Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for establishment of world-class universities

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called for promotion of Myanmar education standards through establishment of world-class universities.

The Vice-President speaking at the Higher Education Establishments Council Meeting and Universities Central Council Meeting at Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning called the national education committee the sole decision-making organization tasked with adoption and implementation of education policies and objectives.

The committee is in operation with two councils—universities central council responsible for administrative matters and higher education establishments council responsible for academic matters.

The Vice-President described the role of the committee as a coordinator between 13 ministries, calling on those present and responsible persons to spare no efforts in educational catch-up process.

He also demanded greater encouragement to compulsory primary education, scholarship and stipend programmes and private schools, announcing gradual inclusion of ethnic language lessons in school curriculums.

He also mentioned such plans for promotion of higher education such as extension of an academic year in graduate and post-graduate courses, promotion of private universities under the private university law, creation of good learning environment, amendment to university admission selection system, promotion of English proficiency and industrial vocational education.

He called on the universities of respective ministries to turn themselves into world-class seats of education for promotion of Myanmar education.

According to Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye, 3-R campaigns are being conducted from 1 April to 15 May with 1985 volunteer undergraduates and local volunteer teachers. The Union minister also proposed to launch a specialized training programme in higher education beginning 2013-14 academic year which is to specially train 15 students in each specialized subjects up to doctorate level in universities in Yangon and Mandalay. Students with brilliant matriculation exam results will be chosen for specialized training.

Then, future work programmes were discussed. Universities Central Council Meeting will be held tomorrow. MNA

Notice to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May— First special session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be held at the meeting hall of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, here, at 10 am on 20 May (Monday).

Invitation letters have been sent to Hluttaw representatives.

Those representatives are requested to report at Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw Office No.20 not later than 19 May and not earlier than 18 May whether or not they receive the invitation letters and bring their representative registration cards and representative scrutiny cards.

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Inlay Lake conservation in urgent need of public participation

Powered schooners are finding it difficult to moor in sailing visitors to Phaungdaw U Pagoda in Inlay Lake, Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi District, following the significant fall in its water levels in this summer and water courses having silted up in the environs of the pagoda. The Irrigation Department has been dredging up the water course in southern part of the lake. It has also planned to mobilize machines to there to avoid similar problems. Inlay Lake has been silted up and according to academic observations, the annual amount of sediment hits 30 million cubic feet and the Irrigation Department can only dredge out 20 million cubic feet of sediment. In addition, the dredged silt is not effectively deposited out of the lake, causing problems in the long run.

The future of Inlay Lake can be guaranteed only when watershed areas are preserved much better than now. The public participation in the lake conservation has also not been satisfactory, calling for greater public interest and participation.

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By Tin Hlaing

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
Announcement No. 1/2013
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(3rd May, 2013)

First Special Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw summoned

It is hereby announced that in accord with Section 83 and Section 212 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16 and Section 52 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, first special session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is called to be held in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 20 May, 2013 (Monday) (11th Waning of Kason, 1375 ME) in order to seek the approval on declaration of a state of emergency with

President’s Office Ordinance No.1/2013 dated 22 March that shall take effect as a law.

Sd/ Khin Aung Myint
Speaker
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Japan, UAE sign nuclear agreement during Abe visit

Dubai, 3 May — Japan and the United Arab Emirates inked a nuclear agreement on Thursday as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is visiting the country, pushes to sell Japanese nuclear technology overseas. It is the first bilateral nuclear agreement signed by Japan since the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant triggered by the devastating March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Prior to the signing ceremony, Abe met with United Arab Emirates Vice President and Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Dubai to discuss bilateral economic and security cooperation. In the meeting, Abe was expected to ask the UAE to continue being a stable supplier of oil to resource-poor Japan after 2018 when a large portion of Japanese companies’ oil rights in the country expire. Tokyo is eager to import energy resources at lower cost as demand for oil and liquefied natural gas has been growing following the Fukushima crisis, which has left most of the country’s nuclear reactors offline due to safety concerns.

The yen’s weakness has also boosted the cost of fuel imports. The signing of the nuclear agreement took place amid efforts by Abe, who resumed the premier ship last December, to promote exports of Japanese infrastructure, including nuclear power plants, as a key pillar of the government’s economic growth strategy. Japan will also sign a nuclear agreement with Turkey when Abe visits that country on the final leg of a four-nation trip that also took him to Russia and Saudi Arabia.

In Saudi Arabia, Abe agreed with Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud to commence talks aimed at starting negotiations on a bilateral nuclear accord. Japan has so far signed nuclear agreements with 11 countries, including the United States and Britain, as well as the European Atomic Community.

Japan seeking to extend trans-Pacific FTA meeting in July

Tokyo, 3 May — Japan has asked 11 countries involved in the Trans-Pacific free trade talks to extend the length of their meeting since the talks last month in Malaysia, a government source said on Thursday. Japan won unanimous backing to become the 12th member of the multilateral trade negotiations in April and it is aiming to join the talks for the first time from the upcoming meeting.

The request has been made as the United States still needs to complete domestic procedures for formal approval of Japan becoming a new member of the FTA negotiations. The White House gave Congress 90-day’s notice of its plans to include Australia, Chile and Singapore, are seeking to complete the trade negotiations by the end of the year. Japanese officials are concerned about their lack of involvement in the rule-making process of the envisioned free trade zone, covering about a third of world trade, even without having China as a member.

A round of TPP negotiations usually last about 10 days. The 11 countries, also including Australia, Chile and Singapore, are seeking to complete the trade negotiations by the end of the year. Japanese officials are

US lifts more sanctions on Myanmar to support reforms

Washington, 3 May — The United States on Thursday lifted another set of sanctions against Myanmar to support reforms in the formerly army-ruled country, while retaining visa and investment bans against individuals accused of human rights abuses.

The Obama administration decided that a 1996 ban on granting US entry visas to the former Myanmar’s military rulers, their business partners and immediate families was no longer necessary after two years of reforms, the State Department said in a statement.

“Since 2011, the civilian-led Government of Myanmar has taken important steps toward significant social, political, and economic reform that demonstrate substantial progress on areas of concern,” the statement said.

The statement added, however, that the termination of that visa ban did not mean that people covered by it would automatically be eligible for visas. All visitors from Myanmar would still have to apply for visas, and formerly banned officials would face scrutiny, the officials said.

In a move announced simultaneously, President Barack Obama extended for another year the annual National Emergency Act, which prohibits US businesses and individuals from investing or doing business with Myanmar figures involved in repression of the democracy movement since the mid-1990s.

The rapid US rapprochement with Myanmar since 2011, in which Washington has rewarded political reform by lifting long-standing economic sanctions and easing most of its ban on imports from the country, has come under fire from human rights groups.

April bloodiest month in Iraq since 2008

Baghdad, 3 May — April was Iraq’s bloodiest month for almost five years, with 1,712 people killed in bomb attacks and other violence, the United Nations Iraq mission said on Thursday. Iraq has grown more volatile as the civil war in neighbouring Syria strains fragile relations between Sunni and Shia Muslims. The number of attacks increased sharply after security forces raided a Sunni protest camp near Kirkuk in late last week, triggering clashes that quickly spread to other Sunni areas including the western province of Anbar, which borders Syria and Jordan.

“April of the month was the deadliest since June 2008. A total of 712 people were killed and another 1,633 were wounded in acts of terrorism and acts of violence,” a UN statement read. The number of civilians killed last month was 434 while the toll of security forces personnel was 288.

Iraqi authorities published a monthly death toll for April on Wednesday which was much lower than the UN figure.

The Interior Ministry said 245 people, including 84 members of the security forces, were killed. Iraqi authorities often report lower estimates for the number of victims of attacks for unclear reasons but April’s toll is still the highest since the beginning of the year.

Violence is still relatively low below its height in 2006-07, but al-Qaeda’s Iraqi affiliate and other Sunni Muslim insurgents are launching attacks on a daily basis to undermine the power of the Shia-led government and provoke wider confrontation.

Residents carry the coffin of a victim, who was killed in a bomb attack, during a funeral in Najaf, 160 km (100 miles) south of Baghdad, on 27 April, 2013. — Reuters
San Francisco, 3 May — For futurists in Silicon Valley, the question is fundamental, almost philosophical: In the coming years, will the humble website still be the dominant way we interact with the Internet?

For David Rusenko, the 27-year-old founder and chief executive of global website builder Weebly, the answer is: Of course!

On Thursday, Weebly unveiled a refresh of its publishing suite, which allows people to simply drag and drop page elements like images and headlines onto a canvas to build a site. Using the new form, mobile versions of websites — a critical concern in a modern economy awash with smartphones — can be published simultaneously with desktop versions.

The San Francisco startup’s update comes at a time of flux for the Internet industry, which has been grappling with the ramifications of users who are spending less time on the Web and more time with closed ecosystems like Facebook Inc’s social network or the cornucopia of smartphone apps — an economy valued at $25 billion in 2013, according to research firm ABI.

Yet Rusenko is not willing to accept any talk of the open Web’s demise. He argues that Web pages, more than ever, carry more weight and meaning in an age of fleeting tweets and malleable Facebook identities.

“The picture is becoming clearer,” Rusenko said. “Facebook has focused on the conversation, but not really on absorbing the Web into its walled garden.”

For a lot of people, “their digital identity is their site,” he added. “It’s where they showcase their ideas and really put themselves out there.”

Along with his Thursday relaunch, Rusenko unfurled a slate of new growth statistics and research data showing that his company, which has enjoyed healthy growth and now boasts a network of 15 million sites that have been visited by 100 million people.

Weebly’s own extensive research showed that a majority of people would not trust a business that had no website, yet 58 percent of businesses do not have a Web presence, Rusenko said.

In 2006, Rusenko, a fresh-faced graduate of Penn State University, burst onto the Silicon Valley scene and garnered plaudits in national magazines with Weebly, which quickly rose into stature as the natural heir to Geocities, the service that fueled a webpage-creating craze in the 1990s.

After the initial acclaim, Weebly has kept a lower profile while rivals like Wordpress, the professional-grade blogging platform, and Tumblr, the minimalist social blogging network, have captured more media attention, but not the consumer Web publishing market.

With its refresh, Weebly is now more oriented to what Rusenko called every day entrepreneurs looking to “start something”: amateur food bloggers, teachers, or curious enthusiasts who want to share their passion before potentially launching a small business.

Weebly has been in talks with a payment startup to provide an e-commerce platform for people wanting to sell goods, said Rusenko.

The company is also introducing planning tools that offer ideas and inspiration to help newcomers “identify their goals” and lay out their pages, Rusenko said.

**NEW YORK, 3 May—** Intel Corp chose veteran insider Brian Krzanich as chief executive, disappointing some investors who hoped an outsider would push for aggressive changes to help the world’s largest chipmaker catch up in the mobile revolution.

The company also announced on Thursday that software honcho Renée James, 48, had been elevated to the post of president. Her appointment signaled to some that Intel, while likely intending to stick with its formula of intense investment to keep it ahead in the microscopic technology game, is willing to explore new growth areas.

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**TABATA METES OUT FITNESS IN SHORT, REPEATED FLASHES**

NEW YORK, 3 May—For people who are too bored or busy to spend an hour on a treadmill an exercise regime that was developed for athletes but is being taught in gyms may help to build fitness in less time.

The Tabata Protocol is a four-minute regime that measures fitness in seconds — 20 seconds of full-out work followed by 10 seconds of rest, repeated eight times.

Although it can boost fitness levels of the healthy and time-pressed, experts say it is not for everyone and should not be done every day.

“Tabata is about all-out maximum effort,” said Jessica Smith, a Miami-based fitness expert and Tabata coach, adding it is a good workout in a shorter amount of time, especially for people who don’t have hours to spend at the gym.

“The intensity has to be high to get the benefits, but you don’t want to do it too often.”

The Tabata Protocol was developed by Dr Izumi Tabata after the Japanese scientist conducted tests on two groups of athletes, comparing moderate intensity training with high intensity interval training (HIIT).

He found that short bursts of highly intense exercise were at least as effective as hours of steady moderate training.

While Tabata falls under HIIT, its preset work-to-rest ratio is more specific, and usually more demanding, than other interval workouts, which can encompass anything from boot camps to circuits.

“HIIT has more leeway,” said Smith. “The intervals can be longer.”

**Boeing plans to build world’s longest-range passenger jet**

PARI, 3 May—Boeing has shown a blueprint for the world’s longest-range passenger jet, adding space to a long-awaited revamp of its 777 wide-body jet, people familiar with the matter said.

Boeing on Wednesday launched a race against Airbus for sales of the newest long-haul jets by announcing an improved version of its 777X, boasting a 365-seat version of the world’s largest jetliner, takes part in a flying display during the 49th Paris Air Show at the Le Bourget Airport near Paris on 25 June, 2011.—Reuters

**AIG beats estimates, property and casualty business shines**

NEW YORK, 3 May—American International Group Inc’s (AIG.N) property and casualty business booked its first underwriting profit in two and a half years during the first quarter, as the insurer wrote more premiums at higher prices and reported lower losses.

The long-awaited turnaround in AIG’s property and casualty business helped the company beat analysts’ quarterly profit expectations on Thursday, sending its shares up 3 per cent in after-hours trading.

The unit reported a combined ratio of 97.3 per cent last quarter, the first time that ratio has dropped below 100 since the third quarter of 2010. A combined ratio below 100 indicates an underwriting profit, meaning an insurer is receiving more in premiums than it is paying out in claims.

“The important thing for this quarter is that the combined ratio improved,” said Josh Stirling, an insurance analyst with Bernstein Research. “That’s the thing people will focus on; they actually made money.”

Insurers have had trouble raising prices in the property and casualty business for some time. AIG has not reported an annual underwriting profit since 2007, but the first quarter seems to have been a turning point. Travellers Companies Inc (TRV.N), Chubb Corp (CB.N) and ACE Ltd (ACE.N) also beat earnings expectations last month, citing higher pricing.

AIG’s property and casualty unit reported operating income of $1.6 billion ($1.02 billion) in the first quarter, up from $1 billion a year earlier. Its first-quarter, property-and-casualty underwriting profit of $231 million compared with a $180 million underwriting loss in the same period a year ago. AIG’s life insurance business also reported some improvement, with higher returns on alternatives assets and gains on the value of securities held in its investment portfolio. Its operating income rose to $1.4 billion from $1.3 billion a year ago.—Reuters

**FDA advisers recommend against Delcath’s cancer therapy**

NEW YORK, 3 May—A panel of advisers to the US health regulator unanimously recommended against approving Delcath Systems Inc’s cancer therapy for a rare form of eye cancer that spreads to the liver, saying it was too risky.

Concerns that the treatment may not win US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approval have driven New York-based Delcath’s shares down by three-quarters from a year high of $2.94 in May.

The shares fell heavily on Tuesday when FDA staff documents were released that showed serious concerns about the risks of the therapy, the only product Delcath has in development.

Trading in the shares was halted around 1300 ET when the panel meeting convened.

There is currently no approved therapy for patients suffering from this type of cancer but the FDA staff said there was no indication the treatment improved overall survival or delayed disease progression.

One of the advisers, Aman Buzdar, vice president of clinical research at Texas-based MD Anderson Cancer Centre said during the panel discussion on Thursday that though the condition has no cure, by any yardstick the quality of life would be worse after the therapy.

The panel of independent experts voted 16-0 against recommending the therapy.

**A Jogger (2nd L) passes fitness enthusiasts performing stretching exercises after sunrise at Queenscliffe Beach in Sydney on the first day of Spring on 1 Sept, 2008. Reuters**

**Computer game promises cure for lazy eye**

WELLINGTON, 3 May—A popular computer game may hold the secret to curing “lazy eye” and possible blindness — in both children and adults, New Zealand scientists announced on Monday.

The researchers hope the experiments to cure amblyopia by playing Tetris, the game that requires skillful construction of different colored blocks, were devised at the University of Auckland’s Centre for Brain Research, in collaboration with a team from Canada’s McGill University.

“Although amblyopia is often known as ‘lazy eye’ the impairment in vision is due to abnormal development within visual areas of the brain, not a defect of the eye,” Dr Ben Thompson, of Auckland University, said in a statement.

The study showed that patients could use both eyes at the same time, if the images to the lazy eye were more visible than those to the good eye.

The higher intensity of Tetris stimulation to the affected eye helped train both eyes to work together if they played for an hour a day for 10 days.

The effects had been shown to last for up to three months so far.

Xinhua
Israel’s Netanyahu says would put peace deal to referendum

JERUSALEM, 3 May—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday he would put any peace deal with the Palestinians to a referendum, raising expectations that direct negotiations might soon resume following a two-year stalemate.

It was the second time in just three days that Net-
anyahu has publicly men-
tioned the possibility of
holding a nationwide vote
on an eventual accord and
came as US Secretary of
State John Kerry met Israeli
politicians in Washington to
discuss talks.

“If we get to a peace
agreement with the Pales-
tinians, I’d like to bring it
to a referendum, and I’d like
to talk to you about your
experiences with that,”
Netanyahu said as he met
Swiss Foreign Minister Di-
dier Burkhalter.

Switzerland regularly
holds referendum on a
broad range of issues. Is-
rael, by contrast, has never
held a referendum in its 65-
year history, and previous
peace treaties with Arab
neighbours Egypt and Jor-
dan were approved by par-
lament.

Netanyahu leads a cen-
tre-right coalition that in-
cludes supporters of the set-
tlement movement, many of
whom are fiercely opposed
to the idea of allowing the
Palestinians an independent
state on land seized by Is-
rael in the 1967 war.

By pledging to put any
deal to a referendum, Net-
anyahu could be hoping to
avoid any immediate far-
right backlash to a decision
to talk land-for-peace with
the Palestinians, promis-
ing that the Israeli people
would have the final word.

“There is a very serious ef-
fort under way to get talks
to resume,” said a senior
Israeli official who declined
to be named.

People are devoting a
lot of time and effort to this.
It is possible and it is do-
able.”—Reuters

FBI releases photos of three men from
Benghazi attack site

WASHINGTON, 3 May—The FBI on Thursday released the photographs of three men it said were at the US diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, when it was attacked last September.

The FBI did not call
the three men suspects in
the attacks, saying only
that they “may be able to
provide information to help
in the investigation.” The FBI is now asking Liby-
ans and people around the
world for additional infor-
mation related to the at-
tacks, the US investigative
agency said in a statement
with the photographs.

Four Americans in-
cluding US Ambassador
Christopher Stevens died in the attacks on
11 Sept, 2012, on a poorly
guarded temporary US
diplomatic mission com-
 pound and a more fortified
CIA compound nearby. No
individuals are known to
have been charged in the at-
tacks.—Reuters

Sumitomo Precision to acquire
Canadian aircraft equipment maker

OSAKA, 3 May—Sumi-
tomo Precision Products
Co said on Thursday it will acquire Canadian aircraft
equipment maker CFN
Precision Ltd to strengthen
output and sales of aircraft
landing gear systems in
North America.

Sumitomo Precision will buy all the outstand-
ing shares of the Ontario-
based company through its
wholly owned subsidiary,
also based in Ontario, for
around 1 billion to 2 billion yen within this month.

Under the umbrella of
Sumitomo Precision, CFN
will supply its products to
the Sumitomo subsidiary
and other aircraft equip-
ment makers in North
America.—Kyodo News

14 people killed in car accident in Iran

TEHERAN, 3 May—At least 14 people were burned
to death in a car accident in
Iran’s southwestern Khuz-
estan Province, semi-official
IRNA news agency quoted
Iran’s traffic police chief as
saying.

After passenger bus
which came from Ahvaz city
in Khuzestan to central Isfa-
han city hit a lorry coming
from the opposite direction,
the bus caught fire and it was
spread to the lorry, said the
police commander Moham-
mad-Reza Mehmandar.

The incident led to the
death of 12 passengers of
the bus and two crew members
of lorry, said Mehmandar,
adding that four passengers
of the bus were also hospital-
ized due to the fire injuries.

The cause of the incident
and an investigation, he
added.

Official figures show
that more than 20,000 peo-
ple died and 200, 000 others
wounded in traffic accidents
annually in Iran. Inexperi-
enced drivers and low-ef-
ciciency of the cars and the
roads are blamed for causing
these accidents.—Xinhua

A photographer takes pictures in the all-electric bus
at the announcement of the opening of an electric
bus manufacturing plant by the Chinese firm BYD, in
Continental Airport in Houston, the United States,
on 1 May, 2013. BYD is China’s leading electric car and
battery maker.—Xinhua

A combination of surveillance photos released by the
FBI on 2 May, 2013 show three men who the agency is
seeking information regarding the attack on the
American diplomatic mission in Benghazi on
11 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

Man kills himself in shooting at Texas airport

HOUSTON, 3 May—Local police in Houston,
a city in the US state of Texas, confirmed an armed
man shot and killed himself
at the city’s Bush Intercon-
tinental Airport on Thurs-
day afternoon.

The police said that at
around 1:35 pm local time,
Thursday, they were in-
formed of a “discharge of
firearm” at Terminal B at
the airport. And the shoot-
ing took place at the ticket-
ing area of the airport when
one armed man pulled out a
gun and committed suicide,
according to a report aired
by the local TV channel
abc13.

CNN also reported that
the man walked into the terminal with a military-
style semi-automatic rifle and fired two shots into
the ceiling. When he was con-
fronted by an air marshal,
the man pulled out another
gun and shot himself, the
report said.

Eyewitnesses said they
heard a couple of gunshots.
The Federal Aviation Ad-
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a ground stop for all flights
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A moai statue from Chile
goes on display at the Grand
Front Osaka commercial
facility in Osaka on 2 May,
2013. The newly made
statue is a present given as
a token of support from the
Chilean government to the
town of Minamisanriku,
Miyagi Prefecture, hit by
the March 2011 Great East
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 tsunami. The display will
run through 9 May, before
the statue is transported to
Minamisanriku.—Kyodo News

Police guard outside the Terminal B at the Bush Inter-
continental Airport in Houston, the US, on 2 May, 2013. Shots were fired on Thursday at an airport
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Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 28 April, 2013.—Reuters

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New Light of Myanmar

Saturday, 4 May, 2013
Formation of mobile teams in Sagaing Region discussed

Monywa, 3 May—A coordination meeting on formation of mobile teams at the border towns and strategic areas in Sagaing Region was held at the office of Sagaing Region Government on 22 April afternoon.

Region Minister for Economic and Planning U Sein Moung made a speech, saying that the government allows import of 318 items of commodities to the country.

Boiling of maize destroys 32 houses in ChaungU

ChaungU, 3 May—A fire broke out at No 7 block of Shwegu Village in ChaungU Township of Monywa District on 26 April. The fire started from boiling maize by Ma Moe Win, daughter of U Zaw Min Oo in the hut, spreading to 32 houses. Firefighters from Monywa and ChaungU Township fire stations put out the fire. In the accident, three pigs were destroyed but no one was injured.

Outbreak of fire is under investigation by officials concerned.—Myanma Alinn

Strong winds cut power lines, blow off roofs

Loikaw, 3 May—Squalls hit 4th-Mile Model Village of Loikaw Township at 12.30 pm on 29 April with about one-inch hailstones. The squalls broke 16 towers linking 33 KV power line from No 2 Lawpita power station to Moebhe near the village. Likewise, one house in the village collapsed in the squalls and roofs of eight houses were blown off. Some damages occurred at 11 KV power line of MRTV re-transmission station and the roof of the police outpost was damaged. Kayah State Electrical Engineer U Myint Aung Kyaw and electricians repaired the power lines and lamp-posts.

Revolver-snatchers arrested

Mawlamyine, 3 May—The revellers youths quarrelled one another in front of the pandal of Maha Thingyan Festival in Yeoggae Village in Mawlamyine Township, but they did not obey the advice of the policemen and town elders.

The youths attacked them and snatched one revolver with five bullets from a sub-police inspector in the incident.

Under the supervision of the Mon State Police Forces Commander, the deputy state police force commander, the commanders of Mawlamyine District and Mawlamyine and Mudon Township Police Forces and policemen unearted the revolver in the farm near Khunmahkweataung in Kyakmaraw Township two days after the incident.

Due to the attacks of the youths, IP Myint Naiing of Mawlamyine Township Police Force and IP Soe Myint of Daingwunkwin Police Station of Mawlamyine are under treatment in intensive care unit at Mon State General Hospital.

After investigation, the policemen arrested 13 youths including Maung Kun Palal, 30 of Taungpaw Monsu Village in Kyaikmaraw Township and Maung Lin Tun, 18 who looted the revolver from the police officer. Mupon Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against them under the law on revolvers.

Myanma Alinn

Bridge on Yangon-Myeik Road under construction

Ye, 3 May—Bridge Construction Project Special Group No 6 BV Public Works under the Ministry of Construction will undertake completion of Bridge No 4/101 on Yangon-Myeik Highway during the period from January 2013 to May 2015. The bridge will be 60 feet long reinforced concrete.

Kyaukkyi gets transformer in rural area

Kyaukkyi, 3 May—A ceremony to launch the transformer to supply electricity to Shanchaung, Zawi, Thankaung, Chaung and Thanbo villages in Kyaukkyi Township of Bago Region was held in Zawi Village on 10 April morning.

The ceremony was attended by the abbot of Aungzetawun Monastery and the youths, IP Myint Naing, Deputy Bago Region Electrical Engineer U Win Myint, Kyaukkyi Township Administrator U Myint Khang, township level officials, ward and village administrators, members of the power supply committee and over 200 local people.

The Pyithu Hluttaw, the region minister and the deputy region electrical engineer formally opened the transformer.

The government spent K 25 million on installation of transformer as of 12 March 2012.

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Export-led growth

There has been a question after all the drastic, unexpected political and economic reforms put in place by the new civilian government: Can Myanmar be the next Asian Tiger? Some responded with a nod to the question whereas some gave a mocking smile. Does economic miracle belong to Lady Luck or simply the hard work?

Sitting on abundant mineral, land, forest and water resources and being blessed with temperate climate and fertile soil, and less prone to environmental catastrophes, Myanmar still finds it difficult to help its people rise from rags to riches. Economic management is not so simple as waving a magic hand but Myanmar once was believed to become the fastest-growing economy in the region. It would be too tiring and also be useless to point the finger now. Mismanagement, wrong policies, impractical approaches, and bad choices—leave them in the past. If we are to catch up with regional economies, all the opportunities are to be grasped with at least tripled or quadrupled efforts apart from adoption of sensible policies, pragmatic approaches and proper management.

Designing of national-level export strategy is seen as the first step to boost exports as a driver of economic growth as the Vice-President called for export-led economic development to help achieve better socio-economic status of the people.

The economic concept of export-oriented industrialization is not strange to Asian economies since it has been at the core of the development of the national economies of the Asian Tigers: Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore in the post-World War II period. To reduce tariff barriers, introduce a floating exchange system and render government support for exporting sectors are parts of the policies to promote export-led industrialization and ultimately, economic development.

A large pool of low-cost labour is viewed as a comparative advantage for Myanmar to boost labour-intensive manufactured exports, solving the problem of unemployment at the same time. It is also important to move toward greater value-adding activities while best reducing transaction costs and simplifying the export procedures.

If all could work with greater focus on public welfare and not on personal gains, there is no reason we can’t work an economic miracle even if we can’t turn ourselves into the next Asian Tiger.

Vice-President receives Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar to Lebanon

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Vice-President Dr Sai Maak Kham received Mr. Elie Debahy, Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar to Lebanon, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were deputy ministers U Than Kyaw, U Than Tun, U Win Win and Dr Pwint Hsan.

On the occasion, they discussed the reform processes of Myanmar’s political and economic sectors, current reforms in administrative sector and potential for Lebanon’s investment in Myanmar.—MNA

National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) opens first hall

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—A ceremony to open the first hall of the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) under the Ministry of Culture was held at the library on Yaazhanti Road in Ottomaniri Township, here, this morning.

The Director-General of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department explained the purpose of opening the library. Then, Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu and Deputy Ministers U Than Htay, Dr Sai Kyaw Han and Dr Win Win Myint cut the ribbon to open the library and looked round it.

The first hall of the library comprises rooms of reference books, archaeological books, books in English on Myanmar country, Myanmar books, English books, recreation and children’s library storing over 250,000 books. E-Library keeps over 15000 books for the public reading. The library is kept open daily from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm except Sunday, Monday and gazette holidays as of 3 May.

Present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Than Htay, U Kyaw Lwin, U Muung Myint, U Zeyar Aung and Deputy Ministers, members of Union Civil Services Board, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chan, Directors-General and Managing Directors of the departments and enterprises.—MNA
Union Information Minister calls for applying Social...

from page 16) whole country. Due to the fragility in problems of the young democracy, it would be wiser to use Social responsibility Model rather than the Libertarian Model which has analytic questions for Myanmar people.

He urged at the same time every government institution in the country to work together with media associations, the press council and civil societies in creating a social responsibility model which reflects Myanmar’s cultural norms and values, putting public interest at top priority. Besides, he called for joyful participation of all journalists, press and media workers (including those once in exile) who serve as communicators between the Government and the citizens to work together in harmony in order to achieve the sentiment of goodwill in the media.

UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press-2012 award winner U Win Tin made a speech. UNESCO resident representative Mr. Sardar Umar Alan read out the joint statement of UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon and UNESCO Director-General Ms. Irina Bokova.

Next, Secretary of Myanmar Press Council (Provisional) U Kyaw Min Swe said that freedom of the press is the essential fundamental right of the human society. The right of every citizen to read news is directly proportionate to freedom of news release, speech and writing. Summing up, the Myanmar Press Council would like to avail itself of the opportunity to express its solemn pledge to work with relentless effort for the emergence of the fourth estate inclusive of responsible, accountable, code-abiding and respectable journalists from all walks of life, and for the peaceful and smooth transition to democracy in Myanmar.

U Ko Ko, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Journalists Association, made a speech hoping that the media development partners, many of whom are represented in the today’s momentous event, would continue to support not only the government but the private sector and civil society organizations as well.

An expert from UNESCO discussed media development in Myanmar.

Union Border Affairs Minister meets US guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Naing received Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migrants of the United States of America Ms Kelly Tallman Clements and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell, and Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Alex Garcia Chua at the ministry here this morning separately.

The Union minister held discussion with the US delegation on Government’s effort for sheltering of victims in Rakhine State in cooperation with UN agencies and international organizations, undertakings of work committee, short- and long-term plans and population survey in Rakhine State.

The Philippine Ambassador handed over USD 50,000 donated by the government of Philippines to Rakhine victims and discussed more cooperation in humanitarian aids programme in Rakhine State.

The donation will be used for sheltering of Rakhine victims before the rainy reason.

Yangon University, Hankuk University sign MoU

YANGON, 3 May—Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (ROK) and University of Yangon signed an MoU on mutual cooperation at the latter, here, this morning.

Pro-rector of Yangon University Dr Kyaw Naing explained special emphasis placed by both universities on development of educational programme and lessons, cooperation in teaching and research, exchange of visits by educational staff and students, cooperation in research, lectures and courses and exchanges of technology and knowledge on the interested subjects.

After that, President Professor Park Chul of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (ROK) and Pro-rector of Yangon University Dr Kyaw Naing signed the agreement.

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Co Ltd of Thailand signed an MoU on conducting a feasibility study of solar power plant in Minbu in Magway Region yesterday.

Currently, there are two hydropower plants in Magway Region—Mone Creek hydropower plant and Kyiohngyiwa hydropower plant—each generates 75 megawatts which is distributed to national grid.

Chairman of Green Earth Power Co Ltd Mr Paul Yaung explained the operation plans. Solar power plant project lies beside Minbu-An railroad, 14 miles from Minbu and will be able to generate 50 megawatts.

The ceremony was attended by Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe, U Soe Min, U Than Htay and U Aye Myint, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, deputy ministers and officials.—MNA

Myanmar, Germany focus on institutional economic cooperation

YANGON, 3 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Win Aung held talks with German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lorch and Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of International Economic Affairs Dr Volker Treier of Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) at the UMFCCI office here yesterday morning.

The meeting focused on further promotion of investments of German entrepreneurs in Myanmar, signing of MoU for cooperation between the economic institutions of the two countries and implementation of the MoU by opening a representative office in Myanmar.—MNA

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One dead, six injured in Taungup car accident

TAUNGUP, 3 May—A car heading for Yanbye from Thandwe overturned near Kyinchaung village 28 miles and 5 furlongs from Taungup of Rakhine State on 26 April morning. The car carrying 17 passengers—eight males and nine females—hit to the head and injured six others.

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Medic robbed of necklace in Pyay

PYAY, 3 May—A doctor was robbed of her gold necklace in Pyay on 26 April evening. Dr Daw Cho Yi Yi Nyunt working at Parami Clinic on Bogyoke Street, Ywabe Ward in Pyay, while riding from Khitara Myothit to Ywabe Ward, was robbed of her necklace worth around 1 million kyats by a man on bike. The Pyay police force are in hot pursuit of the robber.

Kyemon

Kason-water pouring festival of Shwe Kyatyet Pagoda

AMARAPURA, 3 May—Kason-water pouring festival of ancient Shwe Kyatyet Pagoda in Amarapura Township will be held on 14th Waxing of Kason on a grand scale. Local people from nearby villages and Amarapura, Mandalay and Sagaing participate in the festival yearly. The festival includes entertainment of troupe.

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Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (L) meets with ASEAN Secretary-General Le Luong Minh in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 2 May, 2013. — XINHUA

Jakarta, 3 May — Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said here on Thursday that in view of promoting global multi-polarization and bequeathing up solidarity among developing countries in Cambodia, China sincerely hopes the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) to make continuous achievements in its development.

China’s new government will continue to encourage ASEAN to increasingly develop and grow stronger, firmly support ASEAN in its construction of the ASEAN Community and integration process, and firmly support ASEAN in continuing to play a leading role in regional cooperation, Wang said when meeting with ASEAN’s Secretary-General Le Luong Minh here.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of strategic partnership between China and ASEAN, it also marks a new historic starting point for the relations between the two, Wang said.

On the basis of summarizing up the successful experiences of exchanges and cooperation, the two sides should make joint efforts to map out the blueprint of friendly cooperation for the next decade and jointly take active measures to boost the development of the strategic partnership, Wang stressed.

Wang also pointed out that the two sides should focus on strengthening inter-connection and interworking, making use of the China-ASEAN maritime cooperation fund to promote maritime cooperation, and actively boosting the establishment of regional comprehensive economic partnership based on ASEAN+1 and ASEAN+3 in order to safeguard and expand the justified rights and interests of developing nations.

China, a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, will continue to support the United Nations and its reform efforts.

Wang also said China adheres to the principles of the Four Principles between China and ASEAN, the principle of identity and character, the principle of inclusiveness and inclusiveness, the principle of progress and progress, and the principle of mutual respect and respect.

Japan, Taipei to hold 1st joint fishing committee meeting next week

Taipei, 3 May — Members of the Japan-Taiwan joint fishing committee will meet for the first time in Taipei on Tuesday next week.

Tokyo’s decision mission in Taipei on Thursday.

The Interchange Association, said in a statement that officials from both sides reached the agreement after they held a two-day meeting in Tokyo on Wednesday and Thursday to discuss details of the committee’s establishment.

The committee is stipulated in a bilateral fisheries pact signed last month on fishing rights by Taipei and China.

Under the deal, a joint fishing committee will be set up to continue negotiating on issues they failed to agree upon, including fishing in waters not yet covered by the agreement such as waters 12 nautical miles surrounding the Japan-administered Senkaku Islands, waters above 27 degrees north latitude and waters south of Japan’s Yaeyama Islands.

The pact designates an area in Japan’s exclusive economic zone as jointly managed waters, where reciprocal fishing is allowed. However, the jointly controlled zone excludes what Japan regards as its 12-nautical-mile “territorial waters”. Tokyo and Taipei also agreed to establish a “special cooperation zone” where each applies laws and regulations to its own nationals and fishing vessels. — Kyodo News

41 Cambodians killed by lightning strikes in four months

Phnom Penh, 3 May — Lightning strikes have killed 41 Cambodians in the first four months of this year, up from 25 deaths recorded in the same period last year, a disaster management official said on Thursday.

Keo Vy, spokesman of the National Committee for Disaster Management, said that among the victims, 15 were women and eight children. Twenty-five others were also injured.

According to Keo Vy, nine Cambodians were killed on 28 April alone. Last year, lightning strikes killed 25 people and injured 24 others within the same period.

Lightning occurs frequently in Cambodia, especially in the rainy season from May through October.

Keo Vy said an increase in the use of electrical household goods such as radios, televisions and mobile phones is partly to blame for the high number of deaths, but most of the victims were struck while working outside.

Last year, lightning strikes killed 193 Cambodians and injured 71 others, most of them living in rural areas.

Suicide remains leading cause of death among young South Koreans

Seoul, 3 May — Suicide was the leading cause of death among people aged 15-24 in South Korea in 2011, a report by Statistics Korea said on Thursday.

Suicide has been the single largest cause of death among young Koreans since 2010.

The number of suicides in South Korea has been rising significantly, with 13 out of 100,000 people aged 15-24 killing themselves in 2011, up from 7.7 reported in 2001.

Ten years ago, traffic accidents were the No 1 cause of death, with a rate of 15.6, Statistics Korea said.

According to several surveys conducted by Statistics Korea, excessive education-related competition was the main cause of stress for young Koreans, followed by economic difficulties.

South Korea’s overall suicide rate had been on the rise since the early 1990s. It peaked in 1998 before declining slightly later.

Since 2000, the rate has been growing again. An earlier report by Statistics Korea showed that 15,905 Koreans killed themselves in 2011. Suicide was the fourth leading cause of death, following cancer, cerebrovascular diseases and heart diseases. In 2001, suicide was only the eighth leading cause of death.

Japanese moneylender shot dead in Philippines

Manila, 3 May — A Japanese man who runs a moneylending business was shot dead on Wednesday in the northern Philippines by an unknown assailant, police said on Thursday.

The victim, identified as Hisashi Suzukiwa, 69, was found dead in San Fernando City, the capital of La Union Province, where his 43-year-old Filipino wife manages a nightclub, police investigator Percival Ancheta said.

Suzukiwa had just alighted from his car near their house in the coastal city’s Lingait village around 3 am when the assailant shot him three times in the chest at close range with a .45 caliber handgun. The suspect is at large and there are no known witnesses.

Ancheta said police do not suspect robbery as the motive because Suzukiwa’s valuables, such as 11,000 pesos (about 26,000 yen) in cash and his mobile phone, were still on him.

He said Suzukiwa had been at his club’s partner’s club near his home the night before and it was her who found his body. His wife, with whom he has three children, told police she went looking for him after arriving home around 3:30 am only to find he was not there. — Kyodo News

Asian economic growth will pick up further

Greater Noida, (India), 3 May — Asian Development Bank President Takehiko Nakao said on Thursday he sees a great possibility for further Asian economic growth down the road supported by strong domestic demand in the region, despite signs of a slowdown seen last year in countries such as China and India.

“I want to emphasize that Asian economic growth has been more of robust and resilient” than expected, Nakao said at a Press conference in Greater Noida on the outskirts of New Delhi, ahead of the ADB’s two-day annual meeting starting on Saturday.

The ADB is projecting that developing economies in Asia will expand 6.6 percent this year and 6.7 percent in 2014, up from 6.1 percent in 2012. China’s economy, the world’s growth engine, is expected to expand 8.2 percent in 2013 from 7.8 percent in 2012. — Kyodo News

Greatest hits

Guests chat with a robot resembling a woman at Takashimaya department store in Osaka on 6 May, 2013. The humanoid developed jointly by robot researcher Osaka University professor Hiroshi Ishiguro and the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International is capable of speaking and makes human-like facial expressions. — Kyodo News

An event exhibiting about 100 sand sculptures featuring animals begins in Minamisatsuma, Kagoshima Prefecture, on 2 May, 2013. — Kyodo News

A newly married couple from Hong Kong pose for a photo at the疙瘩 Mansion in Sapporo on 22 April, 2013. The Sapporo city government in northern Japan is promoting wedding photo spots to attract foreign clients from Hong Kong and Taipei. — Kyodo News

A new event exhibiting about 100 sand sculptures featuring animals begins in Minamisatsuma, Kagoshima Prefecture, on 2 May, 2013. — Kyodo News

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Chairman of the Kanbawza Bank Ltd.

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Conferred by the President of the Union of Myanmar
on the occasion of the Union of Myanmar President's
State Excellence Awards Presentation
Ceremony held on 30th April 2013 for the first time
under the new government administration.

We wish him continued contribution to our society and country in coming years.

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Our heartiest congratulations to the
KBZ Group of Companies for winning the award
"Best Corporate Governance in Myanmar for 2013"
conferred by "World Finance", a London based
prestigious organization on 3rd April 2013.
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MV FRISIA LAHN VOY NO (028)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV FRISIA LAHN VOY NO (028) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.5.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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IMF approves 932-million-US-dollar loan for Jamaica

Kingston, 3 May—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed Wednesday to provide 932 million US dollars in a four-year loan package for Jamaica to revive the country’s shaky economy. The loan is part of a 2-billion-dollar package from the IMF, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, which is aimed at supporting a set of reforms for the debt-swamped Caribbean island nation.

“...leading economic indicators point to a recovery of moderate growth this year and the pace of recovery looks set to accelerate in 2014...”

The main objective of the program is to put public debt on a firmly downward trajectory and thereby create a virtuous cycle of debt sustainability and higher economic growth,” IMF First Deputy Managing Director David Lipton said in a statement.

For most of the past three decades, Jamaica has suffered from very low growth, high public debt, and serious social challenges. Key factors behind these problems have been Jamaica’s unsustainable debt burden, low competitiveness, a weak business climate, and lack of policy credibility,” Lipton said.

To close the deal with the IMF, Jamaican authorities have put in place several reforms, including launching a domestic debt swap to put its finances on a better footing.

Other measures include freezing public servants’ wages and cutting national budget by 13.5 percent to bring down the national debt, which now accounts for 140 percent of the country’s gross domestic product (GDP).—Xinhua

Global sales by S Korean carmakers rise on overseas demand

Seoul, 3 May—Global auto sales by South Korean carmakers rose last month on the back of strong demand from overseas customers, industry data showed on Thursday. The country’s five automakers, including Hyundai, Kia, GM Korea, Renault Samsung and Ssangyong, sold a total of 742,372 vehicles in April, up 7.7 percent from a year earlier. The car sales increased 2.1 percent from a month ago.

The brisk sales were attributable to robust demand for South Korean brands in overseas markets. Overseas sales by the five companies gained 9 percent from a year earlier to 623,543 units in April. Hyundai Motor, the country’s top carmaker, sold a total of 349,301 vehicles in the overseas market last month, up 10.5 percent from a year earlier. Exports of cars manufactured in domestic factories sank 15.9 percent, but sales of cars assembled in overseas plants jumped 25.3 percent due to a rise in production in Chinese and Brazilian plants.

Seoul’s overseas auto sales by Kia Motors rose 10.2 percent on-year to 212,135 units in April, and exports by Ssangyong Motor jumped 18.7 percent. Local sales by the carmakers increased 0.9 percent from a year earlier to 118,829 units in April.

Hyundai ranked first in terms of market share with a 49.1 percent share, followed by Kia with 34.1 percent, GM Korea with 8.6 percent, Ssangyong with 4.3 percent and Renault Samsung with 3.8 percent respectively. —Xinhua

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School children are seen playing at a day-care center in Tokyo.

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SPORTS

New York, 3 May—World number two Rory McIlroy has moved one stroke into the lead in the Wells Fargo Championship, in his opening race of the PGA Tour season, fired a five-under 67 at Quail Hollow on Thursday for a seven-way share of the first-round lead in the event.

At the same time, the world’s top three in the Race to Dubai, who are vying for their second win in 2013, were still looking for their first tournament victories this year, struggling to find their form after switching their golf balls and clubs. “I’ve made big strides,” said McIlroy, who will turn 24 on Saturday. “My game wasn’t where it should have been at all in the beginning of the year. Now I feel like I’m swinging it well. I’ve seen my game progress week by week. It’s a nice start here this week.”

For the first U.S. tour win and last year went to a playoff won by Rickie Fowler. Scott was the only winner of the year’s first major, The Open, after two weeks off,” McIlroy said.

Marc Marquez threatens more records at Spanish MotoGP

Madrid, 3 May—Spanish rookie Marc Marquez has the chance to tumble more records when he takes to the track at the Spanish MotoGP this weekend as the youngest leader of the world championship.

The 20-year-old Repsol Honda rider became the youngest to win a premier class title at the Grand Prix of the Americas in Austin, Texas last weekend, surpassing former double title winner Freddie Spencer’s achievement from 1982.

Having scored a third-placed finish in Qatar in the opening race of the season, Marquez could become the youngest debutant to snare three consecutive podium finishes overtaking champion Jorge Lorenzo’s record from 2008. He could also become the youngest to secure back-to-back premier class pole starts and wins.

“I will never forget the race in Austin and I want to thank everyone for the support and the congratulations I have received,” Marquez said in a team statement this week. “Now we return to Europe. It’s important to keep my feet on the ground and to keep my concentration. The other riders have a lot more experience than me on these circuits and we will have to work hard.”

Marquez is level on 41 points with compatriot Lorenzo in the championship standings rankings, both having scored a victory and a third-place, but Marquez is top as the most recent winner.

Spurred Dan Pedrosa is third and Italy’s Valentino Rossi is fourth. “I am looking forward to racing in front of Spanish fans in a MotoGP for the first time,” last year’s Moto2 champion added. “We’ll try and do our best for a good result.”

Man Utd score financially after winning league

London, 3 May—New sponsorship deals and a successful season on the pitch will help English Premier League football champions Manchester United meet this year’s financial goals, the club said on Thursday.

United, who claim to have more than £650 million followers worldwide, have cashed in on their fame by agreeing sponsorship deals with companies ranging from US car maker General Motors to Japanese marine engineering company Yanmar.

That commercial appeal has just helped United win the Premier League for the 13th time since it was launched in 1992, topping last year’s champions and local rivals Manchester City, who are bankrolled by cash from Abu Dhabi.

Some United fans have not forgiven the American Glazer family for loading the club with debt when they bought it for £790 million pounds in 2005.

However, criticism has become more muted after United signed prolific Dutch striker Robin van Persie from rivals Arsenal last August. His goals have helped the team to recover after ending without a trophy in 2012.

“Our top priority is strengthening the squad to ensure we are best positioned for successful runs in all the major competitions next season,” Executive Vice-Chairman Ed Woodward said on a conference call with financial analysts.

“At the same time, we are focused on accelerating the pace of our commercial expansion. Woodward added, saying the club had been identified as many as 94 business sectors where they could potentially seek sponsors.

“Woodward, a former investment banker, will keep my concentration. The keep my feet on the ground and to to snare three consecutive to claim a narrow victory over Manchester United forward Robin van Persie. Chelsea’s Spanish midfielder Juan Mata was third.

Liverpool’s Suarez, however, had been a strong contender to become the first South American to win the award until he bit Chelsea defender Ivanovic on the arm during the 2-2 Premier League draw at Anfield last month, just four days before voting started.

The English FA banned him for four matches for biting, still coke for England’s Football Writers’ Association for biting an opponent.

Luperci’s Suarez celebrates his goal against Chelsea during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England, on 21 April, 2013.—Reuters

Mourinho return would be spectacular, says Villas-Boas

Enfield, (England), 3 May—Tottenham Hotspur manager Andre Villas-Boas would welcome his mentor Jose Mourinho back to the Premier League next season, saying his return would be spectacular.

Villas-Boas worked under Mourinho at Porto, Chelsea and Inter Milan before deciding to forge a name for himself by taking on the coaching job at Portuguese club Academica.

Mourinho, who parted company with Chelsea in 2007 after winning two league titles, dropped heavy hints this week that he was returning for a second stint at Stamford Bridge having failed to land the Champions League for Real Madrid this season. “It’s hard to make a reading of the situation,” Vil las-Boas, whose Tottenham side face Southampton on Saturday then Chelsea next Wednesday as they battle for a top-four finish, told reporters.

“Obviously his desire to come back to England is extremely strong. Whether he has a club lined up or not, I’m not sure. It’s very unlikely when someone makes it that public that everything is set up already.

“But he would be a great addition to the Premier League. Jose has a wonderful history in this league and it would be spectacular to have him back,” Villas-Boas said on Thursday.

Real Madrid’s coach Jose reacts during a news conference on the eve of their Champions League semi-final second leg soccer match against Borussia Dortmund, at Valdebebas training grounds, outside Madrid on 29 April, 2013.—Reuters

Villas-Boas’s career path has been similar to Mourinho’s having won the Portuguese league with Porto before moving to England for a brief spell in charge of Chelsea.

Reuters
Els makes strong start in Indonesia, Hend leads

South Africa’s Ernie Els watches his tee shot on the first hole during second round play in the Arnold Palmer Invitational PGA golf tournament in Orlando, Florida on 22 March, 2013.—Reuters

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**New Delhi, 3 May—** British Open champion Ernie Els returned to Asia to shoot a strong opening round of four-under-par 68 and lie two shots off lead at the Indonesian Masters in Jakarta on Thursday. The big South African wielded the long-putter he is phasing out to sink five birdies, against one “silly” bogey, to tie two shots behind Australia’s Scott Hend and Korea’s Hwang In-choon at the Royale Jakarta Golf Club.

“I’ve got to be satisfied with that. Obviously you would like to say it could have been better but I played nicely,” said Els who finished 14th at the Chiangmai Golf Classic in March.

“I made a silly mistake on the third hole which was a short par-four. I played with a nice group of guys who played good as well.

“Tiger playing out here in Asia and the golf courses are nice.”—Reuters

**Bono’s one-time Sydney holiday home sells for record $55.4 million**

Sydney, 3 May—A Sydney harborfront mansion has been sold for a record-breaking price of 5.35 million reais ($2.66 million)—Brasilia police have said that the global land and ocean temperatures were observed across most of the globe’s land surface areas, most notably North America, southern Europe, western Russia, parts of northern Africa and southern South America.

It said that during 2012, above-average temperatures were observed across most of the globe’s land surface areas, most notably North America, southern Europe, western Russia, parts of northern Africa and southern South America.

**Brasilia police cancel order for World Cup raincoats**

Brasilia, 3 May—Brasilia police have canceled an order for 17,000 raincoats for use at the World Cup because next year’s tournament will be played in the dry season. “The military police made a mistake in listing the product among those to be acquired with a view to the World Cup which will be held in the dry season,” said the Federal District government in a statement.

Brazilian media had criticized the plans as an example of wasteful spending by authorities, pointing out that the jackets would have cost a total of 5.35 million reais ($2.66 million). Rainfall is very rare between May and July in Brasilia and the air humidity often drops to 30 percent.

**WMO annual climate report confirms 2012 as among top 10 warmest**

Geneva, 3 May—The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said on Thursday that the year 2012 was the ninth warmest on record despite the cooling influence of a La Nina episode early in the year. The WMO’s Statement on the Status of the Global Climate said that the global land and ocean surface temperature in 2012 was estimated to be 0.45 degrees Celsius above the 1961-1990 average of 14.0 degrees.

Poisoned yogurt kills two Hebei kindergarteners

Shijiahuang, 3 May—Two girls in Pingshan County of north China’s Hebei Province have died after drinking a bottle of yogurt that appears to have been deliberately tainted with rat poison, said local police on Thursday. They consumed the yogurt on the morning of 24 April in Lianghe Village of Lianghe Town. After their grandmother found it on a roadside along with several notebooks, she picked up the yogurt and notebooks and brought them home.

Her grandchildren shared the yogurt after coming back from kindergarten in the afternoon. Shortly after, both were found foaming at the mouth and suffering convulsions. One girl died on the way to hospital, and the other on Wednesday.

Nonetheless, cooler-than-average conditions were observed across Alaska, parts of northern and eastern Australia, and central Asia. WMO Secretary-General Michel Jarraud said that although the rate of warming varies from year to year due to natural variability caused by the El Nino cycle, volcanic eruptions and other phenomena, the sustained warming of the lower atmosphere is a worrisome sign.

Argentina marks 31st Anniversary of Malvinas War

Beijing, 3 May—Argentina has marked the 31st anniversary of the Argentine Air Force’s involvement in the 1982 Malvinas War with Britain. A moment of silence was observed while C-130 Hercules aircraft belonging to the girls confessed that she injected the poison into the yogurt, and asked a man to put it, together with some unused notebooks, on the road to the two girls’ kindergarten.

A preliminary probe found that the yogurt was tainted with rat poison. According to police, the head of the rival kindergarten to that attended by the girls confessed that she injected the poison into the yogurt, and asked a man to put it, together with some unused notebooks, on the road to the two girls’ kindergarten.

About 650 Argentines and 255 Britons were killed in the war that started after Argentine forces occupied the islands. It prompted Britain’s prime minister at the time, Margaret Thatcher, to dispatch a naval task force to retake them. Most Argentines think the islands rightfully belong to Argentina and they remain a potent national symbol that unites political foes. Argentina has clamped ownership of the South Atlantic archipelago for almost 200 years.—Xinhua

**New Light of Myanmar**

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**MINistry OF INFORMATION**
Union Information Minister calls for applying Social Responsibility Model

Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi delivers an address at the celebration of World Press Freedom Day.—MNA

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Machanbaw (1.26) inches
Kyaukse (1.06) inches
Putao (1.02) inches
Pinyaung (0.83) inches

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and experts from Belgium and US observe paddy plantation in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing accompanied by Asia Pacific Regional Director Mr. Andrew Guthrie of US-based Syngenta Co and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Thierry Bogoert, Advisor Dr. Luc Beaucourt and Planning and Coordination Ms. Eva Delafontaine from Belgium-based DEVGEN Co visited plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

The Union minister and party observed 91-day old thriving 3000-acre paddy plantation at mechanized farm near hotel zone and 500-acre model mechanized farm of Ngalike irrigation system.

They viewed watermelon, papaya, cucumber, chili, maize and bitter gourd plantations grown chemical free.

The Union minister and UEC receives party establishment application

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and experts from Belgium and US observe paddy plantation in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

CEO's and experts from Belgium and US observe plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

Myanmar to host drug control meeting

High-ranking official level and ministerial level representatives from Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) will attend it. MNA

Creating a free and safe environment for journalists and media workers is not only important for government, but also very crucial for all the stakeholders of the Myanmar media industry in pursuit of strengthening peace, democracy and sustainability of the country. Likewise, the journalists have a great responsibility towards the fellow citizens to provide correct and analytical information which contributes to the development of improved professional standards and accountability in the media.

The Union Minister said that media must be healthy, meaningful, harmless, non-interfering and contributively functioning with maximized benefits, and to reach this end the intricacies of media practices should ideally be compatible with the social structure, cultural ethos and psycho-social ramifications of the