Chairman of Union Solidarity and Development Party President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met delegates to the First Party Conference of the Union Solidarity and Development Party and encouraged them this morning.

The President has a similar favourable attitude to other national races parties and political parties for national reconciliation and national unity. — MNA

Japan plans to resume yen loans to Myanmar in early 2013

Tokyo, 14 Oct—Japan said Thursday that Myanmar’s largest creditor will clear the Southeast Asian country’s overdue debt to it in January and that it will resume yen-denominated concessional loans to Myanmar at the earliest time possible next year.

The Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, Myanmar’s second- and third-largest creditors, expressed their intention the same day to clear the country’s debt arrears to Myanmar for next year, government sources said.

During the meeting, participants agreed on the need to unite behind Myanmar’s reform efforts in order to facilitate the country’s reengagement with the international community, according to Japanese officials.

"Addressing Myanmar’s debt issue in a comprehensive way is important for Myanmar to engage in the international community," the country’s Finance and Revenue minister U Win Shein told the meeting, expressing his appreciation to Japan and other creditors.

"It is high time that the international community united in its efforts to underpin reform efforts by Myanmar and reintegrate Myanmar as one of its members," Japanese Finance Minister Koriki Jojima told the meeting, noting that a series of reforms are under way in the country.

Participants in the meeting also agreed that the two international lenders’ full engagement is essential for Myanmar’s economic reform and that active engagement by the IMF is also indispensable in reforming the country’s macroeconomic management, the Japanese officials said.

Kyodo News

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

(14-10-2012)

Bhamo (1.34) inches
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Brilliant Messi leads Argentina to 3-0 romp past Uruguay

India-born Kaltenborn flies a flag for women in F1
School Environment Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A ceremony to observe School Environment Day took place at Basic Education High School No 5 in Zabuthiri Township here this morning, attended by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Ministers U Ba Suwe and Dr Myo Myint, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department, Chief of Water Sanitation and Hygiene Section of Country Office of UNICEF in Myanmar and officials.

Next, the Union minister attended a ceremony to mark the Global Handwashing Day and called for keeping the practice of washing hands over a lifetime.

All teachers and students from every school across the nation are carrying out five tasks of school environment under the leadership of school heads.

Handwashing Day and the ceremony to mark the Global Handwashing Day commemorative ceremony.— MNA

News in Brief

Respects to be paid to older nurses, midwives

The Myanmar Nurse and Midwives Association will organize the 31st ceremony to pay respects to older nurses and midwives of above 70 years old at the hall of University of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Yangon at 9 am on 24 November.

Work proficiency course commences

Work proficiency course No 1 for Staff of YCDC was opened at training school in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 8 October morning.

Meeting on Student Sports Festival held

The coordination meeting on second Basic Education School Student Sports Festival for 2012-2013 academic year was held.

Training of golfers, boxers inspected

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan inspected training of golfers at Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw on 13 October morning.

Myanmar Motion Picture Day observed

A ceremony to mark Myanmar Motion Picture Day and the ceremony to pay respects to older persons of motion picture world were held at Myanmar Motion Picture Organization on Wingabar Road in Bahan Township on 13 October.

Free eye care service in Tanyan 16-23 October

TANYAN, 14 Oct.—A signboard bearing that free eye care service will be provided to eye patients in Tanyan Township soon. The ten feet square signboard is presented in Myanmar, Shan and Chinese languages.

The announcement states that Cherry Myitta Foundation will sponsor free eye care services for the second time at Tanyan Yangon People’s Hospital from 16 to 23 October under treatments of eye specialists and technicians from Yangon. Moreover, the patients will be provided with charge of medical treatment and surgical operations, optical glasses and medicines.

So far, over 500 patients have registered at the hospital. The number of registered patients may exceed 1000, according to an official. The eye patients wishing to receive eye care services of Cherry Myitta Foundation may contact U Kyaw Oo (Shwe Training), Tel: 09-47326237 and U Aye Lwin (Health): 09- 4732620.—Kyemon

District News

Purified drinking water produced for Lashio Jail

LASHIO, 14 Oct—Purified drinking water factory of Myanmar Correctional Department produces sufficient amount of purified drinking water for inmates from Lashio Jail daily.

Wellwisher U Than Lwin (Taw Win Plaza) of Yangon donated K 15.2 million for the factory building and K 12 million for purified water accessories. In charge of the jail Assistant Director U Myint Suwe supervised construction of the building.

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Myanma Alin
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**Tech**

**Los Angeles, 14 Oct—** Recent cyber attacks against Wells Fargo & Co were “pretty significant” but didn’t cause customer losses or a major increase in expenses, the bank’s Chief Financial Officer, Tim Sloan, told Reuters on Friday.

The No US bank by assets and other large banks in recent weeks have suffered so-called denial of service attacks that delayed or disrupted services on customer websites. On Thursday, US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said the attacks “continue,” handled well: CFO

**US court clears Samsung’s Galaxy Nexus, hands Apple setback**

**Tech**

**Washington, 14 Oct—** A US appeals court overturned a pretrial sales ban against Samsung Electronics Co Ltd’s (005930.KS) Galaxy Nexus smartphone, dealing a setback to Apple Inc in its battle against Google Inc’s (GOOG.O) increasingly popular mobile software.

Apple (AAPL.O) is waging war on several fronts against Google, whose Android software powers many of Samsung’s devices.

The ruling on Thursday from the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is not expected to have an outsized impact on the smartphone market, as the Nexus is an aging product in Samsung’s lineup. Apple’s stock closed down nearly 2 percent at $628, 10.

However, the court’s reasoning could make it much harder for companies that sue over patents get competitors’ products pulled from the market, said Colleen Chien, a professor at Santa Clara Law school in Silicon Valley.

Such sales injunctions have been a key for companies trying to increase their leverage in courtroom patent fights.

“The Federal Circuit has said, ‘Wait a minute,’ ” Chien said. Apple declined to comment, while Samsung did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Apple scored a sweeping legal victory over Samsung in August when a US jury found Samsung had copied critical features of the hugely popular iPhone and iPad and awarded Apple $1.05 billion in damages.

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**NASA’s Mars rover finds rock with Earth-like chemistry**

**Cape Canaveral, 14 Oct—** When scientists selected a rock to test the Mars rover Curiosity’s laser, they expected it to contain the same minerals as rocks found elsewhere on the Red Planet, but learned instead it was more similar to a rock found on Earth. The rock was chemically more akin to an unusual type of rock found on oceanic islands like Hawaii and St. Helena, as well as in continental rift zones like the Rio Grande, which extends from Colorado to Chihuahua, Mexico.

“It was a bit of a surprise, what we found with this rock,” “Curiosity-scientist Ralph Gellert of the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, told reporters on a conference call Thursday. “It’s unique,” Gellert said, referring to rock formed from molten material. “But it seems to be a more Earth-like rock type that we encountered on Mars.”

Curiosity arrived on Mars two months ago to learn how the most Earth-like planet in the solar system was suitable for microbial life.

Last month, Curiosity’s laser was used to zap the football-sized rock and the liquid would partly freeze. “We in the industry just have to appreciate it as a cost of doing business today,” he said.

A group that calls itself the Cyber Fighters of Izq add- al Qassam has claimed credit for the recent bank attacks, declaring them a protest against the anti-Islam video posted on YouTube and stoked violent protests across the Muslim world.

The hackers behind the attacks have used sophisticated and diverse tools that point to a carefully coordinated campaign, security researchers have told Reuters.

Sources familiar with the attacks have previously told Reuters that they could be part of a year-long cyber campaign waged by Iranian hackers against major US financial institutions and other corporate entities.

Sloan declined to comment on the source of the attacks. Wells is in close contact with other banks and the federal government, he said.

**Apple gets OK to use Swiss railroad clock design**

**Zurich, 14 Oct—** Apple, sensitive about protecting its own design, has struck a deal to use Swiss railroad operator SBB’s trademark station clock design on iPads and iPhones. SBB, which holds the trademark for a 1944 design by Zurich-born engineer Hans Hilfiker, said last month it might challenge the US company after the clock appeared on a new operating system for the iPad.

For the use of the clockface on certain Apple devices such as iPads and iPhones, the parties have negotiated an arrangement that enables Apple to use the clock design under a license agreement, SBB said on Friday.

The cost of the licensing fee and further detail of the agreement will remain confidential. “It is a design icon that has obviously lost none of its appeal in the digital age,” the SBB said. “Even now, it symbolizes the innovation and reliability that are key qualities attributed to both SBB and Switzerland as a whole.”

Hilfiker designed the minimalist clock to help travelers check the time at a distance while hurrying to catch trains. In 1953, he added a red second hand in the shape of a railway guard’s signaling disc, which passes briefly at the top of each minute “to enable trains to depart punctually”, as he put it.
**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Bankrupt Solyndra seeks $1.5 billion in damages from Chinese peers**

**NEW YORK, 14 Oct—** Bankrupt solar firm Solyndra has filed a lawsuit against three US-listed Chinese solar players, including Suntech Power Holdings Co (STNP.N) and Yingli Green Energy Holding Co (YGE.N) claiming that the trio’s panel prices moved in tandem — falling 75 percent in four years in the US.

Solyndra, which claims in the lawsuit that the trio were involved in predatory pricing and price fixing, filed for bankruptcy a year ago as it could no longer compete with plunging prices of solar panels imported from China.

US solar companies launched a complaint last year alleging protectionism from Beijing for Chinese panel makers, sparking trade disputes between the two countries. As a result of the ongoing US-slapped steep final duties on billions of dollars of solar energy imports, Solyndra went bankrupt from China earlier this week.

Defendants — Suntech, Trina and Yingli — came to the US and raised money from the stock market and deployed that capital to “destroy” American solar manufacturers, said Solyndra in the suit filed in a Northern California district court.

“We just received notice of this complaint, but from our initial review, these are unwarranted and misguided claims from a company that has a checkered history of failed technology and achievements,” said Robert Petrina, Managing Director, Yingli Green Energy Americas.

Solyndra has sold everything from its remaining inventory and assembled equipment to office computers in a bid to raise money to repay creditors. The Obama administration came under fire for missing signs of financial trouble at the California-based Solyndra and approving nearly $535 million in loans in a bid to spark a clean energy industry and create jobs through stimulus spending.

Last year, executives from Trina Solar LLC testified that a flood of cheap Chinese solar panels kept it from realizing $1.2 billion in contracts it announced in 2008.

**Deutsche Telekom aims closing MetroPCS deal in second-quarter 2013**

**FRANKFURT, 14 Oct—** Deutsche Telekom (DTE.DE) aims to complete the merger of its US-listed T-Mobile US with MetroPCS (PCS) between April and June 2013, Chief Financial Officer Timotheus Hoettges told a German newspaper.

“The transaction is not likely to be carried out until the second quarter of 2013”, Hoettges told daily Frankfurter Zeitung.

Deutsche Telekom and MetroPCS on 3 October said they planned to combine their American wireless services units in an effective reverse merger, in which US-listed MetroPCS will buy T-Mobile US.

The merger marks a long-awaited consolidation in the US mobile market, in which the fourth-largest mobile carrier Deutsche Telekom’s T-Mobile aims to get the scale it needs to compete with AT&T(NYSE:T) and Verizon (VZ).

It will also help Deutsche Telekom lessen the burden of investing in the US by making the local unit more independent, and give the former German monopoly a liquid asset it can sell down if it wants to exit the US eventually.

Hoettges reiterated that Deutsche Telekom’s shareholder remuneration policy for 2012 will not be affected by the merger plans and that shareholders are set to receive a dividend of at least 0.70 euros ($0.91) per share for 2012.

“Given profits brought forward of 1.6 billion euros and retained earnings of 1.55 billion euros there can be no doubt in our ability to pay a dividend,” Hoettges told the newspaper.—Reuters

**AGE, TRAVEL TIME AFFECT CANADIAN BREAST CANCER PATIENTS’ MASTECTOMY RATES**

**VANCOUVER, 14 Oct—** A report released earlier this week showed that age and travel time, among others, largely affect mastectomy rates among breast cancer patients in Canada. The report, jointly released by the Canadian Institute for Health Information and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, examined surgical care for women with invasive breast cancer and those with the non-invasive form of the disease, ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS).

Mastectomy and breast-conserving surgery (BCS, commonly known as a lumpectomy) are two types of surgery used to treat invasive cancer and DCIS. For women diagnosed with smaller tumours, evidence shows that BCS followed by radiation treatment provides a survival rate comparable to mastectomy, the report said.

After following the surgical treatment of about 22,000 women for one year starting from the date of their initial surgery, the study identified a U-shaped relationship between age and mastectomy rates. Rates were relatively high, 44 percent, for women aged 18 to 49 and fell to 35 percent for those aged 50 to 69. Rates rose again to 45 percent for women aged 70 and older, according to the report.

Women who choose BCS as their surgical option typically undergo post-surgical radiation therapy, which was provided only at certain cancer centers and often requires daily trips. The report showed an increase in mastectomy rates correspond- ing to travel time between a woman’s home and the cancer centre offering radiation treatment. Mastectomy rates exceeded 50 percent for women who must travel 1.5 hours or longer to reach a centre offering radiation treatment, it said.—Xinhua

**China’s Sept M2 growth accelerates to 14.8%**

**BEIJING, 14 Oct—** China’s broad measure of money supply (M2) rose 14.8 percent in September from a year ago, accelerating from the 13.5-percent growth registered in August, the central bank said on Saturday.

Outstanding yuan-denominated loans reached 61.51 trillion yuan (9.72 trillion US dollars) at the end of last month, up 16.3 percent year on year, the People’s Bank of China (PBOC) said in a statement on its website.

The central bank said China’s Sept M2 growth accelerates to 14.8% and reserve requirement ratio this year to buoy national economic growth, which slowed to its lowest rate in more than three years in the second quarter of the year.

The country is scheduled to release its third-quarter GDP data on Oct. 18, which analysts expect to be below the second-quarter’s 7.6 percent increase.

**Health**

**A patient has her blood pressure taken before receiving treatment at the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic in Wise, Virginia on 20 July, 2012.—REUTERS**
WORLD

Syria

Big blast rocks Damascus district before daybreak

DAMASCUS, 14 Oct — A big blast was heard before the crack of dawn on Sunday at an upscale district of the capital, in what appeared to be a booby-trapped car explosion, witnesses and media reports said.

The blast at al-Mazzeh was believed to have been caused by a booby-trapped car that went off near a high-end restaurant, reports said, adding that no human casualties were reported.

The street at which the blast happened is also close to a number of foreign embassies located in that area, including the Iranian one, and also some headquarters and houses of Syrian officials.

Still, the target of the blast could not be determined immediately due to its strange timing. Locals in the area posted online images of the blast site, showing a ravaged building and piles of debris. — Xinhua

China

China’s first aircraft carrier leaves port

BEIJING, 14 Oct — China’s first aircraft carrier sailed from the port of Dalian in Northeastern China on Friday evening. This is the Liaoning’s first voyage since it was delivered to the People’s Liberation Army on 25 September.

Pictures of the event show a J-15 carrier-based fighter aircraft practicing take-off and landing on the craft. The carrier was rebuilt from the Soviet ship Varyag. It was renamed “Liaoning” after years of remodelling work. Its delivery made China one of the few countries in the world to have an aircraft carrier in active service. — Xinhua

Turkey

Police seize 150 kg heroin in northwestern Turkey

ANKARA, 14 Oct — Turkish police seized 150 kg of heroin in the Province of Duzce in northwestern Turkey on Saturday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Acting on a tip-off, the Turkish security teams stopped a car in Duzce and confiscated 150 kg of heroin in the car, said the report, adding that one person was detained in the operation.

In another operation in Yuregir town of the southern Province of Adana, the police seized 50.6 kg of hashish in a car and detained one person in connection with the haul.

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Iran

Mauritanian president shot accidentally by army patrol

ABIDJAN, 14 Oct — Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz was lightly injured as his motorcade was accidentally fired on by an army unit, according to reports reaching here on Saturday.

Abdel Aziz is now being treated at a heavily guarded military hospital in the capital city of Nouakchott, said the hospital sources.

The country’s communications minister Hamdi Ould Mahjoub said on national TV that an army patrol unit failed to recognize the president’s convoy, which was heading back to the capital, and opened fired on it.

He also said the president was just lightly wounded on the occasion, and got out of the vehicle on his own as he arrived at the hospital.

Earlier, the country’s security authorities told Xinhua that it was a group of unidentified armed men that were responsible for the shooting, and there is no further detail of the incident.— Xinhua

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Syria

A destroyed vehicle is seen at the blast site in Darra Adam Khel, northwest Pakistan, on 13 Oct, 2012. At least 15 people were killed and 17 others injured when a suicide car bomb blast ripped through a market in Dera Adam Khel on Saturday morning, reported local media. — Xinhua

Syria
One killed, dozens injured in boat-capsizing in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 14 Oct — At least four people were killed and dozens more injured when their boat capsized in the western South Africa on Saturday afternoon, local media reported. The accident occurred when the charter boat lost its control in Hout Bay, Cape Town, the South African Press Association cited the National Sea Rescue Institute as saying.

The boat was carrying about 41 people before capsizing at about 3:00 pm local time, and six people remained missing, according to the National Sea Rescue Institute. The city’s disaster management department said two passengers were stuck in the hull of the capsized boat, and the rescue operation was underway.

This local government was identifying the nationalities of the passengers according to the disaster management department. The exact cause of the fatal accident remained unknown. On 31 July, about on a whale-watching trip was hit by a wave and capsized off the eastern port city of Durban, and eleven foreign tourists were rescued. Cape Town is the second most-populous city following Johannesburg in South Africa, and is Africa’s most populous tourist destination with famous harbor and natural beauty.

Scientists attack planned British badger cull

A CONTROVERSIAL British plan to cull thousands of wild badgers to control the spread of bovine tuberculosis has been signed by 30 other wildlife experts.

“Even if such increases do not materialize, the government predicts only limited benefits. We are concerned that badger culling risks becoming a costly distraction from nationwide TB control,” Bateson said.

The disease in England has cost the taxpayer some 500 million pounds ($804 million) in the past decade, and the government says 1 billion pounds will be needed in the next decade to control the disease if no action is taken now.

“Britain’s forensic commission says there are about 250,000 adult badgers in the United Kingdom. Their plan calls for culling only in the certain areas of England — the counties of Gloucestershire, and Somerset — to reduce the badger population by 70 percent. Marksmen are set to start the cull soon but details are being kept secret for fear of clashes between farmers determined to protect their livestock and animal rights activists.”

Afghanistan

Two NATO soldiers, one civilian employee killed in S Afghan blast

KABUL, 14 Oct — Two soldiers and a civilian employee with the NATO-led coalition forces were killed on Saturday in a blast in southern Afghanistan, the coalition forces confirmed in a statement.

An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan today,” the NATO-ISAF said in the statement.

“One coalition forces servicemember and one coalition forces civilian died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan today,” the coalition said without disclosing the nationalities of the victims under the ISAF policy.

Earlier Saturday, an official in southern Kandahar Province told Xinhua that four security members with the Afghan intelligence agency, two NATO soldiers and a NATO civilian employee were killed and three other people were wounded in a Taliban suicide IED bomb attack in Maruf district bordering Pakistan at around 11:30 am on Saturday.

Xinhua

Two anti-drugs police killed in Peru jungle ambush

LIMA, 14 Oct — Two police officers were killed and another two injured in an ambush in Peru’s southeastern jungle region late on Friday, the latest strike against the Shining Path, according to Humala’s drive to regain control of cocaine-trafficking strongholds.

The head of Peru’s police force said on Saturday that an anti-drug squad was attacked on its way to the village of Kepashio in the dense group of jungle valleys known as the VRAEM, the most productive growing area in the world’s top coca producer.

“Yesterday, a group of five intelligence unit officers boarded a truck to go to Kepashio. They were ambushed near kilometer 51 on the highway, presumably by drug traffickers,” police chief Raul Salazar told local radio.

Counterinsurgency experts have criticized the government’s security strategy as too predictable and Humala has had several defence ministers since taking office last year.

Remnant groups of the 30-year-old Shining Path insurgency remain active and smuggle drugs in lawless jungles areas. It was not immediately clear if Friday’s attack was led by the Shining Path rebels or someone else. Last weekend, the Shining Path destroyed three helicopters on the ground belonging to the company that runs Peru’s only natural gas pipeline.

In April, they captured 36 natural gas workers in their largest kidnapping since 2003 and said later it was a ruse to lure soldiers into ambushes. Shining Path’s two founders were captured in the early 1990s, when Humala fought against them as an army officer in a conflict that killed 70,000 people. Taking control of the remote valleys in southeastern Peru is crucial for Humala’s economic plans. Construction will soon begin on a $3 billion natural gas pipeline that will originate in the area and feed a new petrochemical complex on the Pacific coast.”

Workers operate a machine to lift the trains for Harbin subway line 1 at the CNR Changchun Railway Vehicle Co. Ltd. in Changchun, capital of northeast China’s Jilin Province, on 13 Oct, 2012. The new type of subway trains, which can offer continuous services in extremely cold areas with the lowest temperature of minus 30 degrees Celsius, — Xinhua

Census taking

The depth and speed of analysis of census data has evolved considerably with the introduction of computers. In the 19th century tabulations were completed manually thus restricting the amount and complexity of the analysis performed. Today tabulations can be made relatively quickly and products are made available in a wide range of formats and detail. The term census is used mostly in connection with national population and housing censuses; other common censuses include agriculture, business, and traffic censuses.

Myanmar may be challenging in the census compilation in 30 years after the last compilation. Ministry of Immigration and Population will act as the focal ministry of nationwide census compilation project in 2014.

Other problems of enumeration may be born babies, refugees, people away on holidays, people moving home around census day, and people without a fixed address.

Myanmar will take the census in four steps: preparation, data compilation, preparing statistics, and assessment and review. In fact, there must be coherence between the focal ministry and other ministries, related organizations and civil societies and international organizations to fully accomplish the last three steps although the MIP alone could complete the preparation tasks.

Illegal two-digit lottery seller arrested

YANGON, 14 Oct—Police seized documents items of electronic equipment were destroyed. Seller Ma Aye Yi, 35, was injured at his residence. The injured was sent to Kalaw People’s Hospital to receive medical treatment. Kalaw Police Station takes action against the reckless driver.

Reckless driving hits shop

Kalaw, 14 Oct—A trolley-wagon hit a mouth and jaw operation unit of Mandalay People’s Hospital since 8 October. The region chief minister spoke words of encouragement to the medical team.

Sofar, surgical operation has been given to 95 patients and the operation continues till 15 October.
Longevity dividend

Tin Maung Than

Ageing is now occurring fastest in the developing world, which has limited resources and plans to deal with this unprecedented demographic trend. The older generation—which includes caregivers, voters, teachers, volunteers, entrepreneurs, leaders, and more—represents a growing reservoir of talent and experience that can be tapped to reap a ‘longevity dividend’.

Rapidly and surely the world is getting older. In 2000, for the first time in history, there were more people over 60 than children below five. By 2050, the older population will be larger than the under-15 population. The number and proportion of older persons is growing faster than any other age group, and will surpass 1 billion people in less than 10 years—an increase of close to 200 million people over the decade.

While the trend of ageing societies is a cause for celebration, it also presents huge challenges as it requires completely new approaches to health care, retirement, living arrangements and intergenerational relations. Today two out of three people aged 60 or over live in developing countries. By 2050, this will rise to nearly four in five or 80% of world’s older people. If not addressed promptly, the consequences of these issues are likely to take unprepared countries by surprise. In many developing countries with large populations of young people, for example, the challenge is that governments have not put policies and practices in place to support their current older populations or made enough preparations for 2050. Ageing is a lifelong process that does not start at age 60. Today’s young people will be part of the 2 billion-strong population of older persons in 2050.

Countries like the Republic of Korea, Singapore and China will see a rise in the proportion of the elderly to the total population from about 15 per cent today to some 40 per cent by 2050. Myanmar, Indonesia and Malaysia will see older persons constituting 20 percent of their total population by 2050.

There are global organizations like the United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA and HelpAge International that are helping older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty, so that senior citizens can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives. UNFPA and HelpAge are working together in hosting high-profile press conferences and symposiums in connection with the growing population of global senior citizens. These events will be followed by similar launches and action plans around the world.

Important progress has been made by many countries in adopting new policies, strategies, plans and laws on ageing. For example, over 100 countries in the last decade have put in place non-contributory social pensions in recognition of old age poverty. But much more needs to be done to fulfill the potential of our ageing population. Forty-seven per cent of older men and nearly 24 per cent of older women participate in the labour force.

In fact, people everywhere must age with dignity and security, enjoying life through the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. In this context, global and national action plans are needed to create a pathway to transform the explosive number of people over 60 to become growth drivers and value creators. By revolutionizing our approach and investing in people as they age we can build stronger, wealthier societies.

Social protection and age friendly health care are essential to extend the independence of healthy older people and prevent impoverishment in old age. This will help countries to harvest longevity dividend apart from harnessing the potential benefits and minimizing the disruption that ageing will bring.

Agricultural Cooperatives: Key to Feeding to the World

Health subcommittee prepares works

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay delivered an address at second coordination meeting of health subcommittee for the 19th Myanmar National Races’ Traditional Performing Arts Competition at 2 pm on 13 October.

Cash donated to Special Olympics Myanmar National Games

On 11 October, Chairperson Mrs Evelyn Chung of International Friendship Group-IJF donated K 8.6 million to participants for Special Olympics Myanmar National Games 2012 to be held on 15 and 16 November through President of Myanmar Special Sports Federation Col Myo Myint (Rtd).

Marubeni Corporation celebrates 70th anniversary ceremony for its Yangon Branch

YANGON, 14Oct—Japan-based Marubeni Corporation celebrated its 70th Anniversary Ceremony for Yangon Branch at Sedona Hotel on 12 October evening. At the ceremony, Chairman Mr. Teruo Asada of Marubeni Corporation explained facts about Marubeni Corporation and investments to be made in Myanmar.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint gave words of honour to Marubeni Corporation for making business in Myanmar so long. Chairman Mr. Teruo Asada from Marubeni Corporation presented scholarships for human resources development to the Ministry of Science and Technology through Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo. The Union Minister spoke words of thank for the help of Marubeni.—MNA

Sports photo technique course concludes

YANGON, 14Oct—As part of efforts to make preparations for taking news photos and documentary photos in XXVIIISEA Games, the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Photographic Society jointly conducted the sports photo technique course that concluded at 27/29 on 35th street in Kyantkada Township on 13 October morning.

Chairman of MPS U Tin Myint (Sit Nyein Pan) made a concluding remark. Director (Production) U Aye Kyaw (Rtd) of the chairman of the association and instructors presented certificates to the trainees.
Iraq

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Iraq

by blast, the source said. Violence in Iraq has decreased its climax in 2006 and 2007, when sectarian conflicts pushed the country to the brink of a civil war, but tensions and sporadic shootings and bombings are still common across the country. — Xinhua

Libya

Police car hit by grenade in Libya's Benghazi, no casualties reported

Initial investigation showed that the blast occurred when a home-made grenade was thrown at the car of a senior police officer outside his house, the source said, adding that no casualties were reported during the explosion. Saturday's attack was the latest against security personnel and police officers in eastern Libya.

Radical Islamists, reported during the era of toppled former strongman Muammar Gaddafi, were reportedly behind the recent attacks, in which at least 17 people, including former security members, were killed. — Xinhua

Venezuela

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Turkey FM meets Arab, EU leaders amid tensions

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Earthquake

5.9-magnitude quake hits Solomon Islands

Survey said. The epicenter, with a depth of 60.90 km, was initially determined to be at 7.1941 degrees south latitude and 156.0636 degrees east longitude. — Xinhua

5.0-magnitude quake hits Tonga

Survey said. The epicenter, with a depth of 25.6 km, was initially determined to be at 19.895 degrees south latitude and 173.949 degrees west longitude. — Xinhua

5.2-magnitude quake hits near the north coast of New Guinea, Papua New Guinea

Survey said. The epicenter, with a depth of 67.7 km, was initially determined to be at 25.2 degrees south latitude and 142.3012 degrees east longitude. — Xinhua

Lightning strike causes fire at Venezuelan refinery

Caracas, 14 Oct — A fire broke out on Saturday at an oil refinery in Venezuela's northwestern state of Zulia, a major oil production base of the country, government sources said.

Gladys Parada, marketing general manager of the Venezuelan Petroleum Ministry, told reporters that a lightning bolt hit the refinery during a thunderstorm and started the fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quickly brought under control by plant employees and firmers. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada said. The fire was extinguished, and the rekindled fire, which was quick...
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On the economic front, China-DPRK trade expo debuts in border city Shenyang, 14 Oct — An economic, trade, culture and tourism expo jointly initiated by China and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) opened Friday in the border City of Dandong in northeast China’s Liaoning Province.

Tourism officials from both countries, led by the Chinese National Tourism Administration and the DPRK’s Tourism and Art Performance Organization, opened the event which is scheduled to run from November 14-18. The expo is attracting companies from both sides, showcasing their respective tourism and culture resources.

Temperatures in most regions of China will fall by 4-6 degrees Celsius in the coming days, and light to moderate winds will blow across the country. The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said. Some northern regions will experience temperature drops from 10 to 12 degrees Celsius. The cold front is expected to move eastward, affecting more regions.

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In China, the Long March 2C carrier rocket carrying two satellites blasts off from the launch pad at the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in Taiyuan, capital of north China’s Shanxi Province, on 14 Oct, 2012. Satellite A and Satellite B, which form Shijian (practice)-9 satellites, successfully entered preset orbits on Sunday morning.

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Fed’s monetary easing to support global growth, US recovery

Tokyo, 14 Oct — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Sunday stressed the significance of monetary easing steps, saying the central bank’s policy accomplishment will deliver “a huge market” for commodity prices.

In its policy meeting last month, the Fed employed additional quantitative easing steps through increased asset purchase, while signaling that the bank will keep its ultra-low interest rate policy at least through mid-2015, an extension of a half-year from its earlier projection of late 2014. The Fed’s move also downplayed an unexpected drop in the US unemployment rate from 8.1 percent to 7.8 percent in September, saying “it’s well above what we judge to be its long-run normal level.”

The Fed said in September that it will continue to purchase agency mortgage-backed securities and undertake additional asset purchases until the outlook for the labor market improves substantially in the context of price stability. Bernanke also brushed aside concerns over the Fed’s monetary easing policy on their economies. “It is not at all clear that accommodative policies in advanced economies impose net costs on emerging market economies,” he said.

While noting that red on the costs of currency appreciation as a means of promoting exports and domestic growth, he said, “However, the perceived benefits of currency management therefore come with costs, including reduced monetary independence and the consequent susceptibility to imported inflation.”

Photo taken on 13 Oct, 2012 shows a view of the Pavlovsk park outside St Petersburg, Russia, — Xinhua

Ukraine economy minister calls for Japan investment in agriculture

Tokyo, 14 Oct — Ukrainian economy minister Petro Poroshenko on Saturday called on Japan to invest in the country’s agriculture, citing its vast fertile land and its growing importance amid recent hikes in commodity prices. “Ukraine has a biggest capacity of possibility for the agriculture,” said Poroshenko, minister of economic development and trade, in an interview with Kyodo News in English, adding that there is also a “huge market” for agricultural equipment.

Poroshenko also stressed the importance of signing a bilateral investment treaty to attract Japanese firms, expressing the country’s readiness to strike the deal in mid-November when he will visit Japan again for talks with Keidanren, Japan’s largest business lobby.

The minister was in Tokyo to attend the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Poroshenko also said that former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko should be released, as “Western governments’ opposition toward her imprisonment has caused the country to miss out on economic opportunities.”

“Tymoshenko case, most probably we will have an association agreement with the European Union” that would pave the way for trade agreements in the context of “bigger market,” said Poroshenko. “If the Tymoshenko case is the price for the integration of the European Union, we should pay this price,” Poroshenko said.

“Tymoshenko, opposition leader and the political enemy of President Viktor Yanukovych, was jailed for seven years in October last year for abuse of office in what the European Union and the United States said was a politically motivated trial. The government has denied the imprisonment but has not been able to show the government has changed its policies.

“The ministers agreed that regional financial cooperation is crucial” for allowing the member states to benefit from the region’s strong growth, a Japanese official told reporters. The finance ministers called for the need to seek macroeconomic stability by implementing proper policies, while pointing out various risk factors such as slowing growth in Europe, in the United States and some Asian countries, the official said.

In the meeting by the finance ministers of the East Asia Summit members, following their first conference in May 2010. This year’s conference is chaired by Cambodia. Japanese Finance Minister Koriki Ojima told a press conference after the meeting that Chinese financial chief saba semencam a territorial row with Japan was “regrettable,” but the content of the conference was unaffected.

Tourist take the bamboo rafting on the Jiuqu River of Wuyi Mountain, southeast China’s Fujian Province, on 13 Oct, 2012. The touristic revenue of Wuyi Mountain during the Mid-Autumn Festival holiday reached 324 million yuan (about 53.85 million US dollars), up 37.4 percent year on year. — Xinhua

Toyoda recalls 8,700 Camry, Corolla Altis in India

KOLKATA, 14 Oct — In a significant move, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), the Indian arm of Japanese car maker Toyoda, has recalled nearly 8,700 units of its premium segment Corolla Altis and Camry cars in India, a company executive said on Saturday. The decision to recall the cars was taken to avert a glitch in the power window master switch (PWMS) in these cars.

Globally, Toyota is recalling 7.4 million vehicles to address the problem, making it among the biggest recall of vehicles after Ford called back 7.9 million vehicles back in 1996. The recall in India is restricted to 6,800 units of the Corolla Altis cars sold between 30 July, 2008 and 31 Dec, 2008 and 1,900 Camrys sold between 1 Sept, 2006 to 31 July, 2008, the company said. The Camry was imported through these model years though the Corolla Altis was being assembled locally. So far, Toyoda has sold 83,427 units of the Corolla Altis and about 6,700 units of the Camry, which it started assembling locally in August.

Toyoda said the power window switch on the driver’s side may experience a “noisy” or sticky feel during operating and that the application of commercially available lubricants may potentially melt the switch assembly or smoke could occur and lead to a fire under some circumstances.—Xinhua

E Asia finance chiefs agree to boost financial sector cooperation

Tokyo, 14 Oct — Finance ministers from member countries of the East Asia Summit on Saturday agreed to strengthen cooperation on financial issues amid concerns over the economic slowdown in Asia and the eurozone sovereign debt crisis.

Finance chiefs and representatives from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Japan, China, South Korea and the United States among others met in Tokyo on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Brad Pitt blasts US ‘War on Drugs,’ calls for policy rethink**

**LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct—** Brad Pitt has thrown his weight behind a documentary that blasts America’s 40-year war on drugs as a failure, calling policies that imprison huge numbers of drug-users a “charade” in urgent need of a rethink.

The Hollywood actor came aboard recently as an executive producer of filmmaker Eugene Jarecki’s “The House I Live In,” which won the Grand Jury Prize in January at the Sundance Film Festival. The film opened in wide release in the United States on Friday.

Ahead of a Los Angeles screening, Pitt and Jarecki spoke passionately about the “War on Drugs” which, according to the documentary, has cost more than $1 trillion and accounted for over 45 million arrests since 1971, and which preys largely on poor and minority communities.

“I know people are suffering because of it, I know I’ve lived a very privileged life in comparison and I can’t stand for it,” Pitt told Reuters on Friday, calling the government’s War on Drugs policy a “charade.”

“It’s such bad strategy. It makes no sense. It perpetuates itself: You make a bust, you drive up profit, which makes more people want to get into it,” he added. “To me, there’s no question; we have to rethink this policy and we have to rethink it now.”

“The House I Live In” was filmed in more than 20 states and tells stories from many sides of the issue, including Jarecki’s African-American nanny, a drug dealer, narcotics officer, inmate, judge, grieving mother, senator and others.

It also shows that although the United States accounts for only 5 percent of the world’s population, it has 25 percent of its prison population. Additionally, African Americans, who make up roughly 13 percent of the population and 14 percent of its drug users, account for 56 percent of those incarcerated for drug crimes.—Reuters

**Rihanna and Chris Brown have been having late night dates**

**NEW DELHI, 14 Oct—** The Diamonds singer is so busy finishing off her latest album Unapologetic that she barely has time to see Chris—who she recently reconciled with even though he is still on probation for physically assaulting her in 2009—so the pair have been forced to have their dates at unusual times. A source told HollywoodLife.com: “She’s tied up and busy with the album, but she [makes] time for Chris late nights.

“She did one night before—I think, like, Tuesday [09.10.12]! I’m not sure but I know she saw him this week.”

Chris recently dumped his girlfriend Karruche Tran over his “friendship” with Rihanna and posted a candied video he named ‘The Real Chris Brown’ onto his twitter page during which he discusses his romantic dilemma over the two women.

He said: “I’m stressed out... when you share history with somebody, then you tend to fall in love with somebody else, it’s kinda difficult. ‘Is there such thing as loving two people? I don’t know if that’s possible, but forme, I feel like that.’”—PTI

**Penelope Cruz may play murderous ex-wife of Gucci heir**

**LONDON, 14 Oct—** Actress Penelope Cruz is said to be in talks to play the murderous ex-wife of Gucci heir Maurizio Gucci. The film will be directed by Ridley Scott’s daughter Jordan.

The Oscar winner is slated to portray Patrizia Reggiani in the movie. Reggiani was jilted in 1998 for hiring a hitman to kill her husband four years after the couple officially divorced. Her daughters urged lawmakers in Milan, Italy to overturn their mother’s conviction on the grounds a brain tumour had altered her personality, reports contactmusic.com.

The conviction was upheld, but Reggiani’s sentence was reduced to 26 years. Last year, she was offered a chance at parole, but refused stating, “I’ve never worked in my life and I’m certainly not going to start now.”—PTI

**Emma Watson stalked on movie set**

**NEW DELHI, 14 Oct—** Actress Emma Watson was confronted in the woods by a stalker while she was shooting for Noah in Oyster Bay, Long Island, here.

The 22-year-old recognized him as a man suspected of haunting her before and he tried to hand over a letter to her, said an insider, reports thesun.co.uk.

“He took off into the woods and was chased by security and a couple of the tough stunt guys who also happen to be martial arts fighters. They caught up with him in the woods. Police were called and he was removed by security. It was really creepy. Emma was really shaken up and was given some time to compose herself,” the source added.

Watson is popular for playing Hermione in the Harry Potter films. Her new film Noah also stars Russell Crowe and Anthony Hopkins and is due for release in spring 2014. “It’s been a really tough shoot for her. The movie has been gnawing anyway and this left a very sinister feeling hanging over the set,” said the source.

The man was not arrested or charged, but was warned about trespassing.—PTI

**Richter painting sale sets record for living artist**

**NEW YORK, 14 Oct—** An abstract painting by German artist Gerhard Richter has set a new record for the price paid at auction for the work of a living artist, after selling for $34.2 million. Sotheby’s auction house in London said, “Abstracts Bild (809-4)”, from the collection of rock star Eric Clapton, was sold to anonymous buyer for five minutes of bidding late on Friday, triggering a round of applause.

The sale smashed the previous 2010 record of $28.6 million paid for Jasper Johns’ “Flag” at Christie’s auction house in New York in 2010. Richter’s red, yellow and black oil on canvas had been estimated to fetch $14-19 million.

“The combination of outstanding provenance and gold-standard quality in this sublime work by this blue-chip artist made for an historic auction moment,” said Alex Branczik, senior director at Sotheby’s and head of the sale.

The top end of the art market has performed strongly in recent years despite a faltering global economy.
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**SPORTS**

**Johnson repays Klinsmann’s faith with brace**

NEW YORK, 14 Oct—Forward Eddie Johnson repaid coach Juergen Klinsmann’s faith by scoring twice, including a 90th minute winner, in his first international in over two years, as the United States beat Antigua and Barbuda 2-1 in a 2014 World Cup qualifier on Friday.

Facing the possibility of an embarrassing draw against the soccer minnows, Johnson berated an home Alan Gordon in the 90th minute to keep the Americans’ destiny in their own hands ahead of the final stage match against Guatemala on Tuesday. The USA were already in the top two of their CONCACAF group to advance to the final qualifying round in the Central and North America and the Caribbean regions.

They had been in a three-way tie with Guatemala and Jamaica in the group prior to the match and a win in their last match on Tuesday will guarantee a place in the final stage of qualifying for the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil.

After a lean time in Europe over the last few seasons, Johnson signed with Major League Soccer’s Seattle Sounders in 2010 and found his form, prompting Klinsmann to add him to the squad for the first two games of qualifying.

Looking for an aerial advantage it proved a masterstroke as Johnson opened the scoring in St John’s with a header from a Graham Zusi cross in the 23rd minute.

**MEDIA, (Argentina), 14 Oct—Lionel Messi guided Argentina past a tough Uruguay side in the final half hour with two brilliant goals for a 3-0 win on Friday that keeps them atop South America’s World Cup qualifiers.

Argentina lead the nine-nation South American group with 17 points from eight matches at the halfway stage. Colombia and Ecuador are one point behind, Uruguay and Chile five behind.

Messi created and finished his first goal in the 66th minute, playing the ball to Angel Di Maria and racing through to tap the rebound past Fernando Muslera.

Argentina went two up nine minutes later with another move on the left. Messi again feeding Di Maria who returned the ball with his first touch where Sergio Aguero touched it into the net.

The third goal in the 90th minute came from a cheeky free kick by Messi, who deceived the Uruguay wall by sliding the ball underneath the goalkeeper. Messi created a good chance for himself with a dribbling run past several defenders towards the end of the first half in Mendoza but his final, left-footed shot went over the top and hit the far stanchion.

He was also close with a free kick from the left which would have gone in if Muslera had not punched the ball over.

There was fighting among players from both sides early in the second half when Uruguay captain Diego Lugano chased a loose ball with Sergio Romero and stamped on the Argentina goalkeeper’s hand as he went for it, earning a booking.

Messi’s first goal came during a spell of total Argentine dominance but soon after there was a scare for Argentina with defender Gabriel Zakuca clearing the line off the goal.

It was an expensive outing for the Uruguays with Lugano, who came off injured, and fellow central defender Diego Godin suspended for Tuesday’s visit to Bolivia after both were booked.

**Birdie blitz takes Austrian**

Wiesberger clear in Portugal

LEIRIA, 14 Oct — A barrage of birdies midway through his third round lifted Austrian Bernd Wiesberger into a one-shot lead at the Portugal Masters on Saturday.

The 27-year-old Wiesberger, bidding for his third title of the season following victories in his homeland and South Korea, picked up six birdies in seven holes from the eighth to fire a six-under par 65 for a 13-under aggregate of 200.

Overnight leader Ross Fisher (69) was in second place, three strokes ahead of fellow Englishman Richard Finch (66), former US Open champion Michael Campbell (67) of New Zealand and Ireland’s Shane Lowry (67).

European Ryder Cup vice-captain Miguel Angel Jimenez (68) was also on the fringes of contention on eight-under 205.

“After seven holes I was not thinking about a 65,” Wiesberger told reporters on the Algarve. “I hit some horrible wedges early on but I gritted through that and hit better shots around the turn.”

“I then played beautifully on the back nine and my score could have been even lower.” — Reuters

**Motor racing-McLaren wary of Webber ‘riding shotgun’ for Vettel**

**Mclaren**

YEONGAM, (South Korea), 14 Oct—McLaren’s Jenson Button, dismissed, with a broad smile and theatrical nod to the assembled media, “I don’t think he will, do you?”, said Whitmarsh. Button, who finished on a ledge alongside, nodded vigorously to the assembled reporters. “I do,” said the driver.

“Well, I don’t think he will willingly,” added Whitmarsh. McLaren have Lewis Hamilton, fourth in the standings and 42 points behind Alonso, third on the starting grid and directly behind Webber.

With Vettel on the ‘dirty’ side of the track, and Webber not always the quickest driver off the grid, Hamilton will be looking to strike early.

So-called ‘team orders’ are legal in Formula One but Red Bull have so far resisted imposing them, or not had any need to.

“I don’t think Button will have to play a more strategic race after qualifying 11th at a track where overtaking has not been straightforward in the past although the DRS Zone where the rear wing can be manually operated for more straight line speed has been extended in distance.”

**Tennis**

Andy Murray of Great Britain returns a shot to Roger Federer of Switzerland during the Men’s Singles semi-finals of the Shanghai Masters on 13 Oct, 2012.—Reuters

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1. Paritja By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song
7:25 am
3. To be Health Exercise
7:30 am
4. Morning News
7:50 am
5. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2012)
6. Modern Song
7:00 pm
13. University of Distance Education (TV lecture) Second Year (Philosophy)
5:10 pm
22:00 pm
15. TV Drama Series

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"Horoscope for 12 Sign Ascendants in October,
2012"

The three-day 2012 Women’s Forum for the Economy & Society, including the keynote speech of Maria Harti, concluded on Friday in Deauville, northwest France, reported. Elizabeth Escalona, the daughter and gluing her mother was sentenced to 99 years in prison on Friday for beating her 2-year-old daughter and gluing her hands to a wall, local media reported. Elizabeth Escalona, from the Texas city of Dallas, pleaded guilty in July to felony injury to a child, according to a report by The Houston Chronicle.

US Secret Service says officer found passed out, arrested in Miami

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — A US Secret Service officer was arrested in Miami the day after a visit by President Barack Obama, the agency acknowledged on Friday, in what is likely another black eye for the agency that was embarrassed by prostitution scandal in April.

The incident is being turned over the Secret Service’s Office of Professional Responsibility, its internal affairs unit, said agency spokesman Edwin Donovan. The Secret Service officer was found passed out on a Miami street corner less than 12 hours after Obama had left the city, according to news reports citing local police. Officers unarmained members of the agency, and performed support services, in contrast to plain-clothed agents who directly guard the president and vice president.

Obama spoke at campaign events in Coral Gables and Miami on Thursday. The episode comes not long after a dozen Secret Service employees were accused of misconduct for bringing women, some of them prostitues, to their hotel rooms in Colombia in April ahead of Obama’s visit to Cartagena. A government investigation concluded their actions did not compromise the president’s safety, but the event was an embarrassment for the Secret Service and its director issued a stricter code of conduct afterwards.

India-born Kaltenborn flies a flag for women in F1

Mingun Sayadaw

Yeongam, (South Korea), 14 Oct — Monisha Kaltenborn’s fast track to the top in Formula One has seen her steer smoothly through the daunting ‘essence’ of scepticism and sexism to success with Sauber. The 41-year-old Indian-born lawyer broke through a gender barrier with the announcement at the Korean Grand Prix this week that she was taking over from Peter Sauber as principal of the Swiss team he led into the sport in 1993.

Kaltenborn is the first female team boss since the championship started in 1950, the first to join an elite once dubbed the ‘Piranha Club’ on account of their affiliating and power-hungry egos. Once mistaken by one team boss for Sauber’s interpreter when she first attended a meeting of the paddock powerbrokers, the Austrian is no token appointment in what many still see as a ‘Man’s World’.

“Women are agents of transformation and actors of change,” said Veronique Morali, President of the Women’s Forum for the Economy & Society. “We should look much more closely at innovative economic drivers, including new technologies and strategies that focus from the bottom up.”

“The CEO Champions discussions this year demonstrate that companies realize we need more diversity, because it results in more talent, more initiative and creativity, better performance, and a stronger pool of skills,” Morali said.

Speaking at the discovery session on innovation, Maria Harti, IDGTV CEO, stressed that “both successes and failures in innovation should be celebrated” in order to assure that risks be taken among a team. Focused on increasing women’s access to seats in corporate Supervisory Boards and Executive Committees in Europe, VivianeRading-Vice-Chair of the European Commission argued that “we need women’s talent in order to succeed.”

Cherie Blair, founder and patron of the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women who spoke on new techniques to drive micro-finance and social entrepreneurship, declared that “across the world, women come up against barriers.”

“They include a lack of confidence in themselves that reflects society’s lack of confidence in them, as well as barriers involving lack of training and barriers to capital.” We can use technology to overcome some of these factors,” she said.

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HOUSTON, 14 Oct — A US mother was sentenced to 99 years in prison for potty training problems.

The 23-year-old mother reportedly kicked her daughter in the stomach, beat her with a milk jug, and then stuck her hands to an apartment wall with an adhesive commonly known as Super Glue. Jocelyn suffered bleeding in her brain, a fractured rib, multiple bruises and bite marks, and was in a coma for a couple of days, doctors said.

Prosecutors, who described Escalona as an unfit mother with a history of violence, played recordings in which Escalona as a teenager threatened to kill her mother. They also said she was a former gang member who started smoking marijuana at age 11. Jocelyn is now being cared for by her grandmother, who is also taking care of Jocelyn’s four siblings.
Watson wins Japan title

Yangon, 14 Oct—New traffic lights will be installed for ensuring safety of road users in Yangon.

Four new traffic lights will be installed at the corner of Anawrahta and Sule Pagoda Streets, at the corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and Sule Pagoda Street, eight at the corner of Merchant Street and Sule Pagoda Street, eight each at Pyay and Hagyaya Roads and at Pyay and Shin Saw Pu roads and four at Pyay and Ahlen Roads.

The traffic lights will be of digital LED with man picture. Moreover, CCTVs will be installed at the traffic load areas for safety drive of vehicles and traffic safety for pedestrians.—Myanma Alin

Kuboya wins Japan Open after Pagunsan suffers late collapse

Japan’s Kenichi Kuboya holds the victor’s trophy after winning the Japan Open with an 8-over 292 at Naha Golf Club in Okinawa Prefecture on Oct. 14, 2012.

NAGA, (Japan), 14 Oct—Kenichi Kuboya was the beneficiary of a stunning late meltdown by Juvic Pagunsan of the Philippines on Sunday, posting a one-stroke victory to capture the Japan Open for his first win of the season.

But Pagunsan double bogeyed the 17th and then bogeyed the 18th to put the title on a plate for Kuboya, who narrowly missed out on victory last year after losing to South Korea’s Iae Sang Moon in a playoff.—Kyodo

Malaysian Premier Najib arrives in Manila for peace pact signing

Manila, 14 Oct—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak arrived in Manila on Sunday to witness the signing Monday of an initial peace agreement between the Philippine government and the country’s largest Muslim rebel group.

The pact between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the Framework Agreement of the Bangsamoro, is a roadmap designed to end the Muslim insurgency in the southern Philippines since the 1970s.

Malaysia has served a facilitator in bringing the two sides together since 2001 and has been head of an international monitoring team since 2004.

Philipino President Benigno Aquino said the 13-page “framework agreement paves the way for a final, enduring peace” in Mindanao and outlying islands.

Philippine chief peace adviser Teresita Deles said Aquino is expected to thank Najib and the Malaysian government for facilitating the negotiations with the MILF while Najib is likely to express Malaysia’s continued support for the process.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said in a statement the trip is Najib’s first to the Philippines since he assumed office in 2009.

It added that Najib is accompanied by his wife, the Malaysian ministers of foreign affairs, defense and international trade and industry and a business delegation.—Kyodo