President U Thein Sein receives Swiss Foreign Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 NOV— President U Thein Sein of the Republic of Myanmar met Mr Didier Burkhalter, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Federal Councillor of Switzerland and party, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thein and departmental heads. The Swiss Foreign Minister was accompanied by Swiss Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Christoph Burgener.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening amity between the two countries, production of value-added foodstuff and natural products, cooperation in rehabilitation and natural disasters, creating job opportunities, conducting health, food and vocational training courses and multi-sector cooperation.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially meets with Mr Didier Burkhalter, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Federal Councillor of Switzerland at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun views trophies and souveniors displayed at 5th coordination meeting of the leading committee for holding XXVII SEA Games.

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SUCCESSFUL HOLDING OF SEA GAMES

NAY PYI TAW, 2 NOV— Successful holding the SEA Games is polishing the image of the State and it is a great opportunity to shape the new nation that regains deserved position in the international community; and thus, members of respective sub-committees and officials are to actively participate in the successful holding the XXVII SEA Games, said Patron of the Leading Committee of the Preparation for the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun at the 5th coordination meeting of the leading committee at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Sports, here, at 10 am today.

The Vice-President stressed the need to follow the work guideline for realization of Green SEA Games, Clean SEA Games and Friendship SEA Games. He pointed out that it is necessary to encourage active participation of the entire people in holding the SEA Games in line with the Strategic Objectives as SEA Games, improve the stadiums and gymnasiums meeting set standards, hold the competitions to create the best conditions of the athletes, ensure convenience of users in all services, present entertainment programmes on Myanmar culture to the world, undertake security measures, benefit the economic and social sectors in formation, management and market activities, show off significant achievements in major cities for sports contests by gearing up the development drive of the State, shift the construction projects of sports events to create the new shape of the State and to be vehicles that bring the reform strategy and open door policy of the State, abide by the principles on fair competitiveness in realization of the sports market oriented economic system in line with the international ethics, fully protect the intellectual property rights, give training to personnel to become high-capable athletes, uphold the principles on openness, justice, capability and honesty in carrying out the government tasks, organize experienced managers and coaches to turn out talent athletes and accelerate the sports management and systematic research works for all-round development of Myanmar sports.

The Vice-President gave instructions on preparation tasks for the SEA Games as strategic principles to be able to encourage the people to participate in the tasks, accepting the Games as a modernization drive of the State, uplifting the opening-up policy, social civility and living standard of the people. Moreover, he stressed the need for building the sports venues in line with the technological provisions of the International Olympic Committee, setting the aim for gaining the social benefit and serving the long-term sports interest of the citizens, prepare safety places for contestants and spectators, fulfilling the requirements for the Paralympics Games and consider requirements of disabled athletes and fans.

He then instructed those present to undertake control of environmental pollution, sustainable development of ecosystem, realization of urban transport management and enhancement of information and communication system. (See page 2)

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Flowers, fragrance, lights offered to Myathalun Pagoda

YANGON, 2 NOV— A ceremony to offer 9000 flowers and fragrance was held at Myathalun Pagoda in Magway on 30 October.

Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe and wife, regional ministers and members of the religious associations participated in the ceremony.

They also donated provisions to the members of the Sangha and offered 9000 lights to the pagoda at night.—MNA
Shweku Buddha Pujiyana festival held on a grand scale

Pakokku, 2 Nov—Shweku Buddha Image which is being kept at the building on Bogoye Road in Ward 9 in Pakokku, Magway Region was conveyed around the town on 1st Waning of Thadingyut.

Cultural troupes and movie stars performed entertainments on that day. Starting from 14th Waning of Thadingyut, there was an entertainment of Hsan K hit theatrical drama troupe till 1st Waning of Thadingyut. A ceremony to offer alms to 2000 members of Sangha was held in the early morning on the fullmoon day of Thadingyut.

King Alaungdaw Kathabin built and donated Shweku Buddha Image, one of the famous Buddha images in Pakokku, and the Buddha Image is famous for its ornamental backdrop of a throne. —Kyemon

Development tasks in Seikkyi-Khanaungto geared up

Yangon, 2 Nov—Construction of a suspension bridge linking between Seikkyi-Khanaungto and Hlinethaya Townships in Yangon Region is nearing completion. Moreover, Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township Development Affairs Committee is upgrading the narrow lane for trishaws bike into a two-lane motorway.

Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township is accessible only by water in the past, Yangon Region government asked the Union government for allowing separate budget allotment for regional development tasks in the township. As a result, implementation of river-crossing suspension bridge project is realized. Only trishaws and motorbikes are means of transport for 37000 people living in the township.

Basic course for writing

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—Organized by Myanmar Writers Association, a basic course for writing will be conducted at the office of MWA at No 529 on Merchant Road, here, from 6 December to 8 December.

Well-experienced writers will give lectures on composing poems and writing articles and novels at the course. The course will be run on five days a week from Tuesday to Saturday. Admission fee is K 12000. As there is enrollment limit, those who want to take the course may register at the office not later than 5 November. Further information, contact Ph: 01 252417. —Kyemon

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Later, he gave instructions on development of cultural environment, security, systematic health and sanitation, legal environment development and public participation.

Chairman of Leading Committee for Preparations for holding the XXVII SEA Games Chairman of the Subcommittee for Participation in All Events and Preparations for Securing Achievement and Ceremony Preparation Subcommittee Union Minister for Sports U Tin Hsan, Chairman of the Subcommittee for Preparation for Successfully holding the Opening and Closing Ceremony Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu, Chairman of Transportation Subcommittee Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Chairman of the Reception and Accommodation Subcommittee Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Hay Aung reported on preparations sub-committee wise.

Afterwards, chairmen, vice-chairmen and secretaries of security sub-committee, invitation and reception sub-committee, health and medical sub-committee, fund raising and presentation sub-committee, information sub-committee, communication sub-committee reported on tasks to be carried out.

Afterwards, Chairman of Myanmar Paralympic Federation Maj-Gen Nay Lin reported on arrangements for 7th ASEAN Paralympic Games and participants of the meeting took part in the discussion. Vice-President U Nyan Tun urged the committees to coordinate each other to complete the works in time.

MNA on every athlete to take good practice with added momentum for securing gold medals in the competitions. Kyemon

Blood donors invited

Yangon, 2 Nov—Blood donors are annually honoured on Myanmar Blood Donor Day which falls on 14 December. The 36th Blood Donor Day will be held on 14 December 2012. So, donors who made 40th blood donation and above may register at National Blood Centre not later than 30 November. —Kyemon

Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting C’ships 7-12 Nov

Yangon, 2 Nov—The Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships 2012 to be hosted by Myanmar will be held at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingalang Taungnyunt Township from 7 to 12 November.


To be able to secure success in the Championships, Vice-President of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation U Kyaw Aung Soe will take responsibility for the Myanmar team and supervise training of the lifters.

Construction works started on 3 August, 2011. The first phase of the project concluded on 5 February and second phase on 3 May.

With the opportunity to purchase modern technologies with teaching aids, experts in electronics and navigation will emerge, thereby contributing to development of aviation sector. —Kyemon
British millionaire Christopher Tappin pleaded guilty in federal court in Texas on Thursday to charges of attempting to sell missile parts to Iran, prosecutors said.

Tappin, 66, from Orpington, Kent, who had previously pleaded not guilty, reversed that stance in federal court in El Paso as part of a plea agreement with prosecutors that calls for a sentence of 33 months in prison and a fine of more than $11,000, according to US Attorney Robert Pitman. Tappin was ordered suspended because of the storm. Staffers would find UN headquarters three days closed because of Sandy.

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San Francisco, 2 Nov—Floating robots to gather storm data, fuel cells for power outages, and tools to choose evacuation routes and help responders stay connected to the Internet are among the innovations that increasingly will help responders deal with future disasters, start-up companies say.

These tools are helping track weather patterns and measure their strength, soften their impact and speed recovery. Many are already proving their worth, not just in massive storm Sandy but in other weather disasters such as Hurricane Isaac and this summer’s extreme drought in the US Midwest.

VantagePoint-backed LiquidRobots, for example, deploys floating robots to measure vast amounts of ocean data. Unlike passive buoys, its robots — called wave gliders — can be sent towards an oncoming storm. Unlike weather-tracking airplanes, the robots measure conditions at the ocean’s surface, providing key information about a storm’s future track and strength.

The wave gliders provide real-time information of tectonic plate movement, helping scientists determine if earthquakes will trigger tsunamis, for example. LiquidRobots equipment is already deployed in some areas around the Pacific, including Indonesia and Japan, for this purpose. Currently., LiquidRobots works with some branches of the US National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration, including the agency’s tsunami warning centre and busy centre.—Reuters

Pentagon sees further use of BlackBerry as door opens to others

Washington, 2 Nov—The Pentagon on Wednesday said it would continue to support “large numbers” of BlackBerry phones made by Research in Motion Ltd even as it moves forward with plans that would allow the US military to begin using Apple Inc’s iPhone and other devices.

The US Defence Department last week invited companies to submit bids for software that can monitor, manage and enforce security requirements for devices made by Apple and Google Inc, with an eye to awarding a contract in April.

The Defence Information Systems Agency (DISA) quietly posted its request for proposals on a federal website on 22 October, the same day that the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency said it would end its contract with RIM in favour of Apple’s iPhone.

Losing some of its Pentagon business to other providers could deal another blow to RIM, which once commanded the lead in the smartphone market but has rapidly lost ground to Apple and Samsung’s line of products as customers abandon its aging BlackBerry devices.

For many years, the Pentagon relied solely on BlackBerry phones because RIM met its tough security requirements, but other companies have been improving security on their devices, and a growing number of military commanders are lamoring for rival devices with bigger touch screens and faster browsers.—Reuters

A visitor looks over the new iPad mini at an Apple event in San Jose, California on 23 Oct, 2012.—Reuters

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The devices dissipate heat from batteries and other equipment aboard the solar-powered station, a $100 billion laboratory for biological, fluid physics and other science experiments now flying about 255 miles above Earth.

Unknown if it’s fixed, the leak would eventually trigger the cooling system to shut down, leaving the station without a backup system for a section of the station’s solar arrays.

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A Research in Motion (RIM) BlackBerry smartphone handset is reflected in the logo of Apple’s trademark at an Apple event in San Francisco, California, US, 20 Oct, 2012.—Reuters

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Sharp fears for future as Japenese TV makers bleed

Tokyo, 2 Nov—Struggling Japanese TV maker Sharp Corp warned it might not be able to survive on its own, as it almost doubled its full-year net loss forecast to ¥5.6 billion, and said it was considering alliances with other companies. In a statement, the company said it booked massive second-quarter losses and is seeing “serious negative operating cash flow.” “This raises serious doubts about (our ability) to continue as a going concern,” it said, adding it was taking steps, including pay cuts and asset sales to voluntary redundancies, to generate cash flow.

Sharp has been in talks for months with Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd about the Taiwan-based group becoming its biggest shareholder. Sharp said on Thursday it expected an agreement on that before a March deadline, but added it was considering other alliances as well.

“Perhaps it will not fail within this year, but I don’t think Sharp has a viable business in the next 3-5 years,” said Ikujiro Nonaka, former president of the Research Institute of Management Science at Tokyo University. “The company hasn’t got much time left and they need to cut out businesses that they can, conserve cash and … produce something that’s really competitive.”

Sharp CEO Tetsuro Tsuda told reporters: “We have lots of great technology and we want to tap that asset to revive and make money, but I can’t say we are now a company with that vitality.”
Aichi Bank forms business alliance with Thai counterpart

NAGOYA, 2 Nov—Aichi Bank Ltd, a regional bank in central Japan, said Thursday it has formed a business alliance with Kasikornbank Public Co Ltd of Thailand to help its corporate clients advance into the Southeast Asian country.

The clients will be able to receive services in Japanese should they open accounts with the Bangkok-based bank.

The two banks have upgraded the cooperation agreement reached in June 2011 as an increasing number of the Nagoya-based bank’s clients make forays into the country.

It is the third business alliance with overseas banks for Aichi Bank, following ones with Bank of China Ltd. in November 2003 and PT. Bank Negara Indonesia (Persero) Tbk in April this year.

Kyodo News

Wipro to separate non-IT units to focus on outsourcing

BANGALORE, 2 Nov—Wipro Ltd (WIPR, NS), India’s No.3 software services provider, said it will fold all its non-IT businesses into a new company and focus exclusively on information technology, sparking a more than 3 percent rally in its shares in Mumbai.

The new unitled, known as Wipro Enterprises Ltd, will include Wipro’s consumer care, medical diagnostics and infrastructure units, Wipro said in a statement to the stock exchanges on Thursday.

Wipro’s board will remain unchanged and the separation of the non-core units will have no impact on the company’s management structure, according to the statement.

Separation of its non-core businesses will allow Wipro to focus on IT, where it competes with Infosys Ltd (INFY NS) and Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS NS). In the fiscal year 2012-12, Wipro’s IT business accounted for 94 percent of its operating profit.

Fierce competition and rising operating costs have eroded the bottom line of some firms in India’s $100 billion-a-year IT services sector. Creating an IT-focused company will allow Wipro to “accelerate investments necessary to capitalize on market growth opportunities,” said T K Kurien, CEO Of Wipro’s IT Business. Wipro shares rose 3.21 percent to 361.9 rupees at 0436 GMT. Tata Consultancy and the broader market .BSE.NI were little changed, while Infosys was down 0.43 percent.

“I don’t think it’s a very material move. In the sense, when people looked at Wipro, it was always as one focused on IT,” said Bhavin Shah, chief executive of Equirus Capital in Mumbai.

“There are lot of positives internally that one hears about Mr Kurien, about steps taken for stronger focus on the IT business, at some point if that starts delivering, certainly that’s what the market will really care about,” Shah said.

Wipro is due to announce its earnings for the quarter ended on 30 September on Friday. — Reuters

Indian hotel sector needs 13 bn USD investment in next 5 years

KOLKATA, 2 Nov—The Indian hotel industry needs at least 7,200 billion rupees (about 13.09 billion US dollars) investment in the next four to five years to build another 108,000 rooms across 1 to 5-star categories, an industry sources said on Thursday.

The country currently has 120,000 star-category rooms.

“We need to focus more on developing products across our east and west coasts,” said Vivek Nair, former president of the Indian Hotel and Restaurants Association. According to him, India does not have enough hotels or resorts on beachfronts. Usually, tourists from Russia and other oil-rich countries in that belt travel to Egypt. But, considering the current political and social atmosphere in Egypt, tourists are advised not to visit that country. And they are now looking to countries such as India and Indonesia.

“India stands a better chance, but unfortunately it does not have enough tourism products to offer them,” he said.

The Indian government has budgeted 350 billion rupees (about 6.36 billion US dollars) for the tourism sector, hoping to bring its annual foreign tourist inflow to 12.4 million in the next couple of years.

Xinhua

Sony logs 40 bil yen group net loss in April-Sept

TOKYO, 2 Nov—Sony Corp said on Thursday it remained in the red in the April to September period with a group net loss of 40.11 billion yen, compared with a loss of 42.68 billion yen a year earlier, due partly to the strong yen and slowing sales of products such as digital cameras.

The Tokyo-based electronics maker said its group operating profit slumped 41.2 percent to 36.53 billion yen.

Its group sales grew 1.6 percent to 3.12 trillion yen after turning its mobile phone unit into a wholly owned subsidiary.

For the current business year through March, the company revised down and the consolidated sales outlook to 200 billion yen to 2.6 trillion yen due to lower-than-expected sales of products including digital cameras and portable game devices amid the global economic slowdown.

The company said the anticipated decline in sales was also attributable to the deteriorating ties between Japan and China following the Japanese government’s nationalization in September of three of the five main islands in the Senkaku group, administered by Japan but claimed by China and Taiwan.

Kyodo News

Fiat will start investments at Melfi plant by end-2012: press

MILAN, 2 Nov—Italian car maker Fiat’s (FIAMMI) Chief Executive Sergio Marchionne said on Thursday the company will start investing to build new sport utility vehicles (SUV) at its Melfi plant by year-end.

“Next week we will send our technicians down (to the plant),” he told Corriere della Sera newspaper in an interview.

“By the end of the year we will start spending.”

Fiat’s Melfi plant will therefore be the first to be retooled for new models outlined in the Italian carmaker’s plan to fix its loss-making European business.

A sharp downturn in Europe has forced Marchionne to focus on bolstering the company’s European activities instead of buying more shares in US automaker Chrysler Group LLC, which it also controls, the company said on Tuesday.

Marchionne told Corriere della Sera Thursday his new plan to increase investment in higher-margin models will enable the company to compete with Germany’s premium car makers.

“Thanks to Chrysler (car platforms), we can leverage the American ones and Maserati brands and become a nuisance to premium brand competitors,” he said.

A sked if it was perhaps too ambitious to aim to compete with German car makers BMW (BMWG.DE), M ercedes-Benz (DA IG.N) and VW’s (VOWG_p.DE) Audi, he said “just watch.”

Fiat had previously put new investment in its Italian plants on hold pending an upturn in the European car market, which is in its fifth year of decline.

Its decision to unblock investments was partly due to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi’s reforms, he said.

“Onti’s Italy is a different Italy from the one I have seen in recent years,” he said. “And it’s one that’s worth betting on.”

Reuters

High-protein diet may help some people shed pounds

NEW YORK, 2 Nov—Dieters who eat meals and snacks high in protein might lose a bit more weight than those who get less protein and more carbohydrates — all other things being equal, a new analysis of past studies suggests.

Researchers found that over an average of 12 weeks, people who ate high protein lost about 1.6 extra pounds, and more body fat, than those assigned to a standard-protein diet.

There was no difference, however, in how much participants’ blood pressure, cholesterol levels or markers for diabetes risk changed based on the protein content of their diets.

T he Europe Wycheley from the University of South Australia in Adelaide, the lead author on the study, said in an email that the extra weight loss in the high-protein group was “only modest,” but that “it may still represent clinical relevance on a population level”.

For the study, he and his colleagues analyzed 24 past trials that included a total of 1,063 people.

Participants were all put on a reduced-calorie, low-fat diet designed to help them lose weight.

Women sit on a bench in New York’s Times Square on 31 May, 2012. — Reuters

A bout half were prescribed a high-protein version of that diet — containing about 85 grams of protein per day for a 150-pound person — and the other half a standard-protein diet, with 49 grams per day, on average, for a 150-pound person.

Across all trials, high-protein and standard-protein diets were designed to provide the same calorie reduction.

Depending on the study, participants lost an average of anywhere from 2.4 to 25.1 pounds, according to findings published last week in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

It’s not obvious why a higher protein-to-carbohydrate ratio might help people shed more pounds — and one obesity researcher not involved in the new analysis questioned whether the trials were even robust enough to make that conclusion.

“The studies are generally far too short to tell impact,” Dr James Levine from the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, told Reuters on Friday in an email.

What’s more, he added, “many are inadequately conducted to be relevant.”

Reuters
Harper to promote Canada business, but no investment rules yet


Ed Fast and a group of corporate executives. He will then spend a day in the Philippines and half a day in Hong Kong. He will meet the chief executive of Hong Kong, but will probably not be meeting Chinese government officials during the visit. Canada and India have been working for eight years on an agreement to protect foreign investment, but it was not clear if this might be signed on the trip. The two countries also have been negotiating a civil nuclear energy deal which would enable Canadian firms like Cameco Corp to export uranium to India.

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Plan to strictly supervise traffic rule enforcement for taxis

**Yangon, 2 Nov**—The Yangon Region government is making arrangements for traffic rules enforcement works to ensure systematic runs of taxis, urge the taxi drivers to abide by the traffic rules and enable the passengers to enjoy convenience of taxi transportation.

A member of traffic police force said, "Actually, the traffic police force enforces the taxis under the Vehicle Law and regional rules. At present, the traffic rule enforcement will be undertaken as the growing number of taxis is losing the acts to abide by the traffic rules."

Some taxis break the traffic rules like that of buses. The taxis do not aware of traffic dangers. All their acts that they stop in front of the passengers cause dangers for other vehicles. "In fact, taxi drivers are striving for earning incomes to be able to pay daily charge for taxi owners and to be spent on expense of families. A such, they break traffic rules unexpectedly," remarked a taxi owner.

Whatever it may be, any driver must abide by traffic rules.— Myanma Alinn

Myanmar needs to export more rattan production

**Yangon, 2 Nov**—The export volume of raw rattan is larger than that of finished products, job opportunities cannot be created on a wider scale for the local people, said Chairman of Myanar Rattan Entrepreneurs Association U Kyaw Thu.

"Finished goods of rattan can be shifted into a driver for poverty alleviation. As it is a cottage industry, the producers do not need factories and workshops. They have to give priority to export of finished rattan goods more than the raw rattans not to fade out the production process of traditional works," he remarked then.

As Forest Department enlists the finished rattan goods and scrutinizes the products on several steps, the export process wastes a long time. Thus, such difficulties are to be solved for convenience in exporting process of the rattan producers. In consequence, the rattan producers could not export their products to the market in time. Hence, the rival exporters occupy the shares of market.

"Myanmar, Malaysia and Indonesia produce large amount of rattans. Indonesia bans export of raw rattans this year and allows export of finished rattan works only. Indonesia fetches US$500 million from the export of finished rattan works. Myanmar earns US$10-20 million only from the rattan products," said a rattanware technician.

The rural areas export 80 per cent of finished rattan works. Of them, Ayeyawady Region produces the largest volume of rattanworks. Yekyi Region can earn thousands of million kyats from the rattan industry. From April to October, over 3,000 tons of raw rattan and 30 tons of finished rattan goods were exported to foreign countries.

China is the top customer of Myanmar in purchasing raw rattan and Bangladesh is the second top customer country.— Myanma Alinn

Myanmar women’s volleyball team under training for XXVII SEA Games

**Yangon, 2 Nov**—The selected Myanmar women’s volleyball team constituted with 16 players are under training as preparations for taking part in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in 2013 by Myanmar.

To have experiences for the coming SEA Games, Myanmar women’s team participated in the 2011 Indonesia SEA Games. After participation in 1997 SEA Games, Myanmar women’s team was out of sight from the international competitions for a decade.

To achieve success in front of the own spectators on the motherland, the Myanmar women’s team started its training as of 1 January 2012. To gain precious experiences from international competitions, the Myanmar women’s team competed in the Asian Inter-Club Women’s Volleyball Championship in Thailand in April and the Asian Youth Women’s Volleyball Championship in Thailand in September.

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The Myanmar women’s team stood seventh in the Asian Inter-Club Youth Championship. Myanmar team plans to take joint exercises with Chinese team in China in April 2013.


Myanma Alinn

Anniversary of Driver Journal celebrated

**Yangon, 2 Nov**—Myanmar, Malaysia and Indonesia held its annual ceremony at the hall of Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee, here, on 1 November morning, attended by Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin.

Chairman of the Committee Patron of the Journal U Hla Aung explained the road safety campaigns.

Vice-Chairman U Hla Taung Myint (Hla Taung Myint, M-a-Hta-The-Central) and Secretary U Ba Myint spoke words of honour.

The region minister and officials presented prizes to outstanding persons. The Driver Journal is published as of 27 October 2011 with the aim of reducing traffic accidents, promoting good relations among bus owners, bus workers and passengers and spending the profits of bus lines in the road safety campaigns.— Myanma Alinn

Football match gamblers seized in Meiktila

**Meiktila, 2 Nov**—Under the supervision of Police Inspector Kyi Shein of Meiktila District Anti-Crime Squad, Sub-Police Inspector Zin Ko Ko and local authorities arrested Mawung Gyi (al Zay Ko Ko), 38, together with K 27,200 in gambling football matches and vouchers used in betting at Gangawhith Café beside Yangon-M andalay Highway in the industrial zone at 6.30 pm on 27 October.

No 3 police station of Meiktila took action against Mawung Gyi (al Zay Ko Ko) under the law.

Myanma Alinn
Heal the western part of the country

Renewed violence in Rakhine State has claimed many innocent lives and made thousands homeless, raising alarms to the government that the western part of the country is in dire need of the rule of law. As many as one of the greatest challenges the country in democratic transition must address. Perhaps, it is a test for the law enforcement mechanism of the democratic country.

We could see that all the riots since the start are based on rumours which provoked angers of both sides, but the sources of these rumours are still unknown. The President warned "persons and organizations who are conducting manipulation in the incidents in Rakhine State behind the scene" in a statement issued on 25 October. The statement also vowed to bring them to justice.

Who does manipulate these tensions and why? There may be various parties involved and reasons why. But, the top priority should solely be given to restoration of law and order in the riot-torn region and provide urgent humanitarian aid to the victims in increasing make-shift relief camps.

Western media portrays the case as the religious divide while the local counterparts cite it was the communal strife. It may be the fight between the two groups each of which holds a different religious belief or comes from a different race, but it is nothing connected with religion or race. Neither side does engage in violence for religion or race. We have the laws that we bow to and have the elected legislators in session. Let the law decide. In this critical moment, we must avoid edges.

Some criticisms also indicate the incident as human rights violation of the government. The government vowed to "defend against these criticisms through every possible means".

Now, most of the locals in the second least developed state of Myanmar are in relief camps and are living on aids. We will have to take a considerable amount of time to heal the pains of the victims while helping them wake up from the nightmare and return to their life as ever before. But, the aids that channeled into the state must sincerely be destined for both communities.

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell, British Am-bassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Heyn, Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronde Nadine Mules and party, toured Myebon, Yanbye and Kyaukyu Townships via Sittway.

At the meeting hall of Myebon Township General Administration Department, two societies by legal and peaceful means. After that, the Ambassadors and members raised the questions. Next, they met the displaced people at Kantha Htwetwa village relief camp. The Union Minister, the Chief Minister and departmental heads presented relief aids to them. Then, they viewed accommodation and healthcare of the displaced persons at temporary relief camp in Taunggaw ward and provided relief assistance to them.

From there, they met with townswelders, local organizations and the displaced people in Yanbye Township. At a meeting with townswelders and departmental officials the Union Minister said that they including diplomats led by the Ambassadors from US, UK and Australia came to the incident-hit regions in order to let the world know the real cause of the incidents. Ensuring socio-economic development in the Region needs to have peace and stability and to solve issues in the legal bound. Due to the conflicts have caused a barrier to economic development, short-and-long term socio-economic development programme should be implemented. Cooperation is to be made by Peace and Stability Committee formed in townships for averting the outbreak of the similar cases in the future.

Then, the Union Minister, the Ambassadors and party looked into the fire-hit houses and damages. Diplomatic members raised the questions on the real cause of the incidents to local people.

In meeting with local people and townswelders at Kyaukyu Township General Administration Department, the Union Minister said that Kyaukyu is a commercial port city. The outbreak of such new incidents has caused a hindrance to Kyaukyu’s development. Local people will have to live to avoid the conflicts, considering the social interest of future generation there as those incidents can undermine regional stability and the rule of law. After that, local people explained the facts about the real cause of incidents, and the diplomatic members raised the questions to local people. From there, they visited the fire-hit Paikseik ward in Kyaukyu and met with the displaced people at Thanyu Monastery Relief Camp in East Ward and at Kyauktalon makeshift relief camp in Gohnchain village-tract and presented relief aid to them.

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Outbreak of social problems is common as people are living together in human society

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Workshop on implementation of e-Government process held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—A workshop on implementation of e-Government process was held at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, here, this morning. On the occasion, Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein and Chairman of Myanmar Computer Development Council Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun gave addresses.

Afterwards, Principal of the Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre under the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications U Kyaw Soe, Patron of Myanmar Computer Federation U Thein Oo, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Construction U Yan Naung and General Secretary of MCF U Min Oo respectively read out the papers. It was attended by Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein and U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister U Thein Tun, Secretary of the Reforming and Developing Supervisory Committee Dr Maung Maung Wint, managing directors and directors-general under the ministry, departmental heads, CEOs, officials concerned and guests and media.

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Establishment of diplomatic relations...

(from page 16) After that, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr K. Zaw submitted the report on financial, economy and social status for 2011-2012 financial year sent by Union Government.

The report was discussed by Public Accounts Joint Committee Secretary U Maung Toe, Daw Tin Wae, O, of Dagon M. (North) Constituency, Dr Aung Than of Shwebo Constituency, U Khin Aung Yi of Ahlon Constituency and Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 6. Then, Union Minister Dr. Zaw decided to put it on record.

The meeting came to an end at 1:40 pm and will go on at 10 am on 8 November. — MNA

Workshop on National Level Agricultural Sector Development held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — To achieve success in the national level objectives in the agricultural sector, short-term and long-term plans should be implemented in accordance with the G.A.P. system: “Government Policy”, “Assistance” and “People Cooperation”, said Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing.

In his opening address of the workshop on development of the agricultural sector at the ministry here today, the Union Minister stressed the importance of the “Government Policy”, “Assistance” and “People Cooperation” – G.A.P. system covering political assistance, financial assistance, technical assistance, know-how assistance, experience assistance and “P” Public/ People collaboration, cooperation coordination, combination and contribution to achieve the objective of the development of the agricultural sector.

The workshop has been held with the aim of adopting pragmatic policies and laying down tasks for the rural areas development, poverty alleviation and the people-centered development, he added.

Every country in the world is concentrating for their food security, and Myanmar has also given priority to the food sufficiency and food security as a national duty, he added.

Myanmar has potential of 18.5 million hectares (2.61 square million hectare) and is using 11.93 million hectare as farmland, and the country’s agricultural contribute US$ 13.6 billion to the total GDP of US$ 53.6 billion, he said.

The Union Minister said the realization of agricultural development is aimed at strengthening with to serve the national interests.

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Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win making a speech at the Sangha Maha Pavarana and “soo-n” donation ceremony. — MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Maung Thein of Kyaukpyu Constituency participated in discussions. — MNA

The national-level workshop on agricultural development would contribute to socio-economic development of the entire agro-based and resource-rich country, he said.

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan said free flow of commodity, investment, service, skilled labour and financial assistance, economic development of the country’s agricultural sector at the minimum of its food sufficiency, and party new agricultural produce and machine parts. — MNA

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**Liberalus**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Nov — A large fire on Wednesday severely damaged the warehouses of three samba schools in Rio, destroying costumes and floats prepared for the city's traditional carnival parade, but causing no casualties. The blaze, which was believed to start from the warehouse of the Flor da Mina samba school, soon spread to nearby Alegría da Zona Sul and Portuguesa da Pedra, the local fire department said.

A sambashool is a kind of club or dancing school devoted to practicing for performances of samba, an African-Brazilian dance, at various events, the most important of which is the parade in the yearly carnival. The fire will not affect the February 2013 carnival as there is still plenty of time for the schools to recover from the damage, said Deo Pessoa, director of samba school league Lierj.

“Schools … lost equipment, machines and a few floats, but I am sure our carnival will still be grand with the joint efforts of our members,” said Pessoa. A fires are common in samba school warehouse due to the presence of tons of flammable materials and electrical equipment. They can be very devastating, especially when occurring too close to the carnival. The last large fire of this kind struck in 2011, about a month before the carnival, causing huge damage to the floats and costumes of three samba schools of the premier league. — Xinhua

**Ecuador seizes 32 tons of drugs in 10 months**

QUERO, 2 Nov — Ecuadorian police seized some 32 tons of illicit drugs and arrested 3,400 drug traffickers in the first 10 months this year, Ecuadorian Vice Interior Minister Javier Cordova said on Wednesday.

A mong the drugs seized in 2,000 operations, 12 tons were destined domestically, Cordova told local radio. Meanwhile, the Education Ministry launched a campaign on 18 Oct to fight drug abuse at schools. According to Cordova, a large amount of drugs were traded on school campus.

Ecuador is a transit hub of drug trafficking in South America and the United States and Europe. In 2011, the country seized about 26 tons of drugs and arrested 1,158 drug traffickers, including both Ecuadorians and foreigners. — Xinhua

**Top Canadian book prize awarded to humorist, travel writer**

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Yu yung, president of China's Higher Education Press, noted that this book was different from traditional art catalogue. "It carries literary traces, paintings, photos, illustrations and descriptions as a supplement to the seals, which could give readers a general picture of China's traditional art, as well as culture and history," he said.

Li, a former member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, has been dedicated to the popularization of Chinese culture and art since his retirement in 2003."In seal cutting, Li had some innovation in the content, style and material," said Fan Di'an, dean of the National Art Museum of China. "His works showed the aesthetic knowledge and cultural interest of Chinese leaders," he said.

Andrea Rose, director of visual arts at the British Council, believed that the innovation "showed how ancient art was invigorated," while Simon A llen, chief executive of Macmillan Education, expressed the hope to introduce more Chinese artists to Britain. The Chinese Embassy in Britain, the National Art Museum of China and the British Museum will hold an exhibition on Li's seal cutting works, which will run from Thursday to 15 Jan, 2013, in the British Museum in London. — Xinhua

**Russia, Palestine call to resume peace talks in Middle East**

MOSCOW, 2 Nov — Russia and Palestine called for sooner resumption of peace talks between Palestine and Israel. Russian Foreign M inistry said on Wednesday.

During a meeting between M oscow's special envoy to Middle East Mikhail Bogdanov and Palestine ambassador to Russia fastas M utafa, the two diplomats exchanged views over the current situation in the Middle East, including was the status of the Middle East peace talks, the ministry said in a statement.

The sides "called for the resumed Palestinian-Israeli peace talks on the known international legal base" and took it as the most important factor for general stability of the region, said the statement.

Meanwhile, Russia and Palestine confirmed their intention to promote political dialogue and expand fruitful cooperation in various areas. Russia is part of a diplomatic group known as the Quartet, which also includes the European Union, the United States and the United Nations, working for peace between the Palestinians and Israelis on the basis of the two-state solution.

In 2002, the Quartet framed a roadmap for peace but made little progress in resolving the decades-old conflict. — Xinhua

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China moves forward in promoting people's well-being, democracy

China in 1949. China established a social security net covering urban and rural residents, intensified reform of its education, healthcare systems, and continued to improve the scheme of providing affordable housing for low-income earners. Meanwhile, great achievements were made in boosting democracy. In a landmark move, "protection of human rights" was incorporated into China's constitution in 2004, demonstrating the country's determination to better safeguard people's rights.

Four years later, a regulation on government information disclosure was introduced to increase public access to official information, facilitating public access to official information, and thereby improving the country's economic and social systems. The regulation on government information disclosure was introduced to increase public access to official information, thus improving the country's economic and social systems.

In 2011, 98 central government departments for the first time made public their spending on dining, travels and vehicles. These expenditures, which used to be kept from people, were often blamed as major areas for extravagance of tax-payers' money.

This year, microblogging accounts of government organs totalled more than 80,000, providing abridge for communication between officials and the people. Furthermore, CPC Central Committee General Secretary Hu Jintao in a key speech delivered on 23 July urged efforts to make sure people can enjoy their rights to the full. China under the leadership of the CPC has made great achievements in promoting both people's well-being and democracy. The country's coordinated efforts for the dual goals produced a reciprocal effect. By listening to the will of the people and striving to meet their expectations, the authorities translated reform and development plans to improved livelihoods of the masses.

Meanwhile, the country continued to innovate practices and systems to ensure that people's rights could be better realized as the country's economic transformation fuelled more demands among citizens.

However, it should be fully understood that each task concerning people's well-being is a "world-class" one in China, given the country's huge population and weak economic foundation. To promote democracy is the same, both arduous and complex. China should spare no effort in advancing people's well-being and democracy, and the bilateral meeting is scheduled for in a down-to-earth manner and based on its own circumstances. Under the leadership of the CPC, China will go forward boldly into a better future in terms of people's livelihood and democracy—Xinhua

Indian PM to visit Japan to discuss security cooperation

Tokyo, 2 Nov — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will pay a four-day visit to Japan to discuss security cooperation in maritime and cybersecurity with Prime Minister Yoshide Noda, Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced on Friday.

Singh will arrive in Japan on 15 November, and the bilateral meeting is scheduled for 16 November, said Japanese Foreign Minister Kichiro Gamba. The two leaders are expected to exchange their views on strengthening strategic ties between Japan and India in maritime and economic ties.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries, said Gamba, hoping the visit will deepen the partnership between the two sides.

Singh is also going to meet Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko during the visit.

Noda to visit Laos to attend Asia-Europe meeting

Tokyo, 2 Nov — Prime Minister Yoshide Noda will visit Laos from Sunday to Wednesday to attend a meeting of Asian and European leaders, Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura said on Friday.

Noda is slated to hold bilateral talks with his Laotian counterpart Thongsing Thammavong on the fringes of the Asia-Europe meeting on Monday, Fujiura told a press conference. Preparations are also underway for him to hold one-on-one talks with the leaders of Cambodia, Poland and the European Union, government officials said. The Asia and European leaders are set to discuss various issues, including economic and regional affairs, Fujiura said.

Typhoon Son-Tinh affects China

HAINAN, 1 Nov — Typhoon Son-Tinh, the 23rd typhoon of the year, has killed one person and left another missing in south China's Hainan Province, as well as affected over 1.26 million others, local authorities said on Thursday.

The Yomiuri said Japan plans to import a total of around 1,500 tonnes of rare earths from Kazakhstan a year, accounting for about 7.5 percent of its annual demand. That includes about 20 tonnes a year of dysprosium, used in motors for electric and hybrid cars, which would account for 3 percent of Japan's demand for the material, it said.

Reuters

Typhoons and heavy winds have forced 52,000 people to relocate thus far, according to the provincial civil affairs bureau.

The wind and rain have damaged about 44,700 hectares of farmland and 1,320 houses, bringing gales and heavy losses of 990 million yuan (158.69 million US dollars) over the next four years to help fight malaria in the Asia-Pacific region.

Carr made the announcement at the 2012 Malaria Conference in Sydney on Friday. The Asia-Pacific is the second worst-hit part of the world after Africa, recording 30 million cases of malaria in a year and 42,000 deaths. The 22 countries attending the conference committed to "urgent" collective action to control drug-resistant malaria.

Carroll told the conference that a collective responsibility was the only feasible way to continue the fight against malaria. "Without it the threat will only grow. What’s needed is political commitment," he said. "Malaria kills a child somewhere every 30 seconds. Eighty percent of the children killed are under five."—Xinhua

Australia pledges 104 mln USD to help fight malaria in Asia-Pacific

SYDNEY, 2 Nov — An Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr announced on Friday that Australia will provide 104.13 million US dollars (104.13 mln AUD) to help fight malaria in the Asia-Pacific region over the next four years.

Carr made the announcement at the 2012 Malaria Conference in Sydney on Friday. The Asia-Pacific region is the second worst-hit part of the world after Africa, recording 30 million cases of malaria in a year and 42,000 deaths. The 22 countries attending the conference committed to “urgent” collective action to control drug-resistant malaria.

Carr told the conference that a collective responsibility was the only feasible way to continue the fight against malaria. “Without it the threat will only grow. What’s needed is political commitment,” he said. “Malaria kills a child somewhere every 30 seconds. Eighty percent of the children killed are under five.”—Xinhua
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**Airlines look to resume full flight schedules in New York area**

Travellers surround a flight monitor showing cancelled flights at LaGuardia airport in New York on 28 Oct, 2012. — Reuters

New York, 2 Nov — Major US airlines moved to build up service in the New York area on Thursday, with the number of cancelled flights at LaGuardia Airport re-opened for business in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Airlines had cancelled about 750 flights for Thursday as of late afternoon, according to flight-tracking service FlightAware.com. That was the lowest daily tally of halted flights since airlines began cutting their US flying on Sunday ahead of the storm.

Delta Air Lines expected to operate about half of its roughly 260 flights at LaGuardia on Thursday. At John F. Kennedy International, Delta operations are near the normal schedule, said spokesman Megan Durrant. United Continental expected to have a “more-or-less normal schedule” of flights at Newark, New Jersey, where it is the dominant carrier, and JFK, according to spokesman Charles Hobart.

“We’re looking to concentrate any cancellations required by airport conditions to the United Express regional operations,” he added.

Meanwhile, American Airlines planned to build up to full schedule by Saturday, said spokeswoman Michelle Mohr.

US carriers, which have canceled nearly 20,000 flights from Sunday through Thursday, have lost millions in lost revenue in Sandy’s wake, airline watchers said. The New York-based JetBlue Airways said it planned to operate 80 percent of its total flights on Thursday, ramping up to a full schedule by Saturday, according to Travel Weekly. American and US Airways began flights at JFK and Newark on Thursday and will resume service at LaGuardia on Friday, spokeswoman Michelle Mohr said.

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**Luxor, Qena, Sohag and Assiut governorates, official news agency MENA reported.**

Luxor governor Ezzat Saied told Xinhua on Thursday that “this is the first unit to be established in Egypt to prevent Nile contamination.” He added his governorate will train 15 people from those working in the environment protection institution to tackle the river crisis.— Xinhua

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**Nuclear regulatory body starts studying disputed fault at Oi plant**

**Tokyo, 2 Nov — Japan’s nuclear regulatory authority on Friday started a one-day investigation at Kansai Electric Power Co’s Oi nuclear power plant in Fukui Prefecture to check whether a disputed fault running underneath it should be viewed as active.**

Depending on the outcome of the investigation, the sole operating plant in the quake-prone country could be asked to shut down, just months after two of its reactors were allowed in July to restart having cleared a safety screening process carried out by the Nuclear Regulation Authority’s predecessor. It is the first time for the NRA to conduct an on-site inspection of a nuclear plant following its establishment in September.

**Kyodo News**

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An artwork is displayed at the Shanghai Art Fair 2012 in Shanghai, east China, on 1 Nov, 2012. A total of 146 galleries from 12 countries and regions participated in the fair that kicked off on Thursday. — Xinhua

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**Seven giant panda cubs that were recently born sleep while meeting with the public at the Chengdu Research Base for Giant Panda Breeding in Chengdu, capital of southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 1 Nov, 2012. The research base showed the public on Thursday seven of the eight giant pandas that it bred this year.**

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Life of Pi my most difficult film: Ang Lee

Central 2 Nov—Oscar-winning filmmaker Ang Lee says his latest offering Life Of Pi, a 3D adventure drama, has been the most difficult film of his career.

“Undoubtedly this was the most difficult film of my career. It took me three and a half years and 3,000 crew members to complete the project. It was a herculean task to make an engaging story, which is only about a young boy on a lifeboat with few animals,” Lee told reporters here Wednesday.

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Los Angeles, 2 Nov—Aunt Rosemary was not George Clooney’s only famous relative. You can add a certain Civil War American president to the Oscar winning actor’s family tree.

Politics has apparently run in the activist actor’s blood for centuries, as website Ancestry.com on Thursday revealed that the “Ocean’s 11” star is distantly related to President Abraham Lincoln.

According to Ancestry.com, Clooney is the half-first cousin five times removed from Lincoln, the 16th president. The genealogy website breaks down the connection, explaining the “half” means that two of their ancestors were half-siblings — Lincoln’s mother Nancy Hanks was the half-sister of Clooney’s 4th great-grandmother Mary Ann Sparrow.

Hanks and Sparrow shared the same mother, Lucy Hanks, but had different fathers. Lucy Hanks was Lincoln’s maternal grandmother as well as the 5th great-grandmother of Clooney. — Reuters

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Murray pole-axed in Paris

PARIS, 2 Nov — Andy Murray wasted a match point before being knocked out 5-7, 7-6, 6-2 by Polish qualifier Jerzy Janowicz following a sloppy display in the third round of the Paris Masters on Thursday. Britain’s Murray lost focus as he served for the match in the second set and was then battered by the hard hitting Janowicz, who ended the contest with a forehand winner and collapsed in joy.

“Hey probably gained some confidence from that (match point saved) and started playing better,” Murray told a news conference. “He played a good tiebreak, played aggressive, he hits a very flat ball, so when he’s hitting it well it comes through the court a lot.” — Reuters

Ferrer to use Auckland for final Australian Open warm-up

WELLINGTON, 2 Nov — World number five David Ferrer will complete his Australian Open preparations by seeking a record-equalling fourth Auckland Open title, organizers have said. Spaniard Ferrer, who has enjoyed his best year on the ATP tour by winning six titles on four different surfaces, has captured the past two titles in Auckland, which concludes two days before the year’s first grand slam begins in Melbourne.

The 30-year-old also reached at least the last eight at all four grand slam tournaments this season, the first time he has achieved that feat in his 12-year professional career. Ferrer, who has won 17 career titles, has a proud pedigree on the courts of New Zealand’s largest city, winning three times in eight visits. If he claims the title at next year’s tournament that runs from 7-12 January, he will join Australia’s Roy Emerson as the only four-time winners of the title. Emerson won in 1960 and then again from 1965-67.

“That will be a special day in the tournament’s history,” tournament director Karl Budge said when announcing Ferrer’s decision to defend his title and seek to join Emerson. Ferrer could also become the second player, after Emerson, to win the title in three successive years. New Zealand’s Onny Parun also won three Auckland titles in 1973, 1975 and 1976. He was beaten in the 1974 final by Bjorn Borg.

Klinsmann open to discussion over Donovan’s future

MIAMI, 2 Nov — United States national team coach Juergen Klinsmann says he will meet with all-time leading goalscorer Landon Donovan after the forward said he was unsure about his future in the game. LA Galaxy forward Donovan has missed the bulk of his country’s World Cup qualifying campaign so far due to injuries and in recent interviews has thrown doubt on whether he has the motivation to continue in the game. “After the (Major League Soccer) playoffs we are going to sit down and talk. He is always in our plans, absolutely,” Klinsmann said on a conference call with reporters on Thursday.

“It is really down to himself what he wants to further achieve in his career, what he wants to. Whatever he decides to do will be respected by us,” he added. While the loss of one of their key players, who has played in three World Cup finals, would be a blow to the US, Klinsmann felt Donovan had shown courage to discuss his feelings in public and said he understood the player’s perspective.

“Hinditreally courageous of him to talk openly about what is going through his mind. I can understand all those thoughts,” said the former Germany coach.

Vietnam to host first paragliding tournament

HANOI, 2 Nov — The first ever paragliding competition will be held in Vietnam, during 16-18 November, Vietnam’s state-run news agency VNA reported on Thursday.

Quoting Vietnam’s General Department of Sports and Physical Training, VNA reported that the event, held in northern Vietnam’s Hoa Binh Province, some 60 km west of capital Hanoi, will draw 30 pilots from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The event is co-organized by the General Department of Sports and Physical Training, Hanoi Paragliding Club and Hoa Binh Provincial Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism.

There are about 200 Vietnamese pilots around the country, practising paragliding, according to VNA.

Fiorentina get first win at Genoa in 30 years

ROME, 2 Nov — Fiorentina eked out their first win in thirty years at Genoa with a 1-0 win on Thursday. Manuel Pasqual scored the only goal to award the visitors their first away win in this season as they moved up to fifth in Serie A.

Pasqual’s 14-minute strike gave the visitors a lead they never surrendered in a fiery clash that saw eight players booked. Genoa’s recent woes show no sign of ending however, as they slumped to their third successive defeat.

Luigi Del Neri has failed to deliver a point since taking charge of Genoa 11 days ago and will be champing at the bit to have star striker Marco Borriello back.— Xinhua
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7:50 am 3. Nice & Sweet Song

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11:00 am 1. Poem Garden
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1:30 pm 8. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
4:00 pm 13. Cultural Dances
4:45 pm 14. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Psychology)
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6:30 pm 18. Documentary
7:00 pm 19. Celebrity and Dinner
8:00 pm 20. News
9:00 pm 21. Cartoon Series
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Second soil test for Shwegondine overpass bridge project

YANGON, 2 Nov — With the aim of building an overpass bridge at Shwegondine Junction in Bahan Township where there is always a lot of traffic, soil test is being carried out for the second time.

It is required to implement the project as soon as possible as traffic jam has worsened considerably as a result of new car arrivals’, a road user said.

It is learnt that overpass bridges will be built on busy and bustling junctions in Yangon. Now, Hledan and Bayintnaung overpass bridges are under construction and soil tests are underway for construction of Shwegondine overpass bridge. It is learnt that there is no plan to build an overpass bridge at Tamwe roundabout. — Kyemon

Sandy on track to be second-largest flood loss ever

NEW YORK, 2 Nov — The superstorm Sandy will likely end up as the second-largest insured flood loss in US history, behind only Hurricane Katrina, a top executive of a leading flood insurance provider said on Thursday.

Patty Templon-Jones, the chief operating officer of Wright Flood, said the US Federal Emergency Management Agency is expecting claims on at least 80,000 flood insurance policies after Sandy. Wright is the largest private provider of policies guaranteed by FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Programme.

Fuel scarce, East Coast struggles to recover

NEW YORK, 2 Nov — Rescuers searched flooded homes for survivors, drivers lined up for hours to get scarce gasoline and millions remained without power on Thursday as New York City and nearby towns struggled to recover from one of the biggest storms to hit the United States.

New York subway trains crawled back to limited service after being shut down since Sunday, but the lower half of Manhattan still lacked power and surrounding areas such as Staten Island, the New Jersey shore and the city of Hoboken remained crippled from a record storm surge and flooding.

At least 95 people died in the “superstorm” that ravaged the Northeastern United States and Canada from Sandy, the massive storm that hit the US East Coast this week, rose to at least 98 on Thursday after more fatalities were reported by officials in New York City, New Jersey and elsewhere. The number of dead in New York City rose to 40, police said. A total of 20 of the city’s dead were found on Staten Island, whose central part was flooded.

New Jersey authorities said the death toll in the state had reached 13 as search-and-rescue teams gained access to devastated areas. The storm also killed at least 69 people in the Caribbean, including at least 54 in Haiti as it hit the US coast on Monday, authorities said.

The following are reported and confirmed North American deaths related to the storm. State authorities have warned the numbers are subject to change and could go up or down. A decrease may occur if the cause of death is subject to change and could go up or down. A decrease may occur if the cause of death is subject to change and could go up or down. A decrease may occur if the cause of death is subject to change and could go up or down. A decrease may occur if the cause of death is subject to change and could go up or down. A decrease may occur if the cause of death is subject to change and could go up or down.

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- West Virginia: 6
- Connecticut: 4
- Virginia: 2
- North Carolina: 2
- Toronto, Canada: 1
- The capital of HMS Bounty, a tall ship that sank 125 miles off the southeast coast of Hatteras, North Carolina, is still missing. Massachusetts state police said a traffic accident that killed one man during the time of the storm was not related to the storm or weather. — Reuters

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**Establishment of diplomatic relation with the Republic of Iceland so as to extend relations with international community approved**

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives are seen at third day session.— MNA

_pyidaungsu hluttaw, 2 Nov—_Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continued for third day, at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.10 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 483 MPs.

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Union minister Metals National Corporation (JOGMNC).

The Union minister met the director and party of JOGMNC, Austrailian and Chinese mining entrepreneurs, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua separately at the hotel and discussed investment matters.— MNA

**MRF members to observe agricultural sector in India**

_NPV Tahw, 2 Nov—_Under the programme of Myanamar Rice Federation, a 26-member delegation led by Joint Secretaries of Myanamar Rice Federation U Myo Thura and U Aung Zaw Oo left here for India yesterday morning. They will study production process, milling, producing value added goods, trading, research and techniques for promoting rice and agricultural sector in New Delhi and Kolakata of India up to 8 November.

They were seen off by Myanamar Rice Federation Vice President U Aung Than Oo, general secretary U Ye Min Aung and officials concerned at Yangon International Airport.

The delegation comprised respectively ministers of Yangon, Ayeyawady and Bago Regions, region managers of the Ministry of Commerce, engineers and officials from Myanamar Rice Federation and Myanmar Peasants’ Association.

**Car models present at auto exhibition in Zhengzhou**

_Car models presents are displayed at the 5th Zhengzhou International Auto Exhibition in Zhengzhou, capital of central China’s Henan Province on 2 Nov, 2012. Over 700 automobiles of more than 300 exhibitors from home and abroad attended the five-day event which kicked off on Friday._— Xinhua

**Thomson Reuters operating profit down, trading pressured**

_Thomson Reuters Corp reported on Friday a 15 percent fall in operating profit because of declining revenue and higher costs at its division that serves the financial industry._

“"The big headline is the decline in operating profit," said Claudio Aspesi, senior analyst at Sanford Bernstein & Co. "It’s clear they need to be aggressive on cost. There is no way of knowing when the top-line will recover.”

Third-quarter revenue from ongoing businesses this year rose 1 percent before currency changes to $3.2 billion._— Reuters

**Summary of Observations at 09:30 hr M ST on 2-11-2012**

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Tanintharyi Region and Mon on State, isolated in M andalay, Bago, Yango and Awaayawady Regions and Shan State and weather has been partly cloudy in remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Lower Sagaing, Mawnyaw and Yangon Regions and Chin, Rakhine and Mon on States and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature was (9°C) in Loein. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was 1.06 inches in Y e.—NLM