Mutual understanding and sympathy served as sound foundations of bilateral relations: Vice-President U Nyan Tun

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun held talks with a Chinese delegation led by Member of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China Mr. Yang Jeichi at Shwe Nanndaw Hotel, here, this evening.

The Vice-President was accompanied by Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Thant Kyaw, U Ye Htut, U Thaung Tin, U Than Swe and Dr Lin Aung and departmental heads.

The Vice-President acknowledged Paukphaw relationships between Myanmar and China, acting as good neighbours supporting each other in times of emergency during over a 60-year period of diplomatic ties that has been established since 1950.

He said that the two countries had promoted their relations as comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership in time of the new government.

He pointed out that mutual understanding and sympathy served as sound foundations of bilateral relations while domestic reforms were in process for ensuring a harmony with the similar background history between the two countries and current global issues.

The Vice-President expressed thanks for Chinese support for ongoing reform process in Myanmar like the support given to Myanmar by China during the past two decades.

He continued that President U Thein Sein and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks on implementation of comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between the two countries during his presence at Bo’ao Forum held in Bo’ao of the PRC in April.

Regarding the bilateral strategic cooperation within two years, he said the two countries had to solve some unexpected issues based on understanding and tolerance.

He also clarified the reforms carried out by the new government.

Afterwards, Mr Yang Jeichi said the relations between the two countries has been strengthened, reaching a high level within 60 years, and he also reiterated that President Mr Xi Jinping also pledged to strengthen the friendship between the two countries at the meeting with President U Thein Sein at Bo’ao forum.

While the two countries are carrying out reforms, China would make efforts for achieving sustainable growth of bilateral cooperation, he said. He continued to say that China opposes interfering in internal affairs of a country and he believed that Myanmar people can choose a way that is suitable for their country to bring about development.

He supported the national reconciliation efforts of Myanmar government, he said.

Afterwards, the two sides exchanged views on opportunities for bilateral cooperation in economy, agriculture, development of rural areas and poverty reduction and on implementing the all round strategic cooperation established between the two countries.

After the meeting, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw and the vice minister of Foreign Affairs of China signed the work plan on project for implementing strategic cooperation between the two countries.

Afterwards, the Vice-President hosted a dinner in honour of the Chinese delegation.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and the Chinese Vice-Minister sign work plan on project for implementing strategic cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

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More Myanmar workers in Malaysia back home

YANGON, 23 June — Myanmar workers who have been in distress in Malaysia arrived back at Yangon International Airport by MAI flight on 22 June afternoon.

It is learnt that 20 Myanmar workers who returned home under arrangements of Ayeyawady Foundation, Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia, social networks in Malaysia and MAI Airlines were among passengers including some Myanmar workers who were held with various charges in Malaysia.

“The only 20 Myanmar workers were back home under our arrangements. The program for this time targeted the sick, the injured and family members of the deceased.

Those in the camp and risk areas, women and pregnant women are being prioritized,” says General Manager U Ye Myo Hein of Ayeyawady Foundation.

Kalay sees thriving rubber plantations

KALAY, 23 June — Kalay with a humid weather is contributing towards thriving rubber plantations along Kalay-Tamu road and on the other bank of Myitha River.

Being an industrial crop, local people are interested in growing rubber plants on a commercial scale. Property owners of rubber plantations call the rubber plant “White Gold.”

In an interview with an official of the Industrial Crop Development Department in Kalay about thriving rubber plantations, he said that Kalay district comprising Kalay, Kalewa and Minkin was home to 30 rubber growers and each grower owns a rubber plantation ranging from 20 to 50 acres.

MAB disburses agricultural loans to Magway farmers

MAGWAY, 23 June — The disbursement of agricultural loans for 2013 cultivation season from township branches of Myanma Agriculture Bank were in progress in Magway Region as of 17 June. So far 1393 member farmers in 31 villages have been provided with K 274 million of bank loans.

It is planned to disburse agricultural loans for 2013 cultivation season to 196951 member farmers in 1299 village-tracts from 25 bank branches of Myanma Agriculture Bank in the township of Magway.

It is learnt that per acre of 345,867-acre paddy farmland will be disbursed K 100,000 loan and per acre of 783,824-acre crop farmland K 20,000.

Shan State (South) targets economic development through increased productivity of SMEs

TAUNGGYI, 23 June — Jointly-organized by GIZ and Shan State Government, a workshop on boosting cooperation of the government, private sector and community-based organizations for development of small-and medium-scale enterprises in Shan State (South) was held at a ballroom of Cherry Queen Hotel at Nyaunggyi camp in Taunggyi on 19 June. The GIZ is an association from Germany and its branch is being kept open in Taunggyi.

On behalf of the Shan State Government, Rector of Taunggyi University Dr Mu Mu Myint called for cooperation of private sector and community-based organizations with GIZ that is striving for economic development of Shan State (South) by opening a branch in Taunggyi and implementing a plan.

Head of Programme of GIZ Mrs. Irina Scheffmann elaborated on works being carried out in cooperation with Myanmar government for private sector development.

Next, GIZ Senior Advisor Mr. Thomas Schneider explained plans to be implemented in Shan State (South).

Then, Prof. Dr. Wilheim gave talks on “Public Private Partnership-PPP” and work progress in regional economic development, and those present took part in discussions on opportunities, challenges and requirements.

The workshop focused on agriculture sector and short-and-long term plans to increase SMEs productivity.
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**Flooding to close core of Canada’s oil capital for days**
Shenzhou-10 completes manual docking with space module

BEIJING, 23 June—China’s Shenzhou-10 manned spacecraft successfully completed a manual docking procedure with the orbiting Tiangong-1 space module at 10:07 am on Sunday, according to the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre.

Launched on 11 June from northwest China’s Gobi desert, the Shenzhou-10 successfully completed an automated docking procedure with the Tiangong-1 on June 13, with three astronauts aboard the Shenzhou-10 entering the space module. At 8:26 am on Sunday, the spacecraft was manually separated from the Tiangong-1 module.

After the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre remotely examined the spacecraft and the module, the Shenzhou-10 approached the module, with astronaut Nie Haisheng piloting the spacecraft and the other two crew members, Zhang Xiaoguang and Wang Yaping, monitoring instruments and making sure the clash was on target. At 10:00 am the spacecraft made contact with the Tiangong-1 and at 10:07, the two connected.

According to their mission schedule, the astronauts will enter the space module again and carry out scientific experiments.

The Shenzhou-10 is China’s fifth manned spacecraft. Its current flight is China’s first application-oriented space flight since the country’s manned space programme started in 1992.

China is the third country after the United States and Russia to acquire the technologies and skills necessary for space rendezvous and docking procedures, as well as supply manpower and material for an orbiting module via different docking methods.

Previous docking procedures conducted between Shenzhou-type spacecraft and the space module include two automated docking by the unmanned Shenzhou-8 in 2011 and both an automated and manual docking by the manned Shenzhou-9 in 2012.

The Tiangong-1 space lab has been in orbit for more than 600 days. It will remain in service for another three months. The module is considered the first step in building a permanent space station, which the country aims to do by 2020.

Xinhua

Pentagon flash drive ban has many exceptions

WASHINGTON, 23 June—The Pentagon has granted many exceptions, possibly numbering in the thousands, to allow staff members who administer secure computer networks to use flash drives and other portable storage devices, department spokesmen said.

The exceptions to policies barring the use of such devices could make it easier for rogue employees to remove sensitive documents. But officials say waivers go to people who update software and run helpdesk services for the Pentagon’s vast computer network and are needed to run the system efficiently.

Ouya’s $99 videogame console challenges pricier Xbox, PlayStation

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 June—Ouya’s $99 Android videogame console goes on sale on Tuesday, the latest attempt by a growing crop of niche hardware makers to chip away at a market dominated by Sony Corp., Microsoft Corp. and Nintendo Co Ltd.

Ouya hopes its cheaper, cube-shaped console will prevail over the long-established gaming triumvirate’s pricier hardware. The new device has more than 150 free-to-play games, media features such as Netflix and radio service TuneIn, and an open ecosystem built on Google’s Android operating system. Founded by Julie Uhrman, a former executive at entertainment website IGN, the hackable, or customizable, device will go up this Christmas season against the $399 PlayStation 4 and $499 Xbox One. Both are packed with exclusive blockbuster titles from top developers in cloud gaming and other social features.

Ouya is going after core console gamers, as well as the mass market of college students, young adults and families that plays mobile games and is price-conscious. Uhrman said.

“It stands on its own and it’s something that gamers are going to want in addition to whatever device they play the game that they’ve been playing for the last five years.”

Ouya and other hardware companies, big and small, are hoping to claw their way into the global videogame market expected to touch $66 billion in software and hardware sales this year, up from $63 billion in 2012, according to research firm DFC Intelligence.

The 2013 holiday season is shaping up to be the most hotly contested in years, with Microsoft launching its Xbox One and Sony’s PlayStation 4 coming to market.

Saratoga, California-based BlueStacks, will launch a $129 cube called GamePop that is expected to available this holiday season. Alternatively, gamers can pay $5.99 monthly for access to over 300 games and get the console and controller for free.

Next week, graphics giant Nvidia Corp will release its handheld Shield device, which runs games available for Android tablets and smartphones and streams titles from computers.

Microsoft

The Long March 2-F rocket loaded with Shenzhou-10 manned spacecraft carrying Chinese astronauts Nie Haisheng, Zhang Xiaoguang and Wang Yaping lifts off from the launch pad in the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre Gansu Province on 11 June 2013.—Reuters

ZTE to churn out more 4G devices

HONG KONG, 23 June—China’s ZTE Corp, the world’s fifth largest smartphone maker, is aggressively moving into the higher end of the market for mobile gadgets with more 4G shipments.

The Shenzhen-based company has been trying to move away from selling lower end mobile phones, a strategy that has served it well in boosting its global market share, but at the expense of profits and profitability.

It plans to further raise its global profile by sponsoring a US National Basketball Association (NBA) team last year, executives said.

“We’re working towards a goal of 4G LTE (Long Term Evolution) gadgets making up 40-50 percent of our total consumer devices shipments by 2015. The percentage is quite small now — about four percent,” Ly Quanhao, ZTE’s head of handset strategy, told reporters in China’s southern city of Guangzhou, where 4G LTE trials are being conducted.

ZTE is banking on products such as its Grand Memo phablet — a cross between a phone and a tablet, and its Grand S smartphone to battle the likes of Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, Apple Inc that have been dominating the market.

On Friday, ZTE executives showcased its LTE technology to reporters in a mini van by driving through skyscrapers around a section of Guangzhou city while downloading video clips on its smartphones at speeds that are several ten-folds faster than 3G.

ZTE has been working closely with China Mobile Ltd, the world’s largest wireless carrier by subscribers, in 4G trials throughout the country that has more than a billion mobile phone users.

Even though ZTE’s flagship telecom equipment business has hit stumbling blocks in entering the US market due to Washington’s national security concerns, its mobile phones have been selling quite well, ZTE executives said.

“We have plans to sponsor an NBA team that Chinese consumers will say wow to, but we are still negotiating and nothing has been decided,” ZTE spokesman David Dai said.

Reuters
**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

Sanofi’s next-generation insulin shows edge over Lantus

Lufthansa says new low-cost brand off to good start

**Paris, 23 June—** An improved version of Sanofi’s blockbusting insulin Lantus is better than the older drug at controlling blood sugar lows at night, a common side effect in diabetes treated with insulin, according to two late-stage tests published on Saturday.

The results for the next-generation treatment, known as U300, could strengthen Sanofi’s position as it defends its No. 2 spot in the $43 billion diabetes market from rival drugs.

Headline data from a second study of people taking high doses of insulin as well as diabetes pills confirmed the findings of the first study.

Full data from the two studies, which were presented at the American Diabetes Association meeting in Chicago, are expected by the end of 2013. The new drug could potentially launch U300 in 2014, analysts say.

Pierre Chancel, who heads Sanofi’s diabetes unit, said it was too early to give a timeline for a potential launch or provide specific sales forecasts, but said the company would aim to switch patients currently using Lantus over to the new product. “Will it be a blockbuster? Probably yes,” he told Reuters during a telephone interview.

A consensus compiled by Thomson Reuters Pharma has forecast annual sales of $974 million for U300 by 2018. “The price would be comparable to Lantus or slightly higher, depending on the geography, but not like the pricing approach of Novo Nordisk,” Chancel added.

The Danish drugmaker, the world’s biggest insulin producer, has opted to sell its main drug longer-acting insulin Tresiba, at a considerable premium over Lantus in Europe as it believes to hold some advantage in clinical trials before the new product.

Tresiba has already been approved in Europe and Japan, but is unlikely to be launched in the US before 2018 while Novo Nordisk conducts more tests to satisfy regulators.

The setback for Tresiba has been good news for rival makers of insulin medicines such as Sanofi.

In addition to U300, the French group has also stepped up the development of a fixed combination of diabetes treatments Lantus and Lyxumia to sidestep an earlier setback with a similar pen device and take advantage of the delayed US launch of Tresiba.

**Mumbai, 23 June—** Swiss bank UBS AG (UBSN.VX) said on Saturday it would surrender its banking license in India, according to a new study from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Women exposed to high levels of air pollution while pregnant were up to twice as likely to have a child with autism as women who lived in areas with low pollution, according to a US study published on Tuesday.

“Exposure to diesel particulates, lead, man-ga- nese, mercury, methylene chloride and other pollutants are known to affect brain function and to affect the developing baby,” said lead author Tessa Roberts, a research associate at the Harvard School of Public Health, in a statement.

The researchers examined data from a long-term study involving 116,430 nurses that began in 1989. Among that group, the authors studied 325 women who had a child with autism and 22,000 women who had a child without the disorder.

To estimate women’s exposure to pollutants while pregnant, they used air pollution data from the US Environmental Protection Agency and adjusted for the influence of factors such as income, education, and smoking during pregnancy.

The results showed that women who lived in locations with the highest levels of diesel particulates or mercury in the air were twice as likely to have a child with autism as those who lived in areas with the lowest levels.

Other types of air pollution, lead, manganese, methylene chloride, and combined metal exposure, were associated with higher autism risk as well.

Women who lived in locations with the highest levels of these pollutants were about 50 percent more likely to have a child with autism than those who lived in areas with the lowest concentrations.

Most pollutants were associated with autism more strongly in boys than girls. However, since there were few girls with autism in the study, the authors said this finding should be examined further.

“Our results suggest that new studies should begin the process of measuring the levels of other pollutants in the blood of pregnant women or newborn children to provide stronger evidence that specific pollutants increase the risk of autism,” said senior author Marc Weisskopf, an associate professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.

“A better understanding of this can help to develop interventions to reduce pregnant women’s exposure to these pollutants,” Weisskopf said.

Xinhua
Kerry presses Taleban to revive Afghan peace bid

DOHA, 23 June—US Secretary of State John Kerry put the onus on the Taleban to revive stalled efforts to end Afghanista

n’s 12-year-old war and warned the militants on Sat-

urday they might lose their new office in Qatar if the peace bid collapsed.

US officials were due to hold preliminary discus-

sions with the Taleban in Qatar last Thursday—but they were called off after the Afghan government objected to the fanfare sur-

rounding the militants’ opening of an office in the Gulf state.

“We need to see if we can get back on track ... I don’t know whether that’s possible or not,” Kerry told a news conference in Qatar.

“If there is not a decision ... to move forward by the Taleban in short order, then we may have to consider whether or not the office has to be closed.”

Kerry did not spell out what steps he wanted the militants to take to revive the preliminary meeting, which had raised hopes that Washington might go on to broker the first direct nego-
tiations between the Afghan government and the insurg-

ents.

But Afghan government officials told Reuters they had been particularly angered by the Taleban’s decoration of their building with a flag and plaques that suggested the group had achieved some level of international recognition.

The decorations had broken agreements on how the build-up to the talks would be handled by the Afghan government officials said.

Tokyo, 23 June—A group of the world’s scien-
tists is considering designating the Japanese eel as a species at risk of extinction on its red list, sources close to the issue said on Satur-

day.

The International Union for Conservation of Na-
ture and Natural Resources, or IUCN, will discuss the matter at a meeting to be held in Britain from 1 July to 5, according to the sourc-
es. While it does not bring about any legal binding force even if the eel is listed on the world’s most author-

ative red list, the possi-

ble listing will raise global awareness on the situation.

The Japanese eel, whose population is de-

creasing in East Asia, has already been designated as a species at risk of ex-
tinction on the Japanese Environment Ministry’s nonlegally binding red list of endangered freshwater and brackish water fishes in February.

At the July meeting, the experts will examine the inhabiting situations of 19 kinds of eels, including the Japanese eel, in the world and discuss whether to des-

ignate each of them as an endangered species.

According to docu-

ments prepared ahead of the meeting, catches of par-

ent Japanese eels have de-

clined by around 90 percent in Japan during the past 30 years, while their populations in Taiwan and the Philippines are declining.

The documents also note that the deteriora-

tion in river environment and fishing are the great-
est threats to the Japanese eel, prompting govern-

ments’ it will be designated as an endangered species, although the possibility of non-designation remains due to limited data on in-

habitant situations in places other than Japan. Currently, the European eel is listed on top of the IUCN’s three-

category endangered list as a species that is highly feared to become extinct in the near future, and is sub-

ject to trade control under the Convention on Interna-

tional Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, commonly known as the Washington Conven-

tion.—Reuters

Iraq attacks kill more than 30

BAGHDAD, 23 June—A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a Shi’ite mosque in northern Bagh-

dad killing at least 12 peo-

ple during evening prayers, police and medics said, in the deadliest of a series of attacks that claimed more than 30 lives across Iraq on Saturday.

Sectarian tensions in Iraq and the wider region have been inflamed by the civil war in Syria, where mainly Sunni Muslim re-

bels are fighting to over-

throw President Bashar al-

Assad, whose Alawite sect derives from Shi’ite Islam.

Insurgents including al- Qaeda’s Iraqi affiliate have been regaining ground and recruits from the country’s Sunni minority, which feels sidelined since the US-led invasion toppled former dictator Saddam Hussein and empowered majority Shi’ites.

“A suicide bomber blew himself up among the worshippers in the middle of evening prayer.

There were bodies drenched in blood and oth-

ers shouting for help while smoke filled the mosque,” said a policeman at the scene.

A further 25 people were wounded in the attack, which took place in the Sab al-Bor District near Taji, 20 km (12 miles) north of Baghdad.

Scattered attacks across the country through-

out the day killed at least 22 others, around half of them in or near the northern city of Mosul, where a suicide

bomber killed four people at a police checkpoint.

In the western province of Anbar, which shares a border with Syria, militants detonated two car bombs near a checkpoint and at-

tacked it with rocket-pro-

pelled grenades, killing five policemen.

Two people were killed when gunmen hurled a hand grenade at a gath-

ering of laborers in Tikrit 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, and a roadside bomb near some restaurants in the center of the capital killed two more.

More than 1,000 people were killed in Iraq in May alone, making it the deadliest month since the sectarian bloodletting of 2006-07.

Reuters

Okinawa marks 68th anniversary of end of WWII battle

OKINAWA, 23 June—Residents and government officials marked the 68th an-

niversary on Sunday of the end of the Battle of Okinawa, a World War II ground bat-

tle that claimed more than 200,000 lives.

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Kyodo News

Jordan’s lands not to be used for intervention in Syria

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Reuters
Award winners in international maths challenge arrives back

MANDALAY, 23 June—Myanmar students bagged prizes and honour in a Mathematics challenge in Beijing of the People’s Republic of China started on 10 June.

They received a hero welcome on their arrival at Mandalay International Airport on 17 June afternoon.

A total of 980 students from seven countries participated in the challenge and Myanmar fielded five contestants who respectively won prizes in each level.

Ma Thin Zar Zaw and Ma Thin Su Wai Aung of Mandalay won outstanding prizes in Level (6); Ma Ei Zin San of Taunggyi the outstanding prize in Level (5); Maung Shein Wint Aung the first prize in Level (4); and Ma Yu Yu Mon of Myitkyina the outstanding prize in Level (4). They were welcomed back at Mandalay International Airport by officials, their relatives, headmasters/head-mistresses of schools, students, Shan nationals, the free funeral services association (Mandalay) and members of social organizations.

MMAL-Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

Students in Rakhine State village cut off from school over security concerns

PAUKTAW, 23 June—Middle and high school students in Central Phayoneta Island in Pauktaw Township in Rakhine State found themselves difficult to attend schools each day.

They face travel difficulties to Sintakmaw high school as the temporary tents are occupying the road linking Sinai village and Sintakmaw village.

The middle and high school students of Sinai village which only has the post-primary school have to go to Sintakmaw high school daily on foot.

“Bengali” refugees who were evacuated in the wake of Mahasen cyclone have built temporary tents on the road. A total of 50 students from Sinai village are using the road.

The Sinai village-tract administrator said, “It is difficulty of our entire village. Students have yet to start their school year.”

Some have moved their other villages.”

A middle school teacher said, “Not only children but adults dare not use the road,” as he cried out the security concerns.

The post-primary school of Sinai village has up to Grade 8 class.

MMAL-Ko Gyi Saw

Ancient gold bracelet found in Minbu

MINBU, 23 June—An ancient gold bracelet was found by a farmer in Kybinkan village in Minbu Township in Magway Region on 20 June.

Farmer U Tin Tun discovered the bracelet of 261 grams with a dragon head while he was ploughing a farmland one mile from the village.

He handed over the artifact to Minbu Township Administrator.

The bracelet was found by a villager Ma Kay Zin of Letkhokgon village in Minbu Township in 2012 while working for oil exploration project and handed it over to the Archeology Department which awarded her more than K 27 million as a token of thanks. The bracelet found by U Tin Tun of Kybinkan village will be transferred to Archeology, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture.

MMAL-Myint Thu Tun (Magway)

Dragon-headed ancient bracelet found in Minbu Township.

Agricultural loan disbursed in Momeik

MOMEIK, 23 June—Township Branch of Myamna Agricultural Development Bank disbursed loans to farmers in Momeik for monsoon paddy under supervision of Township AdminISTRATOR U Myint Oo.

In the loans disbursed started in Theni village-tract on 18 June, farmers from 13 village-tracts in the township received the total loans of K 948.2 million and seven village-tracks in Maebin Township K 368 million.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Agricultural loans disbursed in Myeik

MYEIK, 23 June—Myeik Township Branch of Myamna Agricultural Development Bank disbursed loans of K 83 million to 107 farmers in Tombyaw village-tract in Myeik Township in Myeik District.

The district branch in 2013 has disbursed loans of K 2013.5 million to farmers in Myeik Township, K 428.5 million to farmers in Kyunsu Township, K 647.5 million to farmers in Taninthay Township, K 53.4 million in Kawthoung Township and Khamaukkkyi Sub-Township, K 79.2 million to farmers in Bokpyin Township. The loans amounted to K 3 billion in the previous year for monsoon paddy.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Car goes into traffic shack

MANDALAY, 23 June—A car went into a shack of traffic police at the corner of 30th street and 73th street in Chanayethazan Township on 21 evening.

A woman driver mistakenly pressed brake for lever when she saw the red light at the junction.

The car hit two motorbikes and Dyna and then the traffic police shack at the corner of the road, damaging vehicles and the building. The police has filed a lawsuit against her.

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In a way that benefits the people

The nature of Myanmar politics can be said rather complex because of a huge ethnic diversity and different religious communities. Moreover, our past was tainted with conflicts and disagreements. We also have people with different visions.

So we are working hard to end the old threats of armed conflict and inter-communal violence, and to reach this end we must also develop a new vision of national security and strategies necessary to ensure the Myanmar people’s human security going forward. Here creation of the right institutions of economic governance will be absolutely critical.

We also need institutions that will help us cope with threats old and new and forge a new resilience. We are also one of the countries in the world most at threat from natural disasters as well as from the rising sea levels that will accompany climate change. There is the risk of pandemic diseases, a rising threat in Asia.

We are also laying foundations for free and fair democratic elections in 2015. We have seen in recent years the emergence of hundreds of civil society organization, thousands of village-level associations, and vibrant local media and social media.

Our country has a population of 60 million and is located in the geopolitically important spot bordering China in the northeast, India and Bangladesh in the west, the other member states of ASEAN in the south and east. So there are more than two billion peoples of the fastest growing global economies around us. Our country, once isolated not just by politics but by physical barriers, is now poised to break those barriers. What is absolutely essential is that this new integration with the rest of Asia, this new de-isolation of Myanmar, is managed in a way that benefits the Myanmar people and does not lead to their exploitation.

Buddha Tooth Relic Temple monks donate drinking water well to Thabaung Township

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—A drinking water well donation ceremony of Ven Shi Chaung Zaung and monks of the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple in the People’s Republic of China was held at Hmansi Kyaungtaik in ward-2 of Thabaung in Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning.

It was attended by a 19-member delegation of monks from China and wellwishers, the Chairman Sayadaw of Ayeayawady Region Sangha Nayaka Committee, the Sayadaw of Mayancho Kyaungtaik in Pathein, the Chairman Sayadaw of Thabaung Township SNC, the Presiding Sayadaw of Hmansi Kyaungtaik and members of Sangha. Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint and wife Daw Khin Ma Lay, Deputy Minister U Soe Win and wife Daw Than Aye, townsenders and local people.

First, the Chinese monk explained purposes of the donation. Next, the Union minister spoke words of thanks for the donation of wellwishers who are benefactors of local people under water stress.

Then, the Chinese monk presented a Buddha Image to local people who presented local products to wellwishers.

Afterwards, the Union minister and party visited a chosen site for sinking a well and met with local people.

The Chinese monk handed over a scale model of the well to the Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Representative for Thabaung Township.

Four bridges on Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon Road commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Four bridges on Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon Road in Kayin State were inaugurated yesterday.

Construction of all bridges were funded by the Japanese government and people and the bridges were completed on 22 May this year. Under the program of humanitarian aids from Japanese government, officials from the Japanese embassy in Yangon and from Public Works of the Ministry of Construction inked the agreement on construction of the bridges on 28 September, 2012.

The opening ceremony of the bridges was held at the Kamot Kachu Bridge No 1 on Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon Road and Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin.

Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin and party stroll along the bridge at the opening ceremony of Kamot Kachu Bridge No 1 on Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon Road.—MNA

Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min, Deputy Speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw U Min Hla Naing and Mr Go Nakaya, Second Secretary of Japanese Embassy cut the ribbon to open the bridges. Kamot Kachu Bridge No 1 is 110 ft long, No 2 is 20 ft long, No 3 is 90 ft long and No 4 is 120 ft long.

MWAF organizes legal affairs and cultural talks

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation organized legal affairs and cultural talks at Thiri Yadana Hall of the federation, here, this morning.

First, Social and Cultural Working Group Leader Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint gave lecture on “women and cultural frontage” and Legal Affairs Working Group Leader Dr Daw Than Nwe, “Legal Protection of Young Women”.

Then, the patrons and officials of MWAF presented gifts to the students of basic education high schools in Nay Pyi Taw.

The talks were attended by the patrons, president and CEC members of MWAF, chairperson and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council Women’s Affairs Organization, students and teachers from four BEHSs in Nay Pyi Taw.

Low pressure still persists

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—According to the observation at 5:30 am MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—MNA
Pyaywbe Township People’s Hospital facilitated with ECG

Pyaywbe, 23 June—A ceremony to donate ECG machine to People’s Hospital in Pyaywbe was held at the hospital on 23 June. Dr Soe Soe Naing, chairman of Township Health Department, U Hla Thaung, an official from the hospital, and other staff attended the ceremony.

Farmers get loans in Kalewa

KALAY, 23 June—Loans were disbursed to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in Kalewa of Kalay District in Sagaing Region for 2013-2014 cultivation season.

Beef, gram, fish donated to victims at relief camps

MEIKTILA, 23 June—Wellwishers donate cash and kind to the victims at relief camps in Meiktila. On 19 June, Thai citizens Mr Yub Patan and Mr Wanna Surin donated 350 viss of beef, 35 bags of gram, 348 viss of edible oil and 176 viss of dried fish and fish paste worth K 4,261,900.

Up to 19 June, wellwishers have donated K 228,941,500 in cash to the relief camps. Kyemon-Thein Myint Kyaw (IPRD)

WAO members donate blood in Dawei

DAWEI, 23 June—As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women’s Day, a blood donation ceremony was held at Dawei General Hospital on 21 June. It was attended by members of Region Women’s Affairs Organization and members, the doctor-in-charge of the blood bank, staff and blood donors. Chairperson of Region WAO Daw Khin San, in charge of the blood bank Dr San Win and officials presented medicines and nutritious foods to the blood donors. A total of 21 members of WAO donated blood at the ceremony. Kyemon-Po Shwe Than (Dawei)

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KALAY, 23 June—Loans were disbursed to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in Kalewa of Kalay District in Sagaing Region for 2013-2014 cultivation season.

On 20 June, the disbursement ceremony was attended by Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Soe Win, Chairman of Township Management Committee U Thet Naing and party and responsible persons.

Manager of Township Myaama Agricultural Development Bank U Khin Maung Tin presented K 34.2 million to 93 farmers for 342 acres of farmlands as K 100,000 per acre.

Last year, Kalewa Township disbursed K 500 million to farmers. This year, a plan is underway to give out K 1250 million to local farmers. Kyemon-Ju Nine

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“CC” taxies licence plate prefix to be issued this month

YANGON, 23 June—The number of taxies with “BB” licence plate prefix has reached 9656 on 18 June. The taxies with “CC” licence plate prefix will be issued this month, according to Directorate of Road Administration.

“Around 300 taxies with “BB” licence plates remain to be issued. “CC” licence plates will be issued in the third week of this month,” said an official from the department.

Issuance of AA and BB taxies has started at Directorate of Road Administration (Myint) as of 21 June, 2012. For smooth functioning, it was moved to Ywarthargyi on 4 February, 2013. Kyemon-001

Arrival-departure terminal to open for highway express buses in August

YANGON, 23 June—Arrival-Departure Terminal at Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal built at a cost of K 500 million by a private company will be put into service in August, an official of Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal said.

Upon completion, all highway express buses are allowed to park at the new terminal of Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal for their departure and arrival.

The new terminal will host 300 highway express buses and 50 ferries at the same time. Four platforms at the arrival area are facilitated with 120 seats, 200 aluminium trolleys, LED signboards, TV, rest rooms and clinic.

The terminal will allow 132 buses of five local bus lines and 50 taxies for convenience of passengers. The terminal will have nine 312 by 122 feet halls. Kyemon-Shwe Htoo

SANITATION CARRIED OUT: Preventive measures against DHF and mosquito are being taken in Myothit C Ward of Insein Township. Max Myanmar Co Ltd dredging drains for proper flow of water while the local people are carrying out sanitation along Midon, Ngasein and Padauk streets on 14 and 15 June. Kyemon-684

Plan to build e-library worth K 90 million in Yamethin

MANDALAY, 23 June—Yum Maung and Ko Khin Zaw, chairman of Mandalay Region Minister through Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Myint. They have been allowed to build a library and the land plot allotted.

As of 4 June, the meeting was held to implement the construction of the library with the participation of the deputy commissioner of the district, the township administrator, town elders and local people.

The plot with 65 feet by 45 feet at No 48 of holdings plot in former place of fire station in Watoe Ward of Yamethin was allotted to the local people for construction of the library. On 20 June morning, the board of trustees commenced land preparations for the works. Kyemon-Tin Oo (Yamethin)

TRISHAWL LICENCE RENEWED: Nyaunglebin Township Development Affairs Committee renewed licences for slow-moving vehicles and inspected maintenance of vehicles for 2013-2014 fiscal year at the water supply station of the committee on 21 June. Executive Officer U M Hla Thaung and staff issued renewal of licences to the slow-moving drivers in single day and inspect maintenance of the vehicles.—H

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YAMETHIN, 23 June—U Myat Thin Aung (Chairman of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone Management Committee) of Ngahteegyi Pagoda Road in Yamethin, a residence of Yamethin, had donated an e-Library worth K 70 million in DaikU in memory of late his wife Daw Khin Myint Myint (Excellence Performance in Social Field-First Class) and (chairperson of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs’ Association) who passed away three years ago. Retired Township Education Officer U Sein Maung of Yamethin requested U Myat Thin Aung to build one library in the native town. So, the wellwisher kept a promise to build a library. The retired TEO submitted the proposal to the Mandalay Region Minister through Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Myint. They have been allowed to build a library and the land plot allotted.

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Greece battles dozen small wildfires, firefighters complain of shortages

ATHENS, 23 June— Greece is battling a dozen small wildfires which broke out across the country on Saturday, authorities reported, as firefighters complain of shortages in personnel and equipment to address the summer’s challenges.

Only in Attica prefecture more than 100 fires, assisted by seven firefighting aircrafts and four firefighting helicopter, have been deployed to extinguish three fronts. According to the Fire Brigade the blazes have scorched forested areas and approaches inhabited zones, but no damages have been reported, and there is no cause for concern, despite the strong winds which are blowing. Greece suffers each summer from destructive wildfires linked to scorching temperatures and arson in many cases.

As meteorologists forecast one of the hottest summers this year, the firefighters’ union has expressed concern about shortages in staff and equipment due to the financial crisis which could affect efficiency against the blazes. Firefighters claim that they are short of some 4,000 staff and adequate modern water dropping aircrafts.

Meanwhile, Greece’s government is under pressure from its international lenders to fully implement the austerity and reform programme launched three years ago in exchange for further rescue loans to counter the crisis. Two months ago Athens ratified a law which foresees the dismissal of about 15,000 public servants by 2015. Xinhua

Cypriot vet services destroy thousands of chickens because of NDV Disease

NICOSIA, 23 June— Cypriot veterinary services are in the process of destroying tens of thousands of chickens after they established an outbreak of the highly contagious Newcastle Disease (NDV).

A veterinary services official said on Friday that 80,000 birds were destroyed on Thursday and as many more will be destroyed by the end of the day.

The veterinary services have quarantined three poultry farms near the capital Nicosia and are disinfecting all outgoing cars and people.

“We have three flocks in quarantine,” veterinary services official Yiannis Ioannou said.

Authorities have set up three-km quarantine around the farms and will also monitoring the situation in a 10-km radius as a precaution against the airborne disease.

“We’ll continue the quarantine for at least 20 days, to make sure that the disease does not spread to flocks in other areas,” he added. Health authorities said the disease posed no risk to public health as the virus is not normally transmitted to humans and is destroyed during normal cooking. The virus may affect people who come into close contact with sick birds, and may cause flu-like symptoms.

The disease was detected a week ago and units in the immediate area were stopped from putting their poultry and eggs on the market since. However, authorities waited for laboratory confirmation of the disease before destroying the flocks.

NDV got its name from Newcastle, United Kingdom, where it was first detected in 1926. It is described as a highly contagious viral disease of domestic poultry, cage and aviary birds and wild birds. Signs of the disease are digestive and respiratory disorders and nervousness of the birds and depending on the strain of the virus it rapidly leads to their death.

Agriculture Minister Nicos Christodoulides said the cause of the outbreak has not yet been determined and has asked for an investigation as to how and where the virus came from.

He said wrong vaccination may be a possible explanation. —Xinhua
Japan celebrates Mt Fuji's listing as world heritage site

The World Heritage Committee of UNESCO holds a meeting in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh on 22 June, 2013. The committee decided later in the day to inscribe Japan’s iconic mountain on the UN agency’s prestigious World Heritage List.—KYODO NEWS

8,000 passengers stranded as tropical storm Bebinca hits S China

Sanya, (Hainan), 23 June — Tropical storm Bebinca has disrupted 147 flights and left more than 8,000 passengers stranded in the airport after it hit coastal regions in south China at noon.

As of 10 pm on Saturday, 110 inbound and outbound flights were canceled and 37 others delayed. About 6,400 passengers, said a source with the Phoenix International Airport of Sanya, a city in southern Hainan Province.

About 6,400 passengers were arranged to stay in local hotels, said the source.

Bebinca, the first tropical storm of the year, made landfall in Tannen Town-

ship of Qionghai in Hainan at 11:10 am, said the local meteorological department. The tropical storm has brought strong winds and heavy rainfall to the area.

Passengers are stranded at a railway station in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province, on 22 June, 2013. Train and shipping services across the Qionghou Strait have been suspended due to the arrival of tropical storm Bebinca in south China’s Hainan Province, local marine authorities said. Bebinca made landfall in Tannen Township in Hainan’s city of Qionghai at 11:10 am, the local meteorological department said.—Xinhua

Thai PM’s popularity drops

Bangkok, 23 June— Pollster revealed on Saturday that Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra’s popularity has plunged, as well as opposition leader Abhisit Vejjajiva’s.

The Research Centre at Bangkok University, the compiler of Bangkok Poll, said on Saturday that the latest results were based on interviews with 1,234 people aged 18 years and over nationwide between 18 and 20 June.

Asked who they would support if a general election took place now, about 40 percent of the respondents chose Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and 31.7 percent backed opposition leader Abhisit Vejjajiva. The remaining almost 30 percent were undecided.

The premier’s popularity is down 10.8 percentage points from 51.2 percent reported in November 2012, while Abhisit’s score fell 4 points from 33.1 percent, the pollster revealed.

Asked whether they believed the government would stay in office until its four-year term ends in mid-2015, 55.4 percent of respondents said they believed so. Another 13.9 percent said the government would stay more than three years but not the full term, 10.6 percent said more than two years but not three years, 41 percent of the respondents said if the election took place today they would back the ruling Pheu Thai party, while 32.4 percent backed the opposition-led Democrats party.—Xinhua

Ten including nine foreigners killed in Pakistan’s northern area of Gilgit

Islamabad, 23 June— Ten people including nine foreign tourists and one local guide were shot dead by unknown gunmen in Pakistan’s northern area of Gilgit in the wee hours of Sunday morning, said local police on Sunday.

Deputy Inspector General of Gilgit, Ali Sher, said that the ten killed include five from China and one from Russia with the tenth’s nationality yet to be determined.

Latest news coming in quoted unidentified sources as saying that the tenth killed is a local guide. Police said that the firing took place at about 12:30 am (local time) Sunday when unidentified gunmen opened fire at tourists living in a hotel at the foot of Nanga Parbat, the ninth highest mountain in the world.

There were an estimated 10 to 12 militants involved in the attack, local media quoted eyewitnesses as saying. They woke up the tourists in sleep and ordered them to come out of the hotel and opened fire on them, said the report.

Most of the killed were tourists coming here to climb the mountain, police said, adding that the hotel is located at a base camp of Nanga Parbat in the remote Diamir area.

All the bodies have been airlifted by helicopter to the country’s capital Islamabad, said local media.

An official from the Chinese Embassy to Pakistan, who asked to remain anonymous, told Xinhua that they have learned about the news and are contacting the concerned Pakistani departments to know more details about the incident.

Both Pakistani President Zardari and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif have condemned the attack. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet.—Xinhua

Philippine govt asks food importers, manufacturers to ensure absence of maleic acid

Manila, 23 June — The Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ordered on Saturday all importers and manufacturers of starch-based food products to submit certificate of analysis of their products to ensure the absence of maleic acid, a hazardous substance.

The order was contained in a memorandum circular dated June 21, 2013 and published in the FDA’s earlier public advisory banning food products contaminated with maleic acid. FDA Director General Kenneth Hartigan-GO said.

“All importers and manufacturers of starch-based food products such as starch powder, points and noodles are hereby required to submit certificate of analysis to the FDA on or before 31 July 2013,” he said.

According to the FDA, maleic acid is not an approved additive for manufacturing food products.

Long term consumption of high levels of maleic acid could harm kidney.—Xinhua

A man looks at confiscated eight pieces of rhino horns, weighing 9.6 kilogram in total and worthing 10 million Thai baht (about 320,870 US dollars) during the Thai Customs press briefing in Bangkok, Thailand, on 22 June, 2013.—Xinhua

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Saturday that he intends to visit Japan from overseas and see Mt Fuji, “I want to tell people around the world about this beautiful mountain,” said Shirahata, who has published nearly 10 photo books of Mt Fuji and has visited a number of mountains around the world, including the Himalayas and European Alps.

Mt Fuji covers roughly 70,000 hectares in Yamanashi and Shizuoka prefectures west of Tokyo.

In Fuyushioda, Yama-

nashi, a tourist expressed excitement at observing Mt Fuji on the day it was named a world heritage site.

“I feel fortunate I was able to see Mt Fuji covered with snow on the day of the registration,” said 46-year-old Kenji Nakazawa from Iwafune, Tochigi Prefecture.

“I’m going to continue giving attention to its prime minister to a trek-

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The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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Nay Pyi Taw
Invitation to open tender to construct building

1. Open tenders are invited from Myanmar entrepreneurs to construct buildings at Myanmar Radio and Television of Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Thapyaytaung).

2.  The open tender forms and rules are sold out during office hours from 20-6-2013 to 19-7-2013. Open tender forms are to be submitted not later than at 16:00hr on 20-7-2013 and the tenders will be opened the same day.

3. Those wishing to submit the open tender are to pay deposit to Myanma Radio and Television for respective works and open tenders are to be submitted along with the copy of receipt. If more than one tender is submitted, deposits for the works must be paid before submitting the open tender.

4. The place where open tender document will be sold and submitted is Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon).

5. For further information about full text of the announcement, detailed rules, price of tender form and deposit, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mrtv and www.moi.gov.mm/mrtv:zg.

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Fred’s brace and Neymar magic give Brazil win over Italy

SALVADOR, 23 June—Goals from Dante, Neymar and a brace from Fred gave Brazil a well-deserved 4-2 victory over Italy on Saturday as the improving hosts made it three wins from three in the Confederations Cup.

With Neymar in sparkling form and Fred always dangerous in front of goal, Brazil were the better team for most of the Group A match they never looked like losing.

Both were already through to the semi-finals of the World Cup warm-up so Italy coach Cesare Prandelli freshened things up with five changes from the team that started against Japan in Recife three days ago. But even though home side Brazil only needed a point to qualify in the opening goal right on halftime.

Neymar shot from the edge of the box. After Oscar set him up with a lovely flick in 24th minute and he was unlucky to see one shot blocked after a lovely backheel and one-two on the edge of the box a few moments later. It was Neymar again who was involved in the opening goal right on halftime.

Fred increased Brazil’s lead in the 66th minute when he latched onto a long ball from Marcelo and held off a defender before smashing the ball into the roof of the net from six metres. Italy were down but not out and they snatched a goal back in the 71st minute. The Brazilian defence failed to clear a corner and the ball fell to Giorgio Chiellini, who fired home despite Brazil protests that the referee had already blown for a foul on Balotelli. —Reuters

Michel Platini celebrates with his teammates after scoring a goal during their Confederations Cup Group A football match against Italy at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador on 22 June, 2013.—Reuters

The difference this time is that his body appears to have paid a far smaller price to claim an eighth Roland Garros title than it did to chalk up number seven in 2012. Asked to look back to his five-set defeat by Rosol in the opening round last year, Nadal admitted it was a mistake even to turn up to defend his title last week in west London.

“The weather was on the side of the underdogs before half-time. That’s the real thing. I play with an inflation (pain-killing injection) from the first day,” Nadal, seeded five this year, told reporters after practising on Saturday.

Last year I played here because it’s a tournament that I love. I tried my best. But after Roland Garros my knee was not there any more. After here I was not able to compete in one more tournament during the rest of the season. That’s my tennis and that’s the sport. You lose, you win. That’s part of the game. But that experience for me last year was too much. I suffered too much.

“Because you are in the final rounds and if you have to protect or play with an infiltration, it’s fine. But playing with an infiltration from the first day doesn’t exist. Wimbledon was not a good decision for me.”—Reuters

Almost a year after suffering one of the worst defeats of his career to Czech hitman Lukas Rosol, Nadal ventured back into the All England Club this week after claiming another French Open triumph, just as he did 12 months ago.

Serena Williams also apparently referred to Sharapova’s relationship with Bulgarian player Grigor Dimitrov. Russian Sharapova responded on Saturday. “As for myself, or whether it was about somebody else, nothing personal, you know,” Sharapova told reporters.

Russia’s Maria Sharapova watches Bulgaria’s Grigor Dimitrov play Israel’s Dudi Sela in their men’s singles tennis match at the Queen’s Club Championships in west London on 10 June, 2013.—Reuters

Rafa happy to arrive at Wimbledon on two knees

LONDON, 23 June—Rafael Nadal will begin a hazardous path towards a third Wimbledon crown on Monday just happy to have arrived at the grasscourt slam with a full complement of knees.

The dust has barely settled since their French Open final scrap but Maria Sharapova fired the first volley at her 35th of his career. Asafa Powell, Nickel Ashmeade, Kamar Baley-Cole, and Darrel Horizonte on 22 June, 2013.—Reuters

Usain Bolt (C) crosses the finish line ahead of (L-R) Asafa Powell, Nickel Ashmeade, Kamar Baley-Cole, and Nesta Carter to win the 100m men’s final of the IAAF National Senior Trials, which determines the team to represent Jamaica in the IAAF World Championships in Moscow, in Kingston on 21 June, 2013. Bolt placed first with Baley-Cole and Ashmeade finishing second and third, respectively.— Reuters

Hernandez scores twice, misses penalty in Mexico win

BELLO HORIZONTE, 23 June.—Javier Hernandez scored two headers and missed a stoppage time penalty as Mexico notched a 2-1 consolation win over Japan which sent their opponents home pointless from the Confederations Cup on Saturday.

Both teams had already been eliminated after losing their opening two Group A matches but the win may ease the pressure slightly on Mexico coach Jose Manuel de la Torre, whose team have also been unpres sive in the World Cup qualifiers.

Hernandez, who scored all three of Mexico’s goals at the tournament, put his side ahead in the 54th minute when he met Andres Guardado’s cross.

Bolt wins 100m at Jamaican trials for world champs

KINGSTON, 23 June.—World record holder and Olympic champion Usain Bolt put in a workman-like display to win the 100 metres on Friday at the Jamaican trials for the world championships.

Bolt recovered from a slow start to catch Nickel Ashmeade at the 50-metre mark and clocked a time of 9.94 seconds after easing off over the last 10 metres.

The sub-10 second run five minutes before halftime.—Reuters

It was good to win ... I’m not too worried about the time as I have one solid month to work on getting ready for Russia,” Bolt told Reuters.

“After the last year, usain Bolt, the hero of the Olympic games, was eager to win more medals. He had a very good start to the season, winning the 100m in 9.95 seconds. But he still needed to improve his 200m time from 19.68 seconds in the World Championships in 2011. He trained hard in the winter, and his coach, Glen Mills, was very satisfied with his progress. Bolt was looking forward to making his mark at the Jamaican trials, where he could set himself up for more success at the World Championships in Moscow, which would be his fourth major global championship.”—Reuters

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Chinese language class officially launched at AU headquarters

AUNG ALIBABA, 23 June —The Chinese language class has been officially launched at the African Union (AU), the pan-African bloc said in a Press statement on Saturday.

The project within the framework of the China-Africa cooperation was launched by the AU Commission in collaboration with the Addis Ababa Confucius Institute and the Embassy of China in Ethiopia, it said.

A ceremony took place on Wednesday at the AU headquarters in the Ethiopian capital. Chinese officials in the presence of Rekha Mahamoudou, AU acting head of administration and human resources-management AU staff and Chinese officials.

Mahamoudou commended the initiative and thanked Chinese officials for providing the AU with new ways to facilitate cultural interaction with China.

The statement quoted a representative of the Confucius Institute as saying that launching the Chinese language programmes at the AU is very significant as it will open new windows for Africans to learn and know the Chinese culture.

Danish driver Simonsen dies at Le Mans

LE MANS (France), 23 June—Motorsport mourned Danish driver Allan Simonsen after his fatal crash at the Le Mans 24 Hours sportscar race on Sunday.

He was the first driver to die in the race for 27 years and the 22nd fatality linked to this race. His car, a Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, ran off the track. His loss will be felt by the FIA, the ACO and off the track. His loss will be felt by the FIA, the ACO and the international community.

A ceremony took place on Wednesday at the AU headquarters in Addis Ababa, the pan-African bloc, to extend congratulations to China for the inscription on the World Heritage List, China for the inscription on the World Heritage List, China for the inscription on the World Heritage List.


The deep mountains hidden cultural heritage site is located in Yuanyang County in Honghe Prefecture, in northern Yunnan Province of China.

Security members work near the car of Denmark’s Allan Simonsen during the Le Mans 24-hour sportscar race in Le Mans, central France, on 22 June, 2013. Reuters

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Public health officials agreed on priority actions to control MERS-CoV

GENEVA, 23 June—Public health officials meeting in Geneva agreed that strengthening countries’ abilities to control, detect, and treat cases of new coronavirus infection are needed to stem the growing outbreak of the disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Saturday. More than 100 public health experts from all countries in the Middle East and North Africa and Europe which have confirmed cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and from throughout WHO’s Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) met from Thursday to Saturday.

They agreed that there is a list of priority actions which need to be agreed internationally and implemented nationally, according to the WHO. At an international meeting, fast and complete reporting of cases, with contact histories, clinical care and treatment outcomes in as much detail as possible, and collected in a uniform manner across countries, is necessary, they said.

The meeting agreed that a serious series of actions in seven key areas were key to increasing member states’ and the international community’s ability to prepare for, control, detect, alert the world to, and treat cases of diseases caused by MERS-CoV. These areas are surveillance, mass gatherings, prevention, clinical management, laboratory, diagnostics, infection control, communications, and International Health Regulations (2005) reporting, the heads said.

WHO said on Saturday in its latest disease outbreak update that the Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia has announced an additional four laboratory-confirmed cases with MERS-CoV, including three male health care workers who were caring for two previously confirmed MERS-CoV cases.

Our Deepest Sympathy

We, the trustees, staff and volunteers of Studer Trust extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of Daw Kyi, wife of U Than Sein, and daughter Daw Thin Thin Khing, both of Minbu Township, Magway Region, who passed away so suddenly on Thursday 6th June, 2013. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

Studer Trust Team

UNESCO declares China’s Hani Rice Terraces World Heritage Site

PRINCE PENTI, 23 June — The UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee inscribed China’s cultural landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces onto the prestigious World Heritage List on Saturday, bringing the total number of World Heritage Sites in China to 45.

The inscription decision was made during the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee.

“Hani people will take today as their honey day,” he said during the session.

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Local News
Refection of Taunggo Period
World News
Myanmar Sport special
Canoeing
Local News
Taste of Myanmar (Rice Salad with Vegetables)
Distinct People
Different Lifestyles
(Pan-Pack Village)
World News
Summer School
Local News
Variety Puppet Dance
Strolling along a memory link-U Penin Bridge
World News
Cleaning Water..Saving Lives
Local News
Life In Night...Art In Life (Episode-1)
World News
Three Awesome Literary Award
Local News
Zoo-Peer Happy Day
World News
Summer School
Local News
A day life of Kayan Pandora Tribe
World News
The Beautiful Colourful Glass Ball
Local News
Sai Hie Hseng or an exceptional musical star from shan Plateaus (Episode-4)
World News
Back to School
Local News
Taung Byone Nat Festival (Ep-23)
World News
School for the Blind

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Myanmar TV

6:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Saydaw
6:25 am
2. To Be Healthy (Exercise)
6:40 am
3. Song & Dance of National Races
7:00 am
7:20 am
5. People Talks
8:00 am
8:25 am
7. SEA Games Go For Gold (Wushu)
9:20 am
8. Cartoon Series
10:00 am
9. News
10:15 am
10. TV Drama Series
11:00 am
11. Beautiful ASEAN Musical Programmes
12:00 am
12. News/International News
12:15 am
13. Myanmar Movies
2:10 pm
14. Musical Programmes
2:20 pm
15. Documentary
3:00 pm
16. News
4:00 pm
17. News/Weather Report
4:15 pm
18. Dance & Song of National Races
4:25 pm
19. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
- First Year (Myanmar)
4:45 pm
20. Documentary (SEA Games)
5:00 pm
21. Documentary
5:15 pm
22. Documentary
5:25 pm
23. Songs Programme
6:00 pm
6:20 pm
25. Teleplay (SEA Games)
6:50 pm
26. TV Drama Series
7:00 pm
27. News
7:15 pm
28. TV Drama Series
8:00 pm
29. News/International News
8:50 pm
30. People Talks
8:50 pm
31. Hit Songs of Stars
9:00 pm
32. News
9:30 pm
33. cartoon Series
34. Documentary
(Fashion Show)
35. India Dramma Series

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chinese State Councilor

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 June—A Chinese delegation led by Member of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China Mr. Yang Jiechi (Head of Foreign Affairs) arrived here by special flight this afternoon.

The visiting Member of the State Council of the PRC and party called on Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building this evening.

They exchanged views, holding comprehensive discussions on furthering Sino-Myanmar friendly ties and matters related to mutual cooperation, progress of Myanmar’s political reform process and boosting economic and trade relations between the two countries.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, committee chairmen and secretaries and officials. The Chinese State Councilor was accompanied by the delegation members vice-ministers and high-ranking officials and the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar.

MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing leaves for Russian Federation

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 June—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left Yangon by air for the Russian Federation at 9 am today at the invitation of Russian Minister of Defence General of the Army Sergey K SHOIGU.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, the Commander of Yangon Command and senior military officials, Ambas-sador of the Russian Federation Mr Vasiliy B POSPELOV and officials.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services was accompanied by senior military officers of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), the commander of Northern Command and officials.

During the visit, the Myanmar delegation will hold talks on further cementing friendly relations between two armed forces of Myanmar and Russia, observe cultural and industrial works in Moscow and St Petersburg and meet with scholarship trainees from the Tatmadaw.

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Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium continues

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 June—The Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium continued for 9th day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here, today. The hall was packed with local and foreign gems merchants who are observing jade lots to be sold through competitive bidding system and tender and putting price proposals into the tender boxes.

The communication committee opened special counter and installed fax phones and prepaid GSM phone cards for smooth communication of local and foreign gems merchants at the emporium.

The money changers are opened in the hall with the arrangement of Myanma Gems Entrepreneurs Association to remit and change money easily by the gems merchants. In the afternoon, Secretary of Myanma Gems Emporium Organizing Central Committee Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanma Gems Enterprise presented certificates of honour and gifts to gems merchants Mr. Chu Che Keung who has attended the emporiums without fail for 10 successive years and Shang Hai Jade Association which jointly took part in the gems emporiums. In the evening, Chairman of MGEOCC Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung and central committee members and officials of MGEA visited the emporium and inspected undertakings of work committees in the hall. A total of 1648 jade lots were sold out through tender.—MNA

Education of Career-2013 from 5-8 July

Yangon, 23 June—Education for Career-2013 will be held at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township from 5 to 8 July. The exhibition is organized by Dagon Exhibitions Ltd with the aim of promoting Myanmar education sector and creating opportunities for Myanmar. The exhibition will be participated by institutes and colleges at home and abroad including private schools, economic and management institutes, IT training schools, foreign language schools, hotels and tourism training schools, engineering trainings, medical schools and education services centres.

Professors will give talks on respective subjects at the exhibition.

Tin Tun Aung