Myanmar will be participating more actively in activities of United Nations in various fields

Standing as a responsible and respectable nation on the world stage, we will take challenges of 21st century in a bold and resolute manner

NAV P'TAW, 27 Sept— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an address at the 67th United Nations General Assembly today.

Following is the full-text of the speech of the President.

Mr President,

Mr Secretary-General of the United Nations, Distinguished Delegates,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate you on your well-deserved election as the President of the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Your country, Serbia and Myanmar has traditionally enjoyed the close friendship and cooperation. Under your able leadership, the General Assembly will make deliberations on measures to address the challenges being faced by the world today. I am confident that your vast wisdom, rich experiences and high diplomatic skills would guide our deliberations to produce desired outcomes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to your predecessor, H.E Mr Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, for his outstanding leadership at the 66th session.

Mr President,

Myanmar consistently pursues an independent and active foreign policy. One of the basic tenets of our foreign policy is to actively contribute towards the maintenance of international peace and security. In so doing, we have gone to efforts to settle differences among nations by peaceful and amicable means. This position of ours matches well with the essence of one of the high-level themes of the current session, namely, “Settlement of disputes by Peaceful Coordination or Means.”

Mr President,

There exist differing views and assessments on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) held in Brazil in June this year. A number of important decisions were taken on various issues such as the renewing of commitments, the linkage of sustainable development to the Millennium Development Goals-MDGs, the renewable energy and the establishment of arrangements for a better coordination on the sustainable development. It is necessary for the member states to turn these decisions into actions in order to leave behind the legacy of a safe and sustainable environment to our future generations.

Mr President,

Since becoming a member, Myanmar has always adhered to the founding principles of the United Nations. Our participation in the General Assembly here in New York amply demonstrates our commitment to an active participation in and cooperation with the work of the Organization.

The world today is replete with new challenges and opportunities. Urbanization and industrialization are taking place in developing countries in an unprecedented scale. The rapid progress in information technology is giving an impression that our world is getting smaller. On the other hand, the natural environment and climate is encountering new threats and challenges. In short, the world is changing as never before.

In addition, it is also timely and appropriate to pay our attention to issues like the post-2015 Development Agenda and Rule of Law during the current session.

Mr President,

Myanmar is making progress on her democratic path. But this has not been an easy task. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to share our experiences in this regard.

In the ongoing reform process, we are facing challenges as well as opportunities. Within a short time, the people of Myanmar have been able to bring about amazing changes. I feel greatly privileged and honoured to dutifully serve the people as their President at this crucial time in the history of our nation. I truly take my people as my own parents and elders.

After taking office about 18 months ago, the Parliament, the Judiciary, the Armed Forces, the national races, political parties, civil societies and the people at large have been taking tangible irreversible steps in the democratic transition and reform process. Leaving behind a system of authoritarian government wherein the executive, legislative and judicial powers were centralized, we have now been able to put in place a democratic government and a strong, viable parliament following a practice of check and balance.

Despite the challenges, we can now witness encouraging progress and significant developments in the country. They include granting of amenities to prisoners; the coming back with dignity of the exiled political forces; the successful convening of 2012 by-elections in a free, fair and transparent manner, the abolition of censorship of media, the fourth estate; freedom of internet access; the establishment of workers’ and employers’ organizations and the increased participation of the people in the political process.

At the current stage of the political process, we can witness the emergence of democratic characteristics such as increasing of participation from different political forces and their mutual tolerance, the magnanimity, expansion of the scope of political participation of an representation and the accountability. Our government and other stakeholders have now been able to foster a new political culture of patience and dialogue.

Mr President,

The then main opposition leader Noble Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is now participating in the Pyithu Hluttaw (Parliament) not only in her capacity as an MP (Member of Parliament) but also that of the Chairperson of the Rule of Law and Stability Committee of the Parliament.

During this week she is also in New York. As a Myanmar citizen, I would like to congratulate her for the honours she has received in this country in recognition of her efforts for democracy. (See page 2)

President U Thein Sein delivers an address at 67th United Nations General Assembly. — MNA

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The political progress in our country is enhancing its political legitimacy. This, in turn facilitates the creation of basic political stability thereby paving the way for economic and social transformation necessary for better living standard of the people.

Mr President,

The legislative body has also been progressive well and functioning more effectively at each session and the parliament now has been able to adopt landmark laws through the democratic practices.

Laws and bylaws are being promulgated bearing in mind that: the economic development must not lead to the widening of the rich-poor gap; citizens’ rights are to be protected; the natural environment is to be preserved; our workers are to enjoy rights in line with international standards.

We are giving a careful attention to the investments in the extractive sector like the energy to ensure transparency and impartiality.

Mr President,

We believe that cessation of all armed conflicts are a prerequisite for the building of genuine democracy. As such, we place high priority on achieving a lasting peace in the country. In accordance with our motto “From War to Peace”, we are working hard to bring an end to the longstanding difficulties in the regions of our ethnic nationalities. We have so far achieved ceasefire agreements with 10 armed groups.

While further strengthening confidence building measures, we will continue the peace talks. National level peace negotiations will then continue to reach a final peace agreement that would completely end the armed hostilities.

In order to redress the situation in northern part of Myanmar, the leaders of the Government Peace Work Committee and the Kachin armed group (KIA) are holding informal consultations and working to further strengthen the confidence building measures. We consider any loss of life and property from either side in the armed conflict as a loss for the country.

Mr President,

While the Government is resolutely pursuing political, social and economic reforms, some unfortunate and unexpected issues have come up in our way. A case in point is the recent communal violence in Rakhine State. In this connection, I would like to mention in the first place that the people inhabiting in our country, regardless of race, religion and gender, have the rights to live in peace and security.

As you are aware, a national level independent investigation commission has been established to investigate the issue. To ensure impartiality, the composition of the Commission is made up of representatives from all strata of the society, including the widely-respected personalities from the Buddhist, Muslim, Christian and Hindu faiths. Upon completion of its task, the Commission will be submitting its findings and recommendations to me.

Demonstrating our determination to resolve the issue in a transparent manner, we have facilitated field visits to the Rakhine State by the representatives from the OIC, ASEAN, UN agencies, the United States and resident foreign diplomats in Myanmar. When it comes to the relief assistance, access is being facilitated to those organizations who are willing to provide assistance to both the communities without discrimination.

The issue at hand cannot be solved overnight. It will be resolved by taking short-term and long-term measures through a multi-faceted approach taking into account political, economic and social aspects.

I sincerely believe that as an independent and sovereign state, Myanmar has the right to secure its borders and also to safeguard and protect our sovereignty. We will do our utmost to solve this issue in line with international norms.

Mr President,

I am well aware of the fact that Myanmar’s democratic transformation process would be a complex and delicate one that requires patience. To complete this process, we certainly need the understanding and support from the United Nations and its member states, the international community as a whole and, last but not least, the people of Myanmar. At the same time, it is equally important that Myanmar should be viewed from a different and new perspective. It is also necessary for us to be able to work in a more conducive and favourable environment than never before.

Mr President,

Myanmar is now ushering in a new era. As a member in the family of nations, Myanmar will be participating more actively in the activities of the United Nations in various fields. Standing as a responsible and respectable nation on the world stage, we will take the challenges of the 21st century in a bold and resolve manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on his re-election and on his achievements thus far.

Mr President,

Before concluding, allow me to mention briefly about an important figure. It is none other than U Thant, a brilliant son of Myanmar who had served as the third Secretary General of the United Nations. Even during his days, U Thant had had a vision of “One World”. He envisioned a global society that is guided by a spirit of “One World”, a world safe for diversity and a place of peaceful co-existence where global citizens practice the virtues of tolerance, cooperation, understanding and compassion.

We believe that if we materialize his vision, we will be speedily achieving a state of the world which is more peaceful and prosperous.

U Thant’s tireless endeavours for peace and his achievements during his tenure as the Secretary-General of the United Nations will never be forgotten. The people of Myanmar will always take pride of and remember him as a great son of Myanmar.

I thank you.

Shwedah Village-tract illuminated with electricity

YANGON, 27 Sept—The local people are in happiness due to enjoying supply of electricity in Shwedah Thazi Village of Yamein Township in Mandalay Region on 12 September.

Thanks to supply of electricity, Shwedah Thazi Village on Yangon-Mandalay Highway is illuminated at night with lam-posts. Chairman of the electricity supply committee U Mya Win said that we face much difficulty in supply of electricity. Since last five years, the local people have been saving their money, accounting for over K 40 million and saved it at the bank for two years. Due to least generating volume of electricity, the village did not get permission. Due to the fact that the project could not be implemented, the committee paid back savings to the villagers. So, the local people thought they would not enjoy electricity.

Former village head U Than Nyunt, over 70, said, “We all should thank the power supply committee for its strenuous efforts.” On 12 September, electricians led by Township Electrical Engineer U Kyi Win inspected installation of 161 electric meters at the houses in Shwedah Village and allowed them to be supplied electricity at 5 pm.

On the significant occasion, the local people young and old were delighted at illumination of electricity supply.

LOCAL SPORTS

Township Administrator’s Cup begins in Maung U

MAUNG U, 27 Sept—The Maung U Township Administrator’s Cup Inter-Ward Women’s Football Tournament kicked off at the sport ground on 24 September afternoon.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Ye Win made a speech. Among the spectators were departmental officials and responsible persons of NGOs.

Altogether six football teams are taking part in the tournament. In the debut, Taungyut Ward and Nyaungbin Market Ward played a 1-1 draw.

The tournament last up to 29 September.

Myanma Alin

School council teams take part in football tournament

YANGON, 27 Sept—The school council football tournament was held at the school sports ground of Basic Education High School No 1 and No 2 in Thazi Ward of Bhamo on 13 September morning.

Chairman of Bhamo District Anti-Human Trafficking Committee Deputy Commissioner U Tezar Aung of Bhamo District General Administration Department, Vice-Chairman Commander of District Police Station Police Lt-Col Aung Myo Thein and other local officials, members of Bhamo District Anti-Human Trafficking Squad, members of social organization and local police members participated in erecting the billboard.

The in-charge of the Bhamo District Anti-Human Trafficking Squad disseminated knowledge about human trafficking to students of Bhamo Women’s Vocational Training School with the use of projector.

Later, pamphlets on anti-human trafficking were distributed to students.

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Billboard on anti-human trafficking erected in Bhamo

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**WORLD**

**Losing ground in Ohio, Romney says his “heart aches” for jobless**

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept—In the weeks before his death, 21-year-old Mabry Anders had grown increasingly worried that he might not come home from Afghanistan. The Army specialist was battling insomnia and would send brief, worried messages back to his family. “He talked often in the day, which would be in the middle of his night,” his father, Dan Anders, said. “He didn’t sleep. He was just worried.”

There were good reasons for concern. During his six-month tour, the Talibani staged a major attack at his base, a suicide bomber had killed an officer, his diver and one embedded reporter, and an Afghan villager threw a firebomb at a vehicle he was traveling in. But what Anders may not have expected is that his killer would be an Afghan army soldier, a fact that the US military is supposed to be training to take over security of the country ahead of the withdrawal of US troops by the end of 2014.

A US inspector attacks (also known as green on blue attacks) has prompted NATO to temporarily curtail some joint operations. The move casts doubt on what exactly international forces can accomplish in those places where they cannot work alongside their Afghan allies. Interviews in Afghanistan and the United States have uncovered new details about the attack on August 27, which also took the life of another US soldier, Sergeant Christopher Birdwell. These include Talibani claims that the insurgents provoked the Afghan soldier for the killings.

“After the shooting incident a group of Talibani came to my house and said that Welayat Khan was their man,” said Nazar Khan, the brother of the Afghan soldier who was killed by US forces after he opened fire on the Americans.

**Insight — In US soldier’s death, a window into Afghan insider killings**

US Army specialist Mabry Anders, who was killed in an attack by an Afghan army soldier in Afghanistan on 26 August, 2012, is pictured in this undated handout family photo obtained by Reuters on 26 September, 2012. Reuters

**Seven killed in head-on crash in Oklahoma**

HOUSTON, 27 Sept—Seven people were killed Wednesday in a head-on crash in the US state of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said.

An SUV was speeding on a highway near the Oklahoma Panhandle town of El-containing when it crossed the center line and slammed head-on into an oncoming van carrying workers to a Texas meatpacking plant, authorities were quoted by local media as saying.

The crash killed both drivers and five of the six passengers inside the van, according to Betsy Randolph, spokesman for Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

A van passenger who survived was airlifted to a hospital, said Randolph.

The two vehicles were temporarily closed but reopened about five hours later.

An investigation was underway, officials said.

**Putin calls for accelerated negotiations on Russia-EU visa-free regime**

MOSCOW, 27 Sept—Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday urged the European Union (EU) to speed up bilateral talks on visa-free travel between the two sides. During a press conference following a Tuesday meeting with Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, Putin said Russia wanted a visa-free regime with the EU as quickly as possible. “I am very pleased that Mr Prime Minister shares this approach. I hope that our other colleagues, including colleagues from the European Commission, will also work on implementing these joint goals more actively,” Putin said. Juncker, for his part, said the issue must be resolved adequately in line with “the ambitious objectives that stand before Russia and the European Union in their cooperation.”

A view of the Arak heavy-water project 190 km (120 miles) southwest of Teheran on 26 August, 2006. Reuters

**Iran pushes ahead in building nuclear reactor**

VIENA, 27 Sept—Iran appears to be making steady progress in building a research reactor that could yield potential nuclear weapon material, adding to Western concerns about Teheran’s atomic aims, experts and diplomats say.

The West’s worries about Iran are focused largely on underground uranium enrichment plants at Natanz and Fordow, but it is also pressing ahead with construction of a heavy-water reactor near the town of Arak, which analysts say could produce plutonium for nuclear arms if the spent fuel is reprocessed.

Iran now plans to bring Arak on line in the third quarter of 2013, moving up its timetable from 2014, according to the latest UN information, although there is uncertainty whether it will be able to meet that target date.

Iran, rejecting Western allegations it seeks to develop a capability to assemble atomic arms, says its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful and that the reactor will produce isotopes for medical and agricultural use.

“There is no reason to seriously doubt Iran’s resolve to complete this project on time and begin operating the reactor,” said Mark Hibbs of the Carnegie Endowment think-tank.

Most of what is needed is “dual-use, off-the-shelf equipment that Iran can buy all over the world using the procurement network it has set up” for its nuclear programme, he said.

A UN report last month on Iran’s nuclear programme, which made headlines because it showed a doubling of the uranium enrichment capability at Fordow, suggested Teheran was also carrying out new work at Arak.

The report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said cooling and moderator circuit piping was being installed when inspectors visited the Arak facility in early August.

“They are certainly continuing to make progress on the reactor,” one Vienna-based diplomat said. “As long as we still don’t trust Iran’s nuclear intentions, even the elimination of its enrichment capability will not eliminate all the danger.”

**Five killed in attacks against police in central Iraq**

BAZIN, 27 Sept—A police officer and four policemen were killed and two others injured on Wednesday in two bomb attacks in central Iraq, the police said.

In Iraq’s central province of Babil, three roadside bombs went off almost simultaneously near the convoy of Lieutenant Colonel Salman al-Khazraji, chief of the al-Rafidian police station in the town of Hit, some 66 miles south of the capital Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The blasts killed the officer, his driver and one of his bodyguards, and wounded two others, the source said. The town is part of the once restive area, dubbed Triangle of Death, which is a cluster of towns scattered between south of Baghdad and north of Hilli city, the capital of Babil province, some 100 km south of Baghdad. In a separate incident, two policemen were killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their checkpoint in a village outside the city of Balad, some 80 km north of Baghdad, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua.

Violence and sporadic high profile attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.

**Putin told by Russian authorities to bring gây back to Russia**

MOSCOW, 27 Sept—Russian President Vladimir Putin was on Wednesday warned by Russian authorities to bring gây back to Russia. Putin is on a state visit to China.

The authorities were quoted by Russian news media as saying that Putin should be brought back to Russia immediately, with the same means that Putin uses when he is visiting other countries. Putin is expected to meet with Chinese President Hu Jintao and Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Thursday in Beijing.

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IBM aims for Amazon, Salesforce.com with midsize cloud plan

NEW YORK, 27 Sept—International Business Machines Corp (IBM N) will announce on Wednesday that it will ramp up efforts to sell cloud computing services to midsize businesses, the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday.

The move by IBM, a bellwether for the IT industry because of its global span and breadth of businesses, is aimed at grabbing market share from companies like Amazon.com Inc (AMZN N) and Salesforce.com Inc (CRM N), which have been successful in the mid-market, the newspaper said.

For Armonk, NY-based IBM, midsize companies refer to those with less than 1,000 employees, the newspaper said.

The company’s general manager in charge of small and medium-sized businesses, Andy Monshaw, told the Wall Street Journal that the cheaper cost of cloud computing will let the company reach a bigger base of smaller customers.

Cloud computing is computing and storage capacity that allows users to, for instance, rent servers and software to store data over a network. IBM officials could not be reached for comment outside regular US business hours.—Reuters

Wells Fargo website hit by access issues amid cyber threats

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Wells Fargo & Co on Tuesday became the latest bank to suffer problems with its website amid heightened concerns about cyber attacks against US financial institutions.

The fourth-largest US bank by assets confirmed that some of its customers experienced intermittent access issues on Tuesday. The bank was working to quickly resolve the issues, a spokeswoman said, declining to comment on the source of the problem.

A financial services industry group last week warned US banks, brokerage firms and insurers to be on heightened alert for cyber attacks after Bank of America Corp and JPMorgan Chase & Co experienced unexplained outages on their public websites.

Wells Fargo’s problems came the same day that an unidentified person on the Internet called on “cyberspace workers” to attack the bank’s site. In a posting on pastebin.com, the person also warned of attacks later this week against US Bancorp and PNC Financial Services Group Inc.

A similar posting last week made threats against Bank of America and the New York Stock Exchange. The poster said the attacks will continue until the film that had stirred up anti-U.S. protests across the Middle East was removed from the Internet. A U.S. Bancorp spokesman said the bank was aware of the posting and was working closely with law enforcement authorities. A PNC spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Senator Joseph Lieberman, chairman of the Senate’s Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said on Friday that he believes Iran was behind the attacks. —Reuters

Google buys wind power for Oklahoma data centre

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Sept — US Internet company Google Inc on Wednesday agreed to buy 48 megawatts (MW) of wind energy for its Oklahoma data centre from the Canadian Hills wind power project in Oklahoma, which is expected to enter service later this year.

In a release, Google said it has been working with its local utility, the Grand River Dam Authority, to procure additional renewable energy since plugging in the Oklahoma data center in 2011. In conjunction with the electricity the Grand River Dam Authority already supplies Google to operate its data center, Google said it would pay a premium to purchase renewable energy generated by Canadian Hills.

The Google data centre is located in Mayes County about 170 miles northeast of Oklahoma City.

Google said the purchase brings the total amount of renewable energy it has contracted for to over 260 MW.

One megawatt can power about 1,000 homes. Boston-based power generator Atlantic Power Corp owns 99 percent of the 298-MW Canadian Hills wind farm, which is located in El Reno about 30 miles west of Oklahoma City, according to Atlantic Power’s website.

Atlantic Power said it sells all of the power from Canadian Hills to three power companies: Southwestern Electric Power Authority, the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority and Grand River Dam Authority. —Reuters

Chinese ministries test-drive China-made electric cars

BEIJING, 27 Sept—Eleven Chinese ministries and government agencies are test-driving China-made electric cars and more will follow suit, state news agency Xinhua said, in the latest show of state support for the country’s fledging green vehicle industry.

Staff at the ministries will drive a fleet of 23 electric cars from Warren Buffett-backed BYD Co Ltd and Anhui Jianghuai Automobile Co, or JAC Motors, as their official vehicles in a one-year trial, Xinhua said on Wednesday.

Wells Fargo's logo is pictured in downtown Los Angeles, California on 17 July, 2012.—Reuters

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A visitor walks past a domestic brand car at the autumn car expo in Urumqi, capital of northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 26 Sept, 2012. The expo, which kicked off on Wednesday, will last for four days in the International Conference and Exhibition Center in Urumqi. Domestic brands are popular choices among visitors.—Xinhua
European woes drag Wall Street lower [Business]

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 20 Sept, 2012. —Reuters

NEW YORK, 27 Sept—Stocks fell on Wednesday as protests in Spain and Greece over euro zone austerity measures raised fresh concerns over Europe’s ability to get its debt crisis under control.

The Dow Jones industrial average DJI fell 43.96 points, or 0.33 percent, to 13,413.59. The S&P 500 .SPX dropped 8.26 points, or 0.57 percent, to 1,433.33. The Nasdaq Composite .IXIC lost 24.03 points, or 0.77 percent, to 3,093.70.—Reuters

WHO issues guidance on new virus, gears up for haj [Health]

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Sept—California researchers and public health officials have launched what they describe as a groundbreaking series of studies of a rare mouse-borne virus that has infected at least nine Yemeni National Park visitors, killing three of them, since June.

By using the 1, 2, 0 - s q u a r e - m i e (3,100-square-km) park and its rodent and human populations as a giant natural laboratory, scientists hope to gain new insights into how hantavirus is transmitted, how varied it might be and why certain people seem more susceptible than others.

The effort will include the first whole-genome sequencing for the hantavirus strain that struck Yosemite over the summer in the biggest cluster of cases since the disease was first identified in the United States in 1993.

Public health officials are also developing an unprecedented voluntary medical screening of the scenic park’s 2,500-plus employees.

Dr Charles Chiu, an infectious disease specialist from the University of California, San Francisco, said researchers would take blood samples from workers in an effort to find clues to how the virus infects people and how it might be prevented.

Chiu already has begun performing genome sequencing of the new virus, but said it was working closely with Saudi authorities on health measures for the haj.

WHO said it was defining a network of laboratories that could provide laboratories with expertise on coronaviruses.

“Though it is a very different virus from SARS, given the severity of the previous 10 days, WHO has not recommended any travel restrictions in connection with the new virus, should the behaviour of the virus change,” spokesman Gregory Hartl said.

Tests showed that six people with respiratory infections in two hospitals in Denmark did not have the new coronavirus, and at least five of them had flu, Danish health officials said.

The new virus shares some of the symptoms of SARS, another coronavirus, which emerged in China in 2002 and killed around a tenth of 8,000 people it infected worldwide. So far, scientists do not know how contagious the new virus is, or whether or not it spreads by contact between people.

WHO’s clinical guidance to its 194 member states said health workers should be alert to anyone with acute respiratory syndrome and requiring hospitalization who had been in the area where the virus was found or in contact with a suspected or confirmed case within the previous 10 days.

Fiat asks US court to help set Chrysler stake price [Business]

The Fiat logo on a Fiat 500 is pictured at a dealership in Vienna, Virginia on 26 April, 2012.—Reuters

MIAN, 27 Sept—Italian carmaker Fiat (FIA MI) said on Wednesday it had asked a US court to help it define the price of a 3.3 percent stake in Chrysler that Fiat has agreed to purchase from the workers’ trust fund Veba.

Fiat, which already owns 58.3 percent in Chrysler, said it was seeking confirmation of the price in the Delaware Court of Chancery through its US subsidiary Fiat America.

On 3 July, Fiat exercised the option to purchase a portion of the stake held by Veba, or the Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association.

In its statement, the Italian company said it could not agree with Veba on the price it would need to pay for the 3.3 percent stake.

“We still believe that we are unable to resolve the issue without the assistance of the courts, we are hopeful the matter will be resolved swiftly,” Fiat said in a statement. “We need to court assistance in the application of a specific pricing formula which was agreed in 2009 and as such unrelated to the value of Chrysler today.”

Veba owns the 41.5 percent of Chrysler that Fiat does not. The option gives Fiat the right to buy a 3.3 percent stake in Chrysler every six months.

Facebook shares drop after Barron’s snub [Business]

The World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters is seen in Geneva on 9 November, 2009.—Reuters

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Sept—Facebook shares slid 10 percent to $20.64 in mid-day trade on Monday after financial weekly Barron’s quoted the social networking company’s value and priced its stock at just $15.

Facebook’s shares slipped from a record high of $26.69 to $24.76 on Friday, the most since its $28 price on its initial public offering in May.

Baron wrote in its latest edition of Barron’s over the weekend. “The stock trades at high multiples of both sales and earnings, even as uncertainty about the outlook for its business growth.”

At $15, Facebook would still be richly valued at 24 times its projected 2013 profit. That’s compared to established tech giants Apple and Google, which both now trade for about 16 times their 2012 earnings, Barron’s argued.

Aside from the No 1 social network’s struggle to adapt to the rise of mobile devices, Barron’s also highlighted Facebook’s stock compensation costs, which have ballooned as the company fights to hold onto its employees by dangling more shares.

Barron’s estimated that Facebook’s restricted-stock issues were “so large last year that it may have exceeded its cash compensation costs.”

“CEO Mark Zuckerberg seems to have a cavalier attitude” about stock compensation, Barron’s wrote, because of the company’s policy of granting more shares to employees to make up for its declining stock price.

The Facebook logo is displayed on a computer screen in Brussels on 21 April, 2010.—Reuters
World Tourism Day

Tourism is one of the fastest growing economic sectors for developing countries seeking to maximize foreign exchange earnings, increase employment, poverty reduction and eradicate poverty through its multiplier effects. As a promising smokeless industry, both the direct and indirect incomes from tourism can contribute to national economy without tapping the natural resources.

To promote the systematic tourism development of the respective regions, tourism organizations have been formed locally, regionally and internationally such as the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA), Singapore Tourism Board (STB), Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office (MTCO), ASEAN Tourism Organization (ASEANTA), Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) and United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

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**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—**

Visiting Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and party arrived in Singapore at 9.15 pm on 23 September via Australia at the invitation of Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore Mr Michael Palmer, and they were welcomed there by Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore and officials, Myanmar ambassador to Singapore U Tin Oo Lwin and embassy staff.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party at 3 pm on 25 September met with Acting President Mr Jy Piliay at the west drawing room of the President Office in Istana and held discussions. And they met with Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong at the east drawing room in Istana at 4 pm and held discussions.

At noon on 24 September, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party met with Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore Mr Michael Palmer at the Parliamentary Building and held discussions. Later, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Environment and Water Resources hosted a dinner to the Myanmar delegation at Shangri-La Hotel.

On the morning of 25 September, Singaporean businessmen led by CEO Mr Ho Meng Kit and Deputy CEO Mr Chua Taik Him of IE Singapore and Singaporean Business Federation hosted a lunch to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party at the International Hotel (Ball Room). At the lunch, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann made a speech and replied queries on the foreign investment law raised by those present. In the morning, the Myanmar delegation visited Land Transport Authority and observed the programme on meeting with the people at Bishan Toa Payoh Group Representative Constituency.

In the morning of 26 September, the Myanmar delegation visited the NE Water Visitors Centre and observed the process of water treatment.

**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greets Acting Singaporean President Mr Jy Piliay.**—**MNA**

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party during the visit have been able to meet with the Acting President, the Prime Minister, the Parliament Speaker, ministers and officials, those from economic and social affairs and businessmens from Singapore and it is safe the visit was successful.

**Fourth regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw continues**

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—**

The fourth regular session of the first Kachin State Hluttaw continued for its seventh day at the State Hluttaw hall yesterday morning, attended by Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Rawan Jone and 49 representatives.

At the session, questions raised by representatives were replied the Hluttaw made renewal of the Legislative Committee, National Races Affairs Committee and Hluttaw Representative Scrutinizing Committee which are formed by Kachin State Hluttaw submitted replacement of committee members, name lists, members, duties, authorities, rights and terms of the Committee’s Chairman and Secretaries to form seven acting committees for review of the legislative and national races affairs. Afterwards, the representatives discussed the systematic running of private bus line bill and gem cutting and polishing bill.

They also discussed two proposals submitted yesterday and sought Hluttaw’s decision submitted and one new proposal. The session ended at 3.45 pm.—**MNA**

**UN providing humanitarian aids for Kachin, Rakhine**

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—**

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and UN Humanitarian Coordinator Mr Ashok Prakash met at SWRR Ministry here this morning to discuss matters related to distribution of humanitarian aids to displaced families in Kachin State, and UN’s cooperation in rehabilitation of Rakhine State, and disaster relief works.

**MNA**
Vice-President U Nyan Tun

**PERSPECTIVES**

Friday, 28 September, 2012

**Invest in education**

Myanmar sees a flood of reforms in almost all sectors. She needs to promote her education standard for human resource development, which has great impact on all sectors. The country needs to make many reforms and changes in all levels of education sector. At first, there should be reforms in basic education level. It needs to have practical techniques to implement Basic Education Bill that has been passed by Hluttaw recently.

**Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives JCCI President**

*NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Vice-President U Nyan Tun received President of Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) Mr Tadashi Okamura and party at Anteroom of the Presidential Palace here this morning.*

Present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Aye Myint and Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw and Dr Pwint Hsan, and departmental personnel. The discussion focused on strengthening of relations between the two countries and promotion of investment in Myanmar.

**Union Hotels and Tourism Minister meets hotel general managers**

*NAYPYITAW, 27 Sept—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung this noon held a meeting with general managers of foreign direct investment hotels in Yangon and Mandalay, at the meeting hall of the ministry.*

While meeting with them, the Union Minister stressed that tourism industry had seen its increase as a fruitful result of reform process in the country urging them to cooperate with Myanmar Tourism Federation and its sister groups for sustainable development of Myanmar tourism industry.

**China-ASEAN beauty pageant and variety of arts show held**

*YANGON, 27 Sept—One of Myanmar Water Festival’s trademark songs “Summer Girl” came floating out of the stage at Folk Songs Square in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China on 24 September evening as the square hosted the eighth China-ASEAN beauty pageant and variety of arts show held.*

Malaysia secured third place. In the men’s contest which in 11 men participated, first and third prizes went to the host and the second to Malaysia. In the previous contest, Ju Ju Kay from Myanmar won the best performance of China-ASEAN award. Though, Myanmar contestants did not win any prizes, their natural beauty in Myanmar traditional costume greatly attracted the camera shots of media teams from China and ASEAN countries.

The China-ASEAN beauty pageant and variety of arts show came into existence in 2005 as China-ASEAN cultural exchange programme. It is held annually as part of China-ASEAN Expo which Nanning first hosted in 2004. —MNA

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.**

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Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected maintenance of Pyayon-Bogale Road, Gonyinind Bridge, erosion at Kyauklat-Maung Road and posts of Maubin Bridge, maintenance of Maubin-Salamauk Road, Bo Myat Tun Bridge and upgrading of Kyreinbinse-Sakkawt-Danubyu-Zalun Road on 24 September.

Health care services provided

Servicemen of local medical battalion provided health care services to local people at relief camps, gave talks on health knowledge, distributed pamphlets on health knowledge, chlorinated wells and tanks and fumigated relief camps in Maungtaw Township on 24 September.

Exhibition & Car Show 1/201

The Most Amazing Taunggyi Exhibition & Car Show 1/201 was opened at the city hall in Taunggyi on 25 September. Altogether six car companies and 90 other companies showcased their products at the show up to 29 September.

Land management course commenced

The Farmland Law and the Vacant, Virgin and Fallow Land Management Law and Rules Course of Magway Region was opened at the hall of Region Agriculture Department in Magway on 26 September morning. A total of 52 trainees are attending the course.

New Light of Myanmar, Friday, 28 September, 2012
NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Under the theme of Tourism & Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development, UN World Tourism Day 2012 ceremony was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC), here, this morning, with an address by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Maik Kham. The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, representatives from social organizations, officials from Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Myanmar Tourism Industry Federation, tourism agencies and Myanmar Hoteliers Association, winners and guests.

In his speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Maik Kham said that it is a great pleasure to be part of this celebration UN World Tourism Day. Today, many people around the world are celebrating the UN World Tourism Day, a special occasion for everyone in tourism industry aiming to foster awareness among the local and international community of the importance of tourism and its political, social, cultural and economic values.

Every year on September 27, the National Tourism Organization, together with non-governmental tourism agencies, celebrate this auspicious occasion with various special events such as photo and essay competition and tourism award presentations.

It is good to know that Myanmar has rejoined UNWTO in June this year, which resulted from the visit of the UNWTO Secretary General, Mt Tilab Rifai, a month earlier. During his courtesy call on President U Thein Sein, the Secretary-General Promised to support Myanmar in taking full advantage of Myanmar’s tremendous tourism potentials. Today, as a member of the UNWTO, Myanmar now has the privilege of celebrating this important day here for the first time with special tourism events, which definitely demonstrate commitment to the aims of UNWTO.

He continued to say that the theme designated for this year is “Tourism & Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development” which he particularly is appropriate to the changing global tourism trends. Tourism is becoming one of the fastest growing economies in the world and is recognized as an important sector for the developing countries seeking to maximize foreign exchange earning, and increasing employment opportunity, thereby reducing poverty through its multiplier effects.

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As a member of the United Nations, and now as a member of the UNWTO, Myanmar must play its part in reaching the UN’s goal of achieving sustainable energy. If we look at the world population today, he said, it stands at seven billion, and the number will reach as high as nine billion by the year 2050. It shows that there is a great deal of pressure, jobs, and to bring modern, affordable energy services to vulnerable communities.

Taking a closer look at the tourism data of the UNWTO for the year 2011, there were about one billion international tourists travelling around the globe and the receipts from that came to 1030 billion US$. At the same time, it also created 6.7% of the overall number of job worldwide, showcasing the extent of the economic contribution of tourism to a national economy.

For the young democratic country, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the tourism sector has considerably put its concerted efforts for tourism development and management in a sustainable and responsible way in line with the government’s reform strategies and economic liberalization, evidenced resulting in the positive trend, and dramatically increasing the number of international arrivals.

The total international arrivals during 2011 were over 800,000 including arrivals through international border entry points along China and Thailand. From the Yangon and Mandalay International Airports, Myanmar received 381,000 which had a growth of 26% comparing to 2010. This year, for the last eight months, Myanmar had 340,435 arrivals by air and the growth rate was (40%) compared to the same period of last year.

As the performance of the tourism industry gets more developed, and in the light of the reform strategy of the Government one of the best ways of improving the economic condition of the local people is tourism business.

Myanmar has become an interesting tourist destination for international travellers to experience it’s abundantly rich, cultural and natural heritage, genuine hospitality and spiritual values. At the same time, it’s becoming an attractive economic destination for foreign investments in different sectors too. In this regard, the ministry of Hotels and Tourism has organized, very recently, tourism development workshops in key tourism destinations to discuss with the stakeholders on current and future needs and how to meet challenges of tourism. There are other factors which all needed to be aware of, that is, how Myanmar handles the visitors to experience comfort, convenience, safety and security during their stay in Myanmar.

When in this country, it is Myanmar’s responsibility that they feel safe and healthy, well taken care of, and that they return home with pleasant memories which will be passed on to other people who are going to visit or revisit Myanmar.

In addition, the people in the front line, welcoming visitors are the licensed tour guides. It is important that those guides have qualitative trainings for presentation and a mastery of language skills.

He said that he was also aware of that the Responsible Tourism Policy in Myanmar has been developed with the technical and financial support from the Germany based Hanns Seidel Foundation and will soon have the Tourism Master Plan, also supported by the Norwegian Government and the Asian Development Bank. In that regard he expressed his thanks.

In the meantime, it is Myanmar’s responsibility, to adapt to her situation to the theme of World Tourism Day, by contributing towards sustainable energy and powering sustainable tourism development in Myanmar and by taking the regional and the World’s best practices in tourism.

In conclusion, he urged all to join hands in building this nation through sustainable development and responsible tourism.

After that, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung delivered speech and UN resident representative Mr Ashok Nimag read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon to the UN World Tourism Day 2012.

The message of Secretary-General of World Tourism Organization Dr Taleb Rifai was displayed with video. Afterwards, resident representative Mr Achim Muz of Hanns Seidel Foundation explained the drafting of responsible tourism policy for Myanmar and handed over the books on responsible tourism policy through Union Minister U Htay Aung. (See page 11)
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After that, Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi presented the awards to winners in photo competition, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, in World Tourism Day commemorative essay competitions, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, to best efficiency-award winning hotels at home and abroad, Union Minister for Sports U Tin Hsan, to award-winning local and foreign tourism agencies.

After the ceremony, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham enjoyed documentary photos and books and publications put on display at the hall. Myanmar is a member country of UN and World Tourism Organization. Like other countries worldwide, Myanmar observed World Tourism Day ceremony.—MNA

**Future of Middle East should be controlled by its people:**

**Chinese FM**

United Nations, 27 Sept—Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said here on Wednesday that the future and destiny of the Middle East should be held in the hands of its own people.

Yang made the remarks when addressing a high-level meeting of the UN Security Council on the situation in the Middle East where UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Secretary-General of the Arab League Nabil El-Arabi made their briefings.

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As for the Iranian nuclear issue, Yang maintained that the "dialogue and cooperation is the only right way to address the issue" and it is ill-advised to resort to force or unilateral sanctions.

"The parties concerned should have firm confidence and remain committed to a diplomatic solution and, at the same time, be flexible and pragmatic, seek common ground while overcoming differences, work for early progress in dialogue and negotiations and, at the same time, achieve a comprehensive, long-term and proper solution to the issue," he said.

**Japanese officials take test rides on Osprey**

Tokyo, 27 Sept—Local officials on Thursday took test rides on the US Marines’ Osprey aircraft at an air base in southwestern Japanese city of Iwakuni, ahead of their planned transfer to Okinawa.

The demonstration rides were conducted at the US Iwakuni Air Station in Yamaguchi Prefecture, where 12 MV-22 Ospreys are temporarily stationed amid lingering safety concerns over their controversial deployment at the US Marine Corps’ Futenma Air Station in Ginowan city of the southernmost Okinawa Prefecture.

The fleet is expected to go into full operation in mid-October.

The Defense Ministry on Wednesday notified Okinawa authorities that the aircraft will be deployed at the base as early as Friday.

The MV-22 Osprey is a hybrid aircraft with rotors that allow it to take off and land like a helicopter and engines that can tilt forward, enabling it to fly at a higher speed than a conventional jet.

**Volcano erupts in Sumatra, Indonesia, spews ash**

Jakarta, 27 Sept—The most active volcano in Sumatra island of Indonesia erupted on Wednesday, spewing volcanic ash by up to 1.5 kilometres to the west. Head of National Volcanology Agency Surono said here. Mount Merapi locally known as Gunung Merapi located in West Sumatra erupted at 16:39 pm Jakarta time (09:39 GMT), and the agency has warned the people to stay away from the radius of three kilometres from the crater, said Surono.

"If rains come down, the population living downstream of the river whose upstream is on the slope of Merapi must be cautious over the flood of lava," Surono told Xinhua over the phone.—Xinhua

**Myanmar, Japan CCIs focus on economic cooperation**

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Sept—Myanmar-Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry held the joint meeting on economic cooperation at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning.

President of Japan Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr Tadashi Okamura and President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr U Win Aung extended greetings.

Union Ministers U Than Htay, U Win Myint and Dr Kan Zaw said that energy sector extends welcome to Japanese entrepreneurs will enjoy fruits of created in every business sector, cooperation and investment matters.—MNA

Winners of “World Post Day” essay contest for international youths (U-15)

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Sept—Hailing the World Post Day that falls on 9 October, 2012, a commemorative essay contest for international youths (U-15) was jointly conducted by UNESCO and UPU.

On 6 October, 2011, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs held such an essay contest named “Write a letter to an athlete or sports figure you admire to explain what the Olympic Games mean to you”, at the basic education schools in the townships separately.

At local level, Grade-10 student Ma Hei Het Zaw from Wetlet BEHS got first prize, Grade-9 student Ma Hnin Wai Wai Aung from No. 1 BEHS (Minbu), second, and Grade-9 student Ma Cho Zin Than from No. 2 BEHS (Bahan), third. Special prizes went to Grade-10 student Maung Aung Phyo Min from No. 2 BEHS (Kawkareik), Grade-8 student Ma Thant Nant Tha from No. 3 BEHS (Bagu), Grade-9 student Ma Hnin Nanda Lwin from No. 2 BEMS (Kyaukpyu), and consolation prizes to Grade-10 student Ma Su Shin Thant from No. 6 BEHS (Mawlamyine), and Grade-9 student Ma La Min Thawda Myint Soe from No. 1 BEHS (Myingyan) and Grade-8 student Maung Thihia Hein from No. 14 BEHS (Chamayezhahan).

The first-prize winner’s letter was sent to involve international level essay contest in Switzerland.—MNA

**Xinhua**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (Front) attends a High-level meeting of the UN Security Council on peace and security in the Middle East, at the UN headquarters in New York, the United States, on 26 Sept, 2012.

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Ocean rescue underway as 5 washed off rocks in Western Australia

SYDNEY, 27 Sept—Five people have been washed off rocks into the sea at a popular game fishing spot in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia, local media reported on Thursday.

At least two people are missing and a rescue operation has been underway since Wednesday. The Australian Associated Press said at least three people are washed off the cliffs in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia.

Belarus eyes on strengthening ties with China

MINSK, 27 Sept—Belarus shows big interest in strengthening mutually beneficial relations with China.

President Alexander Lukashenko said at a meeting with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang that Belarus is ready to increase trade with China.

On the sidelines of the BRICS summit, the two leaders discussed the prospects for expanding cooperation in various sectors, including energy, trade, and investment.

As the visit of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang to Belarus continues, the two countries are expected to sign a number of agreements and exchange documents, including a memorandum of understanding on the establishment of a Belarus-China Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

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Potter author steps into unknown with adult debut

In Italy and France, the one currently recognized Leonardo “Monna Lisa” is known as “La Gioconda” or “La Joconde” after Lisa Gherardini, wife of early 16th century Italian nobleman Francesco di Giodcondo who commissioned a portrait of her. But Leonardo never delivered it to him. The portrait is to be presented to experts and media in Geneva shows a woman appearing to be in her early 20s — rather than the early 30s of the Louvre painting — in the same pose and with much the same enigmatic stare as the Louvre masterpiece.

The Irish-born Feldman and his brother David, long involved in the art world, said historical evidence, critical comparison and scientific examination under the most modern techniques support their view on what it really is. Leonardo was the only person who could create a major sensation in the art world — are leading Italian Leonardo specialist Alessandro Vezzosi, another foundation member and representing expert Carlo Pedretti. But other experts on the artist, sculptor, architect and designer who bestrode the European cultural world from the late 15th century until his death in 1519, are strongly sceptical. In a luxuriously produced 300-page illustrated volume to be issued by the foundation on Thursday, Vezzosi, director of the Leonardo Museum in the artist’s shone town of Vinci in central Italy, calls on the critics to keep an open mind.

Pink’s ‘Truth about Love’ tops Billboard album chart

Los Angeles, 27 Sept—Pop rocker Pink scored her first Billboard 200 No 1 on Wednesday as her sixth studio album stymied the charts, beating out new debuts from Kanye West’s GOOD music rappers, The Killers and Carly Rae Jepsen.

Pink’s “The Truth About Love” sold 280,000 copies in its first week according to Nielsen SoundScan, making it the third-highest debut of 2012, behind Justin Bieber’s “Believe” and Madonna’s “MDNA.” It is the singer’s best-selling debut to date.

Sales of the albums were aided by a major Target promotional campaign as well as the American Music offering the record for a discount price of $5. The lead single from the album, “Blow Me (One Last Kiss)” topped Billboard’s pop songs airplay chart this week. “Cruel Summer,” the latest compilation release from Kanye West’s GOOD Music label featuring West collaborating with artists including Big Sean, Pusha T and 2chainz, sold 205,000 copies in its first week to secure the No 2 position. VegasRockers The Killers come in at No 3 with their fourth studio album “Battle Born,” selling 113,000 copies in its first week. Although the band went straight to No 1 in the UK last week, a chart-topping album in the Billboard 200 has eluded them. Newcomer Carly Rae Jepsen, who shot to fame with the catchy summer hit “Call Me Maybe,” released her debut set “Kiss” last week, and sold 46,000 copies, notching No 3 on the album charts.

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Singer Andy Williams died at age 84

Williams went solo after the group broke up in 1951, drew attention with his appearances on “The Tonight Show” and began recording. His first No. 1 hit, “Butterfly,” came in 1954. In 1958 he married Claudine Longet when she was charged with a 1961 murder in Sun Valley, Idaho, and they had three children before divorcing. After their split, Williams supported Longet when she was charged with fatality shooting her boyfriend, skier Spider Sabich, in 1976 in Colorado. She was convicted of negligent homicide after claiming the gun went off accidentally.
**SPORTS**

‘Can do better’ says Alexis after first year with Barca

**Soccer**

Madrid, 27 Sept — Barcelona striker Alexis Sanchez gave himself five out of 10 when asked to rate his first year with the Spanish soccer giants, and said on Wednesday his best was yet to come.

Barca signed the Chile international from Italy’s Udinese last year for a deal including variables that could rise to some 37 million euros, but he has yet to really make his mark at the Nou Camp.

“We haven’t seen the best of Alexis yet,” the 23-year-old told a news conference.

“I am finding some form and as each game goes by I am improving a little more.”

Alexis was Barca’s second-highest scorer behind Lionel Messi in La Liga last season with 11 goals, but suffered a string of niggly injuries in his first campaign.

Under new coach Tito Vilanova this year, however, he has yet to score and he is struggling to make the starting 11 with competition from players such as Pedro, David Villa and youngster Cristian Tello.

“I need to get into the games more and take people on in one-on-one situations,” he said. “I know I can win a place. Step by step I am making my name here because I am Alexis. I want to rate myself with a five (out of 10).”

Barcelona top La Liga with five wins from five games and, after visiting Sevilla on Saturday, return to Champions League action away to Benfica next Tuesday.

They top Group G after last week’s 3-2 home win over Spartak Moscow.

Mancini bemoans touchline behaviour of rival managers

**Tennis**

*Reuters*

Tokyo, 27 Sept— World number one Victoria Azarenka recovered from a bout of dizziness to beat Italy's Roberta Vinci 6-4 6-2 and reach the quarter-finals of the Pan Pacific Open on Wednesday.

Wrestling again with her service demons, second seed Maria Sharapova produced a laboured 6-2 7-6 victory over Czech Lucie Safarova to also reach the last eight in Tokyo.

Azarenka had her blood pressure checked during the changeover after going 4-3 down in the first set but somehow dug in to take it after Vinci dumped a forehand into the net.

“I felt dizzy on court and my head was spinning between points,” said the Belarusian. “I was just trying to finish the points as quickly as possible.”

Azarenka, who won this year’s Australian Open and reached the US Open fi-
terpart Paul Lambert following a heavy tackle on Manchester City midfielder Gareth Barry by Joe Ben- nett in the 4-2 extra-time defeat.

“I only asked the fourth official if there was a yellow card, without moving my hands, and he (Lambert) comes over to me,” Manci- ni told British media.

“I am very tired with their behaviour. Sometimes these managers go to the big stadiums, and the other manager says everything and they never say anything.”

“When they go to (Old) Trafford, they say nothing. When other managers talk about the referee they al-
ways sit on the bench. I don’t like this type of behaviour,” he added in refer-
ence to city rival Manchester United’s ground.

Mancini and United boss Alex Ferguson had to be separated in April af-
ter a touchline spat during City’s 1-0 Premier League win that helped deliver the club’s first top-flight title for 44 years.
Russia’s Putin speaks out against unilateral intervention

**Earthquake rocks island in Alaska’s Aleutian chain**

**Anacortes, (Alaska), 27 Sept—**A powerful earth-quake rocked one of the few inhabited islands in Alaska’s Aleutian chain on Wednesday, but no damage has been found, federal and local officials said.

The magnitude 6.9 quake, centered 80 miles southwest of Adak, struck at 3:40 pm local time (7:40 pm EDT), the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center said. Tsunami warning was issued, but scientists will monitor the area for any possible earthquake-related waves, center Director Paul Whitmore said.

In Adak, a community of about 330, “We definitely felt it,” City Manager Layton Lockett said.

The building that houses city offices and the local school, engineered to withstand frequent earthquakes that strike the region, performed as designed, Lockett said.

“You could just hear the building move, and things were shaking,” he said.

No damage was found, though officials were concerned about the fate of underground pipes, he said.

The school, which has about 20 students, was out of session at the time.

Adak, an island city about 1,300 miles southwest of Anchorage, is a converted US Navy station that once housed 6,000 people. It now serves as a port and seafood-processing center serving the North Pacific commercial fishing fleet.

Other moderate earthquakes have struck western Alaska in recent days, according to the center.

A magnitude 4.9 quake was recorded 90 miles west of Adak on Monday. A magnitude 5.2 quake was recorded 90 miles southwest of Kodiak on Tuesday.

**Domino’s Pizza confident as online sales grow**

**London, 27 Sept—**Country’s biggest pizza delivery firm Domino’s Pizza reported a 3.7 percent rise in comparable sales in its home market over the last three months, driven by higher online sales, and putting it on track to meet forecasts.

“Domino’s, which operates the British, Irish, German and Swiss franchises of the global delivery brand, on Wednesday said group sales grew 7.9 percent to 136.4 million pounds ($221.71 million) in the 13 weeks to September 25, its third fiscal quarter.

Higher sales were driven by demand in the UK, where Domino’s has just shy of 700 outlets and where people are increasingly ordering pizzas over the internet and mobile phones, with online sales accounting for over half of its delivered sales.

“We have exciting marketing initiatives in place across our markets and we are confident of meeting City consensus earnings for the full year,” Chief Executive Lance Batchelor said in a statement.

The company said it expected its German business to be an engine for future growth, as it shufled off a 2.1 percent decline in underlying sales in Ireland, where it operates 46 stores.

Shares in Domino’s were up over 20 percent over the last six months, closed at 563 pence on Tuesday, valuing the firm at 913.7 million pounds.

**China draw 1-1 with Germany at U-17 Women’s World Cup**

**Baku, 27 Sept—**China were held to a 1-1 draw against Germany Wednesday at the FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup in Azerbaijan in the second round of Group D matches.

After seven minutes, China’s Zhang Chen created the first dangerous moment for the German defense with a mazy run into the box, but her efforts were eventually halted by the hugging Lenaluck.

The Chinese had to wait until the 12th minute to get the game’s opening goal. Miao Siwen picked up a fine pass from Li Mengwen before hammering a powerful shot from 20 yards into the top corner.

The half finished with a high tempo which bled straight into the second period, with China making the more impressive headway.

The introduction of striker Venus El-Kassem with 15 minutes to go improved Germany’s attacks, forcing Chinese goalkeeper Fei Fei into a save, but was taken off soon after injury. This saw replacement Kessling step up to the plate and nod home a free kick with 94 minutes on the clock to save a point.

Germany’s coach Anouschka Bernhard said after the match: “We are very happy with this result. In the second half we put a lot of effort towards finding an equalizer and finally were rewarded at the end of the game. China, as we expected, were a strong opponent and they played very well.”

Ghanna cruised to a 5-0 win over Uruguay at Baku’s Bayil Stadium. Chamawilnow being hopeful for a positive result from their final game against China on Sunday to ensure their progression to the last eight.

Japan took a decisive step towards qualifying for knockout in Group C, with a 3-0 winning over New Zealand moving them to within a point of the quarterfinals. Brazil left themselves with a strong chance of reaching the knockout phase by scoring the only goal in a play against Mexico – Xinhua
Washington’s recognition of Nay Pyi Taw’s reforms encourages the latter to continue its chosen path

Washington hopes Myanmar citizens would have opportunities to sell their products into US market

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton paid a call on visiting Myanmar President U Thein Sein at The Mark Hotel in New York on 26 September evening.

The President extended his special thanks to the secretary for her help to open new chapter in Myanmar-US ties as the diplomatic relations between the two countries have reached ambassadorial level. Myanmar citizens are especially pleased to hear that the US has relaxed economic sanctions, added the President who repeated his dedication to democratic transition, describing the US’s recognition as a shot in the arm to Nay Pyi Taw to continue its chosen path.

Mrs Hillary Clinton said the meeting is the third one between her and the President. The United States has watched the steady process of reform continued by the President and his cabinet is responding to every step of Nay Pyi Taw to acknowledge its reform efforts and to encourage further reforms. In recognition of the continued progress toward reform, the United States is taking the next step in normalizing commercial relationship between the two countries. As the first step, restrictions on imports of Myanmar goods into the US will be eased. Washington hopes that the actions would provide opportunities to Myanmar people to sell their goods in US market. The secretary promised to continue consulting with Congress and other relevant stakeholders about additional steps.

The secretary recognized the several efforts of the President, acknowledging his political reform and endeavours to bring an end to ethnic conflicts to ensure peace and stability in the country.

Present on the occasion were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein and U Khin Yi.

Likewise, Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra paid a call on President U Thein Sein on 26 September afternoon to discuss fostering of amity between the two neighbours and matters related to Dawei Deep Sea Port Special Economic Zone Project.

President U Thein Sein also held private talks with Chairman of Clinton Global Initiative former US President Bill Clinton and former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.—

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