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*Photo shows the magnificent view of Lawka Nanda Pagoda in Sittway on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—Kyemon*

**Union Level Peace-Making Work Committee meets Kachin National Race Peace-Making Group**

**Meeting between a team led by Vice-Chairman of Union Level Peace-Making Work Committee U Aung Min and a team led by leader of Kachin National Race Peace-Making Group U Swam Luk Gam in progress at Jin Cheng Hotel in Ruili of the People’s Republic of China.—MNA**

**Nilam crosses southern Indian coasts**

*Nav Pyi Taw, 1 Nov—According to observations at 5.30 am today, the cyclonic storm Nilam formed over south-west of the Bay of Bengal crossed the southern Indian coasts near Chennai. The Meteorology and Hydrology Department said recently.—MNA*
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**NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov** — Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry established Chatthin wildlife Sanctuary, two-mile west of Chatthin Township, with 44,365 acres in Kaolin Township, and has an average lifespan of 20 years. Although there were about 3000 golden deer in 1995-96, the number of golden deer has decreased significantly due to the death from natural causes and the threat from hunters.

An official of the sanctuary called for public participation in the drive for saving the golden deer from extinction in cooperation with the government.

Chatthin wildlife sanctuary is an area where, apart from Myanmar golden deer, 360 mammal species, 1235 bird species and 360 reptile species are identified and protected.

Myanmar golden deer live in group. A golden deer is about five feet tall and about 250 pound in weight and has an average lifespan of 20 years.

The number of golden deer is decreasing annually by 30 per cent due to the killing of hunters.

According to a witness, six workers on board the light truck were hurt and sent to the hospital. As the light truck turned over, scaffolds fell and scattered on the road. An official of Township Development Affairs Committee said that officials concerned made the cleanup of scaffolds in order to avoid unwanted traffic jam. It is learnt that the crash is under investigation.

**Light truck collides with two other cars on the road, hit a car near bus-stop**

**YANGON, 1 Nov** — Due to reckless driving, car crashes are frequent on the busy and bustling roads and streets in Yangon Region.

At 9.45 pm on 27 October, a light truck carrying scaffolds hit the other three cars and turned over near Saint Paul bus-stop on Theinbyu Road in Botataung Township.

While driving towards Bogyoke Street along Theinbyu Road, the light truck collided with a taxi and a saloon driving from Theinbyu Road to Anawrahta Road and hit a stationary car near the bus-stop, and turned over.

**Expansion of road for smooth traffic**

**YANGON, 1 Nov** — Engineering Department of Yangon City Development Committee is simple-menting road works and building car parks to reduce traffic on busy and bustling roads and streets in Yangon Region.

Expansion of road is being carried out on Strand Road in Botataung Township yesterday.

**"Being one of six downtown townships, there was much traffic on the roads in the township. The traffic is terrible here because there are many containers and passenger buses running on the roads in this area adjacent to the port. That’s why, road expansion and car park construction are underway,"** said U Hla Myint of Engineering Department (Road and Bridge).

A 5900-foot long and 14-foot wide car park which lies from Bo Aung Kyaw Street to Thanlyatsoon Street is under construction.

Botataung Township is made up of 10 wards on the area of 0.92 square mile. Upon completion, traffic congestion can be reduced.

**Drunkard found dead in drinking lake**

**YANGON, 1 Nov** — A man was found dead in a drinking lake in Thinbawgyin ward of Dawbon Township yesterday.

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**MFF Digicel Cup goes to Ayeyawady United football club**

**YANGON, 1 Nov** — The final match of MFF Digicel Cup 2012 took place at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, here, yesterday. The match between A yeyawady United and Kanbauza ended 1-0.

It is the very first time for the two teams to meet for the Cup, and A yeyawady United narrowly won over the Kanbauza without five key players. Five minutes into the game, Striker Jupiter scored the winning goal for the Ayeyawady United.

**Paradigm shifted from personal sports to mass sports for emergence of outstanding athletes**

**NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov** — In his speech at the opening of workshop for the success of Myanmar Sports in XXVII SEA Games at the meeting hall of the Ministry of National Sports Committee Minister for Sports U Tin Hsan said that with long-term and short-term plans for promotion of Myanmar sports, plans to select athletes and give trainings for them were underway.

The purpose of holding the workshop today was to encourage the people to pay more intention on the sports with the aim of ensuring a paradigm shift from personal sports to mass sports for emergence of outstanding athletes and to listen to the suggestions and advices for the success of the XXVII SEA Games.

At the workshop, resource persons read out the papers for development of sports sector in Myanmar.

**Four died in gold panning**

**TOUNGOO, 1 Nov** — A landslide claimed lives of four people who are illegally panning for gold at a farmland, two-mile south of Nagamauk village in Toungoo Township in Bago region at about 9.30 am on 24 October.

While Htay Win (42 years), Zaw Lin (35 years), Thein Aung (35 years), Kyi Win (42 years) and Tin Win (40 years) of Uyinsu village in Htantaing carried out illegal panning for gold in the farmland, a landslide occurred and four out of five were killed in the landslide. Tin Win (critical condition) was admitted to the hospital.

**The second Thadingyut Lighting Festival and Cartoon Show was in progress on 51st Street in ward-30 of Pazundaung Township on 31-10-12. A total of 250 works of cartoonists are on display in the show. — KYEMON**

**LOCAL NEWS**
O bama front and center in storm crisis as Romney subdued

WASHINGTON, 1 NOV — More than half of Americans believed US President Barack Obama will win re-election while over a third saw Republican challenger Mitt Romney more like a winner, according to a latest Gallup poll released on Wednesday.

The poll was conducted between 27 and 28 October before Superstorm Sandy hit the East Coast. The poll found that 54 percent and 34 percent of Americans thought Obama and Romney will win in the 2012 presidential election respectively. The views are roughly similar to findings of previous Gallup polls in May and August, although slightly more Americans now had no opinion about who will win the close race.

Democrats are relatively more confident in their party’s nominee, with 86 percent predicting an Obama victory. A total of 71 percent of Republicans predict Romney will win by 52 percent to 32 percent.

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US President Barak Obama visits the FEMA headquarters following Hurricane Sandy in Washington, on 31 Oct, 2012. — Reuters

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Afghanistan officially announces date of presidential elections

KABUL, 1 Nov — Fazl Ahmad Manawi, the chief of the Afghan Independent Election Commission (IEC), officially announced on Wednesday that the presidential elections will be held on 4 April, 2014, months ahead of the final pull out of the foreign troops.

The United States leveled steep final duties on Chinese-made solar products in October, a move Beijing warned would provoke greater trade frictions in the new energy sector. Chinese companies sold about 21 billion euros (22 billion) in solar panels and components to the EU in 2011 — about 60 percent of all Chinese exports of the products and some 7 percent of all Chinese exports to the EU. The top market for solar products, accounting for 74 percent of global installations in 2011, according to industry associationEPIA. — Reuters

Britain’s Prime Minister David Cameron holds a news conference at the end of a European Union leaders summit in Brussels on 19 Oct, 2012. — Reuters

A solar power plant is seen near a thermal power plant in Aksu, Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region on 18 May, 2012. — Reuters

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LONDON, 19 Nov — Prime Minister David Cameron suffered a humiliating defeat in parliament Wednesday after Conservatives rebelled over Europe, an issue that has divided his party for decades and helped bring down previous leaders.

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Cloud computing’s popularity goes sky-high

BEIJING, 1 Nov—For Xu Di, a 25-year-old Beijing resident, teaching her father, 57, how to use the computer was always a difficult job.

“When I told my father how to copy and paste on the computer, he copied on his office computer and tried to paste on his home computer. When he found nothing was wrong, he blamed me for failing to teach him clearly,” Xu said. However, cloud computing made a big difference to Xu’s life and her father’s.

Cloud computing is using computing resources, either hardware or software, that stores and delivers data as a service over the Internet. With a Chinese cloud client-side application such as Evernote or jishan kuaipan, copying from your office computer and pasting when you get home is possible.

Many residents of a building that still has electricity and Internet connections, millions of residents turned to Twitter as a get home is possible. The 911 hotline that hummed through the night as some residents continued to work. The tweet was circulated by countless users and reported on-air by CNN, illustrating how Twitter had become the essential medium for disseminating information.

Also, cloud computing extends to some home appliances through the cloud. “The system saves me a lot of time waiting at the bus stop, and it is really improves traffic efficiency,” Zhu said.

Earlier this year, Nanning in Guangxi, Ningbo in Zhejiang, and Wuhan in Hubei all had installed the real-time traffic-query system. Also, cloud computing allows cellphone users to interact between users and products of designing in the future.

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Apple’s iPad mini packs full-sized punch but screen inferior

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 Nov—Apple Inc’s entry in the accelerating mobile tablet race squeezes about 35 percent more viewing space onto a lighter package than rival devices from Google and Amazon, and it has the advantages resolution — and the higher price tag, two influential reviewers wrote on Wednesday.

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"The lack of true HD gives the Nexus and Fire HD an advantage for video fans, in my tests, video looked just fine, but not as good as on the regular iPad," Mossberg wrote.

Both Mossberg and New York Times columnist David Pogue offered kudos for cramming most of its full-sized cousin’s functions onto a smaller device, as advertised. But the iPad mini’s 1024 x 768 resolution was a big step backward from the iPad’s much-touted Retina display, and underperformed the rival Kindle and Nexus, the two reviewers agreed.

Mossberg said Apple chose to go with a lower-quality display because the extra 250,000-plus iPad applications could only run unmodified in two resolutions — and the higher level would have sapped too much power.

“Unfortunately, it does not have the resolution of the iPad, which is losing money due to a crumbling PC industry, wants to cash in on the huge economies of scale and offered in early July to buy Elpida for about $750 million in cash and to pay creditors a total of €1.75 billion in annual instalment through 2019. The deal would catapult Micron into the No 2 spot in the global memory DRAM chips, behind Samsung Electronics. "We view this as a positive development, and continue to expect Elpida to create value (acquisition by the 2013 fiscal year)," testified analyst Shadab Bajandar in a telephone call.

Last week, a US judge overseeing Elpida’s parallel US case told the companies to take a risk by not keeping creditors informed. That US judge would eventually have to approve the transfer of US assets.

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Tata Motors can become a $30 bln company

MUMBAI, 1 Nov— Tata Motors shares gained 1.4 percent after Goldman Sachs says the auto maker’s market cap has potential to reach $30 billion by fiscal 2017, from current value of $13.8 billion, and to nearly double its cash flow during these four years.

To get there, Goldman says Tata’s Jaguar Land Rover unit would need to move to a new platform for its existing models such as Range Rover and Discovery with lightweight aluminium architecture, thus improving fuel efficiency and pricing. JLR would also need to make inroads into smaller engine and lower priced vehicles, as well as enter more premium segments, Goldman argues.

However, challenges include getting consumers to buy into the brand, tightening regulations in key markets such as Europe, and overcoming macroeconomic uncertainties such as FX volatility.

Goldman Sachs maintains Tata Motors at ’buy’, with a target price at 334 rupees.—Reuters

Honda starts business-jet production in North Carolina

TOKYO, 1 Nov—Honda Motor Co said Wednesday it will start producing business jets in the US state of Triangle Park, North Carolina. The company said construction is expected to be fully operational by early 2013 and the facility is expected to have production capacity to 100 aircraft in two to three years.—Kyo Y News

Novartis to invest $500 million in new Singapore site

ZURICH, 1 Nov—Swiss drugmaker Novartis said on Wednesday it would spend more than $500 million on a new biotechnology production site in Singapore to support its growing pipeline of biologics. The Basel-based company said construction of the new site would begin in early 2013 and the facility is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2016.

Novartis said the site will focus on drug substance manufacturing based on cell culture technology.—Reuters

Kids who smoke menthol more likely to get hooked

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—Kids who experiment with menthol cigarettes are more likely to become habitual smokers than their peers who start with the regular variety, new research findings suggest.

In a study of tens of thousands of US students, researchers found that kids who were dabbling with menthol cigarettes were 80 percent more likely to become regular smokers over the next few years, versus those experimenting with regular cigarettes.

Menthol is added to cigarettes to give them a minty “refreshing” flavor. Critics have charged that menthol makes cigarettes more palatable to new smokers — many of whom are kids — and may be especially likely to encourage addition.

This study adds additional evidence that menthol cigarettes are a potential risk factor for kids becoming established, adult smokers,” said study leader James Nonnemaker, of the research institute RTI International in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. “Still, the findings, which appear in the journal Addiction do not prove that menthol cigarettes are to blame.

“The study’s subject to a number of limitations,” Nonnemaker said. “This shows an association, not cause-and-effect.”

One issue, he said, is that the study was not set up specifically to answer the question of whether menthol might encourage smoking.

The findings come from three years’ worth of surveys of over 47,000 US middle school and high school students. That included almost 1,800 kids who had just started smoking during the first or second survey — one-third of whom had opted for menthol cigarettes.

By the third-year survey, more than half of those experimenters had quit smoking. A nother third were still occasional smokers, and 15 percent had become habitual smokers.

The odds of becoming a regular smoker, the study found, were 80 percent higher for kids who started out with menthol cigarettes. That was with the kids’ age, gender and race taken into account.

The results are consistent with the idea that menthol cigarettes encourage kids to get hooked because of menthol’s “sensory properties,” according to Nonnemaker.

But, he said, more studies are needed. One question is whether the findings might vary by race. This study included mostly white students. It’s known that young African Americans and Asian Americans are especially likely to smoke menthol varieties.

Wall Street closed for second day

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—The stock market was closed for a second straight day on Tuesday as cash equity trading was canceled in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

Tuesday’s shutdown was the first time weather had resulted in a two-day market shutdown since the Great Blizzard of 1888. Exchanges expect to reopen on Wednesday.

Sandy, a mammoth storm, slammed into a large swath of the densely populated U.S. eastern seaboard on Monday, forcing hundreds of thousands to seek higher ground, halting public transport and closing schools, businesses, financial markets and government departments. At least 18 people died and more than eight million homes and businesses were without power.

Investors expect heightened volatility when markets do reopen as the two-day closure creates pent-up demand.

Certain sectors are seen as especially tied to the fallout from the storm, which caused major flooding from storm surge during high tides, along with extensive damage from high winds and lashing rain. Disaster-modeling company Eqecat estimates Sandy caused between $10 billion and $20 billion in total economic damages, with $5 billion to $10 billion in insured losses.

Euro zone ministers to discuss Greece, no decisions seen

BRUSSELS, 1 Nov— Euro zone finance ministers will hold a conference call on Wednesday to discuss progress in negotiations of the revised Greek bailout but are not expected to make any decisions yet, two euro zone officials said on Tuesday.

Representatives of the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund are in talks with the Greek government reforms that Athens, cut off from market borrowing in 2010, has been making to meet the conditions for additional financing if Greece were to reach a primary surplus of 4.5 percent of GDP in 2013.

A troika estimate presented to junior euro zone finance ministers last week showed that Greece would need an extra 30 billion euros to be financed over the two extra years. “It will be just taking stock of the situation regarding the Greek assistance programme. There will be no decisions since there is no Troika report yet,” one euro zone official with knowledge of the preparations for the teleconference said.

The conference call is to start at 1130 GMT. A deal on restoring the second bailout for Greece, stopped in June because the country was off track with reforms, hinges on the ruling coalition agreeing to labour market reforms. One of the coalition parties, the Democratic Left, said it would vote against such reforms and was prepared to leave the government, ignoring the prime minister’s appeal for a united front.

This leaves the government facing an unpredictable vote when they are presented in parliament next week, making it the largest vote since taking power in June.

If Greece makes the reforms, international lenders will have to agree how to finance giving the country more time for fiscal adjustment and how to cut its debt mountain in a sustainable way below 120 percent of GDP from 150 percent in the second quarter.—Reuters

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Indebted city hosting
Kansai airport opens bidding for naming rights

O S A K A , 1 N o v — The debt-ridden city of Izumisano in Osaka Prefecture, the host of Kansai international airport, on Thursday started soliciting bids from businesses for the naming rights of the city itself as well as municipal facilities after its initial offer failed to draw interest.

The city, among local governments feared to go bankrupt, has seen its finances deteriorate owing in part to building infrastructure for the offshore airport, the largest international gateway in western Japan. The city government had around 82 billion yen in outstanding debt in its fiscal 2011 accounts.

Izumisano announced an outline for selling naming rights in June as part of measures to secure stable funding sources.

It waited for corporate sponsors to sound it out on its naming sale plan but none had come forward as of Wednesday.

Kyocho News

Russia eyes “soft power” to achieve hard goals in foreign policy

M O S C O W , 1 N o v — Moscow would use “soft power” to achieve its diplomatic goals, the Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday.

“Good use of soft power objectively helps us reach priorities in international activities,” Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Gatilov told a meeting of the Public Chamber’s Council for International Cooperation and Public Diplomacy.

Among Russian soft power tools, Gatilov listed the extension of cultural, informational and humanitarian presence abroad. He also stressed the importance of non-governmental Russian participation in the world educational market, connection with fellow citizens living abroad and more tangible migration programs.

“The world should receive the following information about Russia,” Gatilov said, adding the government’s attempts to increase its soft power would pay off in the near future.

The term soft power was coined by Harvard scholar Joseph Nye to describe the spread of a country’s influence through non-military means and has become a widely used foreign policy objective worldwide.

Reuters

Potash Corp appeals to Israel to allow deal for rival

J E R U S A L E M , 1 N o v — Potash Corp, the world’s No. 1 fertilizer maker, is ramping up efforts to buy Israel Chemicals Ltd, appealing directly to Israel’s prime minister to back a deal that would rank as the largest foreign takeover of an Israeli company. Conglomerate Israel Corp, which owns a majority in ICL, said that Potash Chief Executive Bill Doyle has met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to push for a deal, while financial daily Calcalist said Netanyahu has instructed his staff and the finance ministry to examine it.

Potash Corp confirmed on Wednesday it has met with Israeli government officials, and Israel Corp said it was aware of the meetings. “The company confirms it is aware that Canada’s Potash is in talks with various government agencies that included a meeting with the prime minister regarding examining the possibility of merging ICL with Potash,” Israel Corp said in a statement. Israel Corp officials declined to comment further. The finance ministry said it had not received any formal request. Potash Corp already has a 13.84 percent stake in ICL, the world’s sixth-largest fertilizer producer. It made its initial investment in 1998.

In the past, Israeli regulators have rebuffed Potash’s efforts to take over ICL. Similarly, in 2010, the Canadian government blocked Anglo-Australian miner BHP Billiton Ltd from scooping up Potash Corp, saying the deal would not benefit the country. “We believe it is likely that the Israeli government will come to the same conclusion regarding a takeover of ICL,” said Sophie Jourdier, an analyst at Liberum Capital in a note. “This deal cannot be ruled out. However it is unlikely to happen in the near term,” said Viginie Boucher-Ferto, an analyst at Deutsche Bank, in a note to clients.

As a foreign buyer, Potash would need approvals from Israel’s Government Companies Authority, the Competition Authority and a new Antitrust Authority. ICL has potash and phosphate mining rights on state-owned land.

Reuters

Top former Dominican anti-drug official arrested on drug charges

S A N T O D O M I N O , (Dominican Republic), 1 N o v — Authorities in the Dominican Republic on Wednesday arrested a former police colonel accused of being a “powerful drug trafficker” responsible for sending tons of cocaine to the United States. Hiraldo Guerrero, chief operating officer of the country’s main counter-drug agency, the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD), between 2006-2008, would be extradited to the United States where he faces four counts of drug trafficking in the Southern District of New York, the government said.

Another witness alleged that in 2008, Hiraldo Guerrero requested to be paid in cash rather than to cash to protect a shipment of 1,500 pounds (700 kilograms) of cocaine. The extradition request was made after a joint press conference by the nation’s Attorney General, Francisco Domínguez Brito and the head of the DNCD, General Rolando Rosado Mates. The extradition request stated that at least four witnesses, including three who have pleaded guilty in the United States, detailed how Hiraldo Guerrero allegedly used his position to protect large cocaine shipments destined for the United States.

One witness alleged that the colonel was paid as much as $2.5 million to protect 25 loads of cocaine at an average of 880 pounds (400 kilograms) shipped between 2007 and 2009. A fourth witness alleged he initially used his position to protect large cocaine shipments destined for the United States.

Reuters

China sovereign fund takes ten percent of Heathrow

M A D R I D , 1 N o v — An arm of China’s sovereign wealth fund has taken a 10 percent stake in the holding company controlling Britain’s largest airport, Heathrow, Spanish infrastructure company Ferrovial said on Wednesday. Ferrovial sold 5.72 percent of Heathrow holding company FGP Topco to China’s Stable Investment Corporation for 319.3 million euros (256.6 million pounds), it said in a statement.

Other shareholders of FGP Topco sold 4.28 percent to Stable, making the Chinese fund an indirect holder of 10 percent of Heathrow Ltd, formerly known as BAA, Ferrovial’s statement said.

Following the deal Ferrovial holds a 44.3 percent indirect stake in Heathrow, which is going to drop to 33.65 percent once European competition officials approve Qatar holding’s purchase of 10.62 percent of FGP Topco, Ferrovial’s statement said.

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Potash Corp’s head office in Saskatoon is pictured on 3 Nov, 2010.

Potash Corp, the world’s No. 1 fertilizer maker, is ramping up efforts to buy Israel Chemicals Ltd, appealing directly to Israel’s prime minister to back a deal that would rank as the largest foreign takeover of an Israeli company. Conglomerate Israel Corp, which owns a majority in ICL, said that Potash Chief Executive Bill Doyle has met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to push for a deal, while financial daily Calcalist said Netanyahu has instructed his staff and the finance ministry to examine it.

Potash Corp confirmed on Wednesday it has met with Israeli government officials, and Israel Corp said it was aware of the meetings. “The company confirms it is aware that Canada’s Potash is in talks with various government agencies that included a meeting with the prime minister regarding examining the possibility of merging ICL with Potash,” Israel Corp said in a statement. Israel Corp officials declined to comment further. The finance ministry said it had not received any formal request. Potash Corp already has a 13.84 percent stake in ICL, the world’s sixth-largest fertilizer producer. It made its initial investment in 1998.

In the past, Israeli regulators have rebuffed Potash’s efforts to take over ICL. Similarly, in 2010, the Canadian government blocked Anglo-Australian miner BHP Billiton Ltd from scooping up Potash Corp, saying the deal would not benefit the country. “We believe it is likely that the Israeli government will come to the same conclusion regarding a takeover of ICL,” said Sophie Jourdier, an analyst at Liberum Capital in a note. “This deal cannot be ruled out. However it is unlikely to happen in the near term,” said Viginie Boucher-Ferto, an analyst at Deutsche Bank, in a note to clients.

As a foreign buyer, Potash would need approvals from Israel’s Government Companies Authority, the Competition Authority and a new Antitrust Authority. ICL has potash and phosphate mining rights on state-owned land.

Reuters
About 400 companies registered

YANGON, 1 Nov—Myanmar Investment Commission has released information that permits were issued to 375 companies of construction, import, industry, service and tourism industries from 1 to 23 October.

A responsible person of Construction Company said, “When foreign investment flows into Myanmar, construction assignments are to be offered to local construction companies for factories and workshops in special economic zones, hotels and housings.

If not, the foreign companies are to carry out joint works with local companies. Thus, the number of construction companies will increase one after another.”

An official of Myanmar Investment Commission explained, “The commission gives a day service to the entrepreneurs if they take complete documents.

In October, about 400 companies have been permitted.” Thanks to growing number of national entrepreneurs, there can be competitiveness in the economic market for generating job opportunities.

Mya Nyin Mobile Fair 16-18 Nov

YANGON, 1 Nov—The Mya Nyin Mobile Fair will be held at the office of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry from 9 am to 6 pm daily from 16 to 18 November.

The fair is aimed at enabling the mobile phone users to purchase various sorts of handsets at fair prices.

The fair will be managed for the second time by Zellion Business Services Ltd. It organizes the mobile phone shops to sell handsets and SIM cards at reasonable prices. Moreover, there will be the lucky draw programme for the buyers.

Way to Z-craft damaged in overflow of Ayeyawady River

Thayet, 1 Nov—As Ayeyawady River was suddenly swollen at Thayet jetty of Shwepyithit Z-craft that plys Thayet and Aunglan route for the local people of Thayet Township and its surrounding areas, the transport services were delayed.

The jetty was silted, delaying the transportation.

Shwepyithit Z-craft transport service collects fare for vehicles including the charge for the way to Z-craft.

Thus, the transport services were delayed.

The transport was being repaired with the use of heavy machinery for smooth transportation of Thayet-Aunglan route for the local people of Thayet Township.

Dawtahad Dam, reliable for local farmers in Dimawhso

YANGON, 1 Nov—Tentatively selected 25 players picked out for tentatively selected national football team

Myanmar Teleport likely to be reconstituted as public company

YANGON, 1 Nov—Yatanarpon Teleport Co will be transformed into the public company.

“Yatanarpon Teleport is established with 49 per cent of private entrepreneurs and 51 per cent of the State. It gives telecommunication services to the nation by joining hands with the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs. To be able to extend communication services to the people, the company invites private entrepreneurs. After reconstitution, Yatanarpon Teleport can be seen as a public company,” an officer.

At present, Myanmar is at the threshold of success. The company needs technological assistance and cooperation from the international community. Myanar Investment Commission will allow two companies as operators. Most of the entrepreneurs are interested in reconstitution of Yatanarpon Teleport.

“Now, Yatanarpon Teleport earmarks to invite about two private companies to join it. We wish to accept more than two companies. We assume that greater achievement can be secured from the competitiveness. At present, SIM cards were sold at K 10,000 in the early days of installation of the mobile phones. Now, private companies sell SIM cards at K 9,800 per card. Market competitiveness is a must to benefit the customers,” a software entrepreneur who achieves success in the technology in MICT Park.

Cultivation of Basmati paddy strain on test

YANGON, 1 Nov—As part of farmer educative works, the special yield Basmati (India) paddy species are being grown by Tha Ye T Township Agriculture Department of Magway Region as of 2011-2012 cultivation season was to increase incomes of local farmers.

Of the paddy strains, Palethwe paddy species benefit the farmers.

Not only Palethwe paddy strain but also Basmati (India) paddy strain is cultivated on one acre of farmland irrigated by Shwekyang river water pumping station in 2012-2013.

At present, paddy plantation grown through good agricultural pattern can be seen thriving.
Civic responsibility

Civic Responsibility is defined as the "responsibility of a citizen". It is comprised of actions and attitudes associated with democratic governance and social participation. Civic responsibility can include participation in government, church, volunteers and memberships of voluntary associations. Actions of civic responsibility can be displayed in advocacy for various causes, such as political, economic, civil, and environmental or quality of life issues.

The importance of civic responsibility is paramount to the success of democracy and philanthropy. Schools should teach civic responsibility to students with the goal to produce responsible citizens and active participants in community and government. Civic responsibility is tied to the philanthropic sector in many ways. By citizen and corporate participation, nonprofit organizations prosper from their giving of time and money. Service learning is a way in which people learn civic responsibility.

Service learning directly relates to civic responsibility and ties to the philanthropic sector by students learning through the completion of projects within communities. Through service learning, citizens participate in projects to help or serve the needs of other people. By getting their hands dirty and actually doing work, citizens experience the value and impact of giving to people and learn to be productive members of society. Volunteering is a form of civic responsibility, which involves the giving of time or labor without the expectation of monetary compensation.

Volunteering allows citizens the opportunity to share their skills and talents as well as to learn new skills while helping those in need of assistance. Civic Education is a method in which civic responsibility is taught. It is a way to promote and enlighten responsible citizenry committed to democratic principles. Civic education is a means to actively engage people in the practice of democracy.

Workshop on UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Monastic education schools and monastic institutions in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Monastic education schools and monastic institutions have been existing in the Myanmar land during the periods of the successive yarman kings since thousand years ago. As you know, Myanmar has a large number of Buddhist country since then. Over 90 percent of population of Myanmar believe in Buddhism and they all are Buddhists. There is no yarman king that does not carry out the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana throughout the country. The countless number of shrines and pagodas built and constructed by successive yarman kings can be seen all over the country till now. There is at least a monastery in every village in the Myanmar country. The Myanmar Buddhist children of ancient time have only to go to monastery at their village. There were no academic modern schools at that time. Most of Myanmar nationals of ancient time educated from the monasteries or the monastic education schools. There were many famous and learned monks and people who were well-educated at all, from the monastic education schools all over the country.

The British council imperialists invaded and continued keeping up fighting three invading wars. The British Colonial Government ruled the whole Myanmar for one hundred years and oppressed yarman kings with a divisive rule. On other-hand, they persuaded yarman nation to believe in other religions leading to overthrow the Buddhism, the primitive religion of yarman nationals. The monastic education schools and monastic institutions throughout yarmankaren became weak and faint because they were not encouraged and supported by the British Colonial Government. However, some of freed from oppressed and learned yarman chief monks (Maha Theras) and lay-devotees managed to continue the monastic education schools and the monastic institutions throughout the country. At present, there are altogether over fifty thousand monasteries and over fifteen thousand monastic education schools throughout the Republic of yarman. Over sixteen hundred thousand monks (members of the Sangha) and twenty three hundred thousand novices (Samaras) are dwelling at in these monasteries and learning the Buddhist Education (The Pariyatti Education) which mainly lead to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana in the Universe.

And now, the M insity of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of yarman is encouraging and supporting the monastic education schools throughout the States and Regions in the Republic of the Union of yarman under the guidance of the State Sanghamahayaka Committee of the Thein of the Union of yarman. The main aims and objectives of the M onastic education Schools are to uplift of morale and mortality of the monastic education schools all over the country.

During the periods of the British Colonial Government, the monastic education schools throughout the Myanmar faded out and disappeared for not being encouraged and supported by the British Colonial Government. However, the M onastic education Schools have regained her Independence in 1948, some of the farsighted learned chief monks, lay-devotees and the previous Government of the Union of yarman decided to encourage and support the monastic education schools which cultivate the young new generations to become good, gentle and polite in future. Besides, the M onastic Institutions, the main centres for the Pariyatti Sasana (learning canonical texts of the Buddhist) which lead to the perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana have been more supported and encouraged by the Government of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of yarman of that times since 18 September 1988. A nold council of the M onastic Institutions which was under the guidance of the Members of the Sangha Order (Bhikkhus) unanimously perform and practise the law and fulfill their religious duties.

Japn provides assistance for Sub-Rural Health Care Centers in Hpa-an Town


Mr Ichiro Maruyama, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of Japan, and U Saw Aung Win, Chairperson of Naung Palein, Kawk Than Khar and Kamaw Kzin Villages, visited Sub Rural Health Centers Planning Committee, signed the grant contract on 31 October, 2012. Naung Palein, Kawk Than Khar and Kamaw Kzin Villages are two new villages in the township where SHCs were granted by the M inistry of Health in 2010. All of these SHCs are giving health care services to the local residents without having proper building and facilities.

Local residents and the village Health Committees are facing shortage of fund to construct a new SHRC building which is in linewith the M inistry guideline and standard of the M inistry of Health. Moreover, each SHC is lack of basic medical equipment to give good health services to the patients.

YANGON, 1 Nov—The Yangon Region Development A ffairs M inister Yangon M ayor U Ma Aung M ayor U Ma Aung inspected paddy field, post harvest works and chicken farm of the Yangon City Development Committee in Uppin Taikkyi Township today. The mayor also visited the 25-ton rice mill and rice garage. A fterwards, the mayor inspected upgrading of roads in M ingalardon, S hwe pyitha, laisein, Kyimyindaing, K yana and K yauktada townships.

YANGON, 1 Nov—Yangon Int’l Modern Life Style Fashion & Beauty Show 2012 was staged at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wirasa Road in Dagon Township, here, this morning, in the presence of Yangon Region minister for social affairs Dr U M aint and minister for finance and revenue Daw San N a Nwe. A mong those present were the City mayor and Director U Kya K yaw of IEM S Company Limited cut the ribbon, officials and guests observed displays inside; electronic and electric equipments, home decoration accessories, modernized furniture designs, ceremonial decoration accessories, cosmetics, men's and women's shoes, small machinery and equipments and foodstuff.

Talents M odel agencies entertain observers with eye-catchy programs at the show from 9am to 6pm daily up to 4 November.
**Controversial copyright amendment to see legislative review**

Beijing, 1 Nov—A senior copyright official said on Wednesday that the third version of a draft amendment to the copyright law will be submitted to the State Council by the end of this year.

If the State Council approves the draft, it will be brought to the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, China’s top legislature, for the legislators’ review, said Wang Ziqiang, an official in charge of copyright legislation affairs from the National Copyright Administration.

According to Wang, the draft includes more content regarding copyright holders’ protection, such as artists’ right to profit from the resale of their work. The draft also increases the statutory compensation for copyright violations, including punitive compensation, the official said.

Wang said authorities have taken opinions from the public and experts into full account in formulating the third version of the draft.

The administration published the first version of the draft in March to seek public feedback. Some musicians were displeased with the draft, as they believe that one of its articles allows producers to use, under certain conditions, published musical works without having to obtain consent from the original copyright holder, which would diminish the artists’ professional rights.

Wang said the administration received over 1,600 suggestions for the first version. The second version was drafted and published in July for public comment.

Several suggestions from the public have been adopted in the third version and the drafters have been careful to avoid bias from individual groups in drafting the document, Wang said.

However, suggestions that were not adopted in the draft will be given to the State Council along with the draft for consideration, the official said.—Xinhua

**CPC’s flagship magazine calls for confidence in China’s future**

Beijing, 1 Nov—Quё́rj journal, the flagship magazine of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, will carry an article in its Thursday issue expressing confidence in the country’s future.

“THERE are ample reasons for us to have high expectations and confidence in the future development of our country,” says the article.

The CPC and Chinese people will keep their words and fulfill established goals, it says.

The article quotes a 23rd July speech delivered by CPC Central Committee General-Secretary Hu Jintao, who said China now faces both unprecedented opportunities and challenges.

“The country’s ability to seize opportunities and handle challenges will depend on “our mindset, the effectiveness of our work and how we push reform and development forward,” the article says.

“We should carefully examine the domestic and international situation and fully understand our country’s developmental needs and expectations of people,” it says. China’s economic dynamics have not changed, the article says, adding that economic restructuring will provide more chances for development, while domestic demand will sustain long-term growth.

“Under the guidance of the Scientific Outlook on Development, China’s development is on the upswing, the article says.

“The country will stick to reform and opening-up, as these concepts have resulted in more than three decades of rapid economic growth, it says. Once the reforms listed in the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-2015) are implemented, problems in economic and social sectors will be solved or alleviated, the article says.

“We firmly believe that, under the leadership of the CPC and through the joint efforts of the Party and people, we will walk along the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics and have a bright future,” it says.—Xinhua

**CIS summit postponed to 5 December**

Asgabat, 1 Nov—A summit of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) scheduled for 2 November has been postponed to 5 December, local media quoted Chairman of the CIS Executive Committee Sergei Lebedev as saying on Wednesday.

The meeting was postponed after the executive committee said they needed some time for more careful preparations, including drafting the papers to be presented to CIS leaders for discussion, Lebedev said Tuesday in Ashgabat where the summit was scheduled.

Lebedev said a meeting of foreign ministers of CIS countries will be convened on 4 December in Ashgabat, adding more careful preparations would guarantee a high-quality summit with a richer content.

The CIS summit is expected to be a watershed in our relations between member states in the fields of economy, humanity and security.—Xinhua

**Colombian dean sees closer China ties with new Confucius institute**

Bogota, 1 Nov—The scheduled opening of a new Confucius Institute in Colombia next year would bring the country closer to China, the institute’s Colombian dean said.

While offering language teaching, the institute, slated to open in mid-2013 at Jorge Tadeo Lozano University (UJTL), would strive to enhance the mutual understanding between the two countries, Enrique Posada Cano, a Chinese language expert, told Xinhua on Tuesday.

It would also help UJTL’s integration into the global network of the Confucius institutes, he added.

The new institute at UJTL would be supported by China’s Tianjin Foreign Studies University and China’s embassy in Bogota.

The UJTL has been offering Chinese-language classes taught by native speakers since 2008. The courses would officially become part of the university curriculum when the institute is able to issue the Chinese language proficiency certificate (HSK).

The Chinese National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, which runs the Confucius Institute network, offers scholarships for outstanding Colombian students to attend summer camps at Tianjin University in northern China.—Xinhua

**Premature mine blast kills two Taleban in northern Afghan town**

Pul-e-Khumri, 1 Nov—Two Taleban militants were killed as their explosive device went of prematurely in Bagh-e-Shamal village outside provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri early this morning but the device exploded prematurely killing two rebels on the spot and injuring another, Shirzad said.

“Three Taleban militants were busy in planting mines on a road in Bagh-e-Shamal village outside provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri early this morning but the device exploded prematurely,” Shirzad said.

The Taleban fighters are yet to comment.—Xinhua

**25 killed, 30 injured by fire in Saudi Arabia**

Abha, (Saudi Arabia), 1 Nov—There are 25 people dead, including a number of women and children, and 30 others sustaining various injuries in a fire during a wedding in the Saudi city of Abha, Al Egitsadiya newspaper reported Wednesday.

The fire, which occurred Tuesday, was caused by electric shock when a power cable fell in the yard of the house, a spokesman of the Civil Defence for the eastern province, Colonel Mohamad Al Ojaimi, told the newspaper.

He said an investigation was launched, and the injured were referred to two hospitals in the area.—Xinhua

**Visitors look at the photos of the ancient ginkgo trees at the Hongluo Temple in the suburban Huairou District of Beijing, capital of China, on 31 Oct, 2012.**

Xinhua
China to seek closer cooperation at Asia-Europe Meeting

BEIJING, 1 Nov — China hopes to achieve more common understanding and closer cooperation at the ninth Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), Chinese Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu said on Wednesday. Ma made the comments at a press briefing prior to Premier Wen Jiabao’s attendance of the summit to be held in Vientiane, Laos on 5-6 November. Themed “Friends for Peace, Partners for Prosperity”, the meeting will focus on the global economic and financial situation, social and cultural cooperation between Asian and European countries, and the future direction of the ASEM. It will also focus on global and regional issues, Ma said. Bangladesh, Switzerland and Norway will join the group at the upcoming summit, bringing the total members of ASEM to 51.

Meanwhile, a presidential declaration of the ninth ASEM Summit and the Vientiane declaration on strengthening peace and developing partnerships is set to be issued during the meeting, according to Ma. Serving as an important platform for countries in Asia and Europe to enhance understanding, expand consensus, and deepen cooperation, ASEM is a high-level and broad-ranging forum among governments of different Asian and European countries, Ma added. He expressed the hope that members of the ASEM will exchange views on current economic and financial situation, and discuss ways on enhancing mutual trust, strengthening cooperation and jointly coping with global challenges as well as new development opportunities for ASEM.

Chinese leaders have attended all the past ASEM summits and proposed almost 50 Asia-Europe cooperation-related initiatives. The seventh ASEM Summit was held in Beijing in October, 2008. Ma said this year’s summit will serve as a vital opportunity. “The Chinese side hope the meeting can achieve results on the following four aspects,” Ma said. That is, firstly, to consolidate the closer Asia-Europe economic partnership and promote the comprehensive, persistent and balanced development of the global economy and economy in Asia.

The model heads of Chinese Zodiac animals were used as props in C h a n ’ s latest film, “Chines e Zodi ac,” which will debut in the Chinese mainland on 20 December. Chan said the film, depicting the protagonist’s efforts to repatriate the 12 animal heads to China, aims to tell people to respect cultural heritage and urge the real-life repatriation of these antiquities to their original owner.

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Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang (L, front) and visiting President of European Council (EC) Herman Van Rompuy (R, front) review an honour guard during a welcoming ceremony at the presidential palace in Hanoi, Vietnam, 1 Nov, 2012. Van Rompuy started his three-day visit to Vietnam on Wednesday to boost EU-Vietnam cooperation. — Xinhua

EU, Vietnam ink deals on financial support for sustainable trade, climate change mitigation

HANOI, 1 Nov — The European Union (EU) and Vietnam signed agreements on financial support for the mitigation of climate change and sustainable international trade and investment in Vietnam here on W edne s a y . T h e s i g n i n g w a s i n t e n d e d b y V i e t n a m e s e President Trung Tan Sang and Herman Van Rompuy, president of the European Council during his official visit to Vietnam. “The biggest challenge is climate Change Global Loan, worth 150 million euros (195 million US dollars), signed between the European Investment Bank and Vietnam’s Ministry of Finance, will contribute to environmental sustainability and will make long-term financing available for investments that contribute to climate change mitigation through the avoidance or reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases by the use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency enhancements,” said Van Rompuy at a Press briefing after the signing.

Another agreement — the financing agreement of the “European Trade Policy Initiative (EU-MUTRAP)” — will provide 15 million euros (19.5 million US dollars) to help Vietnam’s Ministry of Industry and Trade in facilitating sustainable international trade and investment through improved capacity for policy making, policy consultation, and negotiation and implementation of related commitments, he said. The EU-MUTRAP project has a total budget of 16.5 million euros, with the EU contributing 15 million euros and Vietnam providing 1.5 million euros. The project will be implemented from 2012 to 2017. — Xinhua

Jazzmandu is back again in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 1 Nov — The sound of Jazz is back again in Nepal capital of Kathmandu when seven international and five local bands will perform in a week-long Jazz festival, the Surya Nepal Jazzmandu 2012, from 1 November.

“The biggest jazz party in the Himalayas” will feature artists from the globe including Norwegian trio Suzy&2, Tito Puente Jr and Marlos Rosado from USA, Adil and Vasundhara from India, Thai Rootman and French Nojazz and Swiss Beat Kaesi & Ben Silvers.

The international artists will perform along with finest Nepali classical and jazz bands such as Kolumba, Urjazz, Gandharva and Dimhey Girls.

Various local-level jazz performances and competitions are also scheduled on the sidelines of the festival.

“Jazz for the Next Generation” — a band competition, is one of them. The competition will be organized in collaboration with the Kathmandu Jazz Conservatory and will be judged by the visiting Jazz pioneers, a Press release issued by Jazzmandu reads.

With an aim to promote local music education and to provide budding musicians with a welcoming platform to showcase their musical skills, various jazz workshops will also be held in different venues.

“Jazz for the Next Generation is just a new aspect of what we were already doing to promote jazz,” one of the founders of Jazzmandu, Navin Chhetri said in the statement. — Xinhua
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The notices are in the Myanmar language, with English translations and relevant contact information provided as necessary. This allows readers to understand the details and take appropriate action based on the information provided.
Evan Rachel Wood marries "Billy Elliot" star Jamie Bell

LOS ANGELES, 1 Nov—Hollywood actress Evan Rachel Wood has quietly married Briton Jamie Bell — star of the 2000 "Billy Elliot" dance movie — in a ceremony in California, Wood’s spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

"The bride wore a custom dress by Carolina Herrera. It was a small ceremony with close family and friends," the spokeswoman said in a statement, adding that the wedding took place on Tuesday.

"Words cannot describe the happiness I am feeling. Overwhelming."

Wood, 25, first began dating Bell about seven years ago. But the pair broke up and Wood went on to have a highly publicized engagement with heavy metal rocker Marilyn Manson, who is almost twice her age.

Wood and Bell, 26, were rumored to have become engaged in January this year, but never confirmed their relationship.

Bell found fame as the ballet dancer "Elliott" dance movie — in the 2000 "Billy Elliot" and coming of age movie "Thirteen," said the source.

Kate Moss opens up about modeling misery

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—If you hate having your picture taken, you're in good company — British supermodel Kate Moss does as well. "I'm terrible at a snapshot. Terrible. I blink all the time. I've got facial Tourette's," she told Varsity Fair in the December issue, out on Wednesday.

Moss, who has graced countless magazine covers and was emblematic of the wail look popular in the 1990s, added "Unless I'm working and in that zone, I'm not very good at pictures."

Moss, 38, opened up about her years spent before the camera, including now-legendary shoots that left her anxious, demoralized, and hungry.

Among her regrets is a 1992 Calvin Klein session that helped launched Moss’ career. She recalled the shoot, at age 17 or 18, with Mark Wahlberg (then going by his rapper name, Marky Mark) and photographer Herb Ritts.

"I had a nervous breakdown," she said. "(the job) didn't feel like me at all. I felt really bad about straddling this buff guy. I didn't like it. I couldn't get out of bed for two weeks. I thought I was going to die."

"It was just anxiety," she added. "Nobody takes care of you mentally. There's a massive pressure to do what you have to do (and) I was really little... I didn't like it. But it was work, and I had to do it."

"When she was young, she posed nude for The Face — another regret."

"I see a 16-year-old now, and to ask her to take her clothes off would feel really weird. But they were like, 'If you don't do it, then we're not going to book you again.'"

Robert Pattinson to be the new face of Dior men’s fragrances

LOS ANGELES, 1 Nov—Robert Pattinson has signed a $12 million fragrance deal with Dior.

The Twilight Saga actor is reportedly set to be named the new face of the French fashion house’s line of men’s fragrances and will star in an advertising campaign in the coming months.

According to E! News the deal is for three years with a source close to the actor saying: “Rob likes the brand. If the deal goes ahead, Robert will be following in the footsteps of his on and off screen lover Kristen Stewart, who is the face of Balenciaga fragrances.

Speaking about her relationship with the Spanish design house, she previously said: “Balenciaga has always stood out to me.

"Even when I first began to consider fashion and admittedly rarely knew the brand I was wearing, I always knew and loved Balenciaga."

"It feels full circle to be involved with something that spoke to me then and of course continues to excite me now."

"The brand is just cool. That’s the way it is."

Creative director of the brand Nicolas Ghesquiere insisted Kristen was great for Balenciaga because of her “progressive character.” He said: “Kirsten embodies the modernity of the new Balenciaga fragrance with her unique sensibility and intelligence.

"From her early appearance in Panic Room to her independent choice of Welcome to the Rileys, I’ve always sensed her progressive character.”

Drew Barrymore to launch make-up line

LONDON, 1 Nov—Charlie’s Angels star Drew Barrymore is reportedly launching her own make-up line.

The 37-year-old actress, who has been a face for Procter and Gamble’s (P&G) Cover Girl brand since 2007, has decided to create her own line, reported Sun online.

She is said to be waiting until her contract with P&G ends, before releasing the beauty products, which will be sold exclusively to an American retailer Wal-Mat.

The Charlie’s Angels star has teamed up with Italian-based supplier of cosmetics, makeup and skin care Interco.

"I will be the actress, who is the face of Balenciaga fragrances and will star in an advertising campaign in the coming months.

"We would be branching into the beauty market and it is believed the project will also be the first full make-up brand to be developed from scratch."

"Drew continues to be Cover Girl. A source, wouldn’t discuss the details of our contracts with our celebrities and ambassadors," a spokesman from P&G said.

Priyanka Chopra says it’s cool to wear a dress twice

MUMBAI, 1 Nov—According to a source: “Most Bollywood celebrities are known to have a change of clothing several times during the day. PC and her stylist Ami Patel want to run a campaign on a social media platform saying it is cool to repeat costumes.”

The source added: “Priyanka thinks it’s cool to repeat clothes to stay eco-friendly.

It’s a waste of resources to keep churning out more and more clothes.”

The source further said that the actress has a special message for her fans through this move.

“You youngsters usually ape stars or fashion icons. And it is very unfair to have this pressure of not being able to repeat clothes or accessories,” pointed out the source.

In a Twitter posting on Wednesday, Wood, best known for her roles in “The Wrestler” and coming of age movie “Thirteen,” said

"From her early appearance in Panic Room to her independent choice of Welcome to the Rileys, I’ve always sensed her progressive character."
**Soccer**

**Goals may flow as United and Van Persie host Arsenal**

LONDON, 1 Nov.—Machester United and Arsenal, who have scored and conceded a total of 41 goals between them in eight matches since 20 October, promise a flood of football on Saturday as Robin van Persie faces his ex-club for the first time.

Arsenal won 2-1 at Old Trafford in December while fourth division Bradford City will host Arsenal, 7-5 winners over Reading on Tuesday.

Swarms have the luxury of a home clash against second tier Middlesbrough in the last eight following Wednesday’s draw and Norwich will host Aston Villa and their former boss Paul Lambert.

Sunday’s戏剧性 between Chelsea and United was characterised by two home players being sent off, an offside winner and referee Mark Clattenburg being accused of using inappropriate language to Chelsea’s Nigerian John Obi Mikel.

The cup game at Stamford Bridge was just as action-packed and followed the recent theme in England of goals galore flying in, although Alex Ferguson and Roberto Di Masi sent out vastly different teams from Sunday in the often maligned tournament. — Reuters

**Tennis**

**Deflated Djokovic knocked out of Paris Masters**

PARIS, 1 Nov.—World number two Novak Djokovic, who will replace Swiss Roger Federer as the world number one next Monday, breezed through the opening set before losing control.

Querrey was trailing 0-2 in the second set but dramatically improved after bagging his first game of the match. Djokovic, who had gotten into the Halloween spirit by turning up on centre court wearing a Darth Vader mask, ended up being slain by Querrey’s powerful serve and forehand. British third seed Andy Murray remained seed Andy Murray remained.

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At the end of the first set it was a bit better, with more rallies, but it was a tricky match,” Murray told a curtside interviewer.

In contrast, Djokovic enjoyed a great start before crumbling. “Great tennis at the start but I knew that the main problem today will be the continuity of my energy,” Djokovic, who had a stomach bug last weekend, told a news conference.

“Unfortunately, it was not to be after the second set. A nd during the second set I already felt that physically I’m down and I struggled every game.” — Reuters

**Manchester United’s goalkeeper Lindegaard dives for the ball as Chelsea’s Sturridge scores during extra time in their English League Cup soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 30 Oct, 2012.**— Reuters

**Tennis**

**Rose hoping China success will add up for European race**

SHENZHEN, (China), 1 Oct—After climbing to a career high fifth in the world rankings and featuring in Europe’s Ryder Cup victory, Justin Rose could be forgiven for resting on his laurels as the 2012 season closes.

Since he has been mining a rich vein of form in recent months, however, the Briton has his eye on yet more glory before putting away his clubs for the winter.

When he tees up in the first round of the $7 million HSBC Champions event at Mission Hills on Thursday, Rose’s first target will be to add a second World Golf Championship title to the Cadillac Championship he won at Doral in March.

That would give him a second European Order of Merit triumph to add to the one he achieved in 2007, when he outpaced major winners Ernie Els and Padraig Harrington by winning the end of season Volvo Masters at Valderrama in Spain.

The 32-year-old Englishman currently lies third in the money list, behind leader and number one Rory McIlroy.

The Ulsterman is not in China, however, having opted instead to take a week off and follow his girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki, playing her final WTA tennis event of the year in Bulgaria.

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There were not too many rallies at the beginning. — Reuters

**Golf**

**Formula One**

“Australian Daniel Ricciardo and Frenchman Jean Eric Vergne will stay at Toro Rosso next season in an unchanged lineup,” said in a statement ahead of Sunday’s Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

“Since the summer break, both drivers have scored more points and everyone in the team has been impressed with their maturity in terms of working with the engineers and their racecraft on track.”

Vergne has scored 12 points from 17 races so far while Ricciardo has nine to histolly. Toro Rosso are ninth in the constructors’ standings with three rounds left. “There are big expectations for next year and I’m really happy and willing to fulfill them,” said Ricciardo.

“I feel I have been growing and developing as a driver and my approach to the technical side of the sport has also progressed this year,” Vergne, who has been backed by Red Bull, into the early years of his career, recognised that he had been an atough debut season but felt he had also learned a lot.

“I feel much stronger now and I know I have become a better driver over the course of the season,” he added. — Reuters
UN Security Council relocates due to storm damage: envos

The UN Security Council relocated due to storm damage: envos

Delegates sit for a Security Council meeting to discuss Peace and Security in the Middle East during the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, on 26 Sept, 2012.— Reuters

New York, 1 Nov — The UN Security Council was forced to relocate on Wednesday for a meeting on Somalia and other issues because of extensive water damage to parts of the United Nations complex from the storm Sandy, UN officials and diplomats said.It was not immediately clear how badly the UN buildings were damaged by the storm.

New York City grapples with recovery efforts after devastation

New York, 1 Nov — Workers in New York City have been racing against the clock fixing damaged grids and restoring mass transit systems disrupted by devastating Hurricane Sandy so as to bring back normalcy as early as possible.Hurricane Sandy lashed US East Coast and made a landfall at New Jersey on Monday evening, knocking out power for millions and killing at least 64 people, 22 of whom were in New York City, and producing a massive storm surge that caused historic flooding in some of subway tunnels in lower Manhattan, which led to a suspension of service to the entire subway systems in NYC.

As Sandy faded further inland, bus and bridge services in New York City were resumed late Tuesday, but road congestion was ubiquitous in every street of Manhattan, one of NYC’s five boroughs, because of a loss of subway service across NYC.

One of the residents told Xinhua that she and her husband had been trapped in their apartment in lower Manhattan suffering from power outage and a shortage of water supply in their residence for two consecutive days.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday called for patience and tolerance because of the current traffic conditions.Cuomo said in a briefing early in the day that starting on Thursday, the city’s subway systems will resume partial service from 42nd street of Manhattan and upward, but subway service below that street remains suspended.”In 108 years, our employees have never faced a challenge like the one that confronts us now,” MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota said in his statement. Xinhua

Papaya, medicinal fruit for consumers

UN Flood ebbs, Northeast picks up after epic storm

New York, 1 Nov — The sudden US Northeast began an arduous journey back to normal on Wednesday after mammoth storm Sandy killed at least 64 people in a rampage that smashed coastal cities and cut power to millions.

Financial markets reopened with the New York Stock Exchange running on generator power after the first weather-related two-day closure since an 1888 blizzard.

Packed buses took commuters to work with New York’s subway system idling after seawater flooded its tunnels.

President Barack Obama, who has halted campaigning with the election six days away, set aside political differences with New Jersey Republican Governor Chris Christie for a helicopter tour of the devastated coast, where they saw flooded and sand-swept neighbourhoods and burning homes.

"The entire country’s been watching. Everyone knows how hard Jersey has been hit," Obama told residents at an evacuation shelter in the town of Brigantine. "We’re not going to tolerate any red tape. We’re not going to tolerate any bureaucracy," he said of the relief effort.The US Navy said it was moving ships closer to areas affected by the disaster in case they might be needed, including the helicopter carrier USS Wasp.

People stand amidst burnt houses, near those which survived in Breezy Point, a neighbourhood located in the New York City borough of Queens, after it was devastated by Hurricane Sandy on 30 Oct, 2012. — Reuters

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Book Corners fill the public with knowledge

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Book Corners (knowledge pots) are on schedule to be established at crowded places such as stations, airports and bus terminals at the four corners of the country.

The Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information began initiatives of the plan in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay as of today as public service, and has set up book corners in other towns of the Regions and States on 5 November, but another will gradually be set up in district towns.

The book corners freely serve public with daily newspapers, publications, magazines, novels, journals. Literary Associations, NGOs, INGOs and well-wishers are invited to make donations for book corners.

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Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (C, front) and her new cabinet pose for group photos in front of the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 1 Nov 2012. It’s the second cabinet reshuffle since the female prime minister took of

News in Brief

Maintenance of road, bridge inspected

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected upgrading of Myagyan-Hnetawasan-K yi khtaw road, maintenance of Po Thagyar Bridge and road erosion in Kawkhmu Township on 29 October.

Palethwe paddy harvested in Kyangin

Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung and the Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding attended the harvesting of Palethwe hybrid paddy of Ayeyawady Kyangin Paddy Company Ltd in Zeebingwin Village-tract of Kyangin Township on 27 October.

New passage to Sittwe planned

A ceremony to inaugurate new passage to Sittwe was held in Thanbyuzayat Township on 29 October morning. Chief Minister of Mrauk U Region U Than Win unveiled the plaque of the facility.

Winners in performing arts competition honoured

Taninthayi Region Government honoured the winners in the 19th Myanmar National Races’ Traditional Performing Arts Competition at its office on 29 October. Chief Minister of the region U Myat Ko presented gifts to the winners.

Fuel shortages, power outages hamper Sandy recovery

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—New Yorkers awoke to the rumble of subway trains for the first time in four days on Thursday in one sign of recovery from Sandy’s devastating blow but elsewhere in the storm-struck Northeast, gasoline shortages persisted and emergency teams struggled to reach the worst hit areas and restore power to millions of people. At least 76 people in North America died in superstorm Sandy, which rampaged through the US Northeast on Monday night, and officials said the count could still rise as rescuers searched house-to-house through coastal towns.

Afer a three-day hiatus, President Barack Obama was to return to the campaign trail, boosted in his re-election bid by a resounding endorsement of his leadership from the Republican governor of New Jersey. — Reuters

China proposes new initiatives for Syria ceasefire

BEIRUT, 1 Nov—China said on Thursday it had proposed new initiatives to head off an escalation of violence in Syria, including a phased, region-by-region ceasefire and the establishment of a transitional governing body.

The Chinese plan, proposed on Wednesday to Lakhdar Brahimi, the visiting United Nations-Arab League joint peace envoy on Syria, comes after the collapse of the latest ceasefire proposal to stop the fighting over the Islamic Eidal-A dha holiday.

The 19-month-old conflict, in which rebels are trying to oust President Bashar Al-Assad, has killed about 32,000 people.

Chinese Foreign Minister Hong Lei told a regular news briefing that under the “new proposal there are constructive new suggestions such as a ceasefire region by region and phase by phase, and establishing a transitional governing body”.

Mr. Hong said it was “an extension of China’s effort to push for a political resolution of the Syrian issue”.

Guo Xian’gang, senior research fellow at the China Institute of International Studies, a government think tank, said the lastest proposal did not herald a change in Beijing’s position, “but it makes it more concrete”.

“China has always maintained the principle of peaceful resolution of the Syria problem, that anti-government forces should achieve peace through dialogue, without outside armed intervention,” Guo said.

Brahimi met on Wednesday with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, who said the world should act with greater urgency to support Brahimi’s mediation efforts.

“More and more countries have come to realize that a military option offers no way out, and a political settlement has become an increasingly shared aspiration,” Hong said.

“China’s new proposal is aimed at building international consensus and supporting Brahimi’s mediation efforts … and push forward for relevant parties in Syria to realize an early ceasefire and end of violence, and launch a political transition process led by the Syrian people at an early date.”

China and Russia, both permanent members of the UN Security Council, have vetoed three Western-backed UN draft resolutions condemning Assad’s government for the bloodshed.

But China has been keen to show it is not taking sides and has urged the Syrian government to talk to the opposition and take steps to meet demands for political change.

In the latest wave of violence, rebels killed 28 Syrian army soldiers on Thursday in an attack on three checkpoints around the town of Saraqeb straddling the main north-south highway, the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

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