A nation of plenty

I wish all of you to understand that only hard work will build a nation of plenty. Today, we have independence, but if we fail to take its responsibilities we will lose it tomorrow. You all must aware of this.

General Aung San
People’s Congress, City Hall
13 July 1947
Big boot cast in bronze discovered in the sea

**Myeik**, 18 July — Fishermen U Ngwe Soe and two others found a big boot cast in bronze at a depth of about 14 yards in the sea while fishing at a place, south-west of Kuntaungkyun in Kyunsu Township of Myeik District in Taninthayi Region recently. The heavy boot is four viss and 20 ticals in weight and it is 13 inches long and five inches wide. There are small 16 oval-shape holes around the boot flanked by two holes on both sides. The boot bears words, C, F, HEIN, $ on one side and PATENT on another side. Fishermen showed it to officials of Myeik District General Administration Department on 15 July and now it is being kept in the hand of the fisherman who discovered it. The boot has caught the attention of people from nearby villages.

Kyemon-Myeik IPRD

Hsenwi police arrest suspects in connection with house shop robbery

**Hsenwi**, 18 July — Hsenwi Myoma police arrested two men suspected of getting involved in a robbery occurred in Hsenwi Township at their house in Lashio on 14 July.

The incident occurred at a house shop which is opened on Lashio-Hsenwi motorway in Kaung Lark Saук village in Kaunghaw village-tract in Hsenwi Township on 10 July. Police said unknown two men had robbed and attacked the shop owner before taking K 410,000 from the house shop and they fled away.

According to the victim, U Ngwe Kyinn (a) U Aik, 53, he heard calling U Ngwe Kyinn (a) U Aik robbed and attacked the said unknown two men had Hsenwi Township on 10 July. Police arrested two men suspected of robbery occurred in Hsenwi Myoma police station made responded quickly to the case and captured two suspects at their house on Dhammayon street in ward-8 in Lashio at about 1 pm on 14 July.

As police were informed that workers of a rubber farm at Nyaungchaung village in the township were asked to show a way by unknown men at about 9 pm on 9 June, they rushed there and interviewed the workers who identified one of four men as Win Bo, 35. Further investigations revealed that Win Bo had no job, but he was married to three or four women. He was ordained monk around two years ago and left for Myawady while in the monkhood, but he did not return to the village. The four men left there taking the road to Phapahaung village. Police continued probing the case by sending the copies of a photo of Win Bo to local police stations, interviewing the passengers on board the bus to identify whether the suspect in the photo was one of the hijackers and launching a search for him at Nyaungchaung Sakhamgyi, Htanbinkon and Taunggyi villages.

Police received a tip-off that Win Bo made a call to Daw Khin Ohn Myint through a pay phone at a shop in Sakhamgyi village in the township at about 10.30 am on 7 July. Police continued investigating the number of phone he used. His phone number, 0881462533, showed his location that he was at 817 village near Hikaw Htaw village in Myawady Township.

So, Myawady district police in cooperation with local Tatmadawmen and BGF members combed the area that covers 817 village and nearby starting from 4 pm on 8 July and captured Win Bo at Myintazunyung monastery in 817 village.

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Botataung harbor recreation area under implementation

**Yangon**, 18 July — Work is underway to turn Botataung harbour into a port of international level which is one of four projects to transform the area of Yangon Port Authority into one of international level under Port Conceptual Plan. In implementing the Botataung harbour development project, the established retaining wall will be extended about 100 feet towards the river by filling the waters with earth up to around 2440 feet. A line of riverside restaurants, open-air night market, entertainment avenues, recreation centers and souvenirs shops will be built on an area of 10.76 acres. Moreover, the modern harbour will include two floating hotels.

It is planned to allow private sector in implementation of Yangon Port Development, it is learnt. Under BOT and JV systems, private companies will be allowed to upgrade wharf Nos (1), (2), (3) and (4) of Sule harbour and the number of phone he used. His phone number, 0881462533, showed his location that he was at 817 village near Hikaw Htaw village in Myawady Township.

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Tourism

Under the Botataung harbour area development plan, the area will be transformed into a recreation one where shopping malls, night markets and entertainment avenues and floating hotels will be included for local and foreign visitors.

Kyemon- Thaw Zin & Khin Maung Win

**MNA**
Aspas envoys key Palestinians to moot new talks with Israel

RAMALLAH, (West Bank), 18 July — President Mahmoud Abbas will confer with key Palestinian leaders on Thursday about a possible resumption of peace negotiations with Israel after an almost three-year freeze, officials said.

They gave no details on what Abbas’s terms might be, should he announce a breakthrough after meeting in Jordan with US Secretary of State John Kerry, who has pursued six months of intensive and deliberately discreet diplomacy.

Gaps between the sides had “very significantly” narrowed, Kerry said on Wednesday. His proposals to resume negotiations, which were not spelled out, won the endorsement of an Arab League committee, which said they “provide the ground and a suitable environment to start negotiations”.

Abbas, whose peace strategy is routinely censured by the Palestinian Islamist rivals ruling the Gaza Strip, has in the past sought Arab League support to engage the Jewish state but it was not clear whether Wednesday’s endorsement would give him enough political cover to resume direct peace talks.

Abbas was due to converse senior members of the umbrella Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and his Fatah party at 3 p.m. (1200 GMT) in Ramallah, hub city of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and seat of his US-backed administration.

EU’s Ashton meets Egyptian interim leaders, urges Morsi’s release

CAIRO, 18 July—European Union (EU) foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton met with interim leaders of ousted President Mohamed Morsi if there are no charges against him. After meeting with some Egyptian officials, Ashton said she has clearly told them that Morsi and all other arrested politicians should be released if there are no charges against them, state-run news agency MENA reported.

Steam seen coming out of Fukushima Daiichi No 3 reactor building

Tokyo, 18 July—A US expert working at the collapsed Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex in the morning, but noted that it has not seen any significant change in radiation levels.

A worker first noticed at 8:20 am from camera footage that vapour was rising from the central area of the fifth floor of the building and it had not stopped as of 11 am, the plant operator said. It has confirmed that water injection into the stricken reactor and the spent fuel pool is continuing stably.

The No 3 reactor building was damaged severely by a hydrogen explosion that took place in the midst of the nuclear crisis triggered by a huge earthquake and tsunami on 11 March 2011.

The No 1 to 3 reactors suffered core meltdowns in the accident.

Panama calls in UN to inspect North Korean arms ship

Panama City, 18 July—Panama said on Wednesday it had called on the UN Security Council to investigate a North Korean ship caught smuggling arms from Cuba, piling more pressure on Pyongyang over a possible breach of UN sanctions. Panama stopped the ship last week and seized its cargo after a stand-off with the North Korean crew in which the captain tried to slit his own throat. Authorities discovered missile equipment, MiG fighter jets and other arms aboard that Cuba said were “obsolete” Soviet-era weapons being sent to North Korea for repair.

“It’s going to be transferred to the UN Security Council. They will decide what to do,” Panamanian Security Minister Jose Raul Mulino said in Panama City. Five UN investigators, including one from the Security Council, are expected to arrive around the beginning of August once the ship, the Chong Chon Gang, has been unloaded, Panamanian government officials said.

The North Korean government urged Panama to release the ship and its crew, who were detained and are in the process of being charged for failing to declare the arms on board. “This cargo is nothing but aging weapons, which are to be sent back to Cuba after overhauling them according to a legitimate contract,” a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman was quoted as saying by the official KCNA news agency.

Quebec brings in 9/11 expert to help sift through train crash debris

Lac-Megantic, (Quebec), 18 July—A US expert who worked on the aftermath of the 11 September attacks is helping Canadian authorities sift through wreckage left more than a week after a runaway train barreled into a lakeside town in Quebec killing 50 people, police said on Wednesday.

Frank DePaolo, an emergency specialist from New York’s Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, visited the ruins of Lac-Megantic earlier in the week.

DePaolo is an expert in managing major disaster sites and is responsible for one of the forensic teams working at the collapsed World Trade Centre towers in New York City.

“His efforts were complex and difficult and he was overwhelmed by the enormity of the situation,” Quebec police spokesman Michel Forget told reporters. A spokesman in DePaolo’s New York office said he was not available for comment.

Investigators are painstakingly working their way through Lac-Megantic, where a runaway crude oil train derailed and exploded on 6 July leaving burned-down buildings, mountains of rail-related debris and charred trees. Some 37 bodies have been recovered and investigators are still searching for more remains.

It was North America’s deadliest rail accident in more than 20 years.
LONDON, 18 July—Scientists have created an “intelligent” surgical knife that can detect in seconds whether tissue being cut is cancerous, promising more effective and accurate surgery in future.

The device, built by researchers at London’s Imperial College, could allow doctors to cut back on additional operations to remove further pieces of cancerous tumours.

The technology, effectively merging an endoscopic surgical knife that cuts through tissue using heat with a mass spectrometer for chemical analysis, has also been shown to be able to distinguish beef from horsemeat.

Surgeons often find it impossible to tell by sight where tumours end and healthy tissue begins, so some cancer cells are often left behind. A fifth of breast cancer patients who have lumpectomy surgery need a second operation.

The new “iKnife” is designed to get round the problem by instantly sampling the smoke given off as tissue is cut through using an electric current so sure to see if it is cancerous. In the first study to test the device in patients, the iKnife diagnosed tissue samples from 91 patients with 100 percent accuracy, researchers at Imperial College London reported at Science Translational Medicine on Wednesday.

Currently, removed tissue can be sent for laboratory analysis while the patient remains under general anaesthetic — but each test takes around half an hour, while the iKnife provides feedback in less than three seconds. It does this by analyzing biological information given off from burning tissue and comparing the findings to a database of biological fingerprints from tumours and healthy tissue.

“It’s a really exciting innovation and a very promising technique for all types of surgery,” said Emma King, a head and neck surgeon at Southampton Hospital, England, who was not involved in the research.

Still, she said she wants to see how the iKnife performs in a randomized clinical trial. Zoltan Takats of Imperial College, who invented the device, said he aimed to test it in such a study, involving between 1,000 and 1,500 patients with various types of cancers.

That trial process is likely to take two or three years and only then will the iKnife be submitted for regulatory approval, paving the way for its commercialization. Takats has founded a Budapest-based company called MediMass to develop the product and he expects to strike a partnership deal with a major medical technology company to bring it to market in North America and Europe.

Hi-tech surgical equipment is being used increasingly in modern hospitals to help surgeons do a better job, most notably with the da Vinci surgical robot from Intuitive Surgical.

The current experimental version of the iKnife cost Takats and colleagues at Imperial around 200,000 pounds ($300,000) to build. Takats said the price would come down once it entered commercial production.

The research was welcomed by health minister Lord Howe, who said it could benefit both patients and the health service by reducing the number of people needing secondary operations for cancer.—Reuters

Report says Russian mobile operators stop selling Apple’s iPhone

MOSCOW, 18 July—Vimpelcom, one of Russia’s top mobile operators, will no longer sell Apple Inc’s iPhone, the Financial Times reported on Wednesday, after similar moves by other mobile companies in Russia.

Vimpelcom ended negotiations with Apple over iPhone sales this month as the US company would not soften its contract terms, the paper said, citing a person close to the operator.

The Financial Times also reported that Russian operator MTS and MegaFon have halted iPhone sales. A representative for MTS told Reuters that the company’s contract to sell iPhones ended in September 2012, so it did not purchase the latest model, the iPhone 5. But it did continue to sell older models of iPhones in stock. MTS is actively pushing sales of Apple’s tablet computer the iPad, as it sees a huge potential for such products in Russia, the representative said. A spokesman for MegaFon said on Wednesday that it has not sold iPhones since 2009.

Vimpelcom and Apple did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The operators were hurt by the fact that Russia does not allow subsidies for handsets, making the phones too expensive for the average customer, the paper reported.

Apple, which has a 4.5 percent share of the Russian smartphone market, can still sell in Russia through its own resale outlets and other mobile phone retailers, the Financial Times reported.—Reuters

NEW YORK, 18 July—A big-nosed dinosaur that may have used its impressive horns as a mate magnet and to ward off competitors has been unearthed in a fossil-rich deposit in southern Utah, scientists said on Wednesday.

The novel species, Nasutoceratops or “big-nose horned face,” is the only known member of a group of dinosaurs thought to have lived 76 million years ago on a land mass in western North America isolated by an ancient sea way, said Scott Sampson, one of the paleontologists who discovered the extinct horned dinosaur which it stands out for horns that extend over its eyes toward the tip of a prominent nose.

“This animal is bizarre. It takes horns to another level,” he told Reuters in a telephone interview.

The impressive rack may be tied to attracting mates, intimidating or warding off intruders or cooling the service president of research and collections at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

The outsized, cold-blooded creature used a beak-like mouth to crop tropical plants, which it chewed with hundreds of teeth that were replaceable like a shark’s, he said.

The find in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah provides the strongest evidence that the southern portion of ancient Western North America was home to its own diverse dinosaur community.

“Many thought we had found all the things we were going to find but we’re just beginning to scratch the surface and understand the world of dinosaurs,” Sampson said.

Jack Horner, curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies in Montana, said the research was based on collection of limited physical evidence that by its nature raises key questions that still needed to be answered.

He said he and some colleagues have entertained alternate theories that some new dinosaur finds may actually represent different developmental stages of known species rather than new ones, but could not speak directly on the Utah find.

“In most of science, we need quite a few data points to formulate a hypothesis about anything having to do with biology,” he said.

A logo of NEC Corp is seen at Wireless Japan 2012, a smartphone and mobile telephone technology exhibition, in Tokyo on 31 May, 2012.—Reuters

NEC talks on Lenovo mobile phone venture stalled

TOYOKYO, 18 July —Japanese electronics company NEC Corp’s talks with Lenovo Group Ltd over a mobile phone venture have stalled due to disagreements over majority ownership and patents, a source familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

The Nikkei business newspaper reported that NEC planned to exit its loss-making smartphone business after a mobile phone deal with Lenovo, already a partner in the personal computer business, failed to materialize.

The source said NEC was still considering several options, including talks with a potential partner other than Lenovo, or halting the development of new smartphones and focusing on its existing lines of feature phones. NEC and Lenovo declined to comment.—Reuters

‘Intelligent’ surgical knife can sniff out cancer tissue

Scientists report newly discovered horned dinosaur unearthed in Utah

A customer looks at a display of handsets for sale inside a MegaFon shop in St Petersburg on 15 Nov, 2012. —Reuters

An artist’s version of the newly discovered horned dinosaur Nasutoceratops titusi, discovered in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah, is shown in this image released by the Natural History Museum of Utah on 17 July, 2013. —Reuters

Julia Balog of Imperial College London demonstrates the Intelligent Knife on a piece of meat at St Mary’s Hospital in London on 17 July, 2013.—Reuters
Shwe Zeyer Football Tourney kicks off

SAGAING, 18 July—Shwe Zeyer Football Tournament sponsored by retired Construction Minister Thiri Pyan Chi Khin Maung Myint kicked off at Sagaing Sports Ground of Sagaing District Sports and Physical Education Department in Sagaing District on 15 July. Happy Club drew with YMMA-1 in the curtain raiser of the tournament. The tournament started on 15 July will end on 3 September.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

Myanmar traditional boxing challenge in Mandalay on 27 July

MANDALAY, 18 July—A Myanmar traditional boxing competition will be organized in Aung Myay Mandalar Stadium in Mandalay on 27 July. The event was organized by Datha and sponsored by Cobra Soft Drink. First runner up in Dagon Shwe Aung Lan boxing championship Pho Thar Gyi (Mandalay), a local boxer, will feature in a challenge with Thar Thar (T&T). Other famous boxers from upper Myanmar will also feature in the competition. Pho Thar Gyi is the brother of Myanmar boxing start Wayinhote Phoe Kay and has a reputation of strong punch and stamina. The entry fees will range from K 6000 to K 7000.

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NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The Central Census Commission Meeting (1/2013) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Immigration and Population here this morning.

In his address, Patron of CCC Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that the fourth meeting of the CCC being held today is to coordinate matters on ensuring more participation of stakeholders as the 2014 census is drawing near. The meeting is to seek advice from the CCC and relevant ministries with the explanation of the Ministry of Immigration and Population as focal ministry on experience, weaknesses and requirements of trial census collection conducted in April.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits University of Yangon, No 4 BEHS in Ahlon

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets staff from the Ministry of Immigration and Population.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits No. 4 BEHS library in Ahlon.—MNA

Agreement inked to construct locomotive and coach factories

NAVPYITAW, 18 July—The agreement signing ceremony for construction of locomotive and coach factories between Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation and China National Machinery Import&Export Corporation (CMC) from the People’s Republic of China was held at Amara Hotel, here, yesterday evening.

It was attended by Union Ministers U Aye Myint, Dr Myint Aung and U Zeyar Aung, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin, Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Chan Maung, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yang Houlan, President of CMC Mr. Wang Xusheng and officials from the companies.

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The Vice-President and party looked round lecture hall where joint activities are being carried out with Johns Hopkins University from the US, computer-aided lecture hall, assembly hall and convocation hall.

They then visited Myanmar-India Center for English Language Training (MICELT) where Professor/Dean Daw Naw Ju Phaw explained matters related to the school. Afterwards, the Vice-President looked round the school library and teaching of the students.

Power Purchase Agreement signed

NAVPYITAW, 18 July—Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Shwe Swan-in Co Ltd signed an agreement on power purchasing from Thaukyekhat-2 Hydropower Plant, at the Ministry of Electric Power, here, this morning. It was attended by Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe, Union Ministers U Aye Myint, and U Than Htay and the deputy ministers.

On the occasion, Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe said that the company was given permission to construct Thaukyekhat-2 Hydropower project under BOT system after signing an MoU on 2 May, 2008. The hydropower plant cost K 234,944 million and completed in 2013, taking 5 years. The plant installed with three generators can produce 40 megawatts each and its total generating capacity is 120 megawatts. Electricity will be distributed to Toungoo Main Power Substation through 12.9 miles long Thaukyekhat (2)-Toungoo power line. The Union minister continued that last summer, Thaukyekhat-2 hydropower plant generated electricity that ranges from 19 to 45 megawatts an hour.

Next, Managing Director U Htay Lwin of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Chairman of Shwe Swan-in Co U Tun Myint Naing signed the agreement.

It was learnt that the generator Nos. 1 and 2 of the hydropower plant started running on 7 February, 2013 and 26 March, 2013, the generator No. 3.—MNA
President U Thein Sein
holds discussion with
French President
Mr. Francois Hollande

Paris, 18 July—
President U Thein Sein
met Mr. Francois Hollande,
President of the French
Republic, at Elysee Palace
in Paris at 3 pm LST yesterday.

At the call, the
President clarified political
and economic reforms in
Myanmar and prospects for
strengthening friendship
between the two countries.

They also exchanged
views on promotion
of economic and trade
coeperation between the two
countries, cooperation for
development of education,
health and social sectors,
remaining debt issues,
promotion of human rights,
national unity and media
sector cooperation.

It was also attended
by Union Ministers Lt-
Gen Thet Naing Win, U
Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe
Thane and U Myat Hein
and Myanmar Ambassador
U Kyaw Swa Min and
the French President was
accompanied by the French
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President U Thein Sein
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Association, UNESCO
Director-General

Paris, 18 July—
President U Thein Sein
received Chairman of
France-Myanmar Friendship
Association Mr. Francois-
Michel LAMBERT at
Raphaen Hotel yesterday
evening.

They discussed
matters on formation of
Myanmar-France Friendship
Association in Myanmar,
participation of NGOs from
France in education sector,
conservation of ancient
cultural heritages and
cultural exchange.

President U Thein Sein
then received UNESCO
Director-General Mrs. Irina
Bokova at the same venue at
5:30 pm LST.

At the meeting, both sides
discussed three Pyu cities to
be listed as World cultural
heritages, conservation of
ancient heritages in Rakhine
State including MraukU,
preservation of culture and
traditions of national races,
maintenance works for
ancient buildings in Yangon,
promotion of education
sector and ASEAN-
UNESCO cooperation.

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President U Thein Sein
attends working luncheon
hosted by French PM

Paris, 18 July—
President U Thein Sein
and party were hosted a working
luncheon by French Prime
Minister Mr. Jean-Marc
Ayrault at his residence
Hotel Matignon yesterday
afternoon.

At the lunch, the two
leaders discussed prospects
for further cooperation in
political and economic
reforms in Myanmar, more
investment in the sectors
of oil and gas, energy,
telecommunications,
information technology and
hotel and tourism industry
in Myanmar by French
companies, ASEAN-EU
relations, promotion of
human rights and further
coeperation in education and
health sectors, scholarship
programme for Myanmar
youths and provision of
teaching aid materials for the
 technological universities
and the universities of computer
studies in Myanmar.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of
Myanmar U Thein Sein shakes hands with
French Prime Minister Mr. Jean-Marc Ayrault
at his residence Hotel Matignon.

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President U Thein Sein
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Association Mr. Francois-Michel LAMBERT at Raphaen Hotel.

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President U Thein Sein presents gift to UNESCO Director-General
Mrs. Irina Bokova at Raphaen Hotel in Paris.

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It was on the morning of 19 July, 1947. It was the blackest day in the history of Myanmar, and a day that plunged the entire nation into deepest grief. To be precise, at 10:37 a.m. on that day, our beloved leader and the architect of national unity and national independence Bogyoke Aung San and his colleagues were felled by the bullets of assassins.

Together with Bogyoke Aung San, Ministers Thakin Mya, Mahn Ba Khaing, Deedok U Ba Cho, U Razak, U Ba Win, Sao Sam Htun, Sawbwoof Mong Pawn, Deputy Secretary U Ohn Maung and Ko Htwe, the bodyguard of Minister U Razak, were killed while holding a Cabinet Meeting. The news spread like wildfire throughout the length and breadth, standing up to show their abhorrence of colonialism. Since 1 January, 1886, there had been nationalist movements all over the country and all these had their ultimate goal for the independence of the country. Just before the Second World War came to Myanmar, the Myanmar patriots and nationalists realized that independence for the nation could not be regained by simply asking for it. In this way Bogyoke Aung San and his comrades, thirty in all, left Myanmar secretly and got themselves trained in military science by the Japanese. Their main objective had been to fight for the independence. After they had raised an army and joined hands with the Japanese in driving out the British, the latter did not keep their promise to give genuine independence to Myanmar.

Then Bogyoke Aung San and his comrades made a new move to fight the fascists and joined hands with the British again. In brief, after the fascists had been driven out Myanmar set about the task of calling a National Convention which drew up the State Constitution for the country. However, when independence was about to be granted, Bogyoke Aung San and his ministers had fallen at the vile hands of the assassins. To put it in a nutshell, this is how they became martyrs who paved the way for our cherished independence.

History is rich with instances of the people of this land, throughout the length and breadth, standing up to show their abhorrence of colonialism. When independence was lost, it was kept ablaze by those who deemed it their duty.

The Martyr’s Day is held annually to ensure that every speech of General Aung San covers unity and hardworking. This being so, in his address at a meeting with chieftains on 11 February 1947 he disclosed that only with strenuous efforts coupled with man power and financial support the country be prosperous, adding that only unity among the national brethren will bring practically about better outcomes. All the words of General Aung San are worthy of note.

Myanmar has been a nation with its own monarch since yore. National brethren have been living in the Union in unity and amity. Due to aggressive wars, the country lost the independence and was under the yoke of the colonialists over 100 years. Sacrificing much of their blood and sweat, national brethren managed to regain the independence. In a radio speech aired on 17 April 1947, General Aung San said that rehabilitation and defence activities required the strength of the people. Accordingly, building a democratic nation at such a time calls for concerted efforts of the entire national people.

As every speech of General Aung San covers unity and hardworking, all the citizens are thus to safeguard the independence and sovereignty aspired by him, remembering and saluting the fallen leaders.

Japan, Myanmar to cooperate in agricultural sector

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—A Japan-Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myo Hlaing and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikio NUMATA this morning observed dragon fruits, watermelon, banana, eggplant, and grape displayed at agriculture products booth near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township, thriving Japanese paddy plantation in Tegyigon Village in Zabuthiri Township, 50-acre farmer educative vegetable plantation of Ngalike Plantation in Pobbathiri Township and inspected advanced processing plant for crops.

Then, the Union minister and Japanese ambassador held a meeting at Myat Tawwin Hotel. Both sides discussed matters on cooperation between Myanmar and Japan to transform manual into mechanized farming which is necessary for development of Myanmar’s agriculture sector, technical assistance from Japan, programmes to export rice and horticulture in accord with market demand of Japan and investment opportunities for the Japanese entrepreneurs and companies in agriculture sector of Myanmar.
Country’s economic potential source of hope for people, and to deliver...

Commitment to implement EITI. In line with people’s wishes for responsible investment, my Government is serious about establishing a framework for dialogue about the government of Myanmar’s natural resources.

We want to lay the foundations for a robust middle class that will anchor the country and provided it with enduring and broad based stability. To assist us in realizing this outcome, we would like to invite French companies to come and invest in Myanmar.

We welcomed your advice to support the Government of Myanmar to build investor confidence and promote responsible investments. We would also like to invite French companies to come and invest in Myanmar and renew the special relationship that once connected our two countries.

Then, the President and Union ministers answered the queries raised by businessmen.

Afterwards, the President and party met President of ALSTOM INTERNATIONAL Philippe DELLEUR, President of CCG VERITAS Jean-Georges MALCOR and President of ORANGE Stephané RICHARD separately.

Also present at the meetings were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of the Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights U Htay Oo, the Myanmar ambassador and departmental heads.

Next, the President and entourage visited Eiffel Tower and observed Arc de Triomphe in a motorcade.

The Eiffel Tower (French: La Tour Eiffel, nickname La dame de fer, the iron lady) is a wrought iron lattice tower located on the Champ de Mars in Paris. Built in 1889 as the entrance arch to the 1889 World’s Fair, it has become both a global cultural icon of France and one of the most recognizable structures in the world. The Tower is the tallest building in Paris and the most-visited paid monument in the world; millions of people ascend it every year. It is named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower.

The tower stands 320 meters (1,050 ft) tall, about the same height as an 81-story building. During the construction, the Eiffel Tower surpassed the Washington Monument to assume the title of the tallest man-made structure in the world, a title it held for 41 years, until the Chrysler Building in New York City was built in 1930. However, because of the addition, in 1957, of the antenna atop the Eiffel Tower, it is now taller than the Chrysler Building.

Not including broadcast antennas, it is the second-tallest structure in France, after the Millau Viaduct.

The tower has three levels for visitors. Tickets can be purchased to ascend, by stairs or lift, to the first and second levels. The walk from ground level to the first level is over 300 steps, as is the walk from the first to the second level. The third and highest level is accessible by elevator. Both the first and second levels feature restaurants.

The tower has become the most prominent symbol of both Paris and France, often in the establishing shot of films set in the city.
Latpadaungtaung Copper-Mine investigation commission’s report implementation committee holds coord meeting

Meeting on new contract for the Latpadaungtaung copper-mine project in progress.—MNA

Drug elimination, crime reduction, traffic rules talked in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 18 July—An educative talks on narcotic drug elimination, crime reduction and traffic rule enforcement was held at the Mawan Village Administrative Office in Mohnyin Township of Mohnyin District in Kachin State on 15 July morning.

At the talks, Commander of Mohnyin Township Police Force Police Major Han Win Maung gave lectures on prevention against danger of narcotic drugs, and Head of Mawan Police Outpost IP Htay Aung dos and don’ts for crime reduction and traffic rules enforcement.

COMMANDER OF MOHNYIN District Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Myint Naing stressed the need for the village administrators and local people to combat narcotic drugs. It was attended by over 120 local people and it came to an end in the noon.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

MON State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker leaves for Bangkok

MAWLAMYINE, 18 July—At the invitation of the Thai Government, a Myanmar delegation led by Mon State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Htay Lwin paid a visit to Bangkok on 15 July.

The delegation comprised the Mon State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, State Minister for Development Affairs Dr Toe Aung, State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock U Myo Nyunt, Mon State Hluttaw Representative U Hla Tun (Kyaikmaraw-2), and Superintending Engineer of Mon State Development Affairs Committee U Bya Nwe, Assistant Director U Than Zin Nyein and Assistant Director of the state government’s office U Soe Myint.—Kyemon-694

The best time to grow a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

ILLEGAL TEAK FURNITURE SEIZED AT MWAWHAN RAILWAY STATION

MOHNYIN, 18 July—Parts of doors made of teak timber packed in polyethylene bags to be transported to Myitkyina were seized one furlong of Mawan Railway Station.

A squad led by IP Htay Aung together with foresters U Aung Soe Oo and U Khin Maung Min, Mawan Station superintendent U Aung Myint, Village administrator U Tin Maung Oo and officials made an inspection tour around the railway station not to illegally transport teak furniture to other regions by train.

The authorities found various sizes of teak doors weighing 0.914 ton worth K 360,000 near the bush east of the rail tracks at mile post 617/22, one furlong from the railway station.

The teak furniture were seized at the Mawan Forest Office under the Forest Law.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

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Japan, South Korea officials find need for communication to repair ties

Tokyo, 18 July—Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida agreed on Thursday with a senior South Korean Foreign Ministry official that the two countries need to maintain dialogue in seeking to repair ties strained by disputes over territory and wartime history.

During a meeting in Tokyo, Kishida and South Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kyou Hyun also agreed on the importance of bilateral ties for peace and stability in Northeast Asia.

The meeting comes as the two countries explore the possibility of improving ties, following an agreement between Kishida and his South Korean counterpart Yun Byung Se earlier this month to strengthen communication between Tokyo and Seoul at various levels.

“We hope to advance the bilateral ties by communicating well with each other.” Kishida said at the outset of the meeting, noting that the two countries are “important partners and neighbours” that share basic values and interests.

Kim replied that while Japan and South Korea have “difficult problems,” they are able to have a future together if they can combine their forces to resolve the problems “through the attitude of climbing to a higher place and looking afar.”

“We hope to resolve the problems by meeting frequently at every possible opportunity and combining our wisdom,” he added.

After the meeting, Kim told reporters that the talks were “very constructive.” Kim is expected to meet with his Japanese counterpart, Vice Foreign Minister Akitaka Saiki, later in the day, according to Japanese Foreign Ministry officials. Saiki visited Seoul and met with Kim on 11 July as part of efforts to mend bilateral ties.

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Kim is visiting Japan to attend the opening ceremony for a new building for the South Korean Embassy in Tokyo on Thursday.

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Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (L) and South Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kyou Hyun shake hands in Tokyo on 18 July, 2013. Kyodo News

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Thailand’s north-bound train service expected to resume

Bangkok, 18 July—State Railway of Thailand (SRT) north-bound train service is expected to resume operations in Northern Thai province of Nakhon Phanom on Thursday after the suspension caused by derailment, which injured about 30 passengers on Wednesday.

From Wednesday to Thursday morning, workers worked hard to retrieve all seven detailed carriages, according to Thai News Agency.

The derailment took place early Wednesday morning in Denchai district of northern Phrae province injured more than 30 people, mostly foreign tourists, and suspended North-bound train service. However, trains from Denchai station are still operational further north to Chiang Mai province.

Transport Minister Chatchad Chittipant said on Wednesday the deteriorated condition of the tracks combined with bad weather may have caused the Bangkok-Chiang Mai train derailment.

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Five policemen killed in attack in northern India

Mumbai, 18 July—at least five policemen were killed in a Maoist rebel attack in northern Indian state of Bihar on Wednesday evening.

Local police said the investigation in Thursday when about 50 armed Maoists tried to destroy a bridge in Aurangabad District, 200 km from the state capital of Patna.

The Maoists struck at the base camp of the HB Ltd road construction company, destroying the bridge under construction and setting three dumper trucks on fire.

The encounter began when a police contingent reached the spot on getting the information. In the 45-minute firefight, five policemen were killed and seven others were injured in the attack.

But there is no report about casualty of the rebels.

The firing is still continuing now and India’s Central Reserve Police Force joined the fight. The Maoists are reportedly falling back.

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Cambodian prince calls on eligible people to cast ballots on 28 July

Phnom Penh, 18 July—Cambodian Prince Norodom Ranariddh, President of the Supreme Privy Advisory Council to King Norodom Sihamoni, appealed on Wednesday to the electorate to cast their ballots for any party that protects the monarchy, saying:

“I urge Cambodian people to vote for any party whose leader is loyal to maintain and protect the constitutional monarchy and throne as stated in the constitution in 1993,” the prince said in an appeal letter.

Ranariddh, who was former co-prime minister and ex-president of the National Assembly, also expressed his gratitude to Cambodian people for the spirits of the affections of the nation, religion and king.

Eight political parties will contest in the national polls on 28 July with about 9.67 million eligible voters.

Among those parties are ruling Cambodian People’s Party of incumbent Prime Minister Hun Sen, the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party of recently-pardoned leader Sam Rainsy and the royalist Funcipem Party led Princess Norodom Arun Rasmey, the youngest daughter of late King Father Norodom Sihanouk.

It is widely expected that Hun Sen’s party will definitely win the majority vote in the upcoming elections.

One of the world’s longest-serving leaders, Hun Sen, 61, has been in power for 28 years and vowed to stay in the post until he’s 74.

During last election in July 2008, Hun Sen’s party won 90 seats out of the 123 seats in the National Assembly, the opposition continued need a total of 29 seats, and the royalist group four seats.

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Malaysian police seize 11 mln USD worth drugs, machinery

Kuala Lumpur, 18 July—Malaysia police has seized various drugs and drug production machinery worth some 33 million ringgit (11 million US dollars) in maybe one of the largest drug busts in the country, official said on Wednesday.

National Director of Narcotics Commissioner Nasir rashid Ibrahim said police discovered drugs including heroin, ecstasy, ketamine and eramine 5, methamphetamine weighing a total of 1.156 kg in an operation late Tuesday in the town of Batu Pahat in Malaysia’s southern Johor state.

Six suspects were arrested, Nor Rashid said. He told a press conference that the head of the syndicate was believed to have escaped a police operation last year. Police has kept an close eye on the case since September.

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Photo taken on July 17, 2013 shows the night view of the Slender West Lake in Yangzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province. The night tour for visiting the Slender West Lake opened here on Wednesday. Xinhua

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Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 8th July 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
Phone: +95 67 -411097/411206

Planning Department
Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, No (6) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw

Clarens Day Notice
MV GIANG HAI 05 VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV GIANG HAI 05 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Shipment Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: RK Shipping & Trading Pte Ltd

Phone: 256924/256914

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2. Tender Closing Date & Time — 14.8.2013, 12:00 Hrs

3. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 15-7-2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact Phone: 067-411487

Planning Department
Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, No (6) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw

Clarens Day Notice
MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (563)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (563) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.P.T.J where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Shipment Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: M/S Advance Container Lines

Phone: 256908/378316/376797

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MV SN HARMONY VOY NO ( )
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Richard Gere: Tough guy on set, wife in control at home

Los Angeles, 18 July—Hollywood star Richard Gere says he is a tough guy on film sets, but his wife takes control when it comes to home. The 63-year-old actor, whose career has spanned four decades, says he can be an alpha male when making movies, but says when it comes to his home life his wife Carey Lowell is usually in charge, reported Daily Star.

“I’m kind of a tough guy at work and I guess because I’m in a big shot on set, everyone has to listen to me. But I live with a very strong woman! Believe me, she doesn’t say ‘yes’ very often. I’m the one that says ‘yes’, I say, ‘Yes, dear’. I don’t even argue,” said Gere. Although the Pretty Woman star is now a doting husband and father to 13-year-old son Homer, he reveals he enjoyed his youth in Hollywood and took advantage of all the perks fame had to offer.

“It was all fresh, everything was new. I was 23-years-old, a kid, and I was starring in the West End of London in a stage production. This was the early ’70s — a great time where anything was possible. You know, young men — they try this, they try that. It’s the same anywhere. It doesn’t matter where you are, whether it’s Los Angeles or New York or Liverpool. Of course you experiment,” said Gere. **PTI**

When privacy wasn’t an issue for Selena Gomez

Los Angeles, 18 July—Singer-actress Selena Gomez says she was never too conscious about being in the public eye when she started dating. However, maintaining secrecy about her relations was never on her mind during her teenage years.

The 20-year-old has been popular since she was 10, when she made her debut with children TV series Barney and Friends. Later, she got into some high profile relations with singers Justin Bieber and Nick Jonas and Justin Bieber.

But, maintaining secrecy about her relations was never on her mind during her teens.

“I can’t be afraid to live my life. I had my first boyfriend (Nick), which wasn’t really a boyfriend, at 14,” Observer magazine quoted Gomez as saying. “You’re young and you don’t know how to be. You don’t think, ‘Now I have a boyfriend — let’s keep it super-private and low key’, because that’s not what you’re thinking about,” she added.—PTI

U2 frontman Bono receives France’s highest cultural award

Paris, 18 July—Irish rock star and anti-poverty activist Bono received France’s highest cultural award on Tuesday for his contribution to music while being praised for using his fame to battle for humanitarian causes.

The frontman of the rock band U2 was presented with the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters by French Culture Minister Aurelie Filippetti in a ceremony in Paris.

“Beyond notes and beyond words, you committed yourself and dedicated your fame and career to wage some of the greatest wars of our time. Not for charity’s sake but in the name of justice,” Filippetti said in a statement.

Bono, whose real name is Paul Hewson, said the award was a huge honour but it belonged to the band.

“I’ve got the biggest mouth and the loudest voice but the music we make comes from each other,” he said in a statement.

Previous recipients of the award that dates back to 1957 include David Bowie, Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Bob Dylan, Bruce Willis and Shakira.

Bono, 53, has received a list of awards for his music and campaigning since forming New Light of Myanmar
Olivier Giroud-inspired Arsenal cruise to victory in Vietnam

HANOI, 18 July—Arsenal pummeled the Vietnamese national team into submission with a 7-1 romp on Wednesday at the 40,000-seat My Dinh Stadium in Hanoi. French forward Olivier Giroud scored a first-half hat trick, getting the opener after just five minutes, and following up with two goals in rapid succession just before half-time. Giroud, who joined Arsenal in June 2012 from La Liga champions Montpellier, now has five goals in two games. He said he was happy to be moving to “a great team.”

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In May, Blatter said in a statement earlier, “I have had four very happy years with Sevilla, but there are stages in life and mine here to go to being great.”

It declined to say how much City paid for Negredo but Spanish and British media reports put the sum at around 28 million euros ($37 million).

“Manchester City is buying a magnificent player, the top Spanish goalscorer in the Spanish league,” Del Nido said, referring to Negredo’s 25 goalscorer in the Spanish league, which will enable us to grow.”

Negredo said he was convinced to move by a call from City’s Chilean manager Manuel Pellegrini, who joined the Manchester club from Malaga last month.

“He totally convinced me. He told me what they could offer me there and for me it was a new challenge.”

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HANOI, 18 July—Chelsea said on Wednesday they had made a bid for Manchester United star Wayne Rooney, which has reportedly been rejected despite growing signs the England striker is unhappy at Old Trafford. The London club took the unusual step of confirming a bid—for an undisclosed sum—after British reports said Juan Mata or David Luiz had been offered as a make-weight.

“Chelsea Football Club can confirm that yesterday (Tuesday) it made a written offer to Manchester United for the transfer of Wayne Rooney,” said a club statement sent to AFP. “Although the terms of the offer are confidential, for avoidance of doubt and contrary to what is apparently being briefed to the press in Sydney, the proposed purchase price does not include the transfer or loan of any players from Chelsea to Manchester United,” it said.

The wording of the statement takes an apparent swipe at Manchester United, who are currently in Sydney during their pre-season tour with a large contingent of British journalists.

It follows reports that Chelsea offered $10 million (11.5 million euros, $15.1 million) for Rooney, with either midfielder Juan Mata or defender David Luiz thrown in.

Rooney’s future has been the subject of considerable speculation since May, when departing United manager Alex Ferguson said he had asked for a transfer. The statement was denied by Rooney.

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Roger Federer struggles to win Hamburg opener

HAMBURG, 18 July—Roger Federer struggled in his first match since his Wimbledon humiliation when he had to come back from a set down to defeat Germany’s Daniel Brands in his Hamburg opener on Wednesday.

The 31-year-old, top-seeded Federer won 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 against the world number 58, who was celebrating his 26th birthday, to reach the third round of a tournament he last played in 2008. It was his 30th career win at the tournament.

“I think it was good for me to have a tough match like this and come through at the end,” said Federer. “Clearly these kind of matches are always important, especially losing the first set makes things difficult. You’re not allowed to make many more unforced errors in crucial moments. I still was able to come through and play better as the match went on. That’s always encouraging for the next round.”

Federer, now ranked fifth in the world, his lowest point for a decade, goes on to face Jan Hajek of the Czech Republic for a quarter-final spot. The Swiss great is using this event and the Gstaad tournament, which starts on 22 July, to bounce back from his shock Wimbledon exit ahead of next month’s US Open. Federer crashed out of Wimbledon, where he was the seven-time champion, at the hands of Ukraine’s 116-ranked Sergiy Stakhovsky in his worst Grand Slam defeat for a decade.—PTI
Shiv Kapur ready for the challenge at British Open

MURFREESBORO, 18 July—Indian golfer Shiv Kapur went through the paces one final time today before he tees off in the first round of the world’s oldest Major, the British Open here on Thursday.

The 31-year-old Indian, making his second appearance at the British Open, will look to improve on the best-ever performance by an Indian — tied 27th by Jyoti Randhawa in 2004.

“Being the only Indian in the field there will be focus on me but I am not going to let the pressure get to me. I am feeling good and the game is in right shape. The first goal is to get into weekend action and then take it from there,” he said.

Kapur will play the first round late in the afternoon at 3:40 pm alongside Frenchman Gregory Bourdy and Scotsman Scott Jamieson.

Kapur has been working with Jamie Gough for his swing and with Italian Alberto Binaghi for his short game. In recent months, Kapur has spent most of his time in Milan.

He said, “I have based myself in Milan because it helps me travel around Europe and I am working with Alberto over for the last few months. We worked on my short game and hitting shots in the wind. Jamie helped me get the belief back in my swing.”

Kapur has also been reading Zen Golf: Mastering the Mental Game by Joseph Parent to toughen himself mentally and focus better.

Over the past few days, Kapur has played practice rounds with Nick Faldo, the six-time Major winner. Faldo’s three Open titles include two at Muirfield.

Kapur also played with Matteo Manassero and Francesco Molina, the Italian duo coached by Biagi.

“No one knows Muirfield better than Nick Faldo. He gave me a few tips and playing with Matteo, who is just 20 and a top-3 player is a pleasure,” said Kapur.

Only seven Indians have played at the British Open, and Kapur is only the third after Randhawa and Jeev to play in it more than once. Kapur’s previous experience in 2006 ended with a missed cut. “In 2006 I was still learning and before I knew the first two rounds were over,” said Kapur, who shot rounds of 72 and 73. Though Kapur has lost his European Tour card, in the last seven months, he has won once on domestic Indian Tour in Delhi and once on European Challenge Tour in Ahmedabad. Now a mature Kapur is ready to have a second fling at the 142nd Open Championships.

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Beijing to double bicycles for rent, with more to come

BEIJING, 17 July—Beijing will nearly double its number of bicycles for rent, to 25,000 this year, with plans to add more, in an attempt to cut air pollution and traffic congestion in the city. With private automobile ownership estimated to exceed 6 million by the end of 2016, Beijing is encouraging a higher use of two-wheeled transport to weaken, if not reverse, the dominance of automobiles in the capital, one cause of severe air pollution in many first-tier cities.

The public rental bicycle project that started in 2011 in Beijing has proved popular, with initial success seeing many of the public taking to bicycles during its two-year trial period.

“The rental service as a public welfare project has to some extent encouraged the use of public transportation in the city so far,” said Zhu Haiyan, an employee of the Beijing Commission of Transport.

Like many other city dwellers, Lu Xingchi used to spend two hours daily commuting between his home and office. What troubled him most was not the crowds and congestion he encountered each day on the subway, but the extra 2 kilometers between his home and the nearest subway station.

“It takes as much time to walk the 2 km as the 13 km riding the underground,” said the 27-year-old software engineer. “Last November, Lu decided that he should rent a bicycle to save time, and the nearest bike station is only a 2 km walk from his home. He rents his bike from the station that is closest to his workplace, and it has saved him about 20 minutes a day.”

Lu has subscribed to a public bicycle rental service and now uses a bicycle for all his daily commuting and errands.

The public bicycle rental service is set up throughout the city. Lu said he sometimes rents a bicycle for grocery shopping as well. As long as he returns the bike within an hour, the service is free of charge. The commission said the bikes are free to rent for the first hour, then are charged at 1 yuan (16 cents) for each additional hour. The maximum expense for a full day is no more than 10 yuan but people can only rent a bike for a maximum of three days each time.

People with an ID card or passport can register at designated places and deposit 200 yuan to allow them to use their regular transport card to access the service. More than 20,000 residents of the capital have subscribed to the service, amounting to more than 36,000 individual rides each week, a weekly increase of 7 percent.—Xinhua

Biggest US dog show opens in Houston

HOUSTON, 17 July—A total of 160 canine breeds and 3,500 “professional” dog athletes joined an annual contest in the US city of Houston on Wednesday, bringing tens of thousands of dog lovers across the country to enjoy the extravaganza.

The five-day event, held at the Reliant Centre in downtown Houston, is one of the finest and largest shows of its kind. Competitions include breed judging, agility, frisbee flyball, and even dancing.—Xinhua
Country’s economic potential source of hope for people, and to deliver on it is Government’s responsibility

EXTENDED GREETINGS

President U Thein Sein extended greetings.

He said:

The economic potential of our country is a source of hope for Myanmar’s people, and it is the responsibility for my government to deliver on this hope. We are committed to putting in place solid foundations that develops our abundant natural wealth but in a way that protects our natural environment.

My office worked hand in hand with the legislative branch to promulgate the Foreign Direct Investment Law that meets international standards and ensure mutual benefits for investors and our citizens. We are currently working to implement procedures and processes that are more transparent, accountable, legitimate and predictable.

While encouraging investment, it is important to promote the welfare of the Myanmar people and protect the environment upon which their livelihoods depend. I have recently formed the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) Leading Authority in Myanmar to undertake the necessary actions to deliver on our (See page 9)

Four-legged child operation successful

Yangon, 18 July—Siamese twins are always world’s wonders. There are also children born with three or four legs and even with two heads. Myanmar still loves Ma Nan Soe, Ma Nan San, Aye Aye Nyein and Ei Ei Nyein, the country’s beloved Siamese twins, separated successfully in the first successful operations of the country.

The country surgeons have marked many milestones with successful state-of-art operations with the guidance of the Ministry of Health, endeavours of the medical superintendents, specialists, nurses and medical experts, assistance of the government and the passion of parents. With the support of the Ministry of Health, Myanmar surgeons have now performed successful operation for four-legged kid Nan Hnin Hnin Aung in Yankin Pediatric Hospital in Yangon.

The kid was born with four legs and misplaced organs. The surgeons had to remove two extra legs and place the organs to ensure the ordinary structure of the kid’s body. She was born to U Khun San Thwe and Nan Hnaunt Hnaunt of Lwemut village in Panglong Township in Shan State as fourth child on 2 February. She was admitted to Taunggyi Obstetric and Pediatric Hospital on 9 May and referred to Yankin Pediatric Hospital in Yangon on 12 May for necessary operations as some parts of the kid’s body were not functional.

Pediatrician Dr Khin Mo Mo of Taunggyi Obstetric and Pediatric Hospital and Loilem District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Kyu Kye Kyaw accompanied the kid and her parents on their flight to Yangon. The kid was accepted by Yankin Pediatric Hospital’s anesthetist Dr Khin San Mo and party at the airport. A team of surgeons led by Professor/Dean (Pediatric Surgery) of Yangon University of Medicines (2), a team of anesthetists led by Professor/Dean (Anesthesitics) of Yangon University of Medicines (2) Dr My Aung, a team of healthcare specialists led by Professor/Dean (Pediatrics) of Yangon University of Medicines (2) Dr Ye Myn Int Kyaw, a team of pathologists led by specialist (X-ray) Dr Than Oo of Yankin Pediatric University, and information team led by Yankin Pediatric Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Myn Int Lwin conducted the medical.

Major operation for the kid started at 8 am on 16 July and completed at 4.15 pm. The child’s health condition is improving. More surgeries for the kid will continue to be carried to amend misplaced ordinary digestion system.