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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views collapse and damages of houses in a severe earthquake in Seikkan Ward of Thabeikkyin.

Business trips to US increase

"After the Washington has eased sanctions, the number of business trip has significantly increased if compared with pleasure trip to America," said a US tour operator.

Three years ago, Myanmar citizens visited US mainly for pleasure and study. Myanmar businessmen hardly visited US that time since there were almost no business opportunities for Myanmar businessmen due to US's sanctions against Myanmar.

Ko Andrew, a tour operator whose office in Bagara Condo, Yangon, said "We mainly operate US tours for Myanmar people to be able to visit annual economic and technological exhibition in US. When we launched the US tour, most of the visitors go to US as observers. Now, national businessmen go to America to do business in own country and to make direct contact with US businessmen. Previously, US goods had to be imported into the country via transit countries like Singapore and Thailand. The number of visitors has increased as US goods could be directly imported to the country and sold at lower prices.

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(from page 1) imported and Myanmar businessmen can directly do business with US businessmen. There are business tour operators in other global countries that operate business tours to major economies. Myanmar should also have a number of business tour operators."

The world’s greatest exhibitions like International Builders Show, SHRM Show, Consumer Electronic Show and FABTECH Show are held annually in Las Vegas in American, which attract more than 2000 investors, businessmen, marketing entrepreneurs, industrialists, constructors, and electronics producers from over 100 countries across the globe. Those exhibitions serve as gathering place for businessmen from all corner of the world to make deals with one another. Under Myint Thein Group Construction who attended International Builders Show last year recounted his experiences, "I had a chance to observe new production technologies at the show and could also learn modern construction techniques of America practically. It is a show where one can study the changing models of construction in global countries and purchase and import latest building materials on their own."

Myanmar at present is trying to integrate its economy with many Western countries including US and those business and technological shows therefore would benefit much to Myanmar national businessmen offering opportunities to learn state-of-the-art technologies and products and to meet technicians and entrepreneurs around the world.— Ko Gyi Thar

A new exhibition, a four-week Basic writing course opened on 6 November at the hall of Myanmar Writers Association in Sarpay Beikman Building in Yangon with 7000 bricks driven by Myanmar Writers Association Dr Thet Lwin, Region Journalists Association Dr Thet Lwin of Shweamyutay literary association on 6 November for third time. The course is being organized at the hall of Myanmar Writers Association in Sarpay Beikman Building in Kyauktada Township. Writers Ledwinthar Saw Chit, Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobinkauk), Khin Maung Tun (Lnamdaw), Maung Sein Win (Padikon), Ma Hnin Phway, Ma Moe Myay, Maung Khin Min (Danubyu), Chit Naing (Psychology), Nwe Gyar Thaing and Ma Sandra are giving lectures on basic writing to trainees.

Pyi Taw, 11 Nov— Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe inspected construction of a 240-foot long reinforced concrete bridge at Mgyaungwe village in Magway Township, preventive measures against bank erosion of Aseyawady River, selling and buying of local people in Sibinhtayar Market, tasks for cleaning and beautifying of the market and preventive measures against fire and tannacking of Mgyaungwe-Pahtanago motorway on 9 November. On his inspection tour of Aseyawady Bridge (Malun) construction project, the Chief Minister stressed the need for timely completion of construction works meeting set standards and worksite safety.

Magway Township, 28 November— Chairman of Magway Region Journalists Association Dr Thet Lwin, Supervisor of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library led the campaign which distributed 300 households at the invitation of traffic at the intersection, almost clogged with traffic. Two or three people are annually involved in fatal accidents. Although there is always a lot of traffic at the intersection, it is lacking traffic lights as well as traffic polices for road safety. So, traffic lights should be placed at the intersection. —Kymyon

Readers interested in books on legal matters, politics are also in demand in the market. Thanks to its strategic location in downtown Yangon and availability of various kinds of publications, Sarpay Beikman bookstall is a reliable one of readers. Sarpay Beikman bookstall is being kept open from 9.30 am to 4 pm, except public holidays and Sundays. — Kymyon

PHOTO SHOWS THE WORLD'S GREATEST ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SHOW IN LAS VEGAS, US.

Basic writing course opened

Yangon, 11 Nov— With the aim of enabling enthusiasts to skillfully compose poems and to grammatically write articles, a four-week Basic Writing Course was opened by Myanmar Writers Association on 6 November for third time. The course is being organized at the hall of Myanmar Writers Association in Sarpay Beikman Building in Kyauktada Township. Writers Ledwinthar Saw Chit, Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobinkauk), Khin Maung Tun (Lnamdaw), Maung Sein Win (Padikon), Ma Hnin Phway, Ma Moe Myay, Maung Khin Min (Danubyu), Chit Naing (Psychology), Nwe Gyar Thaing and Ma Sandra are giving lectures on basic writing to trainees.

Bridge collapses under the weight of loaded vehicle

Saw, 11 Nov— A bridge across Saw creek on Chauk-Seikpyu-Saw-Kantpet bridge at Migyaungye Village is collapsing while a truck loaded with 7000 bricks driven by U Aung Myint passed the bridge. Although the truck turned over, there was no casualty. Due to the damaged bridge, transportation to Pauglaungkan Village with more than 300 households at the invitation of small houses donate newspapers and journals.

Pauglaungkan Village

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Rural people interested about reading habit campaign

Pakokku, 11 Nov— Myanmar Journalists Association (Pakokku) and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Committee jointly conducted a campaign to boost reading habit in Pauglaungkan Village on 28 November. Chairman of Magway Region Journalists Association Dr Thet Lwin, Supervisor of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library led the campaign which distributed a weekly and a daily free of charge to each household with the aim to cultivating reading habit among rural people in Pakokku District. The campaign covered 10 villages in Myainga Township and five villages in Pauglaungkan Township. “We travelled to Pauglaungkan Village with more than 300 households at the invitation of small houses donate newspapers and journals.

Pauglaungkan Village

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Junction in need of traffic lights

Yangon, 11 Nov— Road accidents are frequent at the intersection of Thudhamma Road with Arthawady Road in Ward-2 of North Okkalapa Township. It is a busy intersection, almost clogged with traffic. Two or three people are annually involved in fatal accidents. Although there is always a lot of traffic at the intersection, it is lacking traffic lights as well as traffic polices for road safety. So, traffic lights should be placed at the intersection. —Kymyon

Local News
FBI probe of Petraeus began with “suspicious emails”

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — The FBI investigation that led to the discovery of CIA Director David Petraeus’ affair with author Paula Broadwell was sparked by “suspicious emails” from her to another woman and Petraeus was not the target of the probe, US law enforcement and security officials told Reuters on Saturday.

But the CIA director’s name unexpectedly turned up in the course of the investigation, two officials and two other sources briefed on the matter said.

The FBI was looking into “an issue with two women and they stumbled across the affair with Petraeus,” a US government security source said.

The FBI probe was triggered when Broadwell sent threatening emails to an unidentified woman close to the CIA director, a security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. It was unclear what the relationship of the woman who received the emails was to Petraeus.

The woman went to the FBI complaining of cyber harassment and the law enforcement agency traced the threats to Broadwell, the security official said. The FBI then uncovered explicit emails between Petraeus and Broadwell, The Washington Post reported.

The FBI investigation began fairly recently — months rather than years ago, when Petraeus would still have been in uniform as one of the US Army’s top field commanders, the official said.

Representative Peter King, Republican chairman of the House of Representatives’ Homeland Security Committee, said in an interview on MSNBC: “It’s hard to believe this went on for four or five months at this level without the president or somebody in the White House being told about it by the FBI. I would have thought the FBI had an absolute obligation to tell the president when this type of investigation is going on.”

“And then we’re told the White House was told about it the very day after the election is (over). It raises a lot of questions. I’m not into conspiracy theories but this one just doesn’t add up,” said King, who is a frequent critic of the White House.

China likely to significantly expand RQFII quota

BEIJING, 11 Nov — China’s securities authorities announced on Saturday that it has “agreed in principle” to expand its RQFII (Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors) pilot programme by increasing the investment quota by 200 billion yuan (31.74 billion US dollars).

The RQFII programme has faced strong demand from overseas investors since its launch late last year, and the current 70 billion yuan quota is running out due to the enthusiastic investors, said a spokesperson with the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC).

The RQFII mechanism, which was launched in December 2011 to widen investment channels for overseas funds on the Chinese mainland, allows qualified investors to invest yuan-based funds raised in Hong Kong in the mainland securities market within a permitted quota.

The government departments are also mulling over details of relevant rules of the RQFII programme, such as loosening restrictions to allow more institutions and part in the scheme, said the spokesperson.

Meanwhile the CSRC is considering implementing differential taxation on personal profits from securities trading to encourage long-term investment, which has gained approval from relevant departments, the official said.

The CSRC has worked with the Ministry of Science and Technology to formulate policies that help evaluate scientific achievements or intellectual information in terms of share value or capital investment.

Scientific and technical personnel in enterprises are encouraged to enjoy profits from their achievements, and their shares at the enterprises enjoy a 10-year tax exemption.

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Royal couple begin New Zealand tour on somber occasion

WELLINGTON, 11 Nov — New Zealand’s next head of state, Prince Charles, joined military veterans in commemorating the nation’s war dead on Sunday, in his first official function on a six-day tour of the country.

The prince and his wife, the Duchess of Cornwall, flew into Auckland late Saturday on the last leg of their Pacific tour to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, after earlier visiting Papua New Guinea and Australia.

Under overcast skies, the couple attended a ceremony at the Auckland War Memorial Museum on Sunday morning to mark Anzac Day, the anniversary of the end of World War I, and to honor those killed in other conflicts.

Prince Charles laid a wreath on behalf of the Queen of New Zealand, before going to meet veterans and some of the estimated 60,000 members of the public who turned out to meet the royal couple.

The heir to the throne will also be celebrating his 64th birthday in New Zealand, on Monday, 12 November, 2012, a day earlier than his official birth date.

The tour has renewed New Zealand’s links with the UK, and the royal couple will also visit the North Island farming town of Fielding and the quake-battered South Island city of Christchurch, where they will view the city’s reconstruction progress and meet people who were severely injured in the 22 Feb quake that killed 185 people last year.

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Philips, LG Electronics, others face EU cartel fines

In the case of Dutch group Philips that could reach 2.26 billion euros ($2.9 billion), while for South Korea’s LG Electronics it could be 5.4 trillion won ($5.0 billion), based on their 2011 revenues. However, sanctions are not expected to hit those levels.

The sources said a joint venture between Philips and LG Electronics, and MT Display (joint venture between Matsuhi and Toshiba) will be penalized, the sources said. The European Commission did not respond to a phone call or email seeking comment.

Cathode ray tubes, which were also used in computer monitors, have largely been replaced by modern display technologies such as LCD, plasma display and organic light-emitting diodes.

The EU authority slapped a total fine of 648 million euros on six LCD companies which included Chongwiga Picture Tubes, Samsung Electronics and LG Display two years ago for taking part in a cartel. Last year, it penalized four producers of cathode ray tubes glasses 128.74 million euros for fixing prices.

Sony Corp's logo is pictured on a Walkman speaker displayed at an electronics store in Tokyo on 24 Oct, 2012. — Reuters

Moody’s cuts Sony rating to one notch above junk

Tokyo, 11 Nov — Sony Corp’s long-term debt rating was lowered one notch by Moody’s Investor Services to the lowest investment grade level because of shrinking demand for its consumer electronics. The downgrade to Baa3 from Baa2 followed a one-notch cut by Moody’s in October, which also said its outlook on the firm remained negative. A further cut would lower its rating to junk, forcing some funds to offload its debt and curtailing the company’s ability to raise money in credit markets.

Without robust restructuring in the coming 12-18 months, Sony’s non- financial services businesses will at best achieve roughly break even, and are at risk of remaining unprofitable,” the rating agency said in a report. Sony, in the quarter ended 30 September, posted a small operating profit, after a loss a year ago, helped by the sale of a chemical business that offset weak demand for its TVs. The company is also mulling the sale of its New York headquarters, which would also provide a boost to income.

The company maintained its profit outlook for the full business year, but expects to sell fewer of its hand-held PSP and Vita consoles.

It also trimmed forecasts for sales of TVs and compact cameras. In the past several months Sony has spent $1.8 billion to buy companies ranging from medical equipment to cloud storage. Shares in Sony, valued at less than $12 billion, have dropped around two-fifths since the start of the year. Its stock fell 0.9 percent to $79 yen on Friday.

NASA renames radiation belt mission to honour pioneering scientist

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — US space agency NASA on Friday renamed a recently launched mission that studies Earth’s radiation belts at the Van Allen Probes in honour of the late physicist James Van Allen, who discovered the radiation belts encircling Earth in 1958.

The new name of the mission, previously called the Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP), was announced on Friday during a ceremony at the Johns Hopkins University based in Baltimore, the US state of Maryland.

“James Van Allen was a true pioneer in astrophysics,” said John Grunsfeld, astronaut and associate administrator for NASA’s Science Mission Directorate at the agency’s headquarters in Washington, DC. “His groundbreaking research paved the way for the agency’s current and future space exploration. These spacecraft now not only honor his iconic name but his mark on science.”

During his career, Van Allen was the principal investigator for scientific investigations on 24 Earth satellites and planetary missions, beginning with the first successful American satellite, Explorer 1, and continuing with Pioneer 10 and Pioneer 11.

Launched on 30 August from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, the Van Allen Probes comprise the first dual-spacecraft mission specifically created to investigate the radiation belts that surround Earth.

Scientists believe the new name will reinforce the Van Allen Probes’ importance in the study of space weather and the interaction between Earth’s radiation belts and space weather during geomagnetic storms.
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45-mile north of Shwebo and 82-mile north of Mandalay seismological observation centre at 7.42 am today, relief works and providing health care services to quake victims. The Vice-President presented medicines, foodstuff and cash assistance to them.

The Vice-President comforted quake victims and spoke words of encouragement, vowing that the government would provide them with necessary assistance and calling for officials concerned to disseminate knowledge on earthquake to the people.

In Thabeikkyin, the quake devastated 102 houses, four schools, 48 departmental buildings and 21 religious buildings, causing three people dead and 35 injured. A total of K 30 million—K 10 million contributed by the government and K 5 million each by four wellwishers—were handed over to the victims and relief and rehabilitation works are underway. As aftershocks are frequent up to a certain amount of time at the recent quake-hit areas, local people should not live in brick and brick noggin houses. — MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comforts quake-victims. — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov — Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Thin Hlaing, Region ministers and officials yesterday inspected the place where oil tanker blast occurred after the train derailed near Chetgyi Village in Kanbalu Township.

After speaking words of encouragement in meeting with local people at Chetgyi village, they handed over K 2.5 million donated by the Union Government, K 1.25 million by Sagaing Region Government and K 1.25 million by Myanma Railways for 25 persons who were killed in the blast.

Next, they comforted five patients who are receiving medical treatment at Kyunhla People’s Hospital and presented K 50,000 each to them.

Then they proceeded to Kanbalu Township People’s Hospital and presented K 2.79 million donated by the Union Government and K 1.86 million by the region government to the injured.

A total of K 22.3 million—K 5.25 million donated by the Union Government, K 3.11 million by the region government, K 4.15 million by the Union Solidarity and Development Party, K 1.25 million by Myanma Railways, K 1.5 million by Health Department, K 2.55 million by Shwebo District and Township, K 4.5 million for the purchase of medicines—were handed over to families of those who were killed and injured in the blast. — MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister comforts victims of oil tanker blast in Kanbalu Township

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash donations to local people at Thabeikkyin Sports Ground.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets local people.

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Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye visits fire victims at Kyunhla People’s Hospital.— MNA
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reported on development of the agricultural sector.

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein wished wellness for farmers from Mandalay Region, local people and agricultural staff and departmental heads. He said he, departmental heads and some parliamentarians were heretofore to view efforts for agricultural development in Mandalay Region, to encourage farmers and staff who make such efforts and to fulfill the requirements.

The incumbent government is the one elected by the people to exercise democracy. Now, the government is over one year and seven months old. The objective of the government is to serve the interests of people, to fulfill the wishes of people and to attend to the needs and aspirations of people as the prime task. Wishes will differ from one person as the prime task. Needs and aspirations of people as the prime task. Needs and aspirations of people.

The President guaranteed that the government will bring about the political stability. He went on to say that political process and nation building tasks are all-inclusive. The President said that second wish is internal peace, saying the armed conflicts with ethnic-armed groups have endured more than 60 years since the independence. He said the successive governments have tried to bring about armed conflicts started at the beginning of post-independence period would have ended. But peace-making process was not easy in real situation. It is required to take times for ensuing eternal peace aspired by all of us. Regarding the second point which is socioeconomic development, national economy was based on agriculture sector. It is necessary to try hard for food sufficiency. Mandalay Region was in the state of 60 percent food sufficiency.

So first priority should be given not only to food sufficiency but also to surplus. There had been industrialized nation while striving for the agricultural development, he said. The country would enjoy prosperity only when it could succeed in establishing the industrialized nation, he pointed out. Land, water resources, capital and market are needed for the agricultural development, he added. Businessmen and government officials are to make coordination to ensure the market, he said. The produce should fetch more prices, he said. The yields were reduced by wrong cultivation methods, he said. The production roads flanked by irrigation canals have been constructed, he said.

A step forward in farmland vary, the accurate per acre yield can not be calculated. The plots must be rearranged after the production roads have been constructed to make more preferable to give accurate figure of per acre yield, he said. It would also help irrigate farmlands easily, he said. He highlighted the need to introduce mechanized farming to boost production and to address the issue of lack of labour in the future. He tipped multiple cropping patterns for food security of Mandalay. He congratulated an award-winning farmer whose farm produced awful yield of more than 300 baskets of rice.

If a farmer invest K 300,000 in growing rice per acre, he can harvest 100 baskets of rice per acre. The current market price is K 400,000. So, the profit is approximately K 100,000 per acre. If the farm is reclaimed to get higher value, loans can be borrowed under farmland and act by pawning the reclaimed farm. If a plot of farm is valued around K 3 million, there is no reason not to be able to borrow K 300,000. It is therefore required to reclaim the farmland and get higher value since loans can be borrowed at low interest rate by pawning farmland in agricultural sector. Particularly, only production routes are built in irrigated farms, can harvested paddy be sent to thresh. Constant focus on agribusiness would automatically increase the income of farmers. Concentrated efforts must be made as the major requirements are land, water and cash. Breeding is a related business of agricultural sector. Now, dairy cow farming is run on a wide scale in Nay Pyi Taw with huge loans of cooperatives. A wiss of cow milk sells for K 1000 to K 1500, B reeding of three or four cows will earn K 10000 to K 15000 a day. Poultry can be raised in those villages that have no milk market.

Even if the income cannot increase, the expense must be reduced, he said. He urged them to set up small cooperative societies after combining the agriculture and cooperative sectors and to save money there so that the societies can run by themselves in the future and can lend money to farmers. (See page 7)
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He also urged the farmers to save and to use as a capital and not to waste their income so that they can hire agricultural machinery for harvesting from the societies in the future.

Especially, village administrators have responsibility to work hard to develop their respective villages and the government has been striving to supply safe drinking water, electricity, schools, hospitals, clinics and midwives to villages as part of efforts for the development of the country, he added.

The President pledged that the government would provide necessary assistance to the villages if the village administrators and the local people worked together in cooperation with each other for the development of their respective villages, he said.

He also stressed the need for commitment of the administrators and the local people to the development of the villages, urging them not to solely rely on the government.

As the population of the rural people makes up of 70 per cent of the total population of the country, the development of the country means the development of the rural areas, he added.

The rural areas would develop in parallel with the development of the agricultural sector and the income from the agricultural sector would invest in building the industrial country to pave the way to prosperity, he said.

The government has been striving for peace and stability and progress of socio-economy in the country as part of efforts bringing the prosperity equally to the people.

After the meeting, President U Thein Sein honoured 80 outstanding staff from Myanmar Agriculture Department, 15 from the Industrial Crops Development Department, five from the Irrigation Department and nine from the Agriculture Mechanization Department.

The President presented 700 kilos of Paletwe hybrid paddy seeds for 100 acres and 500 kilos of high-yield hybrid maize seeds for 100 acres in Wundwin Township through Mandalay Region Agriculture Minister U Myint Than and a representative of the peasants.

During the meeting, Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi pledged that the ministry would broadcast 24-hour free-to-air channel for agriculture and livestock breeding sector as part of efforts for educating farmers beginning November, 2013.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Peasants, Workers and Youth Affairs Committee U Tin Htut clarified the letters related to the affairs of farmers accepted by the committee.

Afterwards, the President and party viewed the harvesting of hybrid paddy seeds with the use of a combine harvester made in Korea. They also viewed seeds of paddy, maize, sunflower and cotton, value-added products and instruments to control quality of seeds displayed at the meeting.

The President and party visited the Shwedaung Research Farm. During the visit, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw reported on irrigation systems in the country and condition of irrigated farmland in the research farm progress in transition to mechanized farming system.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than reported on progress of Paletwe hybrid paddy seeds production and works on production of hybrid paddy seeds, sunflower seeds and cotton seeds at the research farm and Director-General U Kyaw Win on cropping pattern of farmers making the best use of irrigation system.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing reported on measures for distributing seeds produced at the research farm to farmers and costs for and earning from the production.

After hearing reports, the President stressed the need for searching the best ways to get irrigation water and effective implementation of the river water pumping system and irrigation system, systematic use of the irrigation water and minimizing the waste.

He also called on the personnel of the regions for making efforts for producing paddies seeds by themselves, for helping farmers to export their surplus rice and for searching crop markets for farmers.

He also stressed the need for cooperation with companies to produce and sell seeds and also called on ministries concerned for providing agricultural machinery to farmers to reduce waste in harvest.

Afterwards, the President and party viewed purifying rice with the use of machine and running oil mill.

They also visited the cotton research farm on which Shwedaung-8 cotton strains are grown to produce seeds with the use of back-cross method.

After giving detailed instructions on agriculture sector to the Chief Ministers of Sagaing and Mandalay Regions at the research farm, the President gave instructions on prompt response to the earthquake which has 6.8 Richter Scale and jolted at 7.42 am with its epicenter 48 miles north of Shwebo.

10th anniversary medical cooperation marked

NAY PYI TAW, Nov - A ceremony to mark 10th anniversary of medical science research and academic matters between Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) and Okayama University of Japan started cooperation in 1996. With the aim of ensuring medical science research and academic proficiencies in Myanmar, the university and the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) signed the agreement in 2002, he said.

Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital, and Yangon General Hospital, noted. The university contributed to reopening of the rural health centres damaged by cyclone Nargis in villages in Yangon Region. The university contributed to reopening of the rural health centres damaged by cyclone Nargis in villages of Yangon Region. He thanked the university for its cooperation with the Ministry of Health.

Chairman of the university Prof Kyoshi Morita extended greetings. Later, the Union Minister presented the gift to the chairman of the university and visited the booth on medical research works and medical education being jointly conducted by the university and the department.
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Monday, 12 November, 2012**

**Industrial development strategies**

As for industrial growth we must first design strategy for import-substitute industry development. In so doing, there should be an independent body that makes necessary intervention from tactical point of view for the success of import-substitute industry while monitoring and adjusting farmland reforms to ensure development of mechanized farming.

After adopting industrial strategy as the core principle, efforts must be focused on development of SMEs and SEZs along with private sector as the most important tactic. At the same time emphasis must be placed on infrastructural development.

One of the most important sectors is the research and development. In addition, special focus must be directed on such tactics as standardization, procurement, importation and transfer of technologies, and increased investment in research.

Contributory monetary policies for industrial development, reforms, and banking systems must be adjusted to fit the economic system in use. Furthermore, the education system must be able to cultivate smart and righteous persons and a shared sense of community among the entire nation toward the common goal with common consciousness and guarantee the rule of law. It is needed to build national unity which can ensure willingness to take whatever role in serving the national interests harmoniously with others.

Priority must be given to import-substitute industry and export-oriented heavy industry must be expanded when SMEs development reaches certain extent to be able to pass the stage of infant industry by designing export-oriented industrial strategy for different kinds of export products. There must be flexible tactics in intervention, relaxation, restriction and reformation as necessary and actions for industrial development must be relentlessly followed by concentrated efforts for development of service industry along with effective taxation system.

We hope that success would go far beyond the objectives of the projects if industrial development measures had been taken in line with the most fitting strategies and tactics.

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**INTERVIEW**

**Proud to work hard to deliver international-standard newspapers**

**Interview: Maung Maung Htway & Photos Tha Nyan (MNA)**

A: The press is produced by The Printers House Pvt Co Ltd of India. It is type of OrientX-CEL. It is capable of printing 36000 circulation an hour.

Q: What’s your message to the subscribers?

A: We’re working heart and soul in cooperation with foreign technicians to deliver the colour newspapers of Myanma Alinn and Kyemon to the readers within the short period of time. A new press will arrive at the end of November for upper Myanmar. Colour newspapers will be in circulation in Mandalay by the end of December.

Q: What’s the future plan?

A: We’re trying to change the size of our newspapers, plus its outlook, from tabloid to broadsheet.

Q: What’s your view on the change of the newspapers?

A: The staff of our press unit are working seven days a week to deliver international-standard newspapers. And we’re very proud to have a chance to do so.

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**Myanmar, Yunnan to cooperate in economy, labour affairs**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—** A delegation led by Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Maung arrived back from Kunming on 8 November after paying a visit at the invitation of Yunnan Province Governor Mr Li Jiehong of the People’s Republic of China from 4 to 8 November.

During the visit, the Union Minister and the Governor exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations, cooperation in economic sector between the two countries, cooperation in labour affairs between respective ministries, and investment of CMP in Myanmar.

The Union Minister visited tea plantation on a commercial scale and LaoZha Tu hydropower plant in Pu’er of Yunnan Province.-- MNA

A: Yes. For the new press will start operation by the end of this month, the distribution will be regular gradually. Both Myanma Alinn and Kyemon will be printed in colour daily.

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**Closer cooperation between Yangon, Mandalay entrepreneurs needed**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—** Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint called for closer cooperation between entrepreneurs from Yangon and Mandalay in the light of ASEAN integration by 2015 as he addressed the workshop on ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) held at Shwepyitha Hotel in Mandalay yesterday morning.

He said the government is making preparations for integration into ASEAN Economic Community. He urged the entrepreneurs to prepare for market competitiveness and unbalanced growth.

U Pyae Wa Tun, CEO of Parami Energy of Companies extended greetings at the workshop.-- MNA
Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann cordially meets local national races.—MNA

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Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—A coordination meeting on development of human resources, supply of adequate lab equipment at Universities of Computer Studies and upgrading the universities to be research universities was held at the Department of Myamna Science and Technological Research of the Ministry of Science and Technology on 9 November.

In his address, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo said that the ministry is striving for turning out international level technicians; he stressed the need for faculty members to realize the objectives of the ministry; and students are to uplift their skills and subject-wise proficiency practically and theoretically so as to participate in development of human resources.

At Yangon West Technological University, the Union minister visited Cooperative University (Sagaing) to be opened in December.

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 Nov—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan assisted in construction works at the Cooperative University (Sagaing) which will be upgraded to the university in the upcoming 2012-2013 fiscal year.

During his tour of inspection yesterday, the Union minister called for timely completion of the work, meeting set standard as the ministry has provided quality materials to the construction work and urged the townsenders and personnel of the university to make efforts for shaping the university to a prestigious one in Sagaing Region.

The hall of Township General Administration Department. Officials explained plans of the government to fulfill the regional development. After reviewing the discussions, the Speaker cordially greeted those present.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker together with the State chief minister and personnel went to Pruhso where he met townsenders and local national peoples who reported on requirements for regional development at Tawwin Thazin Hall.

Members of the Union government, the Hluttaw committee chairperson and the State chief minister explained future development programmes and collaborative efforts for genuine peace in the state.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker assessed the reports and plans of the Union government and greeted the attendees.

On this occasion, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said they were there to listen to the voices of people and to fulfill the wishes and anticipations of the people being the parliamentarians. Though Kayah State enjoyed certain peace and stability in the past, rest of national people lagged behind in development due to lack of security.

The bicameral legislature is abolishing laws unfavorable to citizens, and promulgating laws beneficial to citizens. He urged people’s representatives, government members, and local national brethren to strive until lasting peace is built in the region.—MNA

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Asian Youth and J unior Weightlifting C hampionship-2012 tournament continues

Yangon, 11 Nov—Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship hosted by Myanmar continued at Theinbyu gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here yesterday.

Vice-President of Myanmar Olympic Federation Deputy Sports Minister U Thaik, President of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation U Thin Lin and officials from Asia Weightlifting Federation presented the prizes to winners in men’s (62, 69) kilos, women’s (48, 53) kilos and men’s (62, 69, 77) kilos events.—MNA

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Yasser Arafat’s look-alike reminds Palestinians of late leader

RAMALLAH, 11 Nov — Dressed in military uniform, Salim Smairat, a 59-year-old fruit and vegetable vendor in the West Bank City of Ramallah, walked out his dark house lacking of electricity and water, after carefully adjusting his black-white keffiyeh, a symbol of the Palestinians’ historic leader Yasser Arafat. Since 2004, the year when Arafat died under mysterious circumstances, Salim has been appearing in the streets of West Bank cities as an Arafat look-alike. He impersonates Arafat’s way of talking, greeting and his famous victory sign. “From my dark house I go out to people. I feel their love for Arafat through me. They respect me a lot,” Smairat said proudly.

Many Palestinians consider Arafat an irreplaceable leader and yearn for his era in the face of current political deadlock and financial crisis. As of now, Smairat has accepted about 100 invitations to attend festivities and graduation ceremonies as Yasser Arafat. However, he decided not to show up publicly as the Arafat look-alike on Sunday to mark the eighth-year-anniversary of Arafat’s death. “I cry over Arafat because his death is a loss to all Palestinians and the Palestinian cause. He was a great man, and was the beloved father of the Palestinian and Arab people,” Smairat told Xinhua, adding that “I don’t want to salt their wounds.”

The anniversary comes amid new investigations to probe Arafat’s death. An autopsy is expected to be carried out soon after Swiss experts reportedly found high levels of polonium, a radioactive substance, in Arafat’s belongings.

Japan to carry out $700 million in aid programmes in Central Asia

TOKYO, 11 Nov — Japan said on Saturday it will carry out $700 million worth of programmes for the next several years in five Central Asian countries to support their economic development efforts.

The programmes will be implemented in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and in the areas of trade and investment, energy saving, poverty reduction, disaster prevention and regional cooperation for the stability of Afghanistan, said a joint statement released after a foreign ministerial meeting of the six countries in Tokyo.

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Race car kills four at Czech rally

PRAGUE, 11 Nov — A race car killed four civilians including a child after leaving the rally track during the Czech Rally Show Uhersky Brod amateur event on Saturday, said regional rescuers.

Three other persons were driven to hospital with injuries after the fatal accident in Lopony, South Moravia and their lives are not in danger, said Petr Oslan, spokesman for the regional rescuers.

The accident also came hours after an anti-tank missile hit an Israeli army jeep on a routine patrol along the border fence with central Gaza, wounding four soldiers. One of them was reportedly in critical condition after being hit by the head in a shrapnel. A military helicopter sent to the wounded to hospitals in the cities of Beersheba and Ashkelon.

In response, Israeli tanks fired shells and heavy machine guns at suspected militant sites in southern and central Gaza, killing four Palestinians and injuring more than 25 others, according to Palestinian sources and eyewitnesses.

Eight Afghan civilians killed in roadside bombing in Kandahar

KANDAHAR, 11 Nov — Up to eight Afghan civilians were killed early Sunday when rockets fired at different roadside bombings, the authorities said.

“Two civilians, including a child, were killed and two women were seriously wounded when a minibus touched off a roadside bomb in Ma’ayen Kairi area in Maiwand District of southern Kandahar Province at around 7am (local time) Sunday,” a provincial security official told Xinhua.

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X u said the event had attracted a large number of Poles across a broad spectrum, adding “we feel it is necessary to deepen China-Poland cultural exchanges focusing on the Tibetan culture.”

The ambassador said the success of the event was also a sign of deepening ties between the two countries. X u said the cultural exchanges between the two countries would be bilateral ties to a new level.

**Firing in Karachi, Pakistan claims five lives**

**Islamabad , 11 Nov—** At least five people were killed and six others injured in a firing incident that took place near a mosque in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Saturday night, police said.

Senior Superintendent Police Karachi, Asim Qaimkhani, said that the students of a seminary were sitting in a hotel near the school in the Gulshan Iqbal area of the city when being attacked by unknown gunmen coming in on bikes.

The gunmen fled the scene after the attack, he said, adding that no group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Police believe that it was a sectarian attack as the seminary belonged to Sunni Muslims.

In Pakistan, Sunni and Shia Muslims are constant confrontation with each other due to their religious differences.

**Indian passenger plane makes a detour after bomb scare**

**New Delhi, 11 Nov—** An Indian passenger plane of GoAir company made an emergency detour after a bomb scare was reported, said local TV channel Times Now.

The plane returned to Bombay on its way to Delhi and all its passengers were deplaned, said the report.

Police are checking the plane which was taken to an isolated bay of the Mumbai Shamshabad international airport.

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**Tokyo, 11 Nov—** Prime Minister Y o-shiho Noda said on Saturday he will stipulate J apan’s participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks in his Democratic Party of J apan’s manifesto for the next general election.

Noda’s decision is seen as accelerating his preparations for the House of Representatives election, which must be held by next summer, while signaling his intention to make the trade deal one of the biggest issues of the campaign.

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A group of PKK rebels blocked a service minibus carrying 11 teachers near Calpinar village in Midyat town of Mardin province on Friday evening, said the report, adding that the PKK members left eight teachers and kidnapped the other three.

Turkish security forces launched an operation in the region to capture the PKK rebels who kidnapped the teachers, said the report.

Listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, the PKK took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

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UNITED NATIONS, 11 Nov—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday said he welcomed Australia’s re-commitment to the Kyoto protocol and emphasized the importance of addressing climate change issues.

Ban “welcomes the readiness of the Australian government to join a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and congratulates Prime Minister (Julia) Gillard for her leadership,” said a statement issued here by his spokesperson. “Addressing climate change is fundamental for achieving sustainable development,” Ban said.

“Urgent action is needed.” The secretary-general calls on all governments to take decisive steps against climate change at the upcoming Climate Change Conference, in Doha, Qatar,” said the statement.

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**“Hunger Games” star Jennifer Lawrence will not diet for role**

Los Angeles, 11 Nov — "The Hunger Games" star Jennifer Lawrence will not be dieting for a role any time soon. Lawrence, 22, who plays the famished Katniss Everdeen in the life-or-death thriller series, told Elle magazine in an interview to be published on 13 November that dropping a few pounds will not be part of her script.

"I’m never going to starve myself for a part," Lawrence said, a view out of step with many in diet-obsessed Hollywood.

Lawrence’s figure in "The Hunger Games" raised eyebrows of some critics, who believed the actress looked a little too healthy for a character struggling to eat.

"I don’t want little girls to be like, ‘Oh, I want to look like Katniss, so I’m going to skip dinner.‘" Lawrence said.

**Sophie Choudry wants to revive pop music in India**

Mumbai, 11 Nov — Actress-singer Sophie Choudry, who is garnering a positive response for her latest remixed number Hungama ho gaya, laments how Bollywood has taken over the trend of pop music videos.

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**Superman voted greatest sci-fi hero, beats Han Solo**

London, 11 Nov — Superman has been voted the greatest ever sci-fi character on screen after beating Doctor Who and a host of Star Wars creations. The Man Of Steel, memorably portrayed on screen by the late Christopher Reeve, topped a list of well-known names in a poll compiled by the makers of board game Stratego, reported Daily Mirror.

Gambler-turned-survivor Han Solo, played by Harrison Ford in the original trio of Star Wars movies, while another star of the films, the Jedi master Yoda, was third.

"Superman is the archetypal hero, and clearly as popular now as he was when he first appeared in comic books over 70 years ago," said Katherine Pierce, game’s marketing manager. "The highest-ranked female character in the list included Ripley from the Alien movies, played by Sigourney Weaver, who was in 21st position."

"The best placing from the popular long-running Star Trek series was Captain Kirk (William Shatner) at number seven, in the poll of 2,000 people."

How forgetful Shruti Haasan almost missed her flight

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**Taylor Swift to headline “New Year’s Rockin’ Eve”**

Los Angeles, 11 Nov — Country-pop star Taylor Swift will ring in the New Year in the United States as the headline act on TV special “New Year’s Rockin’ Eve,” which will feature a two-hour tribute to late host Dick Clark, organizers said on Friday.

Swift, whose new album "Red" racked up more than 1 million copies in first week, US sales, will perform live in New York’s Times Square on 31 December, just before the ball drops to bring in 2013.

The New Year’s Eve music special for ABC television was hosted for four decades by legendary TV and music producer Clark before his death in April at age 82.

This year the show will be hosted again by Clark’s recent co-host — “American Idol” host and radio DJ Ryan Seacrest — under the title “Dick Clark’s New Year’s Rockin’ Eve with Ryan Seacrest,” ABC and dick clark productions said.

The evening will kick off with a two-hour tributo to the host of TV dance show “American Bandstand” that will feature clips of Clark’s long career, and remembrances by musicians and industry celebrities.

The 5-1/2 hour show will also feature other musical guests, yet to be announced, and report on New Year celebrations around the globe.

**Jennifer Hudson to sing at Nobel Peace Prize Concert**

London, 11 Nov — Singers Jennifer Hudson and Seal have been unveiled as the star performers at this year’s Nobel Peace Prize Concert. The pair will take to the stage in Oslo, Norway, a day after the prestigious award is bestowed upon the European Union next month, reported Daily Express.

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Klitschko beats Wach on points to retain titles

HAMBURG, 11 Nov — World heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko was made to go the distance against Polish challenger Mariusz Wach but earned an unanimous points decision on Saturday to retain his four title belts.

The 36-year-old Ukrainian, who holds the IBF, WBO and WBA crowns, was never seriously troubled by the 32-year-old who saw his unbeaten record snapped after 27 wins in 27 fights. His older brother Vitali Klitschko holds the WBC crown.

“It was a very tough fight and Mariusz had to take a lot of punches,” Klitschko said in a ringside interview. “I thought that Wach would go down but he fought on.”

Klitschko also remembered late coach Emanuel Steward who died on 25 October. “On 7 July after our last fight we sang happy birthday to him. We miss you, we love you, you are always here in the ring,” said Klitschko.

Wach may be the first opponent taller than Klitschko, who is 1.98 metres, but he lacked the speed of the Ukrainian. The Pole did get the one chance in the fifth round, pummelling his opponent after a huge right to the head but the Ukranian was saved by the bell.

It was back to form in the following rounds and Klitschko, who improved his record to 59 wins from 62 fights, pinned Wach to the ropes in the seventh and eighth but failed to knock him down. Instead Klitschko dished out painful punishment in the final rounds with the eyes of fans on referee Eddie Crofton to see whether he would put an end to it.

The three judges gave Klitschko a 120-107, 120-107, 119-109 victory. — Reuters

Pique back for Barca’s Mallorca trip

Barcelona’s Gerard Pique will return to the starting line for the third time in a row as his side look to continue their unbeaten sequence at the O2 Arena to guarantee himself a semi-final spot in the ATP World Tour Finals with the Swiss two wins away from a seventh title.

Boxing

Ukrainian WBA, WBO, IBF and IBO heavyweight world champion Vitali Klitschko lands a blow on Polish challenger Mariusz Wach during their title bout in Hamburg on 10 Nov, 2012. — Reuters

Tennis

Murray came of age after Wimbledon heartache: Federer

Murray proved to be as good as it gets.
German chancellor Merkel to visit Portugal

LISBON, 11 Nov—German Chancellor Angela Merkel will visit debt-ridden Portugal with the accompany of leaders of some of Germany’s most prominent companies including Volkswagen and Siemens on Monday, local media reported Saturday.

Merkel will be received by Portuguese President Cavaco Silva before meeting with Prime Minister Passos Coelho. She will also be present at the Portuguese-German Economic Forum in Lisbon, Portugal’s Luxa news agency said. Merkel will also announce 100 internship scholarships for Portuguese graduates in an attempt to promote bilateral relationships.

The chancellor’s visit comes before the Portuguese are set to stage a general strike with huge numbers of participants on Wednesday. She will also be greeted with protests which were planned long before she sets foot on the country. Portugal’s Security, Organized Crime and Terrorism Observatory (OBS-COT) warned last week that protests during Merkel’s visit could escalate to “unprecedented levels of violence.”

The chancellor’s visit has been labelled a “high risk” and preparations to ensure her security and that of her entourage were set in motion several weeks ago.

US President’s kidney brother transplants cultures in China

SHENZHEN, 11 Nov—While US President Barack Obama has been focused on getting re-elected and reviving the American economy, his half-brother, Mark Obama Ndendjo, has been trying to save a three-year-old Chinese girl’s life.

“She got a very serious heart disease. It’s so serious that the doctor says even a small infection could probably cause heart failure and she might die, and we haven’t been able to find a doctor yet for her,” Ndendjo said. Ndendjo met Qian Baohui, who has been living and working in China since fall 2003, has been doing what he can to accommodate his enthusiasm.

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One woman was killed and 10 injured in No. 2 ward of Kyaukmyaung Township as a house collapsed. Steel structures being installed at Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanar Thethaing) fell down upon a barge and a Z-craft, sinking the vessels and killing one. Four are still missing and 15 others were injured. The quake collapsed village communication office in Kyaukmyaung Village, half the building of Sebingyun village primary school, destroyed 70 per cent of Majithonebin village primary school, collapsed Seiktha village primary school and collapsed half the building of Malaville affiliated primary school. In Shwebo, diamond orbs of Chanthagy Pagoda and zedis of Mininami Shwekyu and Nannkyaung Pagodas, an ancient pagoda in the compound of Shwebontha Payagyi, fell down to the ground and archways of Atwin Mekthla monastery and Asha Lawka Marazein monasteries, inverted and spreading lotuses of Shwegugyi pagoda, walls collapsed. The fence of township police station partly collapsed. Tabuk Village monastery and monastic school collapsed and one monk was injured. In Kanbalu Township, walls of Male village monastery, Twohammayons and 20 houses were destroyed. Two stupas in Yagchin village monastery were damaged. Chimney of Myanmar Nyunt RiceMill (Mandalay) of Amarapura Township were brought to the ground.

A strong earthquake of 6.8 Richter Scale destroys Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanar Thethaing) in Kyaukmyaung Township.

The earthquake damaged Kaungmudaw Pagoda, Hsinmyarshin Pagoda, Mahase Pagoda, Lekyunmanauang Chanthargyi Pagoda, Htuparyone Pagoda and the arch of Yadanaabon Bridge, warehouse of Sagaing Region Electrical Engineering Office, slightly moved Mingun Bell and collapsed the upper wall of a staff-quarter in Sagaing.

In Wetlet Township, Thitseint Village pagoda was damaged, Yelehmayaw primary school collapsed, diamond orbs of Yelehmayaw Village pagoda, Y Wathayya Villagepagoda and Innmygi Pagoda fell down to the ground. The diamond orbs of Lemyetnyo, Ayeikmahtaw and Sandamuni Pagodas in Mandalay and of Pahotetawgyi Pagoda and Shwedawmyet Pagoda are missing.

Likewise, the earthquake slightly hit Kalay, Mawlaik, Katha and Tamu Districts but there were no casualties. Ministers of Region government and departmental officials are providing necessary assistance to victims of earthquake-hit areas.

Although there were some damages and losses in the earthquake this morning, there was no damage at dams and the 242 feet high standing Buddha image in the precinct of Bawdi Tahtaw in Monywa of Sagaing Region.

A strong earthquake of 5.8 Richter Scale hit 5 miles northeast of Shwebo at 5 hrs 26 min 20 sec MST, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. The follow-up news on the earthquake will be issued.