as the great currents that affect weather patterns." "Ocean acidification (from absorbed carbon emissions) is eating into the very basis of our ocean life; and sea level rise threatens to re-draw the global map at the expense of hundreds of millions of the world's most vulnerable people."

The UN chief, who also called for action to curb piracy and irregular sea migration, said he hoped for progress towards a legally binding framework to combat "runaway climate change" at a UN conference in Doha in November. But action could also be taken now. Ban said the Compact was aimed at "improving the health of the oceans" and strengthening their management through an action plan to be overseen by a high-level advisory group.

This would be made up of senior policymakers, scientists and ocean experts, representatives from the private sector and civil society and leaders of the UN organizations involved. The UN chief said his initiative would also support implementation of the Law of the Sea, which came into force in 1994.

He called the treaty one of the world's "most significant legal instruments" and a tool for sustainable development which all nations should ratify. "It contributes to international peace and security, the equitable and efficient use of ocean resources, the protection and preservation of the marine environment and the realisation of a just and equitable economic order." The United States is the only major power not to have signed the convention. Republicans in the Senate contend it would undermine US sovereignty and be blocking ratification. "The theories have been out in the open for several days," he told AFP.

The world's oceans are "key to sustaining life on the planet," Ban said in his introduction to the Oceans Compact.—internet

Chinese Taipei airport shut after lightning strikes runway

Taipei (China), 13 Aug—Taipei’s Songshan airport was briefly closed after its sole runway was hit by lightning, delaying 25 flights, according to an official.

The strike on Saturday afternoon left a hole some 70 centimetres (28 inches) long and 50 centimetres wide. Authorities closed the transport hub for just under two hours delaying 25 flights, according to an official.

"It's a real disaster," said Khashm El Girba district chief Yahya Mohammed Ahmed. Thousands of people have lost their homes and access to drinking water, or are cut off by the flood waters, he told AFP, adding that no deaths had been reported so far. "We expect more rain and more water in the coming days, which will worsen the situation," he said.

In May, Khartoum ordered seven international aid local hospital to cease operations in eastern Sudan, saying some projects were badly managed, of poor quality and too costly. The agencies provided healthcare for women and children, demining, water, sanitation and nutrition projects for about 260,000 people, aid agencies said. A 2006 peace deal ended more than a decade of low-level insurgency in Sudan's east but tensions remain.

Flooding has also affected at least 14,000 people in the Darfur region of western Sudan over the past week, the UN’s humanitarian agency said.—internet

Urban disasters spotlight strain on Asian cities

Melbourne, 13 Aug—Deadly floods, power blackouts and a crane collapse — many of Asia’s biggest cities are buckling under the strains of rapid economic development, extreme weather and an exodus from the countryside.

Poor planning, say analysts, is lagging behind in infrastructure provision, whether we talk about sewers, roads or electricity supplies, said Professor Sun Sheng Han, an urban planning expert at Australia’s University of Melbourne.

At the heart of the problem lies a lack of vision in a region where urban development policies reflect a mixture of “political goals and economic ambitions,” he told AFP.

In the Thai capital Bangkok, years of aggressive groundwater extraction to meet the growing needs of its factories and 12 million inhabitants have taken a heavy toll.

Yet despite warnings of the city — built on swampland and slowly sinking — risks being below sea level in half a century from now, a building boom shows no sign of abating with apartment towers mushrooming around the city.—internet

Three dead in crane collapse in NW China

Lanzhou, 13 Aug—Three workers were killed after a crane collapsed at a construction site in northwestern China’s Gansu Province on Saturday, local media reported.

The accident happened at 10:45 am, when workers were sent to hospital after a ferry drove into the pier in the Swedish capital of Stockholm on Saturday, local media reported.

Another 11 people were slightly injured, according to the Swedish television SVT. Police were now looking into the accident. The captain of the ferry had already passed an alcohol test.—Xinhua
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Deputy Construction Minister U Kyaw Lwin answers the questions. MNA

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“there is a plan to give priority to local people for appointment, promotion, transfers and assignment of duties for staff in Kachin State if they have same qualifications” member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Myint Aung replied: According to theUnion Civil Services Board Law, respective the services organizations are to carry out the appointment of staff level posts. So, selection and appointment of staff has been handed over to Central Authority Organizations, Union Ministries and heads of Region and State governments. Union Civil Services Board Law section 8 (i) clearly states that Region or State governments will have to carry out the formation of civil services organizations and appointment of necessary civil staff in line with State Service Personnel Law and by means of making coordination with Union Government.

After State Service Personnel Law has been passed, selection and appointment of staff and promotion will become clear, there by contributing to more systematic management of civil services organizations. Staff’s transfers to remote areas should not be seen as taking actions. The Union Ministries are taking actions against staff who break the rules regardless of posting areas. If absenitia in duty, appointment, promotion and transfer are not fair and not in accord with the procedures, authority concerned will take necessary actions when respective region/state/self-administrated zone governments present the truths.

Regarding the question of U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency on “there is a plan to issue an order for official accommodation transfers and for which long-service staff have paid designated service in the state by installments”, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin replied:

Except for 29 staff housing plots developed between 1994 and 2000, houses were not built at the remaining plots. Since 2003, local authority concerned has allowed the staff to do farming at vacant lands.

After Nargis storm hit in May, 2008, mechanized farming model agricultural zone was implemented as national project with the aim of ensuring food sufficiency. New plots have been given to twenty nine houses that included in the zone. And houses whose values are not less than their original values have been built for them. Under the guidance of the Government, Department of Human Settlements and Housing Development handed over 9723.88 acres of modern mechanized farming model special agricultural project to Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

On behalf of the State, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development refunded Ks 12000 of land preparation paid by staff for the plots. It is expected that the implementation of projects on these lands by the companies will be under the arrangement of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and make coordination as land allotment of allotted staff plots has been handed over to Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

As U Khaing Maung Yi wanted to know how to solve that matter accurately and how much compensation would be awarded to the public by the government, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin said that it would be under the arrangement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and for its related matter had been handed over the Ministry of Irrigation by order. As it was concerning with the Government, it would have been carried out by the Government and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

If necessary, Yangon Region Government will provide necessary answer could be given because that matter was in progress. But he was sure that it would be successfully completed.

Concerning the answering of the deputy minister on the query raised by U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw urged the Government to submit Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting representation paper on it with the committee’s review and record it.

At proposal submitting session, Deputy U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency submitted a proposal to allow unemployment allowance had the limitations on application of writ.

Any representatives wishing to discuss the proposal may register not later than 1 pm on 14 August. The day on which the discussion would be made would be announced.

The discussions on the bill foreign investment were participated by the Bill Committee on amendments of paragraphs and sub-paragraphs, Economic and Trading Development Committee and Investment and Industrial Development Committee including representatives who submitted the amendments U Win Than of Thabawun Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyi Constituency, U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency, Dr Win Myint of some Constituency, Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency, U Aye Myint of Insein Constituency, U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency, U Aung Thein Lin of Okkalapa Constituency, U Khin Maung Soe Oo of Monywa Constituency and Dr Soe Yin of Kamayut Constituency, as well as Joint Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Minister Thura U Tawng Lwin of the Ministry of Rail Transportation on their respective paragraphs and sub-paragraphs.

The discussion on the bill continues tomorrow.

Today’s meeting came to an end at 3:30 pm. The 26th day meeting starts at 10 am tomorrow.

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National Culture and Fine Arts University provided with publications

Head of Public Affairs Section from US Embassy and Director of American Center Ms Adrienne B Nutzman donates publications to Rector U Kyaw Oo of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) for its library.—MNA

YANGON, 13 Aug—The Head of Public Affairs Section of US embassy and Director Ms Adrienne B Nutzman of American Center presented publications to the library of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) at its Swedaw Building on 9 August.

The faculty members led by Rector of the University U Kyaw Oo attended the ceremony.

The director of AC viewed library of the University, lecture halls, shooting being made by students of Film and Drama Department, dancing being practised by students of Theatrically Drama Department, drawing paintings and depicting sculpture.—MNA

Statement of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on its trip to the Kachin State (5/2012)

The Secretary of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and two members of the Commission visited Myitkyina and Waingmloh of the Kachin State from 23/27 July 2012 and carried out the following tasks of the Commission:-

- Visited 16 relief camps, met with the people of the camps and expressed words of encouragement to them.
- Summoned and examined the witnesses in connection with the complaints, assumed to involve the violations of human rights in the Kachin State.
- Met with the Chief Minister and the Ministers of the Kachin State Government and exchanged views on the prevailing situation in the Kachin State.

Based on the activities and the findings of the Commission team, the following recommendations are made:-

- On studying and examining of the camps that the Commission team visited, it was found that although over one year has elapsed, the basic needs of the peoples of the camps were not fulfilled as before.
- The departments and the organizations concerned are urged to supply additional medicines and medical care for and treatment of ailments caused by seasonal changes.
- The people at the relief camps expressed that they wished to return to their villages and that land mines govern the surrounding areas of the villages be cleared. To carry out mine clearance before the resettlement work is commenced, there should be cooperation among the armed groups and the relevant domestic and foreign organizations.
- The villagers should be educated about land mines.
- According to the statements of the witnesses made in connection with the complaints, it was found that there were certain violations of human rights of the populations of the villages by the armed groups.

Therefore, it is strongly urged not to violate human rights under any circumstances and to act in accordance with human rights standards.

- According to the statements of the witnesses from the Tarlawgyi village of the Myitkyina Township, there were instances of forced recruitment of soldiers from villagers of Tarlawgyi by the KIA. It was learnt that 53 villagers of Tarlawgyi who were serving as the people’s militia of the KIA have returned to the legal fold. It is urged that no armed group should engage in forced recruitment of soldiers in any area.

- It was learnt that the Tatmadaw arrested and interrogated two villagers of Tawlawgyi in early January 2012 and they were prosecuted by the authorities concerned under the existing laws. In order not to adversely affect the rights of the persons concerned, the court proceedings should be expediently concluded.

- The Commission does not wish to make any comment on the interrogation of the suspects by security forces for security reasons and on their prosecution in accordance with the law. However, torture during the interrogation constitutes violation of human rights and must be avoided.

The Government has received encouragement and support from within and outside the country in establishing a democratic state. Similarly, the Government has made historic accomplishments in its efforts to bring about lasting peace. Under these circumstances, concerted efforts should also be made by all to establish peace in the Kachin State in accordance with the desire of the people.


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The country is establishing relations with world countries regardless of the East or the West. The country could not stand alone in that global village so that it has to establish amicable relations with every country. As each country has focused on their own interests, Myanmar, cautious of every possible impact, is also communicating in the national interest. What the country profited from these relations is the winning respect on the world stage.

Urbanization working committee must be formed for development of the towns. Policies must be adopted by the coordination of the regional government and the local people for ensuring socio-economic development, creating favourable urban environment, establishing small and medium industrial enterprises, establishing environmental friendly factories which can guarantee more job opportunities, building urban housings, and providing education and health.

Municipal organizations must be formed systematically as soon as possible with representatives elected by the people under regional administration. Respective Region and State governments must draft Municipal Act in accord with the constitution.

The swift drafting of village plans for rural development has been directed. The plans must be implemented with the construction of inter-village roads and roads linking villages and towns, repair of old roads and rapid compilation of numbers of farmland, farm workers, constitution, and foreign loans and aids would be distributed equally to reach Region or State. Investment Commission must coordinate for equitable share of local foreign investments. The regional governments must strive for development of their own region. The grassroot should be empowered to elect the competent village administrators who can distance themselves from bribery and is willing to bring the good to the village in accordance with the law. Only then, will the township administrators be able to rely on them for all-round development of the village. They are also responsible to deal with economic, education and health affairs and to ensure the rule of law.

As the bribery is well entrenched in every level, the officials will have to tackle the issue seriously. It is immoral and unethical act for both who give and take the bribe. It must be stopped with serious actions as it harms the dignity of the government and of the country. All are urged to clear the flaw to ensure the clean government. The chiefs of every organization are responsible for whatever their subordinates do and must handle the bribery effectively.

Stability, security of the society and the rule of law are sine qua none for development of each region of the country. Stability, security, the rule of law, effective law enforcement, peaceful coexistence of the ethnic groups in accord with the new system, and human rights regardless of race, religion and gender must be given special priorities.

In conclusion, the development of towns and villages in each region must be pursued after considering city plans to be implemented in Yangon and Mandalay. The chiefs of respective or respective departments must be provided for drafting township development plans. Lessons from industrialized and developing nations in these aspects and latercomer advantages should be taken.

Although ODA had pledged that developed countries would share some amount of their GNP with least developed countries and developing countries to encourage these countries take measures for environmental conservation and sustainable development, the assistance has yet to be received. In the light of these situations, these measures could be carried out with own plans.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that he would make supplementary discussion for success of projects to be implemented for the development of the country. Chief ministers of Yangon and Mandalay Regions would discuss measures to be taken in cooperation with respective departments for conceptual plan, masterplan and land use management for urban development plans of cities in these regions. Similarly, other Region/State chief ministers and officials would make sector-wise discussions.

The country would become developed overnight in a few years if the already adopted projects could be realized. Environmental conservation and sustainable development should be put into consideration in realizing plans. Lessons from industrialized and developing nations in these aspects and latercomer advantages should be taken.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham made discussions.—MNA

Colombian, Nepalese cultural experts visit NCFAU (Yangon)

YANGON, 13 Aug—A delegation comprising of the cultural experts of the heritage department of the foreign affairs ministry of Colombia paid a visit to National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) under Ministry of Culture on 10 August, where they inspected students studying respective subjects in each department of the university. Similarly, the officials of Film Development Board (FDB) of Nepal at 2 pm held a meeting with Rector U Kyaw Oo and heads of departments, lecturers and officials concerned at National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon), and they exchanged views on mutual cooperation in cultural sectors between the two countries, between the universities and motion industries of both sides. The delegation observed the students’ learning styles for dancing, painting, woodcarving and producing videos and then viewed works of art created by the final-year students.

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Sawing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye making discussion.—MNA

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai holds discussion.—MNA

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Deputy Minister opens opening courses

YANGON, 13 Aug—Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win attended the opening of the Management Course No (50/51), Advanced Tailoring Trainer Course No (26), Management Course No (2) and Clerical Course No (80/81) at Central Training School of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs on Myawaddy Mingyi Road at No (51) Ward in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, here, this morning.

After the opening ceremony, the deputy minister and party inspected hostels, lecture hall, mess hall and thriving perennial and seasonal plantations in the compound of the training school.

Altogether 160 trainees are attending the 12-week course.

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School textbooks and six exercise books each ...

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uplift international cooperation at National Centre for English Language and Myanmar-India Centre for English Language Training, so efforts were made for ensuring availability of native speaker faculty members.

U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No 5 asked a question whether there is a plan to appoint general workers at basic education schools. The deputy minister replied that before appointment of general workers in a primary education school, the staff in pay scale of daily wages will be appointed at the school as of 2013-2014 academic year.

U Than Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No 10 asked whether there is a plan to solve problems of teachers from BEPS in villages. The deputy minister replied that in realizing the compulsory education system, school textbooks and six exercise books each are provided to students from KG to fourth standard free of charge. School textbook shops are allowed to enjoy eight per cent discount in selling school textbook shops. Textbooks are transported from presses to main warehouse and to 30 sales centres through State fund. The school textbooks are distributed in accord with the student enrolment in the examination result. Therefore, if the number of textbooks is less than that of the student numbers, necessity number of books can be demanded with the list. Thus, all the students may accept the school textbooks sufficiently.

The budget was allotted as inmost money K 50000 to BEPS workshops and K 30000 per student per year, K 80000 to less than 200 students, K 100,000 to more than 250 students.

U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No 12 asked where there is a plan to renovate or rebuild Basic Education Primary School in Kokka Village of Hmanbin Township in Kayah State and whether there is a plan to create opportunity for teachers of English subject to attend Diploma of Global English Course being conducted at National Centre for English Language. The deputy minister replied that new schools of basic education are being built and extended through the State allotted fund and contributions of the State, parents and wellwishers annually. The capital fund for 2013-2014 fiscal year will be scrutinized for renovation of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kokka Village of Gangaw Township.

The Global English Course, being opened at National Centre for English Language, is aimed at raising English proficiency of departmental staff. Thus, teachers from higher and basic education departments in Yangon Region are attending the courses on Saturdays and Sundays of their accord.

The course gives lectures on uplift of oral skill including teaching English to teachers from higher and basic education sectors. Arrangements will be implemented soon to train the teachers so as to provide multiplier courses to raising English proficiency of teachers from basic and higher education sectors by coordinating experts and organizations at home and abroad.

U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No 12 asked whether there is a plan to construct new school buildings at basic education schools in Thazi Township. The deputy minister replied that four of 12 basic education schools will be extended with new school buildings on priority in...
Management Staff Grade-4 Course commences

Yangon, 13 Aug—The Management Staff Grade-4 Course No.1/2012 of General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs was opened at the management development training school of Mingaladon Township GAD on 6 August morning.

The director-general of the GAD made a speech. Altogether 106 male trainees and 19 female trainees at Management Staff Grade-II and township administrators are attending the eight-week course.

Prevention against floods demonstrated in Myanma

Yangon, 13 Aug—As Ayeyawady River raises its water level around Yangon, the local people participate in flood preventive measures.

The demonstration on flood preventive measures was held at 12/4 embankment in Kazunkhon Village of Myanma Township on 22 July so as to prevent floods organized by Myanma Township Irrigation Department.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Aye Kyu and Staff Officer of Township Irrigation Department explained facts about damaging the embankment and protection tasks.

The demonstration depicted prevention against overflow of embankment, emergency prevention against damage of embankment and other methods.

Members of Kanaung Police Force led by the Commander of Township Police Force, members of Township Red Cross Battalion and Red Cross Brigade, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people participated in the demonstration.

Cultivation of Palethwe paddy demonstrated in Taungup

Taungup, 13 Aug—A demonstration on cultivation of high yield Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on the farmland of U Tin Shin in Goygyakwin Village-tract in Taungup Township of Thandwe District in Rakhine State on 31 July morning.

The demonstration showed off system to grow saplings from the nursery nurtured by good agricultural patterns. At the demonstration, Township Administrator U Tint Lwin explained use of high yield and marketable Palethwe paddy to contribute to social life of the farmers and Head of Township Agriculture Department U Thein Htay practical works for applying good agricultural patterns.

Departmental personnel, members of Township Agricultural Supervision Committee and staff of Agriculture Department, village administrators and local farmers enjoyed the demonstration on cultivation of monsoon Palethwe hybrid paddy on five-acre plot.

Self-reliant concrete road commissioned into service in Hinthada

Hinthada, 13 Aug—A ceremony to put Yadana self-reliant concrete road into service was held in Thayetgon Village of Ywathagon Village-tract in Hinthada Township of Ayeyawady Region at 3 pm on 29 July.

On the occasion, Hinthada Township Administrator U Tin Aung Win and Ward Admini-stator U Hla Myint made speeches.

Member of the road construction committee U Wai Lin spoke words of thanks.

After that, Hinthada Township Administrator U Tin Aung Win, Senior Engineer U Aung Soe of Township Development Affairs Committee and Road Construction Committee member U Tin Tun Aung cut the ribbon to open the road.

The concrete road is 2500 feet long, built at a cost of K 6 million.

Car plunges into road side of Expressway

Kyaikdaga, 13 Aug—A Volvo car plunged into the right roadside due to out of control at 3 pm on 28 July.

The accident occurred between mile post 99/1 and 99/2 on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway in Kyaikdaga Township of Bago Region.

Volvo with number plate 3B— driven by Hsun Lin Naing, 36 of Bo Lay Yon Street in Ward 13 of Dagon Myothit (East) Township. The driver and two persons on board the car were injured in the incident.

Kyaikdaga Township Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against driver Hsun Lin Naing.

Workers injured in traffic accident in Yedashe Township

Yedashe, 13 Aug—A trawlergyi carrying workers caused upside down at 8.20 am on 4 August on Thagara-Koebin Toma crossing road in Yedashe Township of Bago Region.

The vehicle driven by Than Win, 37 of Magway from the west to the east carrying about 20 daily waged workers plunged into the roadside between mile posts 1/0 and 1/1 on the road.

A total of 19 persons on board the vehicles were injured in the accident. The injured were rushed to Swa Station Hospital. Thagara Police Station opened a file of lawsuit for the traffic accident.
Nepal’s handcraft exports increase 32.31 pct

KATHMANDU, 13 Aug—Exports of handcraft items increased by an impressive 32.31 percent in the last fiscal year ended in mid-July, compared to export figures of 2010/11, thanks to better promotion of Nepali handicraft in international market and strengthening of US dollar vis-a-vis Nepali rupee.

According to Federation of Handicraft Associations of Nepal (FHAN), Nepal exported handcraft items worth 4.11 billion rupees (some 46.7 million US dollars) in 2011/12, up from 3.11 billion rupees (some 35.3 million dollars) recorded in the previous fiscal year.

Metal craft was the country’s major exportable handcraft items during the review year, contributing to around 22.54 percent of the total handicraft export.

Bikash Rana Dhakwa, president of FHAN, was quoted by Monday’s Republica daily as saying Nepal’s handicraft exports increased due to growing participation of Nepali handicraft producers in international trade fairs and due to the appreciation of dollar against rupee. “Demand for metal products has been growing in China and European countries since past few years,” said Dhakwa.

According to FHAN, export of textile products increased by 33.99 percent recorded in 2010/11. Similarly, exports of non-textile goods increased by 30.86 percent in the previous fiscal year.

Woolen goods and felt products stood at second and third position in terms of export earning, recording a rise of 43.11 percent and 25.98 percent respectively compared to 2010. Similarly, exports of pashmina increased by 10.89 percent, silk products by 79.11 percent, cotton goods by 53.59 percent, hemp goods by 49.18 percent and allo goods by 90.74 percent. However, exports of Dhaake products fell by 17.29 percent.—Xinhua

Thousands evacuated in Spain forest fires

MADRID, 13 Aug—More than 4,000 people have been evacuated from their homes in Spain’s Canary Islands because of forest fires that are difficult to control due to a strong wind and high temperatures, authorities said on Sunday.

The worst-hit areas are Tenerife, a popular tourist destination, and La Gomera, where temperatures have topped 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) since Friday, starting fires that had been put out during the week after destroying more than 3,000 hectares of land since 4 August.

The fires have destroyed 200 hectares of land in Tenerife and 470 hectares in La Gomera since Friday and some of the homes have been closed on both islands. Other areas, including the northeastern province of Galicia, have been affected by fires in the past few days.

Spain has already suffered a number of forest fires in various regions this year. Around 50,000 hectares of land were destroyed in the first five months of 2012, making this year the worst since 2002, according to the Environment Ministry.

This year the worst fire of 2012 burned the area of the border area between Catalonia and France. The tourism sector has been a major engine of growth for the Spanish economy as it struggles with a painful recession that has left almost one in four jobless.—Reuters

But before exports can resume Sudan wants a security agreement for the 1,800-kilometer (1,200-mile) long border, much of which is disputed.

Sudanese pilot flying training towards another war in April. It was worst violence since South Sudan became independent a year ago under a peace agreement to end a long-running civil war with the North.—Reuters

Sudan “very optimistic” about border agreement with South Sudan

KHARTOUM, 13 Aug—Sudan “is very optimistic” it can reach a border agreement with South Sudan that would allow a resumption of oil exports from the South, the senior official told Xinhua on Sunday.

His comments were the strongest indication yet that Sudan and South Sudan have resolved the dispute that saw the South shut down its entire output in January.

Photo taken on 12 Aug, 2012, shows the debris of a crashed training plane at the Sea of Marmara off the coast of Tekirdag province in northwestern Turkey. Two pilots were killed after a training plane crashed into the Sea of Marmara, the official Anadolu news agency reported.

Two killed in training plane crash in northwestern Turkey

ANKARA, 13 Aug—Two pilots were killed after a training plane crashed into the Sea of Marmara off the coast of Tekirdag province in northwestern Turkey on Sunday, local newspaper Hurriyet Daily News reported on its website.

The CIRRUS-type plane, with two pilots on board, reportedly lost contact with air control about 4 kilometers off the coast of Marmara Ergeli, 90 kilometers west of Istanbul, an official said.

A Turkish police and coast guard team were then dispatched to the area for search and rescue. The teams conducted a search in the Marmara Ergeli district of Tekirdag province to locate the wreckage of a training plane that lost contact with air traffic control.

The teams later found the bodies of pilot Arif Arat and pilot-in training Liza Senel.

Deminaz earlier said the two pilots aboard the plane were missing, adding that the plane was on route to Istanbul’s Izmir Airport to the western town of Edremit.

Xinhua

Indonesia to gradually modernize its weaponry

JAKARTA, 13 Aug—The weaponry of Indonesian armed forces (TNI) is going to be gradually modernized as the economy supports financing amid the higher demand for professionalisation of the forces.

The modernization solely aims to offset the country’s long absence on improving the weaponry that would put it in one par with ASEAN peers.

While more tasks, including in handling Indonesia’s significant border disputes, and taking part in the international peace mission, as well as overcoming national threat such as terrorism and transnational crimes, are awaiting for the participation of the forces.

This clearly indicates that the rise of defence budget and the purchase of more Sukhoi jet fighters, tanks and other military equipment is not aimed at triggering arm race in the region.

Thank to the accelerating economic growth that has allowed to strengthen the military budget in the Southeast Asia’s largest economy.

Growing investment, accelerating government spending and huge household consumption in the country with over 238 million population has pushed the country’s economy to expand by more than 6 percent since 2010.

Xinhua

Australia’s Qantas plane lands safely in Perth after experiencing engine failure

SYDNEY, 13 Aug—An investigation is underway after a Qantas plane from Sydney to Western Australia’s Perth experienced an engine failure, the airline’s website reported on Monday.

According to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) reports, the engine of the A-380, which left Sydney with 254 passengers, was reduced to idle power at 3,000 feet over Perth. The plane landed safely at Perth Airport in late Sunday night and was towed to the gate. Qantas says engineers are trying to work out what went wrong with the engine.

Xinhua

Wildfire advance on residential areas in La Gomera, Spain, on 12 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

China, Malaysia vow to further boost bilateral ties

KOTA KINABALU, (Malaysia), 13 Aug—Chinese and Malaysian foreign ministers agreed on Sunday to further boost bilateral ties and regional cooperation. Friendship and cooperation between China and Malaysia have achieved significant progress in recent years, with leaders of both countries exchanged visits frequently and cooperation in all areas deepened continuously, said Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi while meeting with his Malaysian counterpart Anifah Aman in Kota Kinabalu in East Malaysia.

China will further develop its relations with Malaysia by continuing their high level exchanges, broadening their financial cooperation and deepening cultural exchanges, Yang said.

Yang, who met Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak on Saturday, told Anifah that China would make the building of joint industrial parks proceed smoothly and push forward cooperation on large joint projects. Earlier, the two countries have agreed to set up joint industrial parks in Quanzhou, China and Kuantan, Malaysia, respectively.

Meanwhile, Chinanightly values the importance of developing the strategic partnership with ASEAN and is committed to its bigger role in East Asian cooperation and regional integration, Yang said.

China is willing to participate in pragmatic cooperation under various mechanisms in East Asia and work with Malaysia to promote peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

Malaysia attaches great significance to its relations with China and sees China as a major partner to drive Malaysian economy, Anifah said. He told Yang that his country is satisfied with the frequent high level exchanges and achievements in areas such as trade, investment, education, human resources and tourism between the two countries in recent years.

Malaysia is willing to maintain close cooperation with China and further boost pragmatic cooperation, he said.

Anifah also praised China for its constructive role in international and regional affairs as well as its contribution to promoting its relations with ASEAN and regional development.

Malaysia will further coordinate with China in developing China-ASEAN relations, he said.—Xinhua

Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman (R) meets with his visiting Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi in Kota Kinabalu, east Malaysia, on 12 Aug, 2012.—Xinhua

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S African man fractures arm in whale collision

DURBAN, 13 Aug—A South African man fractured his arm after a catamaran crashed into a whale off the eastern port city of Durban but the Leviathan was unhurt, an official said on Saturday.

Derrick Pienaar, 50, suffered a fracture in his right arm, National Sea Rescue Institute official Craig Lombinon said.

"McPuin’s injury was sustained after the fellow fell off deck after the sport fishing boat, which he was a passenger on, struck a whale while the boat was underway," he said. Seven others on board with him were unhurt but the whale "appeared to not be injured," said Lombinon.

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Five members of Ariz family get married on same day

In this 8 Aug, 2012 photo, Andee Waldie, right, helps paint a directional sign with her brother Bradford and soon to be sister-in-law Megan, in Mesa, Ariz. Five of the eight siblings of the Waldie family will be married to their spouses on 10 August. While trying to plan wedding dates with out-of-state family and guests, dad Doug Waldie suggested they all marry on the same day.

It’s a mega wedding day for a Mesa, Ariz, family with five siblings walking down the aisle on the same day.

The East Valley Tribune reports the five Waldie children all got engaged within a few months of each other. While trying to plan wedding dates with out-of-state family and guests, dad Doug Waldie suggested they all marry on the same day.


Each ceremony was separate, but the reception was scheduled for all five couples on Friday night at the Falcon Field Air Force Museum.

Eighteen-year-old Andee Waldie, one of two unmarried sisters, was a bridesmaid for four of the couples.

Italian special effects master Rambaldi dies at 86

MIAMI, 13 Aug—Special effects master and three-time Oscar-winner Carlo Rambaldi died on Friday in southern Italy after a long illness, Italian news media reported. He was 86.

Rambaldi was known as the father of “ET” He won visual effects Oscars for Steven Spielberg’s 1982 extraterrestrial hit, as well as Ridley Scott’s film “Alien” in 1979, and John Guillermin’s “King Kong” in 1976.

“Carlo Rambaldi was ET’s Geppetto,” said Spielberg, referring to the fictional character who created Pinochio. “All of us who marveled and wondered at his craft and artistry are deeply saddened by the news of his passing.”

Rambaldi worked on more than 36 films, but was best known for his work on ET, for which he created three robots, two costumes worn by actors in the scenes when ET walked, and gloves for the hands.

Rambaldi, a wizard of a discipline known as mechatronics, which combines disciplines including mechanical, electronic and system design engineering — did not hide a diatard for computerized effects.

“Digital costs around eight times as much as mechanical,” Rambaldi was quoted by the Rome daily La Republica as having once said. “MET cost a million dollars and we created it in three months. If we wanted to do the same thing with computers, it would take at least 200 people a minimum of five months.”

Rambaldi was born in 1925 in the northern Italian region of Emilia-Romagna and graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Bologna in 1951. While he dreamed of becoming an artist, he was drawn into the world of cinema when he was asked to create a dragon for a low-budget science fiction movie filmed in 1956.

He moved to Rome and found work in television before his first big success, the 1975 Italian horror film “Deep Red.” He drew the attention of Dino De Laurentiis, who brought him to Hollywood to work on “King Kong.”

Italian director Pupi Avati described Rambaldi as “a child who loved to play and make his toys. A child who dreams of making for a theme park all of his characters,” the news agency ANSA reported. The pair worked together on a 1975 film.

“In those years, Rambaldi was the only creator capable of creating as he did, a fig tree 12 meters high that he carried to the cinema, a ferrari with a huge truck, a fig tree that was to change color with the seasons, and also shed its leaves.”

This 10 April, 2002 file photo shows special effects master Carlo Rambaldi walking on stage after a starring role of ET during the Italian David Di Donatello cinema awards in Rome’s Cinecitta studios.

Beyonce performs and films music video at UN

In this photo provided by Parkwood Entertainment, singer Beyonce performs “I Was Here” in the United Nations General Assembly Hall, Friday, 10 August, 2012.—INTERNET

New York, 13 Aug—Superstar singer Beyonce has serenaded a different New York City venue: The United Nations.

Beyonce performed her song “I Was Here” on Friday in the UN’s General Assembly Hall in honor of World Humanitarian Day, which is 19 Aug. A music video of the performance will debut the same day.

The singer sang in front of hundreds, including Julia Stiles, R&B singer The-Dream and songwriters Diane Warren, who wrote the song.

Warren said in an interview that she initially called Beyonce’s husband Jay-Z, and played the song for him over the phone. He quickly called Beyonce, and days later she recorded it. It appears on her album “4,” released last year. Anderson Cooper hosted, saying with a laugh: “Is this what happens at the UN every Friday night?”

Chad Johnson arrested on domestic violence charge

DAVID, 13 Aug—Dolphins receiver Chad Johnson was arrested on Saturday on a domestic violence charge, accused of head-butting his newlywed wife during an argument in front of their home outside Miami.

Johnson and his wife, Evelyn Lozada, were at dinner and she confronted him after a receipt she had found for a box of condoms, said Davis police Capt Dale Engebretsen. The argument got heated and continued on the drive home, he said.

When they arrived in their driveway in Davie, the 34-year-old Johnson head-butted Lozada, she told police. Lozada, who is on the reality show, “Basketball Wives,” was treated at a hospital for a cut to her forehead.

Johnson, who changed his last name back to Johnson from Ochocinco after his 4 July wedding to Lozada, was being held on Saturday night in Broward County Jail and will remain until he can appear before a judge, which Engebretsen said might not be until Monday. He is charged with simple battery, domestic violence, which is a misdemeanor.

Team officials were “aware of the situation and are in the process of gathering of relevant information,” Dolphins spokesman Harvey Green said. Johnson’s agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined to comment.

Johnson signed with the Dolphins in June, four days after he was released by New England. A six-time Pro Bowl receiver with Cincinnati, he caught only 15 passes in 15 games for the Patriots last year after they acquired him in a trade for a pair of draft picks.

On Friday night in the Dolphins’ 20-730 to Tampa Bay in the exhibition opener, Johnson let the only pass thrown to him slip through his hands.

He was known as Ochocinco for the past four seasons. The name was a playful reference to the No 85 he wore on his jersey.

Johnson and Lozada were prominent in the recent first episode of HBO’s “Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Miami Dolphins.”

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Manchester City’s Sergio Aguero (R) celebrates teammate Yaya Toure’s goal against Chelsea at Villa Park in Birmingham. Man City won 3-2. Reuters

Manchester City’s Aleksandar Kolarov lifts the trophy after winning their FA Community Shield match against Chelsea, at Villa Park in Birmingham. — Reuters

Tevez can spark more

Man City glory, says Mancini

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Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes holds the Olympic flag after receiving it from IOC President Jacques Rogge (C), as London Mayor Boris Johnson (L) watches during the ceremonial handing over of the Olympic flag at the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic stadium on 12 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

IOC moves into new territory after London triumph

LONDON, 13 Aug — After London rose to the occasion for a third time with an outstanding summer Games, the Olympics now moves towards uncharted territory.

The 2012 Games proved as successful as the 1908 and 1948 editions following grim warnings about possible transport, security and weather disruptions. “These Games proved successful and glorious Games,” International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said at the closing ceremony.

Now the spotlight will shine on Rio de Janeiro and the first Games to be staged in South America. IfKoide delivers, the Games could then conceivably go to Africa, the final contingent for the Olympic movement. “It’s an experiment,” said Gerhard Heiberg, the chairman of the International Olympic Committee marketing commission.

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The win capped a wild week for Djokovic and a number of other players, who had little time to recover after competing at the London Olympics and then were forced to battle numerous rain delays that wreaked havoc on the schedule. “It’s been a long week, a tough week, especially for the players coming from the Olympics,” he said.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

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Golf: McIlroy proves doubters wrong with second major

KIAWAELAND, (South Carolina), 13 Aug — Rory McIlroy brushed aside any lingering doubts over his ability to be a dominant force in golf by storming to a second major title with a starring eight-shot victory at the PGA Championship on Sunday. McIlroy’s stint three-peace triumph, a similar eight-shot victory at last year’s US Open, was followed by a series of poor showings in the majors, including a missed cut in the US Open in his second major tournament, he gave a resounding answer to his critics and was not about to let slip his chance to reply to those who doubted him. “I was a little frustrated with how I was playing earlier on in the year, but a few people in my media room were probably pushing panic buttons for no reason,” the 23-year-old told reporters. The criticism clearly got to second major titles since the then-23-year-old McIlroy had provided the perfect reply. “I don’t think I could have answered it in any better way and to be honest it did motivate me.”

Andy Murray tries to get geared up after gold

CINCINNATI, 13 Aug — Andy Murray’s gold medal is back on a cabinet. He hasn’t even had time to pick an appropriate spot for the grandest prize of his career. There’s a more immediate challenge: get back in form for the US Open. Murray took a few days off to let a sore left knee heal and get some needed rest for the start of the Western & Southern Open in suburban Cincinnati. The tournament opened on Sunday with two matches in the men’s bracket.

Andy Murray from England, pauses during a news conference at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, on 12 Aug., 2012, in Mason, Ohio. —INTERNET

Police seize over 100 kg heroin in southern Turkey

ANKARA, 13 Aug — Turkish police confiscated 106 kg heroin in the province of Adana in southern Turkey on 12 Aug., 2012.—INTERNET

The ceremony was organized by Shan State (East) Missionary Sayadaw, “Response of Mr. Gain Thein” (Headmistress Daw Nyunt Kyi). The latter result prompted questions to be motivated me. I did want to go way and to be honest... it did motivate me... I did want to go out there and prove a few people wrong and that’s what I did. It took me all of four weeks to get my game back and get out of my mini-slump and this is the result,” he added. But those words were, typically for the affable Northern Irishman, said with a wry smile rather than a snarl, helped of course by the enormity of his achievement on Sunday.

The victory margin eclipsed the previous best for the PGA Championship of seven set by Jack Nicklaus in 1980 and he also became the youngest player to win two major titles since then—23-year-old Seve Ballesteros clinched that year’s Masters.—Reuters

Andy Murray is the defending champion in Cincinnati, but a worn-down one after the gruelling schedule of his Olympic silver medal win over Roger Federer at Wimbledon, spending the next day doing interviews and having dinner with his friends.

The following morning, he was on a plane to Toronto and the Rogers Cup. After two days of matches, he withdrew last Thursday because of the sore knee and tiredness from the hectic few days. Murray blamed the soreness on having to adjust overnight from Wimbledon’s soft grass to the hard courts. “Going into a new surface, that presents new challenges.” Murray said Sunday. “I felt good after winning the gold medal, but coming over to play on hard courts, your body starts to hurt a little bit, you’re sore in the joints. You’ve got to work on different shots as well. So that can occupy your mind a bit. You’re not feeling great straight away. Switching surfaces is a new challenge, something that’s taken me a few days to adjust.”

Murray will be one of the top draws in a tournament missing Rafael Nadal, who dropped out because of a sore knee, and defending champion Maria Sharapova, who is recovering from a stomach virus. He’s already had quite a summer.
There are 0.6 million registered workers who have rights to enjoy social security across the country

Union Ministries are taking actions against staff who break the rules regardless of posting areas

Speaker of Pyithu Hlutaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends 25th day session of Pyithu Hlutaw—MNA

Plans are under way to open social security clinics in respective townships and to provide health care to workers by singing with private hospitals and clinics after Social Security Law (2012) has been enacted. According to Social Security Law (1954), odd-job workers do not includes in Social Security Plan. But, new Social Security Law (2012) to be prescribed soon covers provisions that all workers are to register. So, workers themselves can register according to their wills. If employers and employees insure by paying social security fees, they will have rights to enjoy the benefits prescribed in Social Security Law.

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Terry free to play Champions League opener after appeal

Berne, 13 Aug—Chelsea captain John Terry will be free to play in their opening Champions League match this season after his three-match European ban was modified on appeal by UEFA on Monday.

“Chelsea FC’s John Terry has had his three-match suspension reduced on appeal,” UEFA said in a statement on their website (www.uefa.com).

Although the central defender is still suspended for three UEFA club competition matches, the third game of the ban has now been deferred for a probationary period of three years. UEFA said the final match of the ban would only take effect if he re-offended.

Terry served the first match in last season’s Champions League final in May against Bayern Munich which his team won on penalties and will also sit out the Super Cup match against Europa League winners Atlético Madrid on August 31.—Reuters