Those who agree to disagree can still work together

President U Thein Sein’s monthly radio address

NAV PYI TAW, 1 Sept—The following is the full text of the speech delivered by President U Thein Sein through radio programmes to the entire people on 1 September.

My Fellow Citizens,

I would like to inform all of you about the recent changes and developments that have taken place in our country in the month of August just as I have done previously on this radio program. Just as I have mentioned earlier last month, the previous thirty months in the office can be considered as the first-half of our five-year mandate. During that time, my government tried to lay democratic foundations necessary to meet two fundamental aspirations of Myanmar citizens: to lead a harmonious and peaceful life under a fabric of rule of law; and to promote socioeconomic development.

As we continue to lay these foundations, my government in the coming thirty months will work hard to prioritize and improve the livelihoods and day to day needs of the people so that our people can begin to enjoy the tangible benefits of the socioeconomic reforms. We will focus on improving the fundamental livelihood and socio-economic needs of Myanmar people such as: access to drinking and usable water; access to electricity; improvements in telecommunications; job creation; and agricultural sector and rural development. Likewise, we will continue to carry out reforms in the education and healthcare sectors which are important not only to meet today’s needs but also to meet the future needs of our nation.

I want to especially focus on the issue of National Reconciliation Process and its related issues in this radio address.

If we reflect on the political process that has brought about current reforms under my administration, we can see that we have established some concrete changes. We must also recognize that the friction between the executive and legislative branches that have played during the transition. However, instead of blaming each other in counter-productive ways, we must learn from this experience to establish new approaches, communication channels and frameworks that allow us to work together better. Both the executive and legislative branches must keep this constructive perspective in mind as they exercise their constitutional authorities within the boundaries of deference to reach a common goal of building a democratic society.

I would like to encourage all political leaders to work together despite differences in opinion, find lessons from this political friction, discuss and negotiate equitably, and strive to construct a (See page 8)

Forward looking attitude is a must: Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham

KNU will join hands with government for eternal peace: General Saw Mutu Sae Po

Hlutaw should assist in peace process: Lt-Col Sai Ngin

NAV PYI TAW 31 Aug—“The country could be subjected to other countries politically, economically and socially if it is lack of development and moving backward due to armed conflicts,” said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at a meeting between the Union Peace-making Work Committee and National Races Representatives at the Ministry of Rail Transportation, here this morning.

It was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Vice-Chairmen of the Work Committee U Aung Min and U Thein Zaw, the Union Ministers, deputy ministers, MPs, Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General on Myanmar Mr Vijay Nambiar, KNU Chairman General Saw Mutu Sae Po and party, Col Hsiai Hla from RCSS/SSA and party, national races affairs experts and officials.

In his opening speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that the new government shortly after taking office extended an olive branch to national race armed groups to make peace.

As a three-phase peace talks, several rounds of Region/State-level, Union-level and Hlutaw-Level peace talks were held step by step. The government has reached 11-point initial agreement with KNU on 12-1-2012; 8-point initial agreement with RCSS/SSA on 2-12-2011; and initial agreements with other groups to make ceasefire, he said.

Easing armed conflicts is not an easy task. It is found that there are fights more or less even though both sides have reached ceasefire agreements. He urged those concerned to continue maintaining already-prevailed peace and stability. And he called for mass participations in an attempt to enable the country to end the armed conflicts said to be one of the longest in the world, he added.

In doing so, those concerned should not point accusing fingers at each other but to hold talks with forward looking attitude. Compromising is a must. The country could overtake neighbouring countries through cooperation among all national races. In the past, being a leading country in the Asian region is strong evidence, he added.

Myanmar people are searching green pasture in other countries due to the country’s lagging behind in development. He called for reaching eternal peace through tolerance, honesty and keeping promise.

KNU Chairman General Saw Mutu Sae Po said that KNU carries out peace-making process by dividing political, military and economy fronts and is in no wish for taking advantages in the talks. International situation including Myanmar’s situation have changed and thus all must keep up with the rapid pace of change. He reaffirmed that KNU would certainly join hands with the government for reaching eternal peace.

General Secretary Phado Saw Kwe Htoo Win (See page 9)
CONSTRUCTION

Soil test conducted for design of Korea-Myanmar friendship bridge

YANGON, 31 Aug—The soil test was conducted near the Phonegyi Street jetty on 27 August. It was aimed at creating the design for Korea-Myanmar friendship bridge (Dala-Yangon). Top Engineering Group is being conducted the soil test on board the two boats, 10 meters to the centre of the river between Phonegyi Street Jetty and Kamakasit Beach up to 2 September.

At night, the soil test boats will be installed with signal lights. The watercrafts are to dodge the soil test boats from 100 feet distance.

Kyemon-Thint Zin Win

NATIONAL SPORTS

Mandalay UFL organizes Ms Beauty Contest

 Mandalay, 31 Aug—The Ms Beauty Contest of Mandalay University of Foreign Languages 2012-2013 was held at the multipurpose hall of the four-storey building of the university on 23 August. The pageants showed off free style postures. Officials presented cash awards and certificates to consolation prize winners Ma Myint Myat Naing (French), Ma Nan Hnin Aye (French), Ma Mie Mie Tun (German), Ma Khin Thura Win (English), Ma Phyu Phyu Thwin (English), Ma Htet Htet Shwe (English), Ma Eint Myat Thinzar (French), Ma Yamin Nwe (English) and Ma Soe Myat Theingi Kywe (Japan). Dean of Philosophy Department Dr Nan Garong presented third and second prizes to Ma Hsu Myat Wai (English) and Ma Nway Oo Khaing (Korea) and Pro-Rector Dr Daw Tint Tint first prize to Ma Nway Zargyi Tun (China).

Kyemon-Thitha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

FASHION & BEAUTY

New generation models come out

Yangon, 31 Aug—The talent and model course concluded at the hall of Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 27 August.

The agency turned out talent model trainees and outstanding service personnel at various capacities.

The products of the agency are showing off their best performances at fashion show, company promotion, opening and closing ceremonies at the State level.—Kyemon-Kyaw Myint Than (Lanmadaw)

HRD

Mobile Team-2 seizes illegal commodities in three cases

Waw, 31 Aug—The Mobile Team-2 seized five items of illegal commodities in three cases worth K 932,600 on 23 August. From 8 to 23 August, the team confiscated illegal commodities worth K 66,605,500 in 52 cases with the aim of protecting the consumers and combating illegal trading at the junction of Sittoung-DaikU in Waw Township.

Kyemon-Moe Win Thu (Bago)

Health care provided to locals in Insein Township

INSEIN, 31 Aug—A mobile medical team provided health care services to the local people at Minzeidi Dhammayon in West Ywama Ward of Insein Township, Yangon North District, on 23 August. With the assistance of Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw San San Mar, Insein Township MCWA Daw Yi Yi Myint and Township Medical Officer Daw Naw Thanda Swe, doctors and nurses gave health care to 120 patients.

Kyemon-Khin Maung Aye (Insein)

Stimulant tablets seized in Muse, Tachilek townships

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Aug—Members of Muse Anti-Drug Special Squad of Shan State raided the house of Ma Mar Pa (a) Mar Lu, 27 in Namsangzay Market in Muse Township on 26 August.

The squad seized 43560 stimulant tablets from the plastic bucket in the chicken. Muse Myoma police station opened a file of lawsuit against Joseph.—MNA

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Sixth US ship now in eastern Mediterranean ‘as precaution’

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug — A sixth US warship is now operating in the eastern Mediterranean, near five US destroyers armed with cruise missiles that could soon be directed against Syria as part of a “limited, precise” strike, defense officials said late on Friday.

They stressed that the US, San Antonio, an amphibious ship with several hundred US Marines on board, was in the region for a different reason and there were no plans to put Marines on the ground as part of any military action against Syria.

One of the officials said the San Antonio’s passage into the Mediterranean was long-planned, but officials thought it prudent to keep the ship in the eastern Mediterranean near the destroyers given the current situation.

“It’s been kept there as a precaution,” said one of the officials, who was not authorized to speak publicly. The San Antonio transited through the Suez Canal on Thursday from the Red Sea, and received new orders on Friday to remain in the eastern Mediterranean, near the destroyers, according to defense officials. It is one of three ships that are carrying 2,200 Marines who have been on a six-month deployment in the region around the Arabian peninsula.

The Obama administration released evidence on Friday that it said demonstrated the Syrian government had used chemical weapons against civilians.

It made clear on Friday that it would punish Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for the “brutal and flagrant” attack that it says killed more than 1,400 people in Damascus last week.

Officials cautioned that the operation under discussion involved a limited, precise set of targets that would be of a short duration, unlike the broader campaign against Libya in March 2011.

The US Navy generally keeps three destroyers in the Mediterranean, but kept two additional destroyers there at the end of their deployments as the situation evolved in Syria over the past week.

The five destroyers are each carrying an estimated three dozen Tomahawk missiles, as well as a total of about 200 missiles, according to defense officials.

Byron Callan, analyst with Capital Alpha Partners, projected that a limited Syrian strike would use about 200 to 300 Tomahawk missiles, compared to about 221 used in the Libya operation.

Defence officials said a more narrowly targeted operation against Syria could involve even less missiles.

They cited a debate within the Obama administration about striking the right balance between a limited cruise missile attack aimed at delivering a message about chemical weapons, and a broader attack that could be seen as a strong insertion of the United States into the Syrian civil war.

The amphibious transport dock ship USS San Antonio (LPD 17) departs Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia on 31 Oct, 2012 in this handout photo supplied by the US Navy on 1 Nov, 2012.—Reuters

Defence Ministry eyes equipment procurement agency in reform plan

The Defence Ministry approved on Friday a draft plan for organizational reform that includes establishing an agency to oversee the procurement and management of defence equipment and facilities across the country’s air, ground and maritime forces. For more efficient and swift troop management, the reform plan also envisages consolidating duties and operations under the Joint Staff Office.

The work is currently shared between uniformed Self-Defence Force members and civilian officials at the ministry. To retain a framework of civilian control, however, civilian officials would be tasked with drafting and formulating laws related to troop management.

The reorganizations, agreed at a meeting of ranking ministry officials, are eyed for implementation in fiscal 2015 at the earliest after hearing views from within the government.

The proposed establishment of a defence equipment agency is aimed at curtailing procurement costs by centralizing development, purchasing and decommissioning operations for equipment and facilities—work so far been separately managed by the three SDF services. The proposal may face challenges, however, as the ministry has previously been hesitant about such idea because of concern that it could concentrate too much power in the hands of one agency and breed collusion with suppliers.—Kyodo News

Germany not to join in any attack on Syria

BERLIN, 31 Aug — Germany has ruled out joining any military strike against Syria, German media quoted on Friday the country’s foreign minister as saying.

Guido Westerwelle told the newspaper Neue Osnabrucker Zeitung that Germany’s participation in the military operation had “never been asked nor is it being considered.”

Westerwelle said it was up to the “United Nations Security Council to find a common position,” and that the UN inspectors investigating an alleged chemical attack near Damascus should come to a conclusion as quickly as possible.

The statements mark a change of stance by the German government that previously said Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s regime must face “international control,” however, as the ministry has heard that the International Criminal Court may face challenges, however, as the ministry has previously been hesitant about such idea because of concern that it could concentrate too much power in the hands of one agency and breed collusion with suppliers.—Kyodo News

UN chemical weapons inspectors leaving Damascus

DAMASCUS, 31 Aug — The team of UN chemical weapons inspectors left their Damascus hotel on Saturday, a Reuters witness said, and appeared to be leaving the country.

The witness saw the team’s convoy of vehicles head onto a highway that leads to neighbouring Lebanon.—Reuters

UN vehicles, carrying United Nations chemical weapons experts, arrive at Youssef al-Asma military hospital in Damascus on 30 Aug, 2013.—Reuters

Canada says G20 summit should focus on economy despite Syria

OTTAWA, 31 Aug.— Economic should be the priority at the upcoming G20 summit although the Syria crisis would be a hot topic, the chief spokesman of Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Friday.

“There is no doubt it would have an impact if we have a strike that happens before the summit,” said Andrew MacDougall, referring to Washington’s threat to punish the Syrian government for an alleged chemical-weapons attack last week outside Damascus.

“But right now we’re expecting to talk about the global economy. That’s the priority right now for the G20 meeting,” he added at a briefing about Harper’s trip to Russia for the 5-6 Septemer event in St Petersburg.

In a news release, Harper noted that while Canada has a strong economic record, it is not immune to external developments and remains vulnerable to risks that continue to weigh on the global economy.

The members of the G20 account for more than 85 percent of the world’s economy and two thirds of the world’s population, making it the premier forum for international economic cooperation.

On Thursday, Harper said Canada has no plan for a military mission of its own in Syria, although the government supports its allies and has been convinced of the need for “forceful action.”

The conflict in Syria is “overwhelmingly a civil war in nature and does not have, at the present, any ideal or obvious outcomes,” he added.

US President Barack Obama said on Friday that he has not made a final decision about a military strike against Syria, but he is considering a limited and narrow action in response to the alleged chemical attack.

Xinhua
Microsoft offers ValueAct president seat on board

SAETTEL, 31 Aug—Micro-
soft Corp on Friday of-
ered a seat on its board to
the president of ValueAct
Capital Management, the
activist fund manager ap-
presed for the ouster of
Microsoft Chief Executive
Steve Ballmer and wanted a
say on the software gi-
ant’s strategy after taking a
$2 billion stake earlier this
year. The offer marks a
victory for ValueAct. Reu-
ters first reported in July
that the fund was seeking a
board seat as poor quarterly
results slammed Micro-
s’s share price.

The San Francisco-
based fund, which man-
ages about $12 billion for
clients, owns 0.8 percent of
Microsoft’s shares. Co-
founded by finance industry
veteran Jeff Ubben in 2000,
it has made a reputation for
building stakes in compa-
nies and working with
management to change fun-
damental strategy.

The fund has not said

Dinosaur
fossils unearthed
in east China

JINAN, 31 Aug—Chi-
nese archaeologists have
again unearthed several di-
nosaur fossils at a site in Lan-
yang City, in east China’s
Shandong Province.

More than 130 fossils,
including bone and egg re-
 mains, were unearthed at
the excavation site near the
village of Jingingkou, ac-
cording to sources with the
Institute of Vertebrate Pale-
ontology and Paleoanthro-
pology of the Chinese Acad-
emy of Sciences.

Scientists sealed off the
fossils and surrounding rock
with gypsum for further res-
ervation and research, said
Wang Xiaolin, a researcher
with the institute who is in
charge of the excavation.

“All of the fossils are rel-
atively intact, and this is
favourable for assembly of
a complete dinosaur ske-
leton,” Wang said.

The largest piece of
fossil, the remains of a hu-
manus, or upper arm bone,
is over 60 cm, Wang said.
Fossils were first found here
in 2010, and scientists have
already unearthed several di-
nosaur remains from at least
20 fossil-bearing layers. In
2011, Laiyang was approved
as a national park for dino-
saur fossils.—Xinhua

Apple rolls out iPhone trade-in programme in US stores

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 Aug
—Apple Inc has launched a trade-in programme in its US retail stores for older models of its iPhone as it gears up for the launch of a new version of the smart-
phone, it said on Friday.

Apple will give cus-
tomers a credit for their old
phones to be used toward the purchase of a new mod-
el, an Apple spokeswoman
said.

A thriving industry ex-
ts for older versions of
smartphones, especially the
iPhone, on websites such as
eBay and Gazette. Even
broken iPhones can fetch as
much as $125 from ven-
dors, who resell them in the
United States and interna-
tionally.

Gazelle Chief Execu-
tive Israel Ganot estimated
the used smartphone and
tablet market in the United
States will reach $14 bil-
lion by 2015. “So there’s
obviously a huge opportu-
nity here for multiple play-
ers,” he said. Apple shares
dipped nearly 1 percent to
$487.46.

Although fewer saph-
ires than rubies are found at
Mogok, they are

MYANMAR’S TREASURES

Myanmar Pearls

The Myeik Archip-
elago has long been fa-
mous for producing natural
pearls of immense sizes. A
few years ago, the world’s
biggest natural pearl, weigh-
ing 845 carats, was found in
the region.

The cultured pearl in-
dustry in Myanmar began
in the late 1950s under
Japanese supervision and
the quality is excellent.

The outstanding char-
acteristic of Myanmar cul-
tured pearls is an iridescent
lustre of many colours, known in the industry as ‘orient’ or ‘rainbow irides-
cent’.

The Nine Gems Ring

This ring is set with nine
gems in a specific order and
dates selected by the astrologer.

They must be set in this
order: the ruby in the middle,
the diamond at top centre,
and clockwise, a pearl, coral,
topaz, sapphire, moonstone,

Apple’s innovative pay
package, which included
requirements to buy stock,
zero annual share grants
and a ‘lockup’ period on sales of stock.

If ValueAct accepts
Microsoft’s offer, Morfit
will become the 10th mem-
er of the board, which is
led by former Symantec
Corp CEO John Thomp-
son. Co-founder and Chair-
man Bill Gates and CEO
Ballmer, which between
them hold nearly 9 percent
of Microsoft shares, also sit
on the board.

As part of the agree-
ment, ValueAct cannot
launch a proxy contest, the
generally hostile and pub-
lie method of seeking
to appoint new directors to
a company’s board, Micro-
soft said in a regulatory fil-
ing. Microsoft’s shares rose
10 cents to $33.50 in after-
hours trading.—Reuters

Mogok Rubies

Mogok rubies have an
inner florescence not found
anywhere else in the world.
They are found in sizes
and quality that no other
ruby mines can match. In
the 15th century an Italian
merchant named Ludovico
Varthema reported that he
saw the Myanmar mon-
arch wearing “more rub-
ies on him than the value
of a very large city.” One
Mogok mine produced the
Nawata’ ruby, a near-
flawless gem of crimson
rose colour, which weighed

Mogok Sapphires

of high quality and are
highly sought after.

Perfect star sapphires
are rare and fetch the high-
est prices in the gem trade.

The Gem Museum at
Nay Pyi Taw displays a
2.13 metre (7 feet) high
boulder, which is the big-
gest sapphire in the world
although not of gem qual-
ity.

Imperial Jade

Myanmar is the only
country in the world pro-
ducing high-quality Impe-
rial Jade in large quantities
from mines at Hpakant in
western Kachin State.

The world’s largest
known piece of Imperial
Jade was found on January
1, 2001. It is 21 metres (70
feet) long, 11 metres (36
feet) high and 4.5 metres
(150 thick).
Yoga tied to better sleep after cancer

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Practicing yoga may help people with breast cancer sleep better and reduce their use of sleep aids, according to a new study. Researchers found study participants, mostly women with a history of breast cancer, reported significant improvements in sleep quality and sleep duration when they attended yoga sessions twice per week.

The study’s lead author called it “the kind of study that doctors typically look to when changing the standard of care with patients.”

“One of the biggest messages from the trial is yoga worked,” Karen Mustian, from the James P Wilmot Cancer Centre at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York, said. “Regardless of whether people had mild sleep disruption or a clinical diagnosis of insomnia, people who participated in yoga experienced the same amount of sleep improvement,” she told Reuters Health.

Mustian said between 30 and 90 percent of cancer survivors report some form of sleep disturbance. That can be due to anxiety about a cancer diagnosis, related health problems or side effects of treatments including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and hormone therapy.

Studies suggest yoga can lower blood pressure and improve anxiety, depression and insomnia. The program used in this study included Gentle Hatha yoga, which focuses on physical postures, and Restorative yoga, with an emphasis on relaxation, breathing and meditation. The study included 410 people with a history of cancer who were recruited from 12 US cities. Participants were 54 years old, on average. Almost all were white and female, and three quarters had had breast cancer.

Participants were randomly assigned to one of two groups. Half of them attended a standardized yoga program for cancer survivors that met for 75 minutes twice a week, in addition to receiving standard care. The other half received only standard care.

The researchers assessed participants’ sleep quality before and after the four-week study period on a questionnaire and using actigraphy, a sensor that detects movement and is worn like a wristwatch at night. People in both groups improved on measures of overall sleep quality and several other sleep-related variables. Relative to the control group, however, those who did yoga saw greater improvements in sleep quality, daytime sleepiness and the amount of time actually spent sleeping while in bed.—Reuters

Ford recalls about 370,000 discontinued vehicles

CHICAGO, 31 Aug—US auto-maker Ford Motor Corporation said on Friday it is recalling about 370,000 Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car vehicles because of a potential for loss of steering control, local media reported.

The recall, which covers vehicles from model years 2005 through 2011, includes about 355,000 vehicles sold in the US market, and another 15,000 in Canada, according to a report by the Detroit News.

The lower intermediate steering shaft could corrode and potentially result in loss of steering, said the Dearborn-based automaker, but stressed that it is not aware of accidents or injuries related to the recall.

Dealers will inspect the recalled vehicle, replace the lower intermediate steering shaft and secure a lower steering column bearing and replace the upper intermediate steering shaft if necessary. Ford no longer produced the Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car models.—Xinhua

People take part in a free weekly yoga class on the front lawn of Parliament Hill in Ottawa on 31 July, 2013.—Reuters

4th China city to offer 72-hour visa-free stays

CHENGDU, 31 Aug—Chengdu, capital of southwest China’s Sichuan Province, will start offering international transit passengers 72-hour visa-free stays from Sunday. Chengdu is the fourth city, and the first in western China, to introduce the visa-free policy, following Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

The visa-free scheme covers travelers from 45 countries, including the United States, Canada, France, Britain, Germany, Italy, Australia and Japan. Travellers should hold third country visas and have booked plane tickets bound for the third country or region within 72 hours, Fu Yonglin, vice mayor of Chengdu, told a news briefing on Friday. “The 72-hour visa-free policy shows the central government’s support for Chengdu’s openness,” said Fu.

“A loose visa policy is a major sign of a city’s openness,” said Fu. “It also is an established practice internationally to boost tourism and business.” A total of 245 Fortune Global 500 companies have bases in Chengdu by the end of June, and the Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport had air services to more than 40 cities overseas. It handled 1.08 million entry and exit passengers in the first half of the year.

A Dell executive in Chengdu said the policy will make it convenient for foreigners to do business in the city and therefore Chengdu, and even the whole western market, could attract more foreign investment.

The free-visa policy should encourage more overseas tourists and business people to visit Chengdu, thus prompting more airlines to offer more air services, said Tang Jiasheng, a researcher at the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics.

Eurozone economic confidence continues to improve in August

BRUSSELS, 31 Aug—Economic morale in the eurozone continued to improve in August, driven by improving confidence among consumers and managers, the European Commission said on Friday.

In August, the economic sentiment indicator (ESI) increased sharply by 2.7 points in the euro area to 93.1, pointing towards the upward trend observed since May, the Commission said in a report.

Rising confidence in the euro area was driven by “pronounced improvements” in confidence among consumers and managers in industry, services and retail trade, said the report.

Economic sentiment improved in fourteen euro area countries and in all of its five largest economies, including the Netherlands up 5.2 points, Germany up 3.3 points, Italy up 2.2 points, France up 1.6 points and Spain up 0.8 points. In the wider 28-member EU, the ESI rose by 3.1 points to 98.1 points, marking a two-year high in the EU, said the Commission.—Xinhua

Online tools may boost breast cancer patients’ mood

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Women with breast cancer who created a personal website about their health reported feeling less depressed, more positive and having a greater appreciation for life in a small new study.

Though cancer patients have long benefited from support groups made up of fellow patients and survivors, researchers said, they may still have trouble talking about their experiences with family and friends — who may also feel uncomfortable broaching the subject.

The websites in this study were especially helpful for women to “be able to truly tell their story, express emotions and communicate with others without having to repeat information about their diagnosis and treatment,” said lead author and psychologist Annette Stanton of the University of California at Los Angeles.

The women ranged in age from 28 to 76 years old and roughly half were randomly assigned to create a personal website through a programme called “Project Connect Online.” The rest were put on a waiting list and given the same opportunity after the six-month study ended. Participants in the group that created websites during the study began by attending a single three-hour workshop to build their WordPress.org-based sites. They also completed standard mood assessment questionnaires three times: at the start of the study, and again at one month and six months after creating their sites.—Reuters
Tokyo 2020 bid chief vows to go all out in Buenos Aires

Yosemite wildfire still raging, keeps tourists away

San Francisco, 31 Aug—Fire crews battling to outflank a monster wildfire inside Yosemite National Park made headway on Friday in confining flames to wilderness areas but were powerless to salvage the region’s sputtering tourism economy at the end of its peak summer tourist season.

By morning, the tally of charred landscape from the so-called Rim Fire surpassed 200,000 acres, or nearly 315 square miles, three-quarters of that in the Stanislaus National Forest west of the park, fire officials said. But a second straight night of cooling temperatures and higher humidity helped firefighters extend containment lines around nearly a third of the fire’s perimeter by the start of its 14th day.

“I can’t say we’ve turned a corner just yet, but we are making very good progress,” US Forest Service spokesman Dick Fleishman said. “We’re going to keep chugging away.”

With an overall footprint that now exceeds the land mass of Kansas City, Missouri, the blaze ranks as the fifth-largest California wildfire on record. In terms of acreage burned, it also stands as the largest of dozens of wildfires that have raged across several states in the drought-parched west this year, straining US firefighting resources.

A force of nearly 5,000 personnel are now assigned to the Rim Fire, mostly ground crews laboring around the clock with hand tools, chain saws and torches to cut fire breaks in the rugged terrain by clearing away unburned trees and dry brush. They were supported by teams of bulldozers, water-dropping helicopters and airplane tankers carrying payloads of flame-retardant chemicals.

The firefighting force includes nearly 700 specially trained California prison inmates who work on ground crews building containment lines and as camp cooks, state Corrections and Rehabilitation Department spokeswoman Dana Simas said.

The minimum-security inmates, who cannot be sex offenders or serious violent offenders or have a history of escape, arson or gang affiliations, earn $1 a day and two days off their prison sentence for every day they work fighting fires, Simas said.—Reuters

Beirut, 31 Aug—Lebanon on Friday charged three people with getting involved in two deadly car bombings in the northern city of Tripoli on 23 August, the state-run National News Agency reported.

A military court accused the three suspects, including Sheikh Hashem Minkara, Sheikh Ahmed al-Gharib and Mustafa Houri, of forming an armed gang, organizing terrorist network and planting explosives under the cars.

The authority also issued arrest warrants against two Syrians over the case.

At least 45 people were killed and 800 others wounded in the twin car bombings that targeted two Sunni mosques during the Friday prayers in Tripoli last week.

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Investigators believe the children had driven away from home but may have been on their way home at the time of the crash, he said. The police did not identify the mother or children.

Phoenix, 31 Aug—Fire crews battling to outflank a monster wildfire inside Yosemite National Park made headway on Friday in confining flames to wilderness areas but were powerless to salvage the region’s sputtering tourism economy at the end of its peak summer tourist season.

By morning, the tally of charred landscape from the so-called Rim Fire surpassed 200,000 acres, or nearly 315 square miles, three-quarters of that in the Stanislaus National Forest west of the park, fire officials said. But a second straight night of cooling temperatures and higher humidity helped firefighters extend containment lines around nearly a third of the fire’s perimeter by the start of its 14th day.

“I can’t say we’ve turned a corner just yet, but we are making very good progress,” US Forest Service spokesman Dick Fleishman said. “We’re going to keep chugging away.”

With an overall footprint that now exceeds the land mass of Kansas City, Missouri, the blaze ranks as the fifth-largest California wildfire on record. In terms of acreage burned, it also stands as the largest of dozens of wildfires that have raged across several states in the drought-parched west this year, straining US firefighting resources.

A force of nearly 5,000 personnel are now assigned to the Rim Fire, mostly ground crews laboring around the clock with hand tools, chain saws and torches to cut fire breaks in the rugged terrain by clearing away unburned trees and dry brush. They were supported by teams of bulldozers, water-dropping helicopters and airplane tankers carrying payloads of flame-retardant chemicals.

The firefighting force includes nearly 700 specially trained California prison inmates who work on ground crews building containment lines and as camp cooks, state Corrections and Rehabilitation Department spokeswoman Dana Simas said.

The minimum-security inmates, who cannot be sex offenders or serious violent offenders or have a history of escape, arson or gang affiliations, earn $1 a day and two days off their prison sentence for every day they work fighting fires, Simas said.—Reuters

Beirut, 31 Aug—Lebanon on Friday charged three people with getting involved in two deadly car bombings in the northern city of Tripoli on 23 August, the state-run National News Agency reported.

A military court accused the three suspects, including Sheikh Hashem Minkara, Sheikh Ahmed al-Gharib and Mustafa Houri, of forming an armed gang, organizing terrorist network and planting explosives under the cars.

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Photo taken on 29 Aug, 2013 shows NATO’s Patriot missile defense system deployed close to the Syria-Turkey border in Kahramanmaras Province of Turkey. Turkish armed forces will retaliate against threats coming from Syria in case Western allies wage a military action against Syrian government, Turkey’s Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said Wednesday. —Xinhua

Beijing, 30 Aug—The Chinese government on Thursday cancelled a US human rights envoy’s trip to North Korea.

Washington, 31 Aug—A US human rights envoy will no longer visit North Korea on Friday in a bid to secure the release of a US citizen being held there as Pyongyang has withdrawn its invitation, the State Department said.

Robert King, special envoy on North Korean human rights issues, planned to leave for Pyongyang on Friday for a two-day stay to negotiate the release of Kenneth Bae, the department said.

“We are surprised and disappointed by North Korea’s decision,” Marie Harf, a State Department spokeswoman, said in a statement. King, who is already travelling in the East Asian region, will return to Washington from Tokyo on Saturday, the department said.

Bae, a US citizen of South Korean descent, was arrested while leading a travel group on a tour of North Korea. In April, he was sentenced to 15 years’ hard labor for “hostile acts” against the country, and his health has since deteriorated.—Kyodo News
**Buddha’s Tooth Relic replica arrives in Toungoo**

**Toungoo, 31 Aug—** A replica of Buddha’s Tooth Relic from Sri Lanka was conveyed to Toungoo to keep in Sri Lanka.

U Khin Maung Tin, manager of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, donated the replica for a 503rd anniversary of establishment of Toungoo which would be organized by Chairman of Cooperative Bank U Khin Maung Aye.

MMAL-Thura (Toungoo)

**Train derail in Nay Pyi Taw, causes no damages**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Aug—** A Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon No-32 Down train bound for Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw derailed near Ywadaw Railway Station in Pobpahati Township in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 August morning.

Two coaches of the train derailed and caused no casualties.

In-charge of No (5) Myanmar Railways Division U Kyaw Kyaw and division manager U Hein Win and Tatmadawmen from Pobpahati Battalion rushed to the scene.

The train could then resume its trip after its coaches were lifted up on the railroad by cranes at noon.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

**HRD**

**Myanmar Maritime University signs MoU with Japanese university**

**Yangon, 31 Aug—** Myanmar Maritime University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology at the university in Thanlyin on 27 August.

Vice-President Dr Tomoji Takamasa of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology and Rector of Myanmar Maritime University Dr Myat Lwin signed the MoU. The MoU covers cooperation between the two institutes in research and education exchange, student exchange programmes, joint researches, and information exchange for education, teaching and research affairs. Two lecturers from the Myanmar Maritime University were sent to the Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology for further study. More students would be sent to the Japanese university under the agreement.

MMAL

**Six Myanmar trainees leave for Japan**


They were seen off by executives of the association and family members at Yangon International Airport. They will receive trainings on power grid installation, power plant installation and wiring in both theory and practice.

They will provide multiplier courses when they return to Myanmar.

MMAL-137

**Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce and Industry meets**

**Sitway, 31 Aug—** Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin called for cooperation among merchants and industrialists for development of the country at 19th plenary meeting of Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce and Industry at U Ottama Hall in Sitway on 25 August.

“The government now allows formation of public corporation as it shapes market economy,” he told RSCCI members.

He also called for establishing international-standard factories.

The plenary meeting was attended by the state government members, the State Hluttaw speaker, the CEC and members of RSCCI and observers.

Commemorative gifts were then presented to those present at the meeting.

MMAL-La003

**Putao District LBVD conducts course for veterinary staff**

**Putao, 31 Aug—** Veterinary Department in Putao District in Kachin State is conducting a course for veterinary staff in the region.

The opening ceremony was held at the district Veterinary Department office on 26 August morning. The course being attended by 15 trainees will last till 30 August.

MMAL-District IPRD

**Vocational course opened in Muse**

**Muse, 31 Aug—** Women’s Vocational Training School of Muse in Shan State under Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs opened basic domestic vocational education course No (39) and advanced tailoring course No (36).

Muse District Deputy Commissioner U Kaung San Oo delivered an address at the opening ceremony on 26 August.

Township IPRD

**Transport**

**Road users demand toll collection revision**

**Yangon, 31 Aug—** Following media reports, Shwe Than Lwin Toll Gate on Yangon-Mawlamyine road section adopted new toll collection system.

The gate previously charged fee more than that was stated in invoice.

The toll gate is also collecting the fee for using Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin).

MMAL-Thant Zin

**Talk on entrepreneurship organized in Sagaing**

**Sagaing, 31 Aug—** An educative talk on entrepreneurship was held in Sagaing Town Hall on 25 August.

The event was organized by townsenders in Sagaing Township Development Support Committee.

Principal of Myanmar Human Resources Development School (Yangon) U Aye Kyaw gave talks on entrepreneurship for small and medium enterprises.

The talks also covered the capacity building and IT literacy.

MMAL-137

**Business**

**Myanmar, Thai businessmen meet**

**Mandalay, 31 Aug—** A delegation of 20 Thai businessmen led by Ms Nichaya Yooswee, Director of MICE Capabilities of Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) met CEC of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs at Mandalay Hill Resort on 24 August afternoon.

The meeting focused on venue, organizer and infrastructure for events and cooperation in designing and construction of venues.

MRCCI President U Soe Myint and U Kyaw Win and Ms Nichaya Yooswee gave speeches.

They then discussed business opportunities in each country.—MMAL-040
**NATIONAL**

**Ever important task**

In fact, the most essential thing for our democratic transition is the responsible trade and investment that will develop our economy, create job opportunities, transfer technology to various sectors of the country, help us join in the economically successful club of the region, give our children the same opportunities as in the rest of Asia, and most importantly that will lift our people from poverty.

We have many more hardships ahead as we have numerous institutions that are still weak while some are institutions that evolved in a very different environment and to serve very different purposes. We have started our reforms only after decades of self-imposed isolation couple with sanctions imposed by others. So, our people are unfamiliar with international and regional interactions. And that is also a challenge.

Additionally, there are also new and pressing issues like urbanization and urban planning, with our cities projected to grow by another 10 million people by 2030. Yagon our biggest city must become an engine of economic growth, not a drain. Yagon should be a city that can rival any other counterparts in the region, that is modern and green, that works for its ordinary citizens and that protects its heritage and uniqueness.

In point of fact, Myanmar is a country of tremendous natural resources. She occupies an important location at the crossroads of Asia, between China, India and the other countries of Southeast Asia. We all know the potential is there. The task of lifting tens of millions of ordinary people out of poverty cannot take a back seat to any other task. We must free our resources and open the doors to foreign trade and investment, but in a way that ensures that poverty is reduced and that the ordinary farmer and worker clearly benefit. Poverty reduction is always an important task for us.

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**Moderate earthquake hits outside Myanmar**

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Aug—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan, China) about 470 miles North-East of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 6 hrs 36 min 48 sec M.S.T today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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**Long-term development in Rakhine State discussed**

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs Li-Gen Thet Naing Win received UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator Mr Ashok Nigam at the ministry here, yesterday morning.

They discussed development programmes in Rakhine State jointly undertaken by Union government, Rakhine State government, the UN and international organizations, plan to adopt strategies for long-term development, rehabilitation of both side societies, development of harmonized society, rules and regulations for future tasks and guidelines of Rakhine State Stability, Peace and Development Central Committee and six work committees, progress of housings and resettlement, and drawing strategic plans for assistance of schools, dispensaries, agricultural machinery, fishing nets and boats for rehabilitation, housing, health, agriculture and socio-economic development.

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Forward looking attitude...

Discussed nation-wide ceasefire, building trust, lasting peace, resolution of conflict in political dialogue and end of armed conflicts.

Lt-Col Sai Sai from Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA) discussed matters on work progress in internal peace process of Union Peace-making Work Committee within two years, saying that further political dialogue with the committee formed by the Hluttaw proposed by the President in making peace with ethnic armed groups could make national race groups misunderstand the government’s peacemaking process and Hluttaw should assist in peace process in accord with the norms of international conflict resolution carried out by the government.

Political and Military Advisor to the chairman of KNU Saw Tu Loo Lay clarified Myanmar’s peace process should be carried out to bear fruits before 2015 general elections and discussed enactment of necessary laws by the Hluttaw to achieve national level agreements through political dialogue.

Then, Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Thein Zaw and Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Dwe Bu explained the Hluttaw’s role in union peace-making process and protecting the rights of national races.

Those present took part in the discussions.

In conclusion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that it needs to draw lessons from the past making peace process.

The Vice-President continued that phase-3 of peace process is to be implemented by the administrative bodies and drawing of time frame for the peace process will be coordinated by the State.

Although informal talk (Track-2) was prioritized in previous peace-making process, official talk (Track-1) and informal talk (Track-2) will be carried out in the future, he added. He called for effective implementation of peace processes in order to ensure perpetual peace.

Afterwards, the Vice-President cordially greeted those present.

Press release on actions...

Embassy or the consulate-general within one month.

If the child passes away in the area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, the parents shall register the death at the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Department of Immigration and Population.

For a citizen born abroad, parents or guardians must report to the respective Myanmar embassy or the consulate-general in accord with this law. If the child is born in an area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, parents or guardians must report to the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Department of Immigration and Population.

For a citizen born abroad, parents or guardians must apply for inclusion in the household registration in respective township as new born member.

(i) Copies of applications and holding cards of parents or guardians, copies of approval and holding card of the head of the household, original household registration card and copies,

(ii) Copies of holding passports and cards of parents and offspring,

(iii) Certificate of birth of child born abroad,

(iv) Recommendation of respective ward/village-tract administrator,

(v) Copy of Form-8 (Registration of birth of child born abroad) sent from respective Myanmar embassy or the consulate-general,

(vi) If the child is born in an area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, copy of the letter sent by parents or guardians to nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or Immigration and National Registration Department,

(vii) If documents in (v) and (vi) are not available, copies of recommendation of the Myanmar embassy or evidences on which the embassy issued passport to the new born child,

(viii) To include child born outside the national soil in the Myanmar household registration card of his parents or guardian, only his parents or guardian shall apply for with above-mentioned documents and the township immigration and national registration departments are already providing such service.

2. Regarding the suggestion for extension of stay visa, the ministry has replied as follows:

(a) Born either inside or outside of the territory of the country, the son/daughter of a Myanmar citizen officially married with a foreign national either inside or outside the territory of the country, if wishing to acquire Myanmar citizenship either because of the wishes of his/her parents or out of own volition, can apply for Myanmar citizenship according to the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law Section 43, Subsection (a) on condition that he/she was born after 15-10-1982 when the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law took effect.

If he/she took his father’s or mother’s nationality as a foreign national holding visa of a foreign country, he/she shall need to apply for entry visa along with marriage document of parents and birth certificate at Myanmar Embassy concerned to enter Myanmar.

Myanmar Embassies issue 28-day entry visa (social) for such applicants.

(b) After entering Myanmar, he/she shall stay at the house of his/her Myanmar citizen father or mother and grandparents and extend his/her stay in Myanmar applying to township immigration department concerned with Form C. The application is to be submitted with agreement letter of the head of household to immigration department (headquarters) through region/state and township immigration departments. If the immigration department (headquarters) allows, he/she can extend stay visa for unlimited times, paying certain amount of charges according to period of stay.

3. So, as regards the suggestion about extension of stay visa, the Ministry of Immigration and Population would act in line with above-mentioned procedures for social visa holders. The ministry also provides stay permit extension service for other visa holders (except for travel visa), on condition that companies concerned assume responsibility and at the request of ministries concerned.

So, according to the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law Section 43, Subsection (a), any Myanmar citizens holding Myanmar passport need to apply for stay visa to enter Myanmar.

4. Further complaints and queries about the actions of the ministries concerned can be sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

Midwifery course opened in Myothit Township

Myothit, 31 Aug—With the support of Magway Region government, auxiliary midwifery course No (2/2013) was opened in Township General Administration Department Office in Myothit Township on 26 August. Myothit Township Administrator U Thein Zaw delivered and address at the ceremony.

Region Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Win urged the trainees to learn enthusiastically. Township Assistant Surgeon Dr Khin Zarchi Nway briefed on the midwifery. Township Administration U Thein Zaw provided cash assistance to 24 trainees.

MMAL-Township IPRD
**Agriculture**

Monsoon groundnut thriving in Myinmu

**Myinmu, 31 Aug**—As monsoon groundnut plants are one month old, farmers weed and feed the plantations with fertilizer. In an interview, Head of Myinmu Township Agriculture Department U Hla Moe Kyaw said that one acre of farmland can be put under 100,000 monsoon groundnut plants. If each plant gets 1000 pieces of groundnut, one acre of plantation can produce six baskets. Generally, Myinmu Township yields 80-90 baskets per acre of groundnut.

**Kyemon-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)**

**School children of Pre-Primary School served with lunch**

**Minbu, 31 Aug**—Patron of Magway Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw San San Myint, Chairperson Daw Thin Thin Htwe and party together with members of Minbu District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association fed lunch to 110 students of Pre-Primary School of MCWA in Sagu, Minbu Township, on 30 August. They then presented school bags, stationery and snacks to the children.

**Kyemon-Tin Tun Oo**

**Business**

Myanmar’s ginger exportation rises in five years

**Kalay, 31 Aug**—Ginger exportation to India declined within five years but the demand of India became high in 2013-2014 financial year. “Ginger exportation became higher,” an official of Tamu Border Trade Camp said. A total of 70 tons of ginger was exported to India in 2010-2011 fiscal year. Later years, there was lack of ginger exportation. Local merchants said that India buys Myanmar’s ginger to be able to resell it to Nepal and Bangladesh that rises high demand. Tamu Border Trade Camp managed exportation of 131 tons of ginger worth US$ 35000.

**Kyemon-Wun Yan Kha (Tekkatho)**

**Electrification**

Electrification facilitated to local road in Myinmu

**Minbu, 31 Aug**—Local roads in downtown Myinmu were equipped with lamp-posts and equipment by Myinmu Township Development Affairs Committee on 30 August morning. Electricians and workers of the Township Electricity Supply Enterprise carried out electrification tasks. Chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee U Hla Aung, Secretary Executive Officer U Than Oo and party and township electrical engineers of Electricity Supply Enterprise supervised the electrification tasks.

**Kyemon-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)**

**Landslide hits Kengtung-Tachilek-Taunggyi AH3 in Mongla**

**Kengtung, 31 Aug**—A landslide caused 150 feet long section of Kengtung-Tachilek-Taunggyi AH3 in Mongla near Sunthon fuel station in Wamsho Village of Mongla Township, at Mongla “Wa” Special Region, 4,58 miles from Kengtung. At 3 pm on 28 August, the road section caused landslides. At that time, a Super Custom car was lifted by the crane the other day. The driver could manage escape from the landslide but the car was lifted by the crane the other day. Officials of Wa Region unlocked the road with the use of heavy machinery and cleared the landslide soils. At 2 pm on 29 August, the temporary motorway could be constructed for the vehicles while the road section was under maintenance.

**Kyemon-513**
Disaster drill held to prepare for quake in central to western Japan

NAGOYA, 31 Aug—A disaster drill to prepare for an anticipated major earthquake in central to western Japan was held on Saturday, with about 4,200 people participating at various locations.

Self-Defence Forces planes and helicopters were used to simulate transporting of the injured from airports in the region to cities in less affected areas including Tokyo and Sendai.

The exercise, held a day before a nationwide annual drill, is based on a scenario in which a powerful quake in the Nankai Trough off central and western Japan causes extensive damage in Aichi, Mie and Wakayama prefectures. The central government set up a local emergency response headquarters in Nagoya to coordinate relief efforts with officials from related ministries and agencies as well as local governments.

A Maritime SDF transport ship also took part in the event to test its effectiveness in providing medical support. The government estimates that a Nankai Trough quake would kill up to 323,000 people and cause 220 trillion yen worth of losses under the worst-case scenario. Researchers say there is a 60 to 70 percent chance of a quake occurring at the trough within 30 years.—Kyodo News

Indian PM says no reversal of economic reforms to rescue currency

NEW DELHI, 31 Aug—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Friday said that the falling currency was a “matter of concern”, but ruled out reversal of economic reforms or resorting to capital controls in a bid to rescue the rupee.

“Forex markets have the notorious history of overshooting... unfortunately this is happening not only to the rupee but other currencies too,” Singh said.

Although the rupee is overshooting on foreign exchanges, India is not contemplating any capital controls, the prime minister told the Parliament.

“The rupee’s tumble is part of a needed adjustment due to the country’s large current account deficit and will have a positive impact on export competitiveness in coming months. We need to reduce our appetite for gold, economize use of petroleum products and take steps to increase exports,” he added. Singh also blamed “external factors” for the fall in Indian rupee, highlighting the impact of developments in the United States, where the economy is improving and the central bank has been planning to cut back on stimulus measures.—Xinhua

South Korean PM meets Sri Lankan President on visit

COLOMBO, 31 Aug—South Korean Prime Minister Chung Hong-Won met the Sri Lankan President for bilateral discussions on Friday during an official visit aimed at boosting relations and investment.

The three-day official visit from 28-30 August also saw the prime minister visiting new areas on development in the island including a visit to the freshly expanded Colombo port, which is now the deepest harbor in South Asia.

Chung and Rajapaksa discussed investment and trade opportunities, including the high number of Sri Lankan migrant workers in South Korea according to the President’s Office.

On Thursday the prime minister signed an agreement that will enable Sri Lanka to use South Korean technology to protect its environment including water resources.

“The Korea-Sri Lanka Environmental Cooperation Forum also embodies the strong commitment and determination of the Korean government. Korea will share its knowledge on the management on environmental issues and will explore new avenues for further cooperation in this field. The companies that are present here already have ongoing environmental projects in Sri Lanka or have plans to,” he told the gathering at the

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He denied reports of the various American websites, which said that the epicenter was in Xiang in China. “The quake cannot be felt so strong 400kms away from the epicenter,” he said.

It is reported that neighbouring districts of Kathmandu, including Nuwara and Kväne, also felt the tremor. Local said they felt the shake at 23:30. Avi Tuladhar, a local of New Road, the most commercialized town in Kathmandu, said he felt the shake and ran out of the house, fearing aftershocks.

“I was watching TV and all of a sudden the whole house started to shake. I ran out of the house, fearing aftershock,” he said. Kathmandu, an ill-planned city, is least prepared for such disasters with houses built without any safety measures.

6.0-magnitude quake hits Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 31 Aug—An earthquake measuring 6.0 in Richter scale jolted Kathmandu Friday night.

According to Dr Somnath Sapkota of National Earthquake Information Centre, the quake was felt in Kathmandu at around 2330 local time.

According to him, the epicentre is believed to be 80-85 kms away from Jiri, a hill district north of Kathmandu. So far no casualties have been reported.

He denied reports on the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Vietnam.

Xinhua

Vietnam ranks 6th worldwide in woodwork exports

HANOI, 31 Aug—Vietnam is ranked sixth worldwide in exporting woodwork when it earned more than 3.34 billion US dollars, up 11.6 percent year on year, in the first eight months of 2013, according to the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Vietnam.

During the reviewed period, demands for Vietnamese woodwork exports increased in large markets, including South Korea, Japan, China and the United States.

The United States remained Vietnam’s biggest importer when it spent over one billion dollars (up 7.24 percent), accounting for 36.7 percent of the country’s total woodwork export value. The figure is expected to reach 1.7 billion dollars by the end of this year.

Indian rank’s 6th worldwide in woodwork exports

Xinhua

Sunday, 1 September, 2013

Photo taken on 31 August, 2013 shows a flooded road in Fuyuan County, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province. The water level of Fuyuan section of the Heilong River reached 89.83 meters on Saturday morning, exceeding the warning level by 2.33 meters.—Xinhua

Workers set up an exhibit ahead of the Singapore Toy, Game and Comic Convention (STGCC) which will be held from 31 August to 1 September at Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre in Singapore, on 30 Aug, 2013. Xinhua

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Xinhua
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1003)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1003) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MV CHINA SHIPPING
(MALAYSIA) AGENT SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Invitation for Cooperation with Lease (or)
Joint Venture in
High Grade Paper Mill (Thaibaugn)
under Paper and Home Utility Industries,
Ministry of Industry
High Grade Paper Mill (Thaibaugn) under Paper and Home Utility Industries, Ministry of Industry is intended to cooperate with Locals and Foreign entrepreneurs as Lease (or) Joint Venture in it.
Companies interested in this cooperation are required to submit their draft proposal of Lease (or) Joint Venture, not later than 3 PM (Myanmar Standard Time), on 30th September, 2013 to Material Planning Department, Paper and Home Utility Industries, Ministry of Industry, office No (41), Nay Pyi Taw, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
Interested entities can submit the draft proposal at above office commencing from (2.9.2013) by presenting document of company profile.

Document of company Profile
- Valid Certificate of Incorporation
- Records and Regulation of Company
- Name of Foreign’s Technical Cooperator
(For more information: 95-67-408293/408352/408375)

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV NESHAT VOY NO (007) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T 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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World largest amber fair starts in Poland
WARSAW, 31 Aug—The 14th Amber Fair Ambertart, the largest amber event in the world, started in Gdansk (North Poland) on Thursday.
Ambertart is a fair organized annually in Gdansk to present jewelry products. It is considered a leading jewelry event in Central and Eastern Europe.
According to the director of the project, nearly 170 exhibitors, from Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, the US, Russia and Italy, take part in the fair this year.
The Amberhart is supported by the Polish Economy Ministry’s promotional programme of the jewelry and amber industry within the EU’s Innovative Economy program.—Xinhua

Singapore’s Changi Airport to cater to 135 mln passengers yearly
SINGAPORE, 31 Aug—Singapore’s Changi Airport is gearing up to cater to 135 mln passengers a year by mid-2020s, when the airport’s fifth terminal starts operating, Josephine Teo, Minister of State for Transport who is chairing the Changi 2016 steering committee, said on Friday.
Changi Airport currently has three terminals operating, with a total passenger handling capacity of 66 million passengers per year. It recorded a total passenger movements of 51.2 million in 2012.
The fourth terminal, which is under construction and upgrading work and formerly known as the budget terminal, will raise the total capacity of the airport to 85 million passenger per year by around 2020.
The fifth terminal is initially designed to have the capacity to handle 50 million passenger movements a year — larger than twice the capacity of Terminal 1. It will be one of the largest terminals in the world.
Teo said two conceptual options for the layout of Terminal 5 have been developed with various considerations such as passenger convenience and airfield and terminal operations efficiency in mind.
The concept plan is expected to be finalized in the first half of 2014.
The airport will also begin operating a train system from around 2020, instead of the current two. The existing runway 3, currently used by the military, will be extended from 2.75 km to 4 km to handle larger passenger aircraft.

Chinese Mainland, Macao sign 10th supplement to CEPA
MACAO, 31 Aug—The Chinese central government and the government of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) signed a supplement to an economic agreement on Friday to further enhance trade exchanges between Macao and the inland areas.
The Supplement X to the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), representing the 10th expansion since 2004, was signed by Vice Minister of Commerce Gao Yan and Secretary for Economy and Finance of Macao SAR, Tam Pak Yuen, at the SAR’s Government Headquaters.
The new supplement, which will become effective in January 1 next year, will further relieve restrictions and facilitate trade in services between Macao and the Chinese mainland in a wide range of areas such as legal, financial, health, tourism, sports and social services.
According to the agreement, the mainland will expand the scope of privileged policies for Macao companies and individuals to provide services in varied sectors in Guangdong Province, and abolish some restrictions in investing in transport industry in Fujian Province.
One of the initiatives in Supplement X is to enable individuals with Macao identification documents to work temporarily in the mainland for Macao service providers that are not commercially registered in the mainland.

Xinhua
**21st Int’l Film Festival “Love is Folly” kicks off in Bulgaria**

**Varna** (Bulgaria), 31 Aug—The 21st International Film Festival “Love is Folly”, one of the three largest movie festivals in Bulgaria, officially opened here on Friday evening at the Black Sea coast.

More than 70 movies from dozens of countries will be shown to the public during the one-week event, held in the Festival and Congress Centre Varna, with 12 of them competing for the Grand Prix “Golden Aphrodite.”

Robert Nilsson, the jury chairman, told a press conference just before the opening ceremony that he would judge films by the honesty and the personal effect.

Prof. Alexander Grozev, the festival’s Artistic Director, said Robert Nilsson’s movie “Collapse” would have its world premiere at the festival.

Bulgarian film “Rat Poison” finished ten days ago would also be shown for the first time, Grozev said.

In addition, the organizers would focus the viewers’ attention on films from China, Palestine and Belgium, Grozev added.—Xinhua

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**First Italian movie at Venice Film Festival brings theater language into cinema**

**Venice**, 31 Aug—An alley where two tenacious women face each other on a hot Sunday afternoon was the stage on which Emma Dante, the Italian theatre playwright turned movie director at the ongoing Venice Film Festival, guided her public in a journey inside complexity of human nature.

Via Castellana Bandiera, the first Italian film in the running for the coveted Golden Lion award, on Thursday opened to warm applause at Lido island in Venice, the Italian water city.

The story, based on a book written by Dante herself in 2008, is about a fierce showdown between two women of different cultures and generations who refuse to give way when their cars confront each other on a narrow street, Via Castellana Bandiera, in the Sicilian capital city of Palermo.

Rosa and Samira face off in a silent duel that is fought out in the intimate violence of their stares, which is “monstrously true,” Dante said in a crowded Press conference surrounded by her cast. Besides the director herself playing the role of Rosa, main roles include actors such as Elena Cotta and Alba Rohrwacher.—Xinhua

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**Nicolas Cage praises Chinese cinema, looks forward to performing in China**

**Venice**, 31 Aug—“I am attracted by Chinese cinema because it is good,” Hollywood star Nicolas Cage told Xinhua on Friday during the ongoing Venice Film Festival on the Lido island in Italy.

The Academy Award-winning actor said that Chinese cinema has many “great actors such as Liang Chaowei and Zhou Runfa” working with “great directors” for “great movies.”

“I have a great relation with China and I am proud of that,” he highlighted. Cage went on to say that he has visited China several times.

“There is a great flow in the conversation that I have with the people there, they are always very warm to me and I am very thankful,” he stressed.

In the Venice Film Festival, Cage is playing Joe Ransom, who is trying to dodge his instincts for trouble until he meets the hard-drinker in his late twenties, Chi-cheung.

US actor Nicolas Cage poses for photographers during a photocall at the 66th Venice Film Festival on 4 Sept, 2009. **Reuters**

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**Li sings his heart out to win “Chinese Idol” finale**

**Beijing**, 31 Aug—Li Xiangxiang wowed viewers and judges last night to win in the final of “Chinese Idol” at the World’s Tennis Centre in Shanghai.

Li, a 27-year-old pub singer from Anhui province, impressed the audience and the panel of judges with the song “Luo Ye Gui Gen” and his dancing skills. Li said he was surprised he won as he didn’t think he performed well enough last night.

Tibetan singer Yangjiima, also 27, who has been called “goddess” by fans due to her pure and tranquil voice, was the runner-up.

Six contestants competed in the final. Other finalists included the London-born James Morris, whose mother is Hong Kong Chinese and father British; dynamic pub singer and dancer Ai Fei, melancholic singer Hou Lei, and versatile Kazakh singer Hui Aih. Yesterday’s finale also featured singer-songwriter and multi-Grammy award winner Lionel Richie of the US and Taipei singer Law Chi-chen.

Richie performed his well-known song “Say You, Say Me,” and did a duet with Chinese-American singer Coco Lee, also a judge on the show, of his hit “Endless Love.”

Richie, on his first visit to Shanghai, also encouraged finalists to be themselves and turn their passion into a career.

According to the show’s producers from Dragon TV, Li will sign a contract with Universal Music Group and record his first album.—Xinhua

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**Showtime bets ‘Ray Donovan’ will be summer success for years**

**Los Angeles**, 31 Aug—From the FBI agent tripping on acid to the action film star marrying a transsexual, the Sunday night Showtime drama “Ray Donovan” has served up its share of bizarre twists.

In the tale of a ruthless yet morally conflicted Hollywood “fixer” played by Liev Schreiber, “you never know where it is going to go,” executive producer Mark Gordon says.

What the premium cable network does know is that “Ray Donovan” now heading into the final three episodes will be its biggest show in its first season. Ratings are outpacing the current record holder, domestic terror thriller “Homeland,” by almost 40 percent.

The show already has been renewed for a second season, and CBS Corporated-owned Showtime Networks Inc has bet on “Ray Donovan” as its next big showcase.

“Popular serial killer drama “Dexter” concludes next month after eight seasons, and “Homeland” emerges as the four seasons of the year,” said David Nevins, Showtime’s entertainment president. “I think ‘Ray Donovan’ has already established itself as one of the anchors. It will probably be our anchor in the summer for years to come.”

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**Los Angeles**—22 Aug—Executive producer and director Paul Schrader poses during the photocall of “The Canyons” during the 70th Venice Film Festival, in Lido of Venice, Italy, on 30 Aug, 2013.—Xinhua

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**Actors Liev Schreiber (L), Jon Voight and Elliott Gould (R) of the show “Ray Donovan” listen to questions on stage during the Showtime panel presentation of the 2013 Winter Television Critics Association Press Tour at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, California, on 12 Jun, 2013. **Reuters**
Bayern Munich beat Chelsea in shoot-out to win European Super Cup

FRANKFURT, 31 Aug — Pep Guardiola triumphed again in his rivalry against Jose Mourinho as Bayern Munich beat 10-man Chelsea 7-6 after a nerve-racking penalty shoot-out to win the European Super Cup on Friday.

Chelsea substitute striker Romelu Lukaku saw his effort saved by Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer as the German team claimed a 5-4 penalty-kick win.

Chelsea, who have won their midfielders Mourinho dismissed late in the second half, settled set to win as Eden Hazard scored in extra time after Frank Ribery handled out to Neuer. But with ten men for a long, long period in the game. They played against the champions of Europe and they were the best team,” he said. “We only have reasons to be proud, to believe in the future. But I prefer just to say the best team lost and stay with it,” he added.

Mourinho’s side went ahead in the eighth minute when Torres swept in Andre Schurrle’s cross from the right flank. Two minutes after win the restart Ribery drifted in off the left and fired in an unstoppable 25-yard shot to equalise.

Then in the 84th minute, Ramires got his marching order after foul of Mario Gotze, but Chelsea withstood Bayern’s attack and raced ahead again three minutes into the extra-time when Hazard replicated Ribery’s strike. Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech thwarted some efforts from the German opponents, but could save Martinez’s close shot in the last minute. The trophy had to be determined by spot-kicks. After the first nine penalty-takers succeed-
ed, it came down to Lukaku whose soft kick was comfortably saved by Neuer, handing Guardiola his 8th win over Mourinho in their 16 head-to-head encounters.

Guardiola paid tribute to his predecessor Jupp Heynckes and thanked the former Bayern boss after the game. Guardiola said: “Heynckes is the architect and creator of this title, I want to dedicate it to him.”

Murray overcomes hiccups as Hingis comeback ends

Andy Murray celebrated a point against Leonardo Mayer of Argentina at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 30 Aug, 2013. Reuters

New York, 31 Aug — Andy Murray experienced his first little hiccup at the US Open on Friday, but recovered quickly to safely book his place in the third round of the season’s last grand slam. The Scotsman was never in any danger of losing his match against Argentine baseliner Leonardo Mayer but did drop a set for the first time in the tournament.

If there were any heart flutters amongst his army of supporters, who were queued up outside Louis Armstrong Stadium to catch a glimpse of the 26-year-old, they were short-lived as he instantly regrouped and ran away with the fourth set to win 7-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

“It was a very tough match,” said the defending champion, whose next opponent is Germany’s Benjamin Becker on a baking hot day at Flushing Meadows, where gusting winds provided little relief from the heat and made it hard for the players to hit cleanly.

The world number one saved two set points in the opening set before rebounding to win 7-6, (2) 6-2, 6-2 and advance to the next round against Portugal’s Joao Sousa, a five-set winner over Jarkki Nieminen of Finland. It was a struggle,” Djokovic said. “It was a lot of unforced errors, very windy conditions. “You couldn’t really read and kind of predict where the ball is going to go, so you have to be very alert.”

Tomas Berdych, the men’s fifth seed and a semi-finalist last year, beat American Denis Kudla 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3), 6-3 and will face Frenchman Julien Benneteau in the next round.

Phil Mickelson of the US pumps his fist after a birdie on the 14th hole during the first round of the Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Massachusetts on 30 Aug, 2013. Reuters

Norton, (Massachusetts), 31 Aug — A red-hot Phil Mickelson fired a brilliant front-nine 28 on Friday that gave him a share of the first-round lead at the Deutsche Bank Championship on Friday.

Mickelson started early on the 10th tee and went on a sizzling seven-under through his opening nine holes as he quickly showed how easy scoring could be on the soft greens at the TPC Boston before closing with an eight-under par 65.

“I played really well, obviously putted really well,” said Mickelson, who admitted that at the turn he had considered his chances of shooting just the sixth 59 on the PGA Tour.

“The greens were perfect on my front nine and I saw the line and just rolled them in.

It felt really good to putt like that.” But with the shadows falling, England’s Brian Davis, bogey-free throughout his round, drained a curling 25-foot putt on his final hole to finish with two consecutive birdies and earn his place atop the overnight leaderboard.

British Open champion Mickelson’s hopes of a truly remarkable score were undone by bogeys on the first and last holes of his back nine, although an eagle at the par-five second ensured he did not undo much of his outstanding start.

Mickelson, the world number three, was grouped with Tiger Woods and Adam Scott, ranked first and second in the world, respectively, and he set the perfect tone with a 19-foot putt for birdie on his opening hole.

The left-hander birdied every hole on the back nine except the par-four 12th and 13th, producing pinpoint iron shots and composed putting.

Endurance swimmer Nyad to attempt Cuba-Florida crossing

Havana, 31 Aug — US endurance swimmer Diana Nyad will attempt to swim from Cuba to Florida this weekend, better prepared for the sharks, venomous jellyfish and powerful Gulf Stream currents that foiled her four previous attempts at the 103-mile (166-km) crossing.

If she succeeds, Nyad, 64, would become the world record holder for the longest unassisted open ocean swim, meaning no shark cage protected her during the swim, which is expected to take more than 60 hours. Equipment emitting a mild electric current in the water should keep sharks at bay.

Nyad said on Friday that a protective silicone mask would better protect her from the poisonous jellyfish that forced her to end one of two attempted crossings last year.

She said the custom-made mask shows her and makes it more difficult to breathe, so it may take up to 80 hours to complete the swim.

But it should help shield her from paralyzing stings and prevent toxins — including those from potentially deadly box jellyfish — from building up to dangerous levels in her system as happened last year.

Phil Mickelson

Reuters

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Reuters
**General**

**Indonesia, Pakistan commence free trade pact early next month**

Jakarta, 31 Aug—Indonesia and Pakistan have signed bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA), pact, which is to take effect early September, paving the way for Indonesia’s expectation to gain trade growth up to 2 billion US dollars with Pakistan next year, a senior Indonesian official said on Friday.

“After the implementation of free trade with Pakistan, trade growth is to be significant this year and may reach between 100 to 200 million US dollars from crude palm oil, footwear, garments, papers and coal commodities. We are seeing potential trade growth between 1.5 to 2 billion US dollars next year,” Trade Deputy Minister Bayu Krisnamurti said in his office here.

He said that Indonesia has recorded significant trade growth with Pakistan as trade figures in the first half this year showed surplus in oil and gas, and other than oil and gas products stood at 2 million US dollars and 1.1 billion US dollars respectively.—Xinhua

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**City Durres of Albania celebrates 3010 years of civilization**

DURRES, 31 Aug—Durres town-hall organised on Friday evening the cultural event “Durres, 3010 years of civilization.” This activity is part of an initiative taken 10 years ago by the city’s Archaeological department of the town and Durres Association which organized a series of events under the motto “Durres, 3000 years of civilization - pride and responsibility.”

During this event held at Liria square, the “Dyrrah 3010” award went to businessman Ymer Lushakaj, film director and translator Gjerg Vlashi, doctor Mikol Muka and bank consultant Kostandina Heba.—Xinhua

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**Hewitt stuns Del Potro at US Open**

New York, 31 Aug—Australia’s Lleyton Hewitt won an absorbing late-night thriller against Juan Martin Del Potro at the US Open on Friday to move into the third round.

In a battle between two former US Open champions, the veteran Australian came out on top after more than four hours, winning 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1, in one of the biggest upsets of the tournament.

Del Potro, who stunned Roger Federer to win the 2009 US Open, was one of the favourites to win the men’s singles title but the towering Argentine was unable to find an answer to Hewitt’s counter-punches as the pair slugged it out like two heavyweight boxers.

“It’s amazing,” Hewitt said on-court. “I was pumped up when I won my first-round match because I knew I was playing Del Potro and we could be on Arthur Ashe Stadium. “I don’t know how many years I have left in me so I was just hanging to get back on this court again.”

Hewitt may no longer be as fast as he was when he upset Pete Sampras to win the final 12 years ago but the 32-year-old showed he had lost none of his competitive spirit.

Scrambling around the center court to keep up with his younger opponent, he fetched more balls than a golden retriever, and hit a string of inch-perfect winners.

His biggest flaw, however, remains his serve, which lacks the power of tunity to take a two-set lead.

He was just a point away on his own serve when he double-faulted. Del Potro went on to break him and take the set and seized the momentum. The 24-year-old Del Potro, seeded sixth at Flushing Meadows, won the third set but was starting to run out of gas.—Reuters

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**Asleep in Jesus Mr. Thomas Minus**

**Aged 83 years**

Son of Mr & Mrs Austine Minus and son in law of U Khin Nyunt & Daw Mya Chit, beloved brother of Mrs Ann Minus; Mr Jonny Minus, Mr Bonny Minus and Mr Bengy Minus was passed away on 31 August 2013 and funeral service will be on 2 September 2013 (10:00 am) at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon.

**Loving Brothers & Sisters**

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**Lyonet Hewitt of Australia celebrates defeating Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina in the 5th set at the US Open tennis championships in New York, on 30 Aug, 2013.—Reuters**

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**Over 100 kg heroin seized in Sri Lanka**

Colombo, 31 Aug—At least 100 kg of heroin was seized from a container truck which had arrived in Sri Lanka from Pakistan, officials said on Friday.

Customs Director Mati Piyasena said that the container was seized on suspicion and it was sent to a container yard to be checked. He said that the documentation on the container indicates that it contained tins with grease. However, when the tins were checked customs officers found at least 100 kg of heroin inside.

The customs department said that two people including a Pakistani national had been arrested over the incident. This was the biggest heroin haul seized in Sri Lanka.—Xinhua

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**New Light of Myanmar**

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Press release on actions of Ministry of Immigration and Population in response to suggestions submitted to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

1. The Ministry of Immigration and Population made the following clarification on issuance of birth certificates and other documents for a child of a Myanmar citizen abroad and extension of stay visa:

(a) Requirements for birth certificate are stated in Section (10) of the Myanmar Citizenship Law 1982; requirements for parents or guardians are stated in Section (13) Sub-Section (a) (i) aa-gg as follows:

i. Section (10) of Myanmar Citizenship Law: A person born outside the State shall have his birth registered either by the parent or guardian in the prescribed manner within one year from the date of birth at the Myanmar Embassy or Consulate or organizations prescribed by the Ministry of Immigration and Population. (Proviso. If registration is not possible within one year from the date of birth, application may be made by the parent or guardian, furnishing sufficient reasons to the Central Body through the Myanmar Embassy or Consulate or organizations prescribed by the Ministry of Immigration and Population.)

ii. Section (13) of Myanmar Citizenship Bylaws (Citizenship Rules and Regulations): The following steps should be followed in applying for birth certificates and inclusion in parent’s passports by parents or guardians, death certificates, applying for citizenship scrutiny cards when he/she attained the age of 10 years, issuance of CSC cards, extension of citizenship scrutiny cards when he/she attained the age of 18 years:

aa. Parents or guardians shall inform the respective Myanmar embassy or consulate-general with copies of birth certificate within one year from birth. After receiving N-8 form from the respective Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, the parents shall return the form to the respective Myanmar embassy or consulate-general after filling it completely to include the child’s name in the parent’s citizenship certificate Form 6.

bb. If the child is born in the area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, after receiving N-8 form from the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, the parents shall apply it at the Myanmar embassy or consulate-general after filling it completely to include the child’s name in the parent’s citizenship certificate Form 6.

cc. If the parents fail to apply for the birth certificate within one year from birth, they shall apply for it at the Myanmar embassy or consulate-general with the birth certificate, related certificate and valid reasons.

dd. If the child is born in the area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, after receiving N-8 form from the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Department of Immigration and Population with the registered letter, the parents shall apply it at the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Ministry of Immigration and Population after filling it completely to include the child’s name in the parent’s citizenship certificate Form 6.

ee. They would follow instructions from respective authorities and pay the fine.

ff. If a child passes away, parents or guardians shall register the death at the Myanmar embassy or consulate-general.

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