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NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein sent a message to mark the United Nations Day today. The full text of the message is as follows:

On the occasion of the 67th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, we join hands with other Member countries of the World Organization in commemorating this significant and special day for the global community.

The United Nations came into existence sixty-seven years ago, with noble aim of bringing world peace and stability, to end hostilities among members of the global community, which has been devastated twice by the scourge of World Wars and to promote better socio-economic levels of the people in larger freedom.

Over the decades, the United Nations has successfully accomplished its principal mission of maintaining international peace and security. In addition, the United Nations has made advances in the fields of socio-economic development, promotion of human rights, encouraging equal rights of individuals regardless of their genders as well as rights of nations large and small, maintenance of international law and protection and conservation of the environment with the commitments of the Member States of the United Nations to work collectively and collaboratively.

Still, the world today faces a series of complex crises and new emerging issues—food insufficiency, economic uncertainties, imbalances in global financial and trade environment, frequent occurrence of natural disasters more than ever before, climate change—posing daunting challenges to peace and security. As a consequence, these remain a major impediment for many developing countries.

To the relief of the Member States of the International Organization, especially for many developing countries, the United Nations has remained as the best forum to address global challenges while guaranteeing international peace and security. The challenges members of the global community are facing today can be best coped with an multi-faceted and integrated approach since no country can tackle the multitude and magnitude of global problems and challenges single-handedly.

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The President then explained budgetary matters and region/state chief ministers budget expenditures in details with statistics. The President then assessed the reports and the meeting, got to an end with his concluding remarks in the evening.

Chairman of Financial Commission President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein addresses Financial Commission Meeting No (2/2012).

Workshop on promoting active and healthy ageing held

YANGON, 24 Oct—A workshop on promoting active and healthy ageing through healthy care professionals took place at University of Public Health on Bogyoke Aung San road, here, this morning.

At the ceremony, Rector Prof Dr Nay Soe Maung and WHO representative Dr Salma Burton gave talks on promoting socio-statue care and health care of the elderly.

The workshop was jointly organized by Medical Science Department of Ministry of Health, University of Public Health and World Health Organization (WHO).
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enduring peace and security, promoting the economic and social advancement, has always remained a better standard of living of the peoples worldwide. Our hope for a better, more prosperous and peaceful world has always remained with the World Organization. On this auspicious occasion of the 67th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, we hereby reaffirm our support and commitment to the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations which have proved timeless.

US contributes publications to parliamentary library

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Oct—The United States of America contributed publications to a parliamentary library in a ceremony at Press Room of Zabuthiri Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this evening.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyine, chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw committees, secretaries, Hluttaw representatives, US Ambassador Mr Derek Mitchell, Coordinator of the Bureau of International Information Programs of US Department of State Ms Dawn Mc Call, Asia Foundation Chairman Mr David Arnold and personnel.

Serve the interest of people through cooperation between Union Government and Region/State Governments

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Oct—With the aim of effectively undertaking regional development tasks and making coordination with Region/State Governments and Union Government, a team comprising Union Minister U Hla Tun and officials from the Union and Amyotha Hluttaw Region/State Governments.

16th Mekong Sub-Region Transportation Forum launches

The 16th Mekong Sub-Region Transportation Forum was held at Thayintaung Hotel, here, this morning.

Ministries went to Mon State yesterday.

A coordination meeting between members of State Government, National Races Affairs Ministers and local people took place at State Government Office, attended by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Kyin Pe, State ministers and officials.

Union Minister U Hla Tun said that officials concerned are to serve the interest of people through cooperation between Union Government and Region/State Governments.

The State is making the effort for reaching eternal peace essential for the country’s development while attempting for socio-economic development.

Efforts are to be made to become people-centered governments. Officials concerned are to serve the interest of people and solve difficulties of people in cooperation with respective organizations.

KOICA donates a car to SPEI

Yangon, 24 Oct—Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Resident Representative Mr Shim Man Shik donated a car for clerical works to Principal of Institute of Sports and Physical Education (SPEI) (Yangon) Director U Tin Win at the same venue Tamway, here, this morning.

Now is the time to raise our collective ambitions,” says Secretary-General, in UN Day message, urging member states to reaffirm commitment to charter

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Oct—Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Kimoon’s message to mark United Nations Day, commemorated on 24 October.

We are living through a period of profound turmoil, transition and transformation. Insecurity, inequality and intolerance are spreading. Global and national institutions are being put to the test. With so much at stake, the United Nations must keep pace across the spectrum of its activities—peace, development, human rights, the rule of law, the empowerment of the world’s women and youth.

There have been important progress on many fronts. Extreme poverty has been cut in half since the year 2000. Democratic transitions are underway in many countries. There are encouraging signs of economic growth across the developing world.

Now is the time to raise our collective ambitions. With the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals fast approaching, we must intensify our efforts to reach all of these lifesaving targets. We must prepare a bold and practical post-2015 development agenda. And we must continue to combat intolerance, save people caught in conflicts and establish lasting peace.

The United Nations is not just a meeting place for diplomats. The United Nations is a peacekeeper disarming fighters, a health worker distributing medicine, a relief team aiding refugees, a human rights expert helping deliver justice.

In carrying out this global mission, we rely on countless friends and supporters. Non-governmental organizations, scientists, scholars, philanthropists, religious leaders, business executives and concerned citizens are critical to our success. No single leader, country or institution can do everything. But, each of us, in our own way, can do something.

On this UN Day, let us reaffirm our individual commitment and our collective resolve to live up to the ideals of the United Nations Charter and build a better world for all.
**NEW YORK, 24 Oct—**

President Barack Obama warned voters on Tuesday that Republican rival Mitt Romney cannot be trusted to deal honestly with the public as the presidential campaign shifted from televised confrontation to a frantic dash for votes.

It was a telling message from the man who made news Tuesday by showing off his off-color side. It was also a clear warning to those who may be swayed by Romney's portrayal of himself as a tough, no-nonsense leader.

Obama, in a campaign appearance in Florida, urged voters to pay attention to Romney's record and not be swayed by his promises.

"I'm the guy who's going to do what I say," Obama said. "I'm the guy who stands up to big business and goes up against them."
**US federal agency to switch to iPhone, drop BlackBerry**

New York, 24 Oct—The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) said it will end its contract with BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd (RIM TO) in favor of Apple Inc's (AAPL O) iPhone, dealing a new blow to RIM just months before it launches a rival new device. The agency said in a solicitation document posted last week that it intends to buy iPhones for more than $17,600 employees—a purchase worth $2.1 million.

The agency said in a statement last week that it intends to buy iPhones for its employees—unsure about the move was not only to Home- land Security Investigations, Enforcement and Removal Operations and Office of the Principal Legal Advisor emp- loyees.

"The iPhone services will allow these individu- als to leverage reliable, mo- bile technology on a secure and manageable platform in furtherance of the agency’s mission." Last week, con- sulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton said it was dropping BlackBerry and switch- ing to iPhone and Android smartphones for its staff of around 25,000. Analysts said that other businesses and agencies are likely to fol- low suit especially in light of demand for other smart- phones. "You’re going to see this happen more and more," said Ed Snyder, an analyst at Charter Equity Research.

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Apple says new $199 Kindle Fire HD is top seller

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Oct—Amazon.com Inc (AMZN O) said on Mon- day that its $199 Kindle Fire HD tablet had been the best-selling product on the company’s website since the gadget went on sale more than a month ago.

Amazon said it dis- closed actual sales numbers, but a spokeswoman for the company said the top-seller status was based on unit sales.

Amazon Chief Ex- ecutive Jeff Bezos recently told the BBC that it sells the tablets at cost, hoping to generate profits when cus- tomers use the devices to buy more products and services from the company.

The announcement came as Apple Inc (AAPL O) prepares to launch a smaller, cheaper tablet of its own on Tuesday. The device, dubbed the iPad Mini, may challenge Ama- zon’s success at the lower end of the booming tablet market. Meanwhile, Ama- zon has launched larger, more expensive Kindle Fire HD tablets, aimed at Apple’s full-sized iPad, which still dominates the sector.—Reuters

Apple set to unwrap mini-iPad to take on Amazon, Google

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Amazon’s Kindle and Google’s Nexus 7 have grabbed a chunk of the lower end of the tablet market and prove demand for a pocket- sized slate exists, helping force Apple into a space it has avoided and at times de- nied, analysts say.

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Science

L’AQUILA, (Italy), 24 Oct—Six scientists and a government official were sentenced to six years in prison for manslaughter by an Italian court on Monday for failing to give adequate warning of an earthquake that killed more than 300 people in L’Aquila in 2009.

The case, which was heard by a body called the National Commission for the Fore- cast and Prevention of Major Risks, were accused of negligence and malpractice in evaluating the danger and keeping the central city informed of the risks.

The case has drawn con- demnation from international bodies including the Ameri- can Geophysical Union, which said the risk of litiga- tion may deter scientists from advising governments or even working in seismology and seismic risk assessments.

"The case is about a serious problem," the head of the Commission, convicted of criminal manslaughter and causing criminal injury.

The 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck L’Aquila, in the Abruzzo region, on 3:32 am on 6 April, wreck- ing tens of thousands of buildings, injuring more than 1,000 people and killing 308. At the heart of the case was the question of whether the government-appointed experts gave an overly re- assuring picture of the risk facing the town, which con- tained many ancient and fragile buildings and which had already been partially destroyed three times by earthquakes over the centu- ries.—Reuters

An Italian military carabinieri walks on debris past destroyed buildings after an earthquake, in downtown Aquila, in this on 6 April, 2009 file photo.—Reuters

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**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**UK report rejects EU plan to curb high-speed trading**

LONDON, 24 Oct — European Union plans to clamp down on trading shares faster than the blink of an eye could damage market efficiency and reduce liquidity, a UK government-sponsored paper said, rejecting a key Brussels proposal to force traders to hold shares for longer.

European Union lawmakers last month called for high-frequency trading (HFT) systems to post share orders for at least half a second, far longer than currently. HFT systems, which account for about 30 percent of equity trading in the UK and over 60 percent in the United States, have been criticised by regulators in recent years for increasing market volatility.

A report by the Foresight Project, which was sponsored by the British government and gathered evidence from 150 academics and experts from 20 countries, said plans to force minimum resting times on orders could reduce liquidity.

“The Project has found that some of the commonly held negative perceptions surrounding HFT are not supported by the available evidence and, indeed, that HFT may have modestly improved the functioning of markets in some respects,” said John Beddington, the UK’s chief scientific advisor and lead author of the report. “However it is believed that policy makers are justified in being concerned about the possible effects of HFT,” he added.

Out of nine EU policy proposals examined, the Foresight paper found two were effective while seven were “problematic”, including a plan to force HFT to post prices to buy and sell at all times, a measure designed to stop them from pulling out when markets get choppy. The report found no direct evidence that HFT increased volatility, nor evidence to suggest it has led to an increase in market abuse. — Reuters

**Before meningitis outbreak, firm avoided sanctions**

**Health**

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**Beans show promise in diabetes**

NEW YORK, 24 Oct — Downing a cup of beans or lentils every day may help people with type 2 diabetes control their blood sugar and possibly reduce their risk of heart attacks and stroke, according to a small study out today.

Researchers found that compared with a diet rich in whole grains, getting a daily dose of legumes led to smaller drops in the measure of blood sugar as well as in blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

After three months on the bean diet, study participants’ estimated 10-year risk of cardiovascular disease had fallen from 10.7 percent to 9.6 percent, according to findings in the Archives of Internal Medicine. “They are also good sources of fiber and that tends to be associated with lower cholesterol,” he told Reuters Health.

Jenkins said that even though the drops were not huge, they were impressive in part because the whole-grain group is already healthy one and in part because people in the study were already on diabetes and cholesterol medications.

“We hope that this could be the point that allows you to lower your medication use,” Jenkins said. But, he added, “if we can keep people on medications throughout their life and not have complications of diabetes, we have won.” Legumes such as beans, chickpeas and lentils are already recommended for diabetics due to their low glycemic index.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Wat Phnom, National Museum, Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham accompanied by Cambodian Tourism Minister Mr Thong Khon, the Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia and the military attaché, and personnel visited Wat Phnom (Temple of Mountains) in Phnom Penh on 22 October.

The Vice-President offered light and fragrance to the Buddha Image in the temple and made cash contribution for the temple which is a historic religious edifice built in 1372.

The Vice-President and party then visited National Museum to view antiquities from Angkor Wat, works of arts of ancient times excavated from across the nation, utensils and religious statues of ancient Khmer, royal items and regalia of ancient monarchs on display there. They also visited Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum which was used as a centre of torture known as security prison for thousands of prisoners in the time of Khmer Rogue government.—MNA

Workshop on trading development held

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—A workshop on Trading Development was launched at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce, here, this morning, with an address of Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

Union Minister U Win Myint said, in his speech, that Myanmar had been on the path full of potentials for enabling to trade not only in Asian countries but also in international community in the near-term since it has progress of the current reforms.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myant Maung then made a suggestion on trading sector development.

Ten resource persons read out their respective papers on trading development. State/Region economic ministers presented reports on progress of economic development activities.

Polish Senate Speaker arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 24 Oct.—A goodwill delegation led by Mr Bogdan Borusewicz, Speaker of the Senate, the Republic of Poland and party arrived here by air this evening. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Hlawga to be kept open on Tadingyut Fullmoon day

YANGON, 24 Oct.—Hlawga Natural Park extensively opens from 8 am to 6 pm on 30 October (Fullmoon day of Tadingyut for public convenience).

NATIONAL

National socioeconomic development implemented in harmony with environmental sustainability

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—In his speech at a national level seminar held at Inngyun Hall of Forest Department, here, this morning, Union Minister at President’s Office U Tin Naing Thein said that changes in policies would be made for participation of private sector and local people in the areas of forest conservation, establishment of forest plantation and timber extraction as forest management works could not be accomplished by the ministry concerned and that taking care of the suggestions of the experts and voices of the people proved that attentions were being placed on the role of the people.

Next, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said that the seminar would focus climate change.

Attorney-General of Union receives Director-General of Japanese Ministry of Justice

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin met a delegation led by Director-General Mr. SAKAI Kunihiko of Ministry of Justice, Japan, at the hall of the Attorney-General of the Union’s Office this afternoon.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on cooperation in legal affairs between the Japanese Ministry of Justice and the office of the Attorney-General of the Union in the future.—MNA

One dead, 28 others injured in Kyaukpyu incident

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct.—Communal strikes broke out in two wards in Kyaukpyu Township, Rakhine State while a crowd started firing houses as of 8 pm yesterday. The crowd has dispersed at about 1 am as authority concerned could take control of the situation. The incident destroyed 69 houses, leaving about 20 people injured.

There occurred similar incidents again there at about 8 am today. According to the figures at 3.30 pm, over 700 houses were burnt down, and one man was dead and eight others, injured. Officials from Rakhine State Government and local authority concerned visited those regions and are supervising relief and resettlement, rule of law, restoring of peace and control of conflicts.
Tavatimsa Festival on schedule in Mawgyun

Mandalay, 24 Oct—Tavatimsa festival will be held on a grand scale in Mawlamyinegun of Ayeawady Region from 29 October to 2 November. After the opening ceremony, the main offering ceremony, 1000 oil lamps, 1000 flowers and 1000 fruits will be donated in dedication to the Lord Buddha in Mandalay on 14th waxing of Thadingyut. The Pujanis will start at 8 pm on 1st waning of Thadingyut. The festival will depict the descending of Lord Buddha to Tavatimsa to the world with illumination and coloured lights.

In the evenings of 2nd and 3rd waning of Thadingyut, Ashin Zawana Shwepyitha Sayadaw will administer the Desana to the lay persons.

Khwado festival 27 Oct

YANGON, 24 Oct—Chin traditional Khwado festival will be held at No 132 of MBC Judson Memorial Hall on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township, here, at noon on 27 October. The festival will be organized by Tiddim Township Association (Yangon).

Free dental and oral care services provided

Mawlamyinegun, 24 Oct—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Dental Association, the dental and oral talks was held in conjunction with the free dental care service, jointly organized by Arrojam Social Association of Mawlamyinegun and Mawlamyinegun Township Association, at Pithsimayon Monastery in Mawlamyinegun of Ayeawady Region on 20 October morning.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Dental Association Dr Aung Than, Dr Kaung Myat Thwin and Dr Aung Zay gave talks on dental and oral diseases.

After that, a total of 25 dentists gave free dental and oral care services to 350 patients.—Myanma Alinn

Uncensored DVDs seized in Htaukkyant

YANGON, 24 Oct—A squad comprising SIP Naing Zaw Hla and police members from Htaukkyant Police Station of Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region searched the Video CDs rental shop of Aung Myat Phone (a) Tha Gyi, 30 on Thukha Road of Tilawka Ward in Htaukkyant of Mingaladon Township at 2 pm on 19 October. The squad seized 30 DVDs of Myanmar dramas without censor and K 4000 notes.

Htaukkyant Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against him.

Myanma Amin

Skrutthy Board constituted for third step

YANGON, 24 Oct—With the aim of ensuring higher standard of Myanmar motion picture world, the Third Step Scrutiny Committee for Selecting Outstanding Motion Picture Award for 2011 was constituted with the participation of 17 members on 23 October. The committee comprises U Tin Kha (Tektakho Tin Kha) of Myanmar Writers Association, Himhud A Myint Ngwe of Myanmar Music Association, U Kyi Soe Tin, U Min Naing, Tektakho Yin Yi Lin, U Sonny Tin, U Po Huang, U Hla Hua Oo, U Aung Ko Lat and Daw Myint Myint Khin from Myanmar Motion Picture Organization.—45/4
NATIONAL

Work hand in hand to reduce disaster…

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PERSPECTIVES

Need for reproductive health education

Abortion has come under the spotlight as the country’s feminists demand the right to safe abortion. In a country like Myanmar where the Buddhist teachings overwhelmingly influence the majority of the population, it is hard to legitimize the right to abortion as the most important percept for the Buddhists is to avoid killing or harming other’s life.

In fact, the abortion is not the issue that is good to argue about because it is a matter of life. And it is illegal in the country. Also, it is not the sustainable answer. If we argue about it, we will find more and more differences. The common ground lies beyond.

We need to trace back the issue to its origin. We failed to raise public awareness of reproductive health. It has been a taboo in Myanmar. Lack of knowledge about reproductive health is a major cause of unwanted pregnancy and clandestine abortion. The country is in urgent need to start candid forums for reproductive health.

Prevalence of contraceptives in Myanmar is still limited.

In the long run, we need to change the condition that women are vulnerable population in Myanmar. We need to create equal — neither better nor worse — social status for girls and women of the country. To be optimistic, Myanmar is a country where gender discrimination is much less active if compared with most of fellow Asian countries.

Another challenge is that the country is still too shy to touch upon the sex education. It is the task that a single organization could perform. The task calls for the overwhelming participation of all stakeholders.

Development of agriculture sector discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than exchanged views on providing more assistance in development of agriculture sector and rural areas and implementing practical cooperation with Chief Representative Mr Masahiko Tanaka of Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) and party at the ministry this afternoon.—MNA

However a system changes...

It could not be said as development without changing “Attitude and Behaviour”

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NATIONAL

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for assuring national interests

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Then Resident Coordinator of the UN agencies in Myanmar Mr. Ashok Nigam read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the occasion of the 67th Anniversary United Nations Day Afterwards, Union Ministers Li-Gen Ko Ko and Dr Mya Aye and the UN Resident Coordinator presented prizes to winners of essay contest to mark the 67th Anniversary United Nations Day in basic education level.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party observed the booth in commemoration of the United Nations Day.

Also present at the ceremony were Union ministers, the deputy ministers, chairpersons of Hluttaw committees and Hluttaw representatives, UN officials, ambassadors and officials of foreign embassies in Myanmar, special guests, outstanding students and their parents and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MNA

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Explosive device goes off in Syrian capital

DAMASCUS, 24 Oct.— An explosive device went off Monday evening in the Rukin Addien District of the Syrian capital Damascus, witnesses said.

The explosion took place in Burnich Street in Rukin Addien, witnesses told Xinhua, giving no further details or damage reports.

Meanwhile, the pro-government Sham FM radio said the blast occurred near the headquarters of a radio station in the area, adding that it has caused material damage only.

Rukin Addien area witnesses last week a wide-scale house-to-house raids by the government troops, who were searching for wanted men and hidden weapons.

Blasts across Syria have become increasingly common, especially in Damascus and northern Aleppo city.

On Sunday, two blasts rocked Damascus and Aleppo, leaving a number of people dead or injured.

The first blast struck a police station in Bab Tuma district in Damascus, killing 13 people and injuring other 29, the state media said.

The second blast struck Aleppo when a suicide car bomb went off before a French hospital in the Zahour Street, causing injuries and material damage, the state media said.

The recent blasts coincided with UN-Arab League representative Lakhdar Brahimi’s visit to Syria, where he is calling for a cease-fire during the upcoming Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, or Feast of Sacrifice.

At a press conference held on Sunday in Damascus after his meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, Brahimi appealed to all conflicting parties that they stop their attempts to use the current conflict in order to achieve their interests.

Xinhua—

Sri Lanka willing to work with China to boost development

COLOMBO, 24 Oct.— Sri Lanka will continue to engage with China in key development sectors, particularly tourism, Deputy Speaker Chandima Weerakkody told the delegation of Chinese officials here on Monday.

Weerakkody made the remarks at a meeting with the delegation led by Zhao Qiqiong, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, China’s top political advisory body.

During the meeting at the Sri Lankan parliament, the two sides reiterated their readiness to continue cooperation and outlined upcoming exchanges.

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The delegation’s visit is expected to enhance cooperation in key sectors, including tourism, trade, and investment.

Xinhua—

Philippines on red alert for tropical depression

MANILA, 24 Oct.— The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said on Tuesday that it is on red alert as the Philippines braces for the onslaught of tropical depression Ofel.

The NDRRMC executive director Benito T Ramos said various regional and municipal disaster agencies particularly in central and southern Philippines have been directed to undertake precautionary measures.

Ramos said the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) have already been advised of the impending tropical depression.

One in six in EU nations at risk of poverty

VIENNA, 24 Oct.— One in six people in the European Union (EU) are at risk of poverty, the Executive Director of the Austrian Association for Policy Consulting and Development (APA) said Monday.

Andreas Hoeferl made the comments during a presentation for a study titled “Poverty in the European Union,” where he said in 2010 there were 80.7 million people in the EU region threatened by the problem.

“What is particularly unsettling is that it is an upward trend,” he said, according to an APA report.

Countries worst-affected by the financial crisis are also those with the highest number of people at risk of poverty, such as Ireland and Spain.

Latvia was at highest risk of poverty with 21.3 percent, the Czech Republic lowest with 9 percent.

Countries with the highest risk of poverty in 2010 along with Latvia were Romania, Bulgaria and Spain, with those most at risk being the unemployed, single parents, large families, immigrants, and older people.

Western European countries are also worse in terms of poverty risk, with 36 million people in the region at risk, and immigrants affected at double the rate of local citizens.

Those least at risk are people with a university degree and full-time workers, the study showed.

Xinhua—

Three killed, 14 injured in explosion against prison van in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 24 Oct.— At least three persons were killed and 14 others injured in a bomb blast that hit a van carrying prisoners outside a prison in Johannesburg on Monday, local media reported.

An explosive device was triggered on a vehicle outside the Johannesburg Central Prison, the South African Press Association reported.

The vehicle was carrying about 36 prisoners as the explosion took place, which left three persons dead, four critically injured and ten others with light hurt, said the News24 on its website.

Police said it was caused by an escape plot planned by the “dangerous criminals” and the uninjured prisoners could have been taken back to prison.

The preliminary investigation by police showed that the explosive device was hidden in the back of the vehicle, but it was not clear to whom it was directed.

Xinhua—

A tractor plows the field on a farm in Mingzhu county of northeast China’s Heilongjiang province, on 23 Oct, 2012. Local agricultural authorities recently implemented methods on the autumn ploughing to ensure the harvest of the next year.—Xinhua

A worker shows stuffed toys to be sold to Beijing market at a toy company in Taizhou Township of Ganyu County, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 22 Oct, 2012. Toy companies in the county now have received increasing orders of toy products with the approaching of the Christmas shopping rush.—Xinhua

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**Frankfurt Book Fair attests to China's burgeoning cultural appeal**

BEIJING/FRANKFURT, 24 Oct — Zhang Genru, head of the Germany subsidiary of China's flagship global book trader, this year's Frankfurt Book Fair, the world's largest and most influential event of its kind, was a sort of role-change experience.

For the past 16 years in Frankfurt, Zhang had been courting local publishers, book dealers and the press to promote Chinese books. But this time around he and his colleagues were frequently wooed by a swarm of reporters, book traders and readers at the book fair, especially after Chinese writer Mo Yan won the Nobel Prize for Literature on 11 October.

At the well-visited stand of China International Publishing Group (CIPG) in Hall 6 of Messe Frankfurt, the book fair venue, dozens of reporters from Germany, Sweden and Venezuela focused their questions on Mo Yan, but Zhang was instinctively trying to turn the interview into a business opportunity. “Mo is a very-known author in China and his novels always give a vivid account of those living at the bottom of the society,” he said, while promoting “Graded Chinese Reader—Selected, Abridged Chinese Contemporary Short Stories”, a new book published by Sinolingu Press, a CIPG subsidiary.

“This collection includes a short story by Mr. Mo that criticizes the traditional bias toward women,” Zhang told the reporters, adding that “it is also a very good textbook for Chinese language learners.” “I would be unimaginable a decade ago,” said Zhang, referring to the growing attention the Chinese publishers received and the more than 2,600 copyrights they managed to sell during the 10-14 October event, compared with 2,424 sold last year and 953 in 2000.

“Every year we have more Chinese exhibitors coming here and our total exhibition area has doubled from 320 square meters to 604 square meters since 2000,” he said.

And in terms of print and decoration quality, China books are now as good as their Western peers. Since China Book Trading GMBH, the CIPG's Germany subsidiary run by Zhang, was launched in 1997, its circulation capital has grown from mere 60,000 German Marks (about 180,000 euro in today's value) to 1 million euro. Its total sales last year reached half a million euro.

As the coordinator for the Chinese delegation to the book fair, Dai Lan, director of exhibition at China Universal Press & Publication Co. Ltd (CUPP) took a broader view of China’s participation at the world’s largest annual book trade event. “Xinhua Press, a CIPG subsidiary. The epicentre, with a depth of 438.50 km, was initially determined to be at 29.0570 degrees north latitude and 139.2611 degrees east longitude.

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INVITATION TO PREQUALIFICATION

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Name of Project: Private Sector Participation in the Development of Yangon International Airport

1. The Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), Ministry of Transport, intends to develop Yangon International Airport as a business center in Yangon Region with private sector participation. Accordingly, DCA will accept submissions for prequalification for participation in the said development from interested local firms and foreign firms in joint venture or consortium under the Myanmar Foreign Investment Law.

2. The DCA intends to prequalify firms for private sector participation in the Development/Expansion/Operation/Management and Maintenance of following service/work sectors of Yangon International Airport:

a) Development of an airport master plan
b) Expansion of the Terminal Buildings (International and Domestic), Apron and Car parking.
c) International/Domestic Terminal Operations
d) Airside and Landside Operations (Excluding the Air Navigation Services)
e) Other airport related services
f) Maintenance Services for pavement (Runway/ Taxiway/Apron including the shoulders)
g) Upgrading the airport and related facilities according to the master plan
h) Upgrading the airport security system

3. The DCA will implement the above development arrangements with a form of public-private partnership with private sector financing.

4. The successful prequalified firms may expect that the invitation for bids will be made in January 2013.

5. The prequalification documents may be obtained by interested firms upon submission of evidence of payment of a non-refundable fee of US$ 1000 to DCA. The method of payment shall be to Current Account No. MD 010019, Myanmar Economic Bank by means of bank transfer through the Claims Day.

6. To obtain further information, interested firms should contact the address indicated below:

Deputy Director General,
Department of Civil Aviation, Myanmar
Telephone: 951 533001, 951 533013 Fax: 951 533016
Email: dgdca@dca.gov.mm

7. Place and deadline for submission of Prequalification documents:

Deadline for application submission: 5th December, 2012 at 1500 Hrs Myanmar Standard Time.

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Eight killed as tanker over turns in Henan

ZHENGZHOU, 24 Oct—Eight people were killed and six others were injured when a tanker overturned and crushed a roadside work shed where they were sleeping early on Wednesday in central China’s Henan Province, local government said.

The cement-carrying tanker overturned at Hangkonggang District in Zhengzhou, capital of Henan, at around 2:30 am, according to a statement from the Zhengzhou municipal government. The cause of the accident is under investigation.—Xinhua

Explosions, fire at arms factory in Sudan’s capital

KHARTOUM, 24 Oct—A huge fire broke out after several explosions late on Tuesday at an arms factory in Sudan’s capital of Khartoum, witnesses said. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Soldiers blocked roads to the Yarmouk ammunition factory where more blasts erupted as firefighters tried to contain the blaze, said a Reuters reporter at the scene in southern Khartoum. After two hours the fire had been almost extinguished.

The governor of Khartoum state, Abdelrahman al-Khidir, said some people had been taken to hospitals after inhaling smoke but otherwise there were no casualties, according to the state news agency SUNA.

The governor said the cause of the fire and the explosions were unclear, but that nothing pointed to “external” reasons. He told state television the explosion had probably occurred in a storage hall of the huge complex.

In May, Sudan’s government said one person was killed when a car exploded in the eastern City of Port Sudan. It said the explosion resembled a blast last year that it had blamed on an Israeli missile strike.

Israeli declined to comment on the incident in May, or the 2011 blast, which killed two people. It neither admitted nor denied involvement in a similar incident in eastern Sudan in 2009.

Reuters

Outlookers gather to look at a huge fire that engulfed the Yarmouk ammunition factory in Khartoum on 24 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

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Working with Daniel Craig was challenging: Sam Mendes

LONDON, 24 Oct—“Skyfall” director Sam Mendes says working with Daniel Craig, who plays James Bond in the upcoming film, was challenging.

The 47-year-old filmmaker said that Craig knew the role of James Bond inside out and was constantly giving his input into scenes, reported Showbizspy.

“It was pretty feisty. He puts a 100 per cent of himself into it. He doesn’t leave anything at home. And he has opinions about everything, which is as it should be,” Mendes said.

“But it’s very odd because I’ve never directed an actor in a role which, in a sense, he knows better than I do. Here it’s like, ‘Well he’s played Bond already, so I’m the newcomer,’ he added.

Mendes said that his approach to directing the new 007 film was unorthodox and he wanted a small set so he could work closely with his actors.

“Daniel walked on set on the first day, at Pinewood, and went, ‘This doesn’t feel like a Bond movie.’ It was much smaller.

I kept it small. I worked hard to keep it on a human scale, for the actors,” he said.—PTI

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Holder Kvitova shocked, Williams, Sharapova win

Open champion Williams eased to a 6-4 6-1 victory against Germany’s Angelique Kerber, while French Open champion Sharapova took Italy’s Sara Errani 6-3 6-2.

Kvitova, so impressive winning the 2011 title, had trouble keeping the ball in court off the ground while fourth-seeded Radwanska put on a smart performance, easily moving her opponent out of position.

It was the Czech’s first loss in 25 matches on indoor hard courts dating back to October 2010.

Kvitova came into her news conference with tears in her eyes and admitted having lost control of her emotions.

“It was a little bit different, but the nerves were there for sure,” Kvitova told reporters.

“I was nervous all the match. I felt my fingers weren’t still moving and I didn’t move on my legs. I’m disappointed in myself.

“I had a lot of errors and it wasn’t good tennis from my side. If you are not playing like some matches before and now you have a player who’s number four in the world, it’s not easy to be relaxed.”

Third seed Williams, who won her 15th grand slam at the US Open, did not appear nervous at all despite playing for the first time since winning the title in New York on 19 Sept.

The American pulled out of this month’s tournament in China with stomach flu but said she was healthy now and proved it against fifth-seeded Kerber as she sent down her booming big serves and took control of the action from the ground.

“I felt like I was ready to play,” Williams said.

“I felt like I practised too much, too much, and if I didn’t another practice ball I’m going to go nuts. So I just really wanted a match.— Reuters

Goal-line technology passes another hurdle

ZURICH, 24 Oct.— Goal-line technology providers GoalRef and Hawk-Eye have been authorized to install their systems worldwide after signing license agreements with FIFA, soccer’s world governing body said on Tuesday.

The announcement came a year after FIFA began an exhaustive search for systems which could reliably detect whether or not a ball had crossed a goal-line. “Between October 2011 and June 2012, both companies passed a series of extensive laboratory and field tests, tests in simulated match situations, as well as tests in live matches,” said FIFA in a statement.

“This milestone in the goal-line technology process, which began in 2011, means that the two companies now have official authorization to install their respective goal-line technology systems worldwide.”

Football’s rule-making body, the International Football Association Board (IFAB), approved the use of the technology in July following a series of incidents in which referees failed to see that the ball had crossed the goal-line.

Reuters

Shakhtar beat Chelsea, Barca and United recover

LONDON, 24 Oct.— Shakhtar Donetsk led the way for the Champions League underdogs as they beat holders Chelsea 2-1 while former European champions Barcelona and Manchester United came from behind to maintain perfect starts on Tuesday.

Danish debutants FC Nordsjaelland were within nine minutes of a memorable win over Juventuts before having to settle for a 1-1 draw while last season’s beaten finalists Bayern Munich bounced back from a shock defeat by BATE Borisov on Matchday Two to beat Lille 1-0 in France.

A year to the day since Chelsea captain John Terry racially insulted Anton Ferdinand of Queens Park Rangers, for which he is now serving a four-match domestic ban, he is eligible to play in Europe but could not stop Shakhtar scoring after three minutes.

He failed to clear a pass to Alex Teixeira who took advantage of poor defending to angle a shot past Chelsea’s Petr Cech who then made several fine saves to keep the score down.

Fernandinho doubled the home side’s lead after halftime before Oscar became the third Brazilian to score in the match with a late consolation for the well-beaten visitors.

“We are not afraid of playing against teams like Chelsea,” said Shakhtar’s Romanian coach Mircea Lucescu. “I think we deserved this victory—we created many more opportunities and the score could have been 4-1.”

Cech had an extraordinary game tonight. Maybe Chelsea started a bit too relaxed— Roberto Di Matteo, whose Chelsea side lost their first Champions League game since he became manager in March, said: “Shakhtar have a good track record at home, particularly against the English teams.

“It’s very difficult when you concede a fast goal. It’s a shame we fell behind a goal in the first 20 minutes of the match. We have to do better as a team in those situations.”

The result left the Ukrainian side at the top of Group G with seven points, three more than Chelsea. Juventuts have three and Nordsjaelland one.

Barca lead Group G with nine points from three wins, ahead of Celtic on four while Spartak Moscow have moved on to three points after their first win of the campaign. 2-1 at home to Benfica thanks to Jardel’s own goal.

UNITED FIGHTBACK

Manchester United avoided an upset at Old Trafford, coming from behind to beat Braga 3-2 after being 2-0 down inside the first 20 minutes as Alan focused the key to unlocking United’s defence with two crisp finishes.

United fought back with two headers from Javier Hernandez either side of a Jonny Evans goal which he scammed in with his left foot after missing his kick with his right one.

United manager Alex Ferguson told ITV that conceding early goals was a fault they needed to correct.

“It has been the story of our season at home, starting badly and losing goals,” he said. “We have had to rescue games and it is the front players doing that. We played some terrible football tonight, but it is a concern losing the goals.”

It was United’s third successive win and they top Group G with nine points, followed by C弗 R Clijj on four after they drew 1-1 at Galatasaray. Braga have three and the Turkish side one. In a lively match in Istanbul, Clijj had Matthias Agaari get sent off after 28 minutes and Felipe Melo missed a penalty for Galatasaray seven minutes later. Dany Nounkeu put through his own net to give Clijj the lead after 19 minutes before Burak Yilmaz equalised for the home side 13 minutes from time. Valencia ended BATE Borisov’s perfect start in Group F with Roberto Soldado’s hat-trick securing a 3-0 win in Belarus. With Bayern winning 1-0 at Lille with a Thomas Mueller penalty, Valencia, BATE and Bayern all have six points with Lille on none.

Dortmund defender Piszczek extends deal to 2017

LONDON, 24 Oct.— “I have been playing here for two years and in that time I have grown close with the football culture here, the club and the fans,” said the 27-year-old in a statement. “It is an honour and responsibility to play for this extraordinary club.”

Piszczek has been a target for several top European teams since Dortmund landed the first of two consecutive league titles in 2011. “We have managed to get a long-term commitment from one of Europe’s most sought-after defenders who in the past years has been a pillar of our success,” said sports director Michael Zorc.

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HK ranked 2nd in ease of doing business globally: WB

Hong Kong, 24 Oct—Hong Kong continues to provide one of the world’s most business-friendly regulatory environments for local entrepreneurs, second only to Singapore, according to a new report released by the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

"Hong Kong is the global leader in making it easy to deal with construction permits by having implemented exceptional coordination among service providers”, said Christine Bowers, East Asia and the Pacific Investment Climate specialist for IFC, the World Bank Group member focused on private sector development.

"With this reform and others in the past, Hong Kong has shown that top economies keep reforming even when they are performing well. Hong Kong should pick up its reform efforts again”, Christine Bowers said. The report finds that the Republic of Korea is among the top 20 in the global ranking on the ease of doing business and Mongolia is East Asia and Pacific’s top improver in this year’s Doing Business report.

The report titled Doing Business 2013: Smarter Regulations for Small and Medium-Size Enterprises finds that 23 economies in East Asia and the Pacific have made their regulatory environment more business-friendly since 2005. Chinese mainland made the greatest progress in improving business regulations for local entrepreneurs during the time period.

The Doing Business 2013 report covers the period from June 2011 to June 2012 and uses data for indicators that measure regulation affecting 10 key areas in the life cycle of local businesses. It found that Hong Kong did not implement a business-regulatory reform during those 12 months, but it is the world’s easiest economy among them to deal with construction permits.

According to the report, Mongolia in the past 12 months eliminated the minimum capital requirement for establishing a local limited liability company, guaranteed the right of borrowers to inspect their own credit data, and enacted new legislation to strengthen disclosure requirements for related-party transactions. These reforms made it one of the economies that improved the most between June 2011 and June 2012 and used data

Japan releases 1st simulations of nuclear radiation spreading

Tokyo, 24 Oct—Japan’s nuclear regulatory authorities on Wednesday released for the first time projections for the spread of radiation from nationwide reactors in the event of a severe accident like the one at the Fukushima Daiichi complex last year.

The amount of radiation released a week after an accident at Tokyo Electric Power Co.’s Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in Niigata Prefecture could reach the level where evacuation is recommended for an area as far as 40 kilometers from the plant, the Nuclear Regulation Authority said.

People dance to celebrate the Navratri festival in Ahmedabad, capital of the west Indian state of Gujarat, 23 Oct, 2012. Navratri, which literally means nine nights, is a festival of worship, dance and music celebrated during a period of nine nights almost throughout India.

China, Mongolia sign agreement on agricultural cooperation

ULAN BATOR, 24 Oct—Chinese and Mongolian delegates inked a deal on Tuesday to further promote bilateral collaboration in the agricultural sector. Under the agreement, signed after a meeting of the China-Mongolia Working Group on Agriculture Cooperation, the two neighbours will push forward their South-South cooperation under the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

China will continue to provide technical assistance to help enhance Mongolia’s agricultural production and will help Mongolia provide training and set up its organic product standards and certification systems.

Meanwhile, the two sides also agreed to boost cooperation in food safety and agricultural commodity trade negotiations.

China and Mongolia have seen rapid development in agricultural cooperation in recent years. China has provided Mongolia with soft loans for the purchase of farm machinery, and has had experts and technicians working in Mongolia since 2010 to help promote Mongolia’s national food security programme.

Maintenance of buses inspected at Kinmun camp

NAV PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Mon State Vehicle Inspection Team constituted by Mon State Government discharged inspection duty to safety of pilgrims and prevention against traffic accident along the route from Kinmun camp to Yathedaung platform dur-ing Kyakhtiyoke Pagoda Pujiyama period in 2012-2013. The team comprising departmental officials, the secretary of bus-line control committee and the chairman of bus-line association inspected engines, gears, steering, breaks and tyres of 143 buses from Kyakhtiyoke bus line at Kinmun camp on 20 and 21 October.

Moreover, the team supervised tests of driving licence, bus conductor licence and distributes traffic rules to the drivers and conductors.—MNA
Work hand in hand to reduce disaster risk, find ways for an effective mechanism in promoting regional cooperation on disaster risk reduction management

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Oct — In his speech on the occasion of 67th Anniversary of the United Nations Day held at Banquet Hall of Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, Thursday, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham praised the United Nations which was established with the aim of enhancing world peace, prosperity and equality for its steering efforts in meeting the primary objective of prevention against world wars from occurring again and improving socioeconomic status of international community.

He said that the United Nations was an international organization which came into existence for future generation after World Wars with the aims to prevent similar losses and sufferings from occurring again and to value human beings, promote peace, human development and human rights.

He continued that Myanmar, as a member of the United Nations, joined other member states in celebrating the 67th Anniversary of the United Nations Day.

Since joining the UN as its 58th member state on 19 April 1948, Myanmar had been actively participating in cooperating with the international organizations for the socioeconomic development of the country. Furthermore, Myanmar had been living together in peace with other member states as pledged, he added.

He said that this year marked a milestone for Myanmar at the UN as President U Thein Sein attended the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York and delivered a speech highlighting the ongoing reforms in the areas of political, economic and social development in Myanmar and future steps forwards.

It was encouraging to note that UN Secretary-General had committed to a substantially expanded role of the UN in Myanmar, with promises ranging from assistance with peace building to conducting a nationwide census.

The Vice-President said that Myanmar had been able to bring about miracle in reform process within a short span of time. For about one and half years, the three main pillars—the legislative, the executive and the judiciary—together with the political, social and national races affairs had been undertaken in the democratic transition stage by stage that despite the prevalence of numerous challenges, they had achieved encouraging progress and significant.

Good not great year, says Woods as major drought goes on

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Oct—Claiming three PGA Tour victories whilst battling to reconfigure your swing would amount to a great year for most golfers but for Tiger Woods, his extended major drought means 2012 can only be classed as a ‘good’ season.

In a career defined by rewriting records, the 14-times major winner of Nicklaus’ 18 results in a closer to the prized record of major wins to haul him of all time, anything short of the 36-year-old American regarded as one, if not the greatest golfer of all time, anything short of major wins to haul him closer to the prized record of Nicklaus’ 18 results in a singe of disappointment for the perfectionist.

“I’ve always said winning one major championship turns a good year into a great year,” Woods told reporters in Malaysia on the eve of the co-sanctioned CIMB Classic.

“Vonn against men “great for sport” : Alpine Canada

TORONTO, 24 Oct—If Lindsey Vonn is cleared to race the men’s World Cup downhill at Lake Louise it would give the sport a huge boost, but the American should reconsider loftier plans to tackle Kitzbuehel, the head of Alpine Canada said on Tuesday.

A four-time overall World Cup champion, Vonn set the skiing world alight earlier this month when she petitioned the International Ski Federation (FIS) to let her race in the men’s season-opening downhill on November 24 in the Canadian Rockies.

“It would be great for the sport,” Alpine Canada president Max Gartner told Reuters on Tuesday. “That is what the sport needs, stories that are bigger than the sport itself.”

But before Vonn can have her name added to the start list there are several technical issues that must be resolved.

Vonn has stated she will only take part in the men’s race if she is allowed to compete in the women’s downhill season-opener the following weekend on what is essentially the same course.—Reuters