**ROK shares new village movement experience with Myanmar**

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Mr Yoo Jeong Bok, Minister of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Mr Yoo Jeong Bok, Minister of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

At the call, President U Thein Sein said that the government is making all-out efforts for rural development and poverty alleviation. He expressed special thanks for ROK’s helps for rural development through the establishment of model villages in Myanmar. Myanmar is making multi-sector cooperation with the ROK for economic development by forming the Myanmar-Korea Economic Cooperation Committee. He strongly believed that the latter’s visit would pave the way for Myanmar’s rural development.

The ROK Minister said that the relations between two countries now have improved with economic cooperation in the forefront. Development of agricultural sector plays a crucial role in Myanmar’s rural development thereby contributing to country’s economic development. The ROK is sharing its experience on successful new village movement with Myanmar people. As part of it, a new village movement center will be opened tomorrow, he added.

Both sides held discussions on Samsung Company’s investment in Myanmar, cooperation with Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) on education, health and transport sectors, agreement on loan disbursement of 500 million USD to Myanmar during ROK’s Deputy Prime Minister’s visit to Myanmar and inter-ministry cooperation on eight rural development tasks.

It was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Kyaw Hsan and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw, officials and the ROK Ambassador to Myanmar.—MNA

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**Nok mini, new airline for Mae Sot-Mawlamyine-Mae Sot route**

Nok mini airlines will launch its maiden flight of Mae Sot-Mawlamyine-Mae Sot route as of 1 September 2013.

The flights are scheduled to ply its route every morning. If the ticket is bought as reservation, the airlines will run its flights through low-cost system, said Manager U Aye Min Tun of the airline.

As it is a low-cost airline, air tickets will be sold between US$ 55 and 80 per passenger. The passenger can pay kyat, US$ or baht for the ticket, he said.

As of 1 October, the airline plans to launch its new flight along Mae Sot-Yangon-Mae Sot route in addition to Bangkok-Yangon route.

Nok mini is one of the branches of Nok Airlines. The route to Mawlamyine will be its maiden trip in international flights.

The airplane to be used in the route is made in Sweden and the SAAB 340B+ airplane can give seats to 34 passengers. Nok mini of the airline will be convenient for the passengers from Mon State, continued U Aye Min Tun.

He added that tourists from Thailand spend a long time to travel to Kyaukhtyo Pagoda and Kayin and Mon States via Yangon. Thanks to the new airlines, they can reach Mawlamyine in a short time.

For foreign visitors, Sky hub agent is giving service of visa for aviation and service of sell air tickets to those wishing to receive medical treatment in Thailand.

Byline: Thaw Zet

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**US rejects link between North Korea nuclear diplomacy, jailed American**

WASHINGTON—US Secretary of State John Kerry said on Friday the US is not discussing stopping nuclear testing as the pending September visit of South Korean President Park Geun-hye to Washington is discussed.

Kerry also acknowledged there are efforts by the US and its allies to try to restrict North Korea’s nucleardevelopment. The US official also said that North Korea’s move to discuss nuclear diplomacy with the US was part of a step toward an end to North Korea’s nuclear test.

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**Biggest US rocket blasts off with spy satellite**

A big US rocket launched a spy satellite for the US intelligence community on Friday giving America an edge following Russia’s launch of a spy satellite on Thursday.

The Delta IV rocket lifted off carrying the dried-up Spysat-1 satellite.

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**40000 bags of reserve rice sold to stable price in Mandalay**

Mandalay Region Football Federation meets

Mine clearing course concludes at PyinOoLwin Station

Stoppage time winner books group spot for Celtic

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**Agricultural sector plays a crucial role in Myanmar’s rural development thereby contributing to country’s economic development.**
MANDALAY, 29 Aug—Rice brokerage sold 40000 bags of reserve rice of Mandalay in Mandalay as of 21 August so as to stable price of rice.

Although reserve rice can be sold freely, anyone cannot be allowed to test the bags of rice. The buyer may buy rice with testing the sample. If most of the rice may be broken rice in the bag, new one will be substituted.

In August, exportation of rice was suspended to other countries through border region due to raising the price. Therefore, sales of reserve rice may affect price of rice. In addition, rice brokerages in Kywehsekan and on 86th street in Chanayethazan Township sell bags of rice with K 500 cheaper price to the customers.

In the third week of August, rice brokerages in Mandalay sell one bag of Shwebo Pawhsan per K33500, Ayeypin K32000, Shwebo Manaw K32000 and Patheingyi Manawthukha K 24000.—Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Outstanding port engineering students honoured

YANGON, 29 Aug—Parks and playgrounds located in municipal area of Yangon City Development Committee will be upgraded step by step under the 20-year long-term plan, according to the Parks and Playgrounds Department of the Yangon City Development Committee.

With regard to upgrading tasks for the parks and playgrounds, an official said, “Arrangements have been made for implementing the 20-year long-term plan. The department has earmarked to do its tasks under the year-wise plans. In addition, some of them are being upgraded.”

In addition to upgrading and maintaining the parks and playgrounds, more sports grounds will be constructed. The people requested to construct new sports grounds in the vacant areas by submitting the applications. They indicated 11 vacant places for the grounds. After scrutinizing the ownership of the vacant areas, the department will submit the plans and seek the approval from the Yangon City Development Committee as soon as possible, he added.

Parks are being upgraded as of 2013 fiscal year in line with the 20-year long-term plan. At present, the department is placing emphasis on upgrading of Maha Bandoola Park, Kandaw Mingala Park, Thakin Mya Park, Nathamyaing Park and People’s Park and People’s Square, said officials of Parks and Playgrounds Department of Yangon City Development Committee.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)
Abe says gov’t to take charge of toxic water leak at Fukushima plant

DOKI, 29 Aug — Japa-

nese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Wednesday that the state to address the is-

ing a recent toxic water leak at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi power plant.

There is a need for the state to address the is-

sue with a sense of urgency and not just leave it all up to Tokyo Electric Power Co., Abe said at a Press confer-

ence. Abe’s remarks came after the plant’s operator, known as TEPCO, recently said the leak of highly ra-

dioactive water from a huge steel storage tank was esti-

mated at 300 tons, some of which could have flowed into the adjacent Pacific Ocean. It was the worst leak from the containers at the complex.

Abe, who is in Qatar on the last leg of his trip to the Middle East and Africa, said the government will thoroughly disseminate to people in Japan and abroad information about efforts to contain the disaster at the Fukushima plant.

Japan’s Nuclear Regu-

lation Authority decided the same day to raise its as-

sessment of the severity of the leak to level 3, which is defined as a “serious inci-

dent,” on an eight-point international scale. The Fukushima nuclear acci-

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Harf reiterated Wash-

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State Department dep-

uty spokesman Marie Harf said, however, that King’s trip is unrelated to international diplomacy

over North Korea, which has conducted three nuclear weapons tests since 2006.

“I don’t want to link the two in any way,” she told reporters.

“We have repeatedly said that separate and apart from any of the other issues we talk about with North Korea that Kenneth Bae needs to be released imme-

diately,” added Harf.

Strong

typhoon to approach

Kyushu, may make

landfall

TYPIKAN, 29 Aug — A
typhoon was moving north-

ward in waters west of Yo-

naguni Island in Okinawa Prefecture on Thursday morning and is expected to

turn east and approach Kyu-

usu around Saturday, pos-

sibly going ashore, the Ja-

pan Meteorological Agency said. The agency called for caution against high winds and tidal waves on Ok-

inawa’s Sakishima Islands

caused by Kong-rey, the 15th typhoon of the season.

The agency measured winds gusting 120 kilom-

eters per hour on Yonaguni, with gusts of up to 85 kph on Ishigaki Island to the east, and rough seas in an absence of heavy rain.

The typhoon is ex-

pected to move away from the Sakishima Islands as it continues north. Of 9 am Thursday, Kong-rey was around 90 km north-north-

west of Yonaguni, and mov-

ing north at an approximate speed of 20 kph, with an atmospheric pressure at its centre of 990 hectopascals.

It was packing winds of up to 126 kph, and casting winds of 54 kph or lighger over a large area up to 170 km north and 300 km south of its centre.—Kyodo News

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Seven killed, 58 wounded in Afghan

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GHANZI, (Afghani-

stan), 29 Aug—At least

seven Afghans were killed and 58 were wounded when Taliban’s suicide bombings and ensuing gunfight hit a NATO base in eastern Ghanzi Province on Wednesday, officials said.

“The Taliban armed men targeted the comp-

ound of NATO-led forces,” Provincial Reconstruc-

tion Team (PRT) at 04:15

pm local time in Ghanzi

city. The killed included four Afghan policemen and three civilians in the suicide bombings and gun-

fight,” deputy provincial governor Mohammad Ali Ahmadi told Xinhua.

The injured included 12 children, four women, seven Polish soldiers with the NATO and several Af-

ghan police and civilians, the official said, adding the fighting lasted for four

hours.

NATO’s PRT is a ci-

villian-military body assist-

ing Afghans in the rebuild-

ing process of the war-torn country. At least two mas-

sive bombings took place in the attack in the city, 125 km south of national
capital Kabul.

Assad used chemical

weapons, no decision yet on Syria

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug — US President Barack

Obama said on Wednes-

day his administration has concluded that the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad used chemical weapons against civilians

last week but has not yet de-

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**Japanese astronaut to command space station in March**

Cape Canaveral, (Florida), 29 Aug.—The first Japanese astronaut to live aboard the International Space Station is preparing for a return flight, this time to serve as commander, officials said on Wednesday. Koichi Wakata of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, is due to leave in November with a pair of veteran astronauts from the United States and Russia.

Wakata, 50, is expected to take command of the orbital research outpost in March, marking the first time a Japanese astronaut will lead a human space mission. “It means a lot to Japan to have its own representative to command the International Space Station,” Wakata told a news conference broadcast from the Johnson Space Center in Houston. “It’s a big milestone for Japan,” to have this experience,” he said.

In 2009, Wakata became the first astronaut from Japan to live aboard the $100 billion research laboratory that flies about 250 miles above Earth. Japan, one of 15 nations participating in the project, provided the station’s largest and most elaborate laboratory, named Kibo, as well as cargo resupply ships. Wakata, who was part of two missions on NASA’s now-retired space shuttles, is training for his fourth flight along with NASA astronaut Rick Mastracchio and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin, both 53. Mastracchio, a veteran of three shuttle missions and one of NASA’s most experienced spacewalkers, will be making his first long-duration flight. Tyurin will be living aboard the station for a third time. Command of the station typically rotates between US, astronaut and Russian cosmonaut. In 2009, Belgium astronaut Frank De Winne became the first European to command the station. Canada’s first commander, Chris Hadfield, was in charge from March until May.

Wakata, a native of Saitama, Japan, holds a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering, a master’s in applied mechanics and a doctorate in aerospace engineering from Kyushu University. Before being selected as an astronaut in 1992, he worked as an aircraft structural engineer for Japan Airlines. Wakata’s first two spaceflights, in January 1996 and October 2000, were aboard NASA space shuttles.

He was Japan’s first live-aboard space station resident from March to July 2009. Upon returning to the station in November, Wakata will serve as a flight engineer before taking over command in March.—**Reuters**

**Biggest US rocket blasts off with spy satellite**

Los Angeles, 29 Aug.—An unmanned Delta 4-Heavy rocket, the largest in the US fleet, blasted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on Wednesday to put a classified spy satellite into orbit for the National Reconnaissance Office, officials said on Wednesday.

The 23story-tall rocket lifted off at 11:03 am local time/1803 GMT Delta 4-Heavy is capable of putting a satellite the size of school bus into an orbit around Earth’s poles. Wednesday’s launch was the second Delta 4-Heavy to fly from California. The rocket, built by United Launch Alliance, a partnership of Boeing Co and Lockheed Martin Corp., also has flown five times from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

“We are truly honored to deliver this critical asset to orbit,” United Launch Alliance vice president Jim Spohnick said in a statement, praising the groups involved in the launch effort.—**Reuters**

**Britain has 4G competition as operators jump from one to three**

London, 29 Aug.—Britain will catapult into the superfast mobile top division on Thursday when operators O2 and Vodafone finally launch 4G services to compete with market leader EE. The arrival of two more operators offering speeds more than five times faster than 3G—ideal for watching video on the go—marks a sharp turnaround from just a year ago when the country was stuck in the mobile slow lane with no 4G service. EE, a British joint venture between Orange and Deutsche Telekom, started rolling out 4G in major cities from October 2012 after the regulator allowed it to re-use its existing airwaves.

The move from O2 was designed to kick start superfast broadband in Britain, which was falling behind other countries in mobile speeds. EE took advantage of being first in the field by charging a premium of 10-20 percent on equivalent 3G tariffs, and by rolling out coverage before its rivals started. It had signed up 687,000 4G customers by the end of June, which it said put it on track to have more than 1 million subscribers by the end of the year. On Wednesday, it said Aircel, north-west England, was the 100th town to be connected, and with the nine other towns switched on in August, it was now available in 105 towns and cities, covering some 60 percent of the population.

O2 and Vodafone are not strongly competing on price with EE, but are both offering music and sports content in their 4G packages to set themselves apart. O2 is launching in London and two other cities, while Vodafone is starting off just in the capital.

Three, the smallest operator and last to launch 4G, has said it will charge a premium for faster broadband. The Hutchison-owned operator said on Thursday that it would start services in London, Birmingham and Manchester in December, with coverage available in 50 cities by the end of 2014 and reaching 98 percent of the population a year later.—**Reuters**

**Panasonic to stop selling consumer smart phones in Japan**

Tokyo, 29 Aug.—Panasonic Corp is finalizing plans to pull out of the consumer smartphone business in Japan and has approached potential buyers for its cellular base station business, the Nikkei reported. It will end production at its only smartphone factory by March 2014, the daily said.

The company told NTT DoCoMo Inc that it would stop supplying new smartphone models from this winter, Reuters reported this month, citing the Kyodo news service. Panasonic, however, will still provide specialized models for corporate users and outsourced models for foreign markets. Production and domestic sales of consumer cell phones will continue as well, the Nikkei reported. The company has also approached potential buyers for its cellular base station business, including Finland’s Nokia, the Nikkei said. Panasonic said in July that its mobile phone sales decreased sharply in the April-June quarter due partly to NTT DoCoMo’s adoption of a new marketing strategy offering bigger discounts for smartphones made by Sony Corp and Samsung Electronics Co.—**Reuters**

**Sharp ends talks with Samsung over copier JV**

Tokyo, 29 Aug.—Sharp Corp, Japan’s largest display maker, has called off talks with Samsung Electronics Co Ltd to jointly set up a copier sales company, the Kyodo said. Sharp’s decision came after other Japanese firms such as Canon Inc opposed the proposal expressing concern that key technology would fall into the hands of the South Korean technology giant, the newswire said.

The global copier market is dominated by Japanese companies like Canon, Ricoh Co Ltd, Konica Minolta Inc and Sharp. They, along with US’s Xerox Corp, account for about 80 percent of the global A3 copier sales, according to Kyodo. Sharp, however, will continue talks with Samsung to supply washing machines and refrigerators to the Korean company as an original equipment manufacturer, the wire said, quoting sources.

The proposal to jointly set up an US$3.5 billion copier business was being discussed after Sharp turned down Samsung’s acquisition offer for the copier business, Kyodo said. The struggling Japanese company received around 10.38 billion yen ($106.24 million) in investment from Samsung and Panasonic Corp’s Logo is pictured at an electronics store in Tokyo on 28 March, 2013. —**Reuters**
Finnish central bank governor says Europe’s toughest time over, pressure now on developing world

Helsinki, 29 Aug—The European economy has passed its toughest time and the pressure is being transferred to the developing countries, the governor of Finnish Central Bank said on Wednesday. Erkki Liikanen, who is also a member of the European Central Bank Governing Council, made the remarks after he came back from the world central bankers’ annual conference in Jackson Hole, US.

He told Helsinki News that the financial crisis in Europe is over, as the current accounts in the troubled countries, such as Greece and Spain, have recently shown surpluses. “Their trade deficits have decreased, even though the adjustment process is still ongoing,” he said. Liikanen pointed out that the European Central Bank (ECB) played a key role in strengthening banking supervision, which could be one of the important elements that helped overcome the debt crisis.

The fate of Europe was no longer the central topic, and the central bank governors were the possible impact of US Federal Reserve (Fed’s) tightening of monetary policy on the developing markets. According to Liikanen, the general view was that the weakened exchange rates in emerging economies were one of the effects of the tightened monetary policy.

He suggested that the most important thing for the developing countries is to know how Fed will operate in the future.

In addition, Liikanen said the ECB would keep interest rates at record low for a longer period of time, a decision made based on the inflation outlook and the sluggish money supply. “It is important for the ECB’s efforts to consolidate the markets,” he said.

From 23 to 24 August, some central bank governors from around the world gathered in Jackson Hole last weekend. The theme of the meeting was The Global Calculus of Unconventional Monetary Policies.—Xinhua

Broccoli could be key to preventing osteoarthritis

London, 29 Aug—A compound found in broccoli could be key to preventing or slowing the progress of the most common form of arthritis, according to a new research published in the journal Arthritis & Rheumatism on Wednesday. According to the journal, results from laboratory studies showed that sulforaphane could slow down the destruction of cartilage in joints associated with painful and debilitating osteoarthritis.

In the research, mice fed a diet rich in the compound had significantly less cartilage damage and osteoarthritis than those that were not. According to researchers, sulforaphane is released when eating cruciferous vegetables such as Brussels sprouts and cabbage, but particularly broccoli.

Previous research has suggested that sulforaphane has anti-cancer and anti-inflammatory properties. The researchers discovered that sulforaphane blocks the enzymes that cause joint destruction by stopping a key molecule known to cause inflammation. The study involved researchers from University of East Anglia, along with the University of Oxford and Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.

“As well as treating those who already have the condition, you need to be able to tell healthy people how to protect their joints into the future,” said Ian Clark, the lead researcher. “There is currently no way in to the disease pharmaceutically and you cannot give healthy people drugs unnecessarily, so this is where diet could be a safe alternative.”—Xinhua

Alcohol drinking before pregnancy may increase breast cancer risk

Washington, 29 Aug—Drinking alcohol before first pregnancy is likely to boost a woman’s risk of breast cancer later in life, US researchers said on Wednesday. Previous studies have looked at breast cancer risk and alcohol consumption later in life or at the effect of adolescent drinking on noncancerous breast disease. However, the link between alcohol consumption during the period of time between a woman’s first menstrual period and first pregnancy and the risk of breast cancer had not been reported.

According to researchers from the Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis, breast tissue is particularly susceptible to carcinogens during that period of time. They analyzed data from 116,671 female registered nurses, aged 25 to 44, on medical history, reproductive history, and lifestyle. With the exclusion of women who did not meet the predetermined study criteria, 9,005 women with a history of full-term pregnancy were included in the final analysis.

Among these women, 1,609 cases of breast cancer and 970 cases of benign breast disease occurred during the study period.

The researchers reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute that “the longer the duration of menarche (first period) to first pregnancy, the higher is a woman’s risk of breast cancer.” Compared with nondrinkers with a shorter duration, nondrinkers with duration of 10 or more years between menarche and first pregnancy had 26 percent and 81 percent increased risk of breast cancer and proliferative benign breast disease respectively, they said.

Carlyle, Townsend to invest $200 million in China warehouses

Hong Kong, 29 Aug—US buyouts firm Carlyle Group (CLO) said on Thursday it would invest around $200 million with US investment management firm Townsend Group to buy and build 17 warehouses as part of plans to build a logistics platform across China.

Carlyle and Townsend have agreed to buy five logistics warehouses owned by Shanghai Yupei Group, a domestic warehouse developer and operator in China, and to build another 12 in a strategic partnership with Shanghai Yupei.

Shanghai Yupei will also invest $200 million as part of the deal, and warehousing will be built in strategic hubs across China, including first-tier cities such as Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou, and second-tier cities such as Shenyang, Tianjin, Chongqing, Zhengzhou and Hefei.

The strategic platform is planned to own and operate a nationwide logistics warehouse network with more than 1.8 million square meters of gross floor area.—Reuters
Four Myanmar-Thai border check points opened as international entry and exit gates

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—A ceremony to open Myawady-Mae Sot border check point as international entry and exit gate for passport holders with valid visa was held at Myawady friendship bridge yesterday morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, state ministers, Mayor of Tak Province in Thailand Mr. Sutiya Peasatbuntiya, the chairman of chambers of commerce from Myawady trade zone and Tak Province, officials from KNU, tourists and locals.

At the ceremony, Union Minister U Khin Yi said that Myanmar allows entry and exit of tourist with six visas and most of them enter through Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw international airports.

A s M y a n m a r shares border with five neighboring countries, bilateral agreements were signed with a view to facilitating border pass for the peoples from both countries and third country nationals, he said. The tourists who have valid passports and official entry visas and documents are allowed to enter through four check points and three international airports and they needed to leave through one of those seven gates, he added.

U n i o n M i n i s t e r U Htay Aung clarified matters on development of tourism industry, Kayin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Aung Lwin, convenience of entry and exit for tourists and preparation for security measures. The Kayin State ministers and officials formally opened Myawady-Mae Sot international entry and exit gate. The Union ministers and party inspectors undertook immigration works by the staff from various departments, opening of exchange counters for tourists, selling of SIM cards and arrangements of taxi.

They also attended a press meet on launching of Myanmar-Thai border check points as international entry and exit gate at Aye Chanphyo Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

Press release on actions of ministries on recommendation submitted to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

1. Regarding the suggestions on Zizawah Pharmacy Co’s importation of drugs, the Ministry of Finance replied that

(a) In valuation of the imports, the Ministry is to follow Section-30 of the Maritime Customs Act and ASEAN Customs Valuation Guides Book, WTO Valuation Agreement. The following points are used for valuation of miscellaneous goods.

1. scrutinizing whether or not there is previous recorded prices
2. designating compared values with data of some machines (eg- engine power, weight and capacity)
3. valuation by scrutinizing whether or not CTF value, Invoice price and documents match with their actual conditions (sale contract, proforma invoice, commercial invoice, insurance certificate and tax invoice)
4. valuation based on prices on the Internet websites
5. valuation by using deduction method under Para 183/245 of Burma Appraiser Manual
6. valuation based on Form D and Form E

(b) Prices on internet websites mostly are FOB prices. Myanmar has to levy taxes in accord with Section 30 of Maritime Customs Law, Burma Appraiser Manual, ASEAN Agreement and CIF values. According to Burma Appraiser Manual Para-200, conversion of FOB to CIF prices needs to add 20% to FOB values for importation by land and sea and 10% to FOB values for importation by air if less than K 500 and 5% if more than K 500.

(c) Valuation by asking other companies’ selling prices will be in accord with Section-30 (a) of Marine Customs Law. Under Para 183/245 of Burma Appraiser Manual, the Ministry fixes selling prices by Deduction Method.

(d) Regarding customs for the importation of drugs during the extension of FDA certificate, the drugs companies can distribute and sell drugs only after they have got recommendations from FDA under the Ministry of Health. During the FDA renewing period, the Ministry allows the drugs companies to process customs and to take out the drugs. And the stores of respective companies are sealed and they are allowed to sell drugs after getting FDA’s recommendations.

2. The Ministry of Health has replied as follows:

(a) The FDA under the Ministry of Health in registering pharmaceuticals is responsible to scrutinize related documents of the drug (facts related to management, production, quality, pharmacological effects, and medical tests), conduct lab testing on drugs and seek remarks from pharmaceutical consultancy committee members about prescription drugs.

(b) The administration issues certificates for drugs attached with complete documents, whose lab testing results meet standard and for which the pharmaceutical consultancy committee members give remarks. The administration has to handle from 250 to 300 kinds of drugs registration in a normal month. In addition, it examines random sample of drugs in the market on a monthly basis.
(c) The government gives priority to extension of drug registration period in order to make sure drugs do not run out of stocks in the market and pharmaceutical companies do not have difficulties in importing drugs. To extend the registration period of drug, application should be submitted three months ahead of the expiry of valid registration period with complete documents in line with the procedures. It normally takes four to six months for the administration to scrutinize drugs for registration according to the job nature.

(d) The administration only takes six to nine months in scrutinizing the drug registration applications but not one and a half year in case of urgent need of drugs at national level and for importation of registered drug from Europe, American and Australia.

(e) With regard to application for importation of such medical equipment as disposable, syringes, needles, scalp vein set, infusion set, blood transfusion set, blood donor set, IV Cannula, spinal needle, needle for allergy, surgical gloves, and examination gloves, the administration scrutinizes related documents and conducts lab tests on samples and issues certificate for importation if the equipment meet set standard. The examination period lasts for three months normally.

(f) With regard to registration application for importation of rapid diagnostic test kits, the administration scrutinizes quality assurance certificate of Public Health Lab Department and related documents about the test kits and issues medical equipment registration certificate if the equipment meet set standard. The scrutiny period normally is nearly a month.

(g) The Food and Drug Administration has opened a department, increased the workforce, and started reviewing the drug’s registration, and its special focus will be placed on public access to major, quality and no-side effect drugs and quality and healthy foods.

3. It is hereby announced that further complaints and inquiries about the actions of ministries concerned can be sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

NAT I O N A L

Coord meeting for holding International Day of Democracy held

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—The Central Committee for holding International Day of Democracy-2013 held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee, here this afternoon with an opening speech by Central Committee Chairman U Htay Oo.

Chairman U Htay Oo called for coordination between Work Committee for successful holding of the International Day of Democracy-2013 which will fall on 15 September, 2013.

The Chairman attended to the needs saying that holding International Day of Democracy-2013 is one of the significant days which are held in every nation of the world. The ceremony is aimed at disseminating knowledge on democratic practices, he added.—MNA
**Agriculture**

Farmers of flood-hit farmlands provided with strains

*Hpa-an, 29 Aug—* Flash flood was caused by heavy rain and the increase of river water level in 2013-2014 fiscal year monsoon paddy season in Kayin State, destroying 7959 acres of farmlands.

Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, accompanied by state agricultural supervisory committee members, provided 107 baskets of paddy strains to farmers of farmlands destroyed by the flood in Kyonphe village and 135 baskets of paddy strains to those in Zathapyin village on 18 August.

The meeting in Kyonphe village focused on timely recovery of the farmlands and works to be done.

It was attended by 68 farmers from Zathapyin village and 75 farmers from Kyonphe village of the township. MMAL-State Agriculture

**National Sports**

Mandalay Region Football Federation meets

*Mandalay, 29 Aug—* A coordination meeting for organizing Mandalay Region Football Federation President Cup U-20 Football Tournament was held at the office of Mandalay Region Football Federation at Bahtoo stadium in Mandalay of Mandalay District on 26 August.

President of Mandalay Region Football Federation U Maung Ko called for promotion of footballing standards of Mandalay Region and organizing football tournaments under supervision of former selected upper Myanmar footballers.

Secretary of the Region Football Federation U Aung Aung and executives Academy Principal U Soe Nyunt, selected footballers association chairman U Zaw Win and officials went into details on rules and regulations of the game, formation of competition committees, offences and actions.

The football match is scheduled to kick off on 15 October at Bahtoo Stadium.

The application forms will be made available for potential contesting teams on 20-30 August at the region Football Federation Office.

The entry fee is K 0.1 million as guarantee. MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

**Mandala**

Myanmar to meet with Omen in AFC U-22 Championship

*Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Aug—* Myanmar U-22 football team has been qualified for the AFC U-22 Championship without any loss. It is single qualified team in ASEAN region.

The final stage of AFC U-22 Championship 2014 will be held in Omen. Myanmar will meet with Omen on 11 January 2014 at Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex.

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The drawing of lots for group matches was held at Muscat of Omen on 24 August under the supervision of AFC.

Group A comprises Omen, Myanmar, South Korea, Jordan, Group B North Korea, UAE, Syria, Yemen, Group C Japan, Australia, Iran, Kuwait and Group D Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and China.—*Kyemon-Maung Maung Zaw*

**Labour**

Committee protecting rights of Myanmar migrant workers formed

*Tachilek, 29 Aug—* A committee to help Myanmar migrant workers facing difficulties in Maesai in Thailand was formed in a meeting at General Administration Department Office on 26 August.

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**Communications**

Low-priced SIM card draw: U Kyaw

Htin Aung and U Nyi Nyi Lin of village administration support committee in Ywakauk village witnessed the draw of lots for sale of low-priced GSM and CDMA SIM cards in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

*Mandalay—* The draw of lots for sale of low-priced SIM cards in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area witnessed the draw of lots for sale of low-priced GSM and CDMA SIM cards at the village-tract administrator office on 24 August.—MMAL-145
Employment opportunities

Creation of job opportunities can contribute much to socio-economic development of individuals and families as well as to country’s development, leading to reduction of poverty rate. Only when every family has more job opportunities, would they enjoy high income and living standards.

Nowadays, the majority of the countries in the world are placing special emphasis on creation of more job opportunities. Especially, China creates employment opportunities of its citizens through job fairs and establishment of job creation centers. Recently, our country sees job fairs in Yangon and Mandalay.

Job fairs serve as a bridge between job seekers and employers. The job hunters may apply for the posts they want to and the employers may appoint qualified staff.

Like Yangon and Mandalay, such fairs should be held in other cities across the country so as to create more job opportunities for people there. The State is pushing for swift establishment of small-scale enterprises throughout the country. Thanks to it, the country is likely to see more employment opportunities soon.

It is crucial for job seekers and hunters to have proficiency skills in their related fields. And they should complete the courses such as computer, accounting, management, English and mechanics. Here, we believe that job fairs and establishment of job creation centers can create more job opportunities.

MoU on Saemaul Undong signed

NAV PYY TAW, 29 Aug—A ceremony to sign an MoU on Saemaul Undong between the Ministry of Cooperatives and the Ministry of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC), here this afternoon.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan and Minister of Security and Public Administration Mr Yoo Jeong Bok of ROK signed the agreement.

In carrying out the survey of ten villages in Myanmar on the ground in February 2012 for the first step in order to implement Saemaul Undong, the Korean researcher team chose the east village of Thantayin in Hlegu Township and Thantayin Village of Thaylin Township. In May 2012, six representatives from each village and three officials from the Ministry were sent to Korea to attend the course and in June, the Korean experts arrived in Myanmar and implemented the pilot test for the first phase. A total of 5396 people from 1242 households in two villages were provided with US$ 45,000. As a part of implementing Saemaul Undong project, construction of bridges, repairing of the villages’ roads, replacing the roofs with the new ones and distribution of agriculture inputs were carried out. As a result, the project met the target in 2012 enabling the people who live in those areas to create good environment, to uplift their self-improvement, to fulfill the basic requirements for improvement of business and to change their mindset.

India to provide US$ 25m for five-year plan

A ceremony to sign an MoU on Saemaul Undong between the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing together with expert Dr Jae-Ha Park (Deputy Dean) of Asia Development Bank Institute-ADB and Special Adviser Mr Giovanni Capannelli and experts viewed round thriving seasonal crops and vegetables on 900 acres of land in Ottarathiri Township this morning.

They also visited the plantations in Dekkhinathiri Township and viewed thriving Japanese and Korean strains of vegetables. They also viewed milch cow breeding farms. They looked into use of modern agricultural machinery and heavy machinery in farming and fruit processing sites.

The Union minister and party visited Ngalaik farms in Dekkhinathiri Township and viewed round thriving sugarcane plantations.

They discussed technological assistance from ADB for development of seed production, water supply for dry zone including Meiktila for agricultural purpose and drawing of a Road Map.

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Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw met ADB delegation members for the project to build roads and bridges, education and health infrastructures in Chin State and Naga Self-Administered Zone.

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**U Tin Yu concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Latvia**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug**—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Yu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Latvia. —MNA

Parliamentarians to keep on showing their capacity and genuine goodwill

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug**—The following is the undertakings in today’s seventh regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw explained by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Shwe Mann.

The Speaker said that the seventh regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw would wind up, thanking the lawmakers for their works and cooperation.

The seventh regular sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw started on 25 June, 2013, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on 1 July. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was convened on 18 days during the period of the seventh regular session, the Speaker acknowledged.

A total of 3,683 observers—3608 local observers including members of political parties and associations and trainees, students from universities and schools, departmental personnel and members of ethnic groups and 75 observers from foreign delegation—visited the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in these days. The Speaker related the increase in number of visitors and increasing attention of the public on the parliament and progress in the democratization efforts.

A total of 16 laws have been enacted in the period with two bills including Telecommunications Bill sent to the President to sign, the Speaker said. Reports of Investigation Commission into Land Grabs, Joint Constitution, he added. The drafting of Bill safeguarding the rights of Ethnic Rights started in the session, he said.

All the lawmakers are supposed to listen to the people as per the motto, “People’s Voices, Hluttaw’s Voices; People’s Desires, Hluttaw’s Desires; People’s Aspirations, Hluttaw’s Implementations”, he said. He called on the parliamentarians to keep on showing their capacity and genuine goodwill.

He urged the lawmakers to visit their constituencies and listen to their constituents, contributing their efforts to the development of their own regions and to the State.

He then wished the Hluttaw representatives their welfare. —MNA

Chinese guests visit MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw Press House

**Public Service Media Governing Body Chairman U Ye Tint explains tasks of board to Chinese delegation members.**—MNA

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug**—A Chinese delegation led by Ms Zhang Xia, Editor-in-chief of Overseas Edition of China Daily from All-China Journalists’ Association looked round Myanmar Radio and Television (Tatkon), here, this morning.

Then, the Chinese delegation observed Nay Pyi Taw Press House in Zeyathiri Township.

After that, they paid homage to the Uppatasanti Pagoda and left here for Yangon in the afternoon.

In the evening, the delegation viewed the office of Public Service Media Governing Body on Thanbyu Road in Yangon. —MNA

Japanese Govt assists USD 116,434 to construct new school building

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug**—The meeting 2/2013 of Committee for Supervising and Safeguarding Tourists was held at the meeting of the Ministry of Home Affairs, here, this evening, with an opening address by Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko.

At the meeting, the Union minister said that tourist arrival has increased due to economic reform process in Myanmar and entry and exit for tourists through border checkpoints were allowed at present. The Union minister clarified plans for extension of air lines and called for broader cooperation among the committee.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, U Han Sein, U Mynt Thiin and Mr. Mikio NUMATA, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, U Aye Ko, Chairman of Kwin Thit Basic Education Post Primary SchoolConstruction Committee, signed the grant contract yesterday. —MNA

The school is in need of cash assistance for its repair tasks.

The contribution would be used for constructing a new two-storey building, toilets and school furniture.

Such assistance to the need of students strengthens good relations between Japan and Myanmar. —MNA
**LOCAL NEWS**

**Mine clearing course concludes at PyinOoLwin Station**

PyinOoLwin, 29 Aug—The mine clearing course 2013 concluded at Defence Services Engineering Training Depot in PyinOoLwin Township of Mandalay Region on 26 August.

It was attended by Commander of PyinOoLwin Station Maj-Gen Aung Lin Dway, Commandant of Defence Services Engineering Training Depot Col Myint Than Oo, senior military officers of stations, PyinOoLwin District Deputy Commissioner U Aung Zaw Latt, Township Administrator U Muang Maung, Commander of PyinOoLwin District Police Force Police Lt-Col Zaw Myint and 15 trainees.

At first, the commander of PyinOoLwin Station made a speech. The commander of Defence Services Personnel Force Police spoke words of thanks. Next, the trainees demonstrated their skills as the graduation performances. The trainees attended the mine clearing course with the assistance of mine clearing dogs and other related modern equipment from 5 to 26 August.

**HRD**

**Entrance text held for BEd course in Haka**

Haka, 29 Aug—The entrance exam for the second batch of BEd 5-year course of University for Development of National Races 2013 was held at Basic Education High School No 1 in Haka on 26 August. Among 20 candidates, 17 took the examination. The winners must enter the personal interview at the Chin State Education Department. Township level entrance exams were held at the respective townships.

**Livestock breeding section accelerated in Taikkyi**

Taikkyi, 29 Aug—Staff Officer Dr Thet Naing and party of Taikkyi Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made a field trip to village-tracks in the township.

In meeting with local breeders, they gave talks on extended breeding of pig, poultry and cows for economic development of rural areas and raising meat and fish sector of the State. The Department provides assistance to the local breeders and distributes raising layers and broilers and pigs to the rural areas at Gyobyu Village tract on 26 August for enhancement of fish and meat sources.

Deputy heads of the department also discussed the arrangements for higher intellectuals of the students of Basic Education Primary Schools in the village-tract, feeding milk to the students free of charge.

**Raising reading habit, taking census talked**

Katha, 29 Aug—Jointly organized by Katha District Information and Public Relations Department and Katha Township Writers Association, the talks on raising reading habit and taking census was given at Basic Education Primary School in Upper Wegyi Village of Katha Township on 25 August.

Chairman of Township Writers Association U Khin Maung Lay (Maung Lay-Katha) and Secretary U Aye Lwin (Aye Lwin-Katha) gave talks on development of culture. Staff Officer U Chi Maung of District IPRD and Patron of the association U Chit Myaing (Thin Hinway-Katha) gave talks on raising reading habit and taking census process.

**Narcotic drugs seized in Katha**

Katha, 29 Aug—SIP Kyaw Nyunt Win and party of Mansigyi Police Station in Bamauk Township of Katha District of Sagaing Region together with SIP Maung Zaw and party of Shwetaw Police Station on 21 August, acting on tip-off, searched Kenbo black motorcycle driven by Aung Hay on Naungyaw-Shwehmaw Aukheint Road.

**Mway Hill, Phar Hill mineral exploration project in Chin State**

Kalay, 29 Aug—Mway Hill and Phar Hill located in Tiddim of Chin State, border of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region has been designated as rain forest since British era. The forest of the hills were designated as prohibited area for logging. As part of conservation of the weather, the local people avoid cutting logs and extraction of timber up to now.

The two hills are surrounded with over 30 villages in Tiddim Township of Chin State and Kalay Township of Sagaing Region.

The hills are resources of nikel nickel. Mineral exploration project was assigned to Ban Bau Co in last years, but it was not able to implement the project. Now, North Mining Investment Company will go on the project.

The project needs 207,630 gallons of water per day and 15 megawatts of electricity a day, said an official of the company.

Upon achievement of the mineral exploration project, Chin State government can earn US$ 500,000 yearly from the two per cent benefit of the project.—Kyemon-Ju Nine

**Inundation in Mawlamyine**

Low-lying area Shwedaulaung Ward and Shwedaulaung Street was inundated due to heavy rain and overflow of Thanlwin River in Mawlamyine on 22 August.

**IPRD**

**Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Section of Sagaing Region, 5 June**

The livestock breeding section accelerated in Taikkyi.

Livestock feeding milk to the students of Basic Education Primary Schools in the village-tract, 300 copies of journals and publications to the school library.

**Livestock Breeding section of Sagaing Region**

The combined team seized 0.3 gram of white powder in the penicillin bottle which may be heroin from his bag and two grams of white powder worth K 230,000.

File of lawsuit was opened against Aung Htay under Section 15/16(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

**IPRD**
Indonesia to build particular jail for terrorists

JAKARTA, 29 Aug—A plan to build particular penitentiary to jail terrorists arrested in Indonesia has been set with project site set in Sentul, Bogor, West Java near the country’s capital city Jakarta.

A senior official said Wednesday that the particular jail would be used as a centre to de-radicalize terrorists and militants arrested by the apparatus.

The construction of the particular jail would commence in the near future and to be carried out by Indonesian Law and Human Rights Ministry in cooperation with the government’s anti-terrorism desk of BNPT, Law and Human Rights Deputy Minister Denny Indrayana said on Wednesday.

“This is intended for de-radicalization measure as the requirements to do so were stipulated in the existing law and presidential decree,” Denny said on the sidelines of a sworn-in ceremony of senior officials in Tokyo saying they would inquire through the United Nations what Ban intended to say because his remarks apparently lacked neutrality as a UN chief.

On Wednesday, Ban told Matsuyama that his comments were not directed solely at Japan and regretted that there was “misunderstanding” in Japan about the remarks, according to Japanese officials.

The secretary general said he had intended to say in Seoul that political differences and tensions toward the international community was rejecting solely at Japan and regretted that there was “misunderstanding” in Japan about the remarks, according to Japanese officials.

Japan no longer sees UN chief’s remarks as questionable

TOKYO, 29 Aug—The government said on Thursday it no longer sees UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon’s remarks that were taken as criticizing Japanese political leaders’ perception of wartime history as questionable.

Ban’s “true intent has become clear”, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a press conference, a day after a senior Japanese official met with Ban in the Netherlands and asked what he meant by his comments.

Ban was quoted by Suga as telling Japan’s Senior Vice Foreign Minister Masaji Matsuyama that he “is well aware” of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s position on the perception of history and Japan’s long-term efforts as a peaceful nation.

Speaking to journalists on Monday in Seoul, Ban said Japanese leaders should have “deep reflection and vision to look toward the international future in an effort to foster friendly ties with a correct view of past history”.

Ban, a former South Korean foreign minister, was referring to the conflict between Japan and China and South Korea over some Japanese lawmakers’ views on Japan’s wartime aggression in the region, as well as to moves by Abe’s Liberal Democratic Party to revise the country’s pacifist constitution.

Pakistan plans “targeted operation” against miscreants in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 29 Aug—The Pakistani government on Wednesday hinted a “targeted operation” against the miscreants in the violence-hit port city of Karachi where businesses are now demanding deployment of the army to check violence.

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar, at the first half of 2013.

Those killed included victims of sectarian violence, targeted killings, as well as over a hundred people whose dead bodies were found in the city and who appeared to have died in incidents of violence, the Commission said.

The minister said there was no need for whole scale operation in Karachi as a number of target killers, extortionists and criminals.

Addressing a news conference in Islamabad on Wednesday, the interior minister said the next meeting of the federal cabinet would be held in Karachi to discuss the blueprint of the proposed operation.

A report released by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan earlier in July said a total of 1,726 people were killed in Karachi during the first half of 2013.

Sri Lanka assures transparency with human rights chief

Sri Lanka ended its civil conflict by defeating the Tamil Tigers four years ago but human rights groups have been accusing the military of committing human rights abuses during the conflict.

The Sri Lankan government on Wednesday assured full transparency during the ongoing visit of the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, Government Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said Pillay was given all that she asked for during her visit and the government hopes the visit will be an eye opener for her.

Pillay arrived in Sri Lanka on Sunday and on Tuesday she visited the war-torn north of the country and had discussions with government officials as well as torture victims and criminals.

Silva said that several allegations had been raised against the government but the government was not shaken. He said that Pillay now had the opportunity to see for herself the ground situation and reach a conclusion accordingly.

The minister also said the government hopes Pillay will give a fair and balanced report on Sri Lanka to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva following her visit to Sri Lanka. He was of the view that her impression on Sri Lanka should be positive from what she sees on the ground. Pillay was invited to visit Sri Lanka by the government and following a tour of the north she travelled to the east on Wednesday and will be having meetings in Colombo on Thursday and Friday.

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Five killed in small plane crash in western Germany

BERLIN, 29 Aug—A small plane crashed in Ruhr region of western Germany on Tuesday evening, killing five people including one child.

The Piper plane crashed at 17:00 (1500 GMT) on a meadow near Dortmund in the western German state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Two men, two women and one child were killed. Three other children were seriously injured and transferred to hospital by a helicopter, reported West-deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung newspaper, citing police source.

The accident site lies between the cities of Wickede and Frondenberg, a spokesman said. Some of the victims were trapped in the crashed plane and had to be freed. Tens of rescuers, several vehicles and helicopters were on site.

Students increasingly lured to study overseas

BEIJING, 29 Aug—China’s top universities, which once had students and parents scrambling for admission, are experiencing an embarrassing downturn in applications in the face of growing competition from overseas.

According to a recent survey by Chinese education consulting company MyCOS, the proportion of mainland students applying for top universities, such as Peking University, Tsinghua University and Fudan University in Shanghai, is on a downward trend. Between 28 June and 30 July, MyCOS conducted an online survey of 492 students who have already received offers from universities for 2013. About 4 percent of those surveyed said they have turned down offers from the country’s top universities, about 1 percentage point higher than last year. About 3 percent said they are still considering their options.

One explanation given for the trend is the increasing lure of overseas universities, such as in Hong Kong and Macao, which appear to be attracting larger numbers of mainland’s top students. About 93 percent of those surveyed said they will apply at the top universities on the Chinese mainland, compared with 97 percent in 2012. As early as in 2002, universities in Hong Kong and Macao began to enroll undergraduate students from the mainland, attracting them with high-quality educational resources, generous scholarships and bright job prospects.

This year, the number of mainland students applying at Hong Kong University hit a record high of 12,000. The university planned to enroll between 250 and 300 students from the mainland, but the number finally expanded to 303, including 16 champions of the gaokao — the mainland’s college entrance exam.—Xinhua

Wild golden monkeys are seen at the Qiling Mountains in Yangxian County, northwest China’s Shanxi Province, on 26 Aug, 2013. The number of wild golden monkeys at the Qiling Mountains in Yangxian County has increased by 30 since the beginning of 2013. Like the giant panda, the monkeys are counted among China’s “national treasures” and placed under top state protection.—Xinhua

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One explanation given for the trend is the increasing lure of overseas universities, such as in Hong Kong and Macao, which appear to be attracting larger numbers of mainland’s top students. About 93 percent of those surveyed said they will apply at the top universities on the Chinese mainland, compared with 97 percent in 2012. As early as in 2002, universities in Hong Kong and Macao began to enroll undergraduate students from the mainland, attracting them with high-quality educational resources, generous scholarships and bright job prospects.

This year, the number of mainland students applying at Hong Kong University hit a record high of 12,000. The university planned to enroll between 250 and 300 students from the mainland, but the number finally expanded to 303, including 16 champions of the gaokao — the mainland’s college entrance exam.—Xinhua

Wild golden monkeys are seen at the Qiling Mountains in Yangxian County, northwest China’s Shanxi Province, on 26 Aug, 2013. The number of wild golden monkeys at the Qiling Mountains in Yangxian County has increased by 30 since the beginning of 2013. Like the giant panda, the monkeys are counted among China’s “national treasures” and placed under top state protection.—Xinhua
Country singer Bryan keeps top spot on Billboard album chart

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Star country singer Luke Bryan topped the Billboard 200 album chart for the second consecutive week, denying singer-songwriter John Mayer’s latest album the No 1 spot in its first week. Bryan’s “Crash My Party” sold 159,000 copies in the past week after tallying 527,000 sales in the prior week, according to figures compiled by Nielsen SoundScan.

Mayer’s sixth studio album, “Paradise Valley,” sold 144,000 in its first week on the chart. Four of Mayer’s six albums have topped the weekly US album chart.

Half of the albums to reach Billboard’s top 10 did so in their first week of sales, including three debut studio albums.

R&B super-group TGT, composed of singers Tyrese, Ginuwine, and Tank, landed at No 3, selling 76,000 copies of their debut album, “Three Kings,” in its first week. Rapper Earl Sweatshirt’s first album, “Doris,” sold 49,000 copies, which was good enough for No 5, while ASAP Ferg’s debut album, “Trap Lord,” entered the chart at No 9 with 39,000 copies sold.

Veteran singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett’s 27th studio album, “Songs from St. Somewhere,” sold 55,000 copies in its opening week, reaching No 4.

Pop singer Katy Perry still holds the top spot on the digital songs chart as her new single “Roar” sold 392,000 copies last week, a week-over-week decline of 30 percent.

Year-to-date album sales are down 6 percent to 181 million, while year-to-date digital song downloads are off 3 percent to 865.4 million.

Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones separated

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Star Hollywood couple Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones have separated in what could spell the end of their nearly 13-year marriage, People magazine reported on Wednesday, and a representative for Zeta-Jones confirmed the separation.

“Catherine and Michael are taking some time apart to evaluate and work on their marriage,” a spokeswoman for Zeta-Jones said in a statement provided to Reuters, adding that she would not make any further comment.

According to People, Douglas and Zeta-Jones, both Oscar winners and among Hollywood’s most high-profile couples, have in recent months vacationed separately, appeared at red carpet events without the other and are ostensibly living apart. The magazine cited two close confidants of the couple, with one quoted as saying, “They’re taking a break.” Neither star has filed for divorce nor moved toward a legal separation, it added.

Douglas’ New York office had no comment on the report. Douglas, 68, and Zeta-Jones, 43, married in 2000 and have two children. Both have struggled with health issues in recent years. Zeta-Jones said in April that she was seeking help for bipolar disorder, her second known trip to a healthcare facility for the condition since 2011 when she sought treatment for what aides said was the stress of coping with Douglas’ advanced throat cancer diagnosis in 2010 and subsequent treatment.

“The stress has taken a toll on their marriage,” People quoted a friend as saying.

The A-list couple decided to spend time apart shortly after Douglas returned from the Cannes Film Festival in France in May, where his Emmy-nominated movie about Liberace, “Behind the Candelabra,” was screened.

They first met in 1998 at the Deauville Film Festival in France, began dating the following year, got engaged on New Year’s Eve of 1999 and co-starred in the 2000 release “Traffic.” Zeta-Jones, most recently seen in the summer release “Red 2,” had at that point recently returned from a round of treatment to monitor her bipolar disorder, the magazine said.

Douglas has won Oscars as a producer of the 1975 best picture “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” and as best actor in 1987’s “Wall Street.” Zeta-Jones won her best supporting actress Academy Award for the 2002 musical “Chicago.”—Reuters

Venice film festival president highlights Chinese jury

VENICE, 29 Aug—Jiang Wen is an “important Chinese director” and a screenwriter, said 70th Venice film Festival president Alberto Barbera.

Jiang Wen will present the first movie he directed in the Venice Classics section, his movie In the Heat of the Sun which has been recently restored took part to the main competition in Venice and won the Volpi Cup for the best actor.

Barbera said at the Press conference, “the Chinese cinema with its interesting masterpieces had in the recent years the most important growth ever, even bigger than the one in the US. For this reason I wanted to have a prominent Chinese author.

During the opening Press conference of the 70th edition of the Venice film Festival, Barbera introduced the three juries of the contests in the festival starting from the main competition Venice 70, which is chaired by the Italian movie director Bernardo Bertolucci.

Mr. Barbera said that there would be a “lot of surprises during this festival and some of them also are going to be hilarious”.

About the main selection, Mr Barbera explained that it was very difficult to have such a strong Chinese jury in “he accepted only in a second stage after I wrote a letter,” he said.

Talking about expectations from this experience in the jury, Mr Bertolucci pointed out that “This is a very tiring job but I will be very happy to be surprised and to be amazed by something unexpected.”—Xinhua
Suarez could make Liverpool return against Man United

**LONDON, 29 Aug—** Banned Liverpool striker Luis Suarez could make his return to action against Manchester United after the two teams were drawn against each other in the League Cup third round on Wednesday.

Suarez, serving a 10-game suspension for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic last season, will be eligible for the match at Old Trafford scheduled for 24 or 25 September.

The Uruguay striker is an unpopular figure at United after he was banned for eight games for racially abusing the club's defender Patrice Evra in 2011 and he inflamed the situation by refusing to shake the Frenchman's hand after making his return.

The third round also features a repeat of last season's FA Cup final as Manchester City take on Wigan Athletic, who were relegated from the Premier League after upsetting City to win at Wembley in May.

There are four other all-Premier League clashes as Fulham play Everton, Aston Villa host Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United take on Cardiff City and West Bromwich Albion play Arsenal.

Holders Swansea City visit second-tier Birmingham City.

Premier League Southampon host third-tier Bristol City, Leeds, winners in 1968, visit Newcastle Unit-ed and Norwich City play Watford.

Leicester face local rivals Derby, Premier League Hull City host Huddersfield and four-times winners Nottingham Forest will face Bury.—Reuters

Stoppage time winner books group spot for Celtic

**LONDON, 29 Aug—** Celtic winger James Forrest scored a dramatic stoppage time winner to secure his club a Champions League group stage place on Wednesday afternoon against AC Milan.

The five clubs will go into Thursday's 32-team draw for the lucrative group phase, where all participating clubs earn a base fee of $11.47 million plus a million for each win and half a million for a draw.

Celtic, inspired by the fervour of their Glasgow supporters, overturned a two-goal deficit from the first leg to beat Shakhtar Karagandy of Kazakhstan 3-2 and secure a group stage spot for the second year in a row.

They overcame early jitters to score through Kris Commons on the stroke of halftime and then levell the aggregate tally through Giorgios Samaras early in the second half.

The 3-2 aggregate triumph was secured with only seconds remaining at the end of a mazy run through the defence from Anthony Stokes that set up Forrest's goal for a grandstand finish to maintain the tradition of rousing nights of European competition at Celtic Park.

"This is the greatest night of my football life," said Celtic manager Neil Lennon. "I never come close to Real Madrid, so that's something I'd like and a Battle of Britain would be great. But I don't care. I'm just delighted that we will be in the Champions League again." AC Milan, advanced to the group phase for a 17th time, moving swiftly to quell the potential threat of PSV Eindhoven's mass vaunted young side. Kevin-Prince Boateng scored with a rasping shot from outside the area inside the opening 10 minutes.

He added another 13 minutes from the end after Mario Balotelli had scored the second for the seventh times European champions, who won 3-0 at San Siro for a 4-1 aggregate triumph.

PSV, with an average age of just over 22 and four teenagers in the starting line-up, had two early chances but Milan then went ahead through Boateng's love 25-metres shot in the 11th minute.—Reuters

Arsenal, Liverpool face local credentials' tests

**LONDON, 29 Aug—** Arsenal will be eager to show the north London balance of power has not shifted to Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool face a test of their top-four credentials against Manchester United as traditional local rivals clash in the Premier League on Sunday.

Arsenal pipped their neighbours to a Champions League qualifying spot last season, but while Arsene Wenger's team have been thwarted in their efforts to strengthen their squad, Tottenham have liberally splashed the cash.

Argentina international Erik Lamela is set to become Spurs' fifth transfer-window signing, taking their spending to more than 90 million pounds ($140 million), and Spurs fans are optimistic for the season ahead.

Two wins from their opening two matches have added to the positive vibe emanating from White Hart Lane, which has not been dampened by the impending world-record transfer of Gareth Bale to Real Madrid.

Things could not be more different at Arsenal, who have added a solitary new face to their ranks, the free transfer of Yaya Sanogo.

Manager Arsene Wenger has been rebuilt in his efforts to bring in a marquee signing with reported offers to rejoin Liverpool's Luis Suarez and now-Napoli striker Gonzalo Higuain coming to nothing. Although they reached the Champions League group stage with a comfortable win over Fenerbahce and beat Fulham in the Premier League last weekend following the shock home loss opening to Aston Villa, there is still frustration among supporters.—Reuters

Venus vows to come back after defeat to China's Li

**NEW YORK, 29 Aug—** Walking out the door, Venus Williams vowed to be back. The 33-year-old American lost a heartbreaker to China's Zheng Ji 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(5) in the second round of the US Open today before rejecting any possibility of retirement.

"Oh wow, I definitely want to come back for the atmosphere," she said. "I'll get there. I just have to keep working on it. I've had a tough set of circumstances to work through, especially this year, last year and the year before. I've been dealing some cards that aren't easy, but I have to play with them. I'm a fighter," Williams suffers Sjogren's Syndrome, which causes fatigue and joint pain, and has been hampered this year by back pain.

Champion in New York in 2000 and 2001, Williams had a parochial crowd on her side as the match went down to the wire. A rushed volley at five-all in the deciding tiebreaker proved costly. "I should have made the shot," she said. "I rushed so badly and didn't make it, I had a lot of opportunities. I was always stepping up and putting myself in a good position ... but I just dig myself into so many holes.—Reuters

Platini says any FIFA chief bid not dependant on Blatter

**PARIS, 29 Aug—** Michel Platini's decision on whether to run for the FIFA presidency in 2015 will be made without considering the plans of incumbent Sepp Blatter, the UEFA chief was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

FIFA president Blatter, 77, said two years ago that he was starting his fourth and last term but the Swiss recently indicated he could seek another four years in charge if that was necessary to lead the governing body through reform process.

"I don't know (what Blatter is going to decide). At first, he said that he would quit in 2015. Now, he has been saying that he will talk next year in Brazil," former France and Juventus playmaker Platini told French daily L'Equipe.

"I will make my decision on my own, without taking Sepp into consideration.—Reuters

Zheng Ji (L) shakes hands with Venus Williams of the US after Zheng won their second round match at the US Open tennis championship in New York on 28 Aug, 2013.—Reuters
Asleep In Jesus  
Rev. Dr. Paul F. Johns  
Age (79) years  
Senior Pastor  
Immanuel Baptist Church

Son of Mr. J. William Johns & Mrs. Esther Clara Johns, brother of Ms. Noreen Johns (U.S.A), Maj. Sam Johns (Rtd), Miss Martha Johns (Deceased), Gilbert Johns (Thailand), Michelle Johns (U.S.A), cousin of Capt. Olive Johns @ Daw Hun Yu (Maj. Win Maung), nephew, of Maj. Dr. Maria Kyaw Nyunt- (Col. Kyaw Nyunt) was called to His Heavenly Home on the 28th day of August 2013. Funeral Service will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church No.(411), Mahabandoola Garden Road, Kyauktada Township, on Saturday the 31st August 2013 at 9:00 AM, and thence to Yayway Christian Cemetery to be entombed.  
Bereaved Family.

Fort Hood shooter sentenced to death for 2009 killings

FORT HOOD (Texas), 29 Aug— A military jury on Wednesday sentenced a US Army psychiatrist to death for murdering 13 people in 2009 at Fort Hood, Texas, where he gunned down unarmed soldiers in what he later called retaliation for US wars in the Muslim world.  
Major Nidal Hasan shouted “Allahu Akbar!” (“God is greatest!” in Arabic) during the attack and later said he wanted to be a martyr. Now he faces death by lethal injection, pending an automatic appeal, for the rampage that also wounded 31 people.

The jury deliberated just 20 minutes before deciding on the death penalty for Hasan, who opened fire with a laser-sighted handgun in a medical facility at the sprawling central Texas military base just weeks before he was to be deployed to Afghanistan. Bald with a thick beard, wearing Army fatigues and seated in a wheelchair, Hasan showed no expression as the president of the jury read aloud the sentence that “he be put to death.” He is paralyzed from the waist down.

“The weight has been lifted off my shoulders,” said widow Jehane Cahill, who said she agreed with the sentence. Her husband, retired Chief Warrant Officer Michael Cahill, was among those killed. The other 12 were active duty soldiers.

Birmingham to open largest public library in Europe

BIRMINGHAM, 29 Aug— Library of Birmingham, the largest public library in Europe, will open to the public on 3 September. Located in Birmingham’s Centenary Square, the centre of the England’s second largest city, the Library is expected to attract over 3 million visitors a year, with many more visiting online.

To celebrate the opening of the Library, which cost 188.8 million pounds (or 293 million US dollars), a programme, called “Discovery Seasons,” of exciting events and activities for all ages will run until the end of 2013. Designed by a team led by Netherlands-based architectural practice Mecanoo, the Library is a flagship project of Birmingham City Council’s 20-year Big City Plan. The Library is set to transform the city’s library services and become a major cultural destination, housing Birmingham’s world-class collections of archives, photography and rare books as well as a million printed volumes, the largest number held by any public library in Britain. At 31,000 square metres, the 10-level Library is around 20 percent larger than the old Central Library building, sharing a spacious entrance and foyer as well as a flexible studio theatre seating 300 people with the Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

Former champion Del Potro passes tight first test

NEW YORK, 29 Aug— Former champion Juan Martin del Potro outslugged a gritty Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in a contentious four-set match to reach the second round of the US Open on Wednesday. Argentine Del Potro, who won his only grand slam title at Flushing Meadows in 2009, beat the 24th-ranked Spaniard 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-4, 7-6(7) on his fourth match point.

“Felt good because I won the big battle for the first round,” Del Potro said. “He’s very tough opponent. He plays so solid on the baseline. He made a good forehand, backhands.

“We play like every time long rallies. I (had) to make three or four winners in the same point to win the point.” The match included a bad-tempered exchange between the towering sixth seed and the inspired Garcia-Lopez as the players bickered on a changeover when Del Potro questioned whether the Spaniard was entitled to treatment on his left leg. Garcia-Lopez, who ended up on the losing end of several extremely close calls, last kicked at his towel in disgust after a replay of a point was ordered in the tiebreaker that he thought should have been ruled in his favour.

“I’m proud of the way I played, but I am a little bit disappointed because I gave everything, physically and mentally,” the Spaniard said. The four-hour, 13 minute marathon actually lasted twice as long with two rain delays totalling more than four hours. Outside of the long day spent at the National Tennis Center, Del Potro said he was happy to be back in New York.

“As everybody knows it’s my favourite tournament,” Del Potro, who ended Roger Federer’s streak of five straight US Open titles in their five-set final, said in an on-court interview.—Reuters

Philipp Roesler, German Vice Chancellor, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology and Chairman of Free Democratic Party (FDP) speaks during a FDP election campaign in Berlin, Germany, on 28 Aug, 2013. Germany’s upcoming state and general elections will fall on 22 September. —Xinhua

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Rural development to be carried out with concerted efforts:

Vice-President U Nyan Tun

Myanmar to get loan of 261.50 million USD from WB

Myanmar, US focus on further strengthening of relations between two armed forces

The Finance Ministry will ask for a long-term loan of 30 million USD from WB. It will be used for development of taxation system, development of budget system, capacity building of public financial management, budget analysis and auditing.

Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein said it would help support swift implementation of Union government’s projects.

It is learnt that loan repayment period is 40 years including 10-year suspension period. And service charges for the loan is 0.75 per year, but service charges during suspension period will be collected based on drawing amounts. After the suspension period, original capitals and service charges are to be repaid.

That loan could help facilitate the public finance management reforms in the short period of time.

The Hluttaw approved to take a loan of 261.50 million USD from the WB.

Afterwards, three MPs discussed Public Accounts Joint Committee’s report (5/2013) on Union Auditor-General’s important findings on 2nd bi-annual budget (2011-2012 FY).

Union ministers and deputy ministers from the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism discussed the report. The Hluttaw approved the report.

Auditor-General of the Union U Thein Htike said that there were 3172 cases due to the lack of departments’ financial rules and regulations and procedures. Action has been taken against those who got engaged in the cases in accord with departmental procedures.

The Hluttaw also approved the Farmers’ Rights Protection and Interests Promoting Bill. After that, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker read out President’s message dated today.

(“Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker’s speech is separately reported.”)

The 7th regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw successfully concluded in the afternoon.—MNA