President sends felicitations to DPRK

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—On the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Day of the Foundation of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong Un, 1st Chairman of the National Defense Commission of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and Supreme Commander of the Korean People’s Army of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, His Excellency Kim Yong Nam, President of the Presidium of the Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK and His Excellency Mr. Pak Pong Ju, Premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK. —MNA

Political reform only not enough for democratization

YANGON, 8 Sept—Speakers of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met with responsible persons of livestock breeding, fisheries and business organizations and entrepreneurs at Thiri Annawa Hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation in Hlaine Township this afternoon.

At the meeting, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw said he was there to observe the wishes of producers and distributors from livestock breeding and food production arenas, adding that discussions and suggestions would much contribute towards making laws. Political reform is only not enough for democratization. Executive reform, economic reform and function reform must be made in synchronization and function reform must be fulfilled by legislative and executive bodies. Economic reform plays a crucial role in reform processes. The speaker invited constructive suggestions on people’s voice and aspirations to be fulfilled by legislative and executive bodies.

Adult literacy rate hits 95.13 percent in Myanmar in 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept.—A ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day 2013 was observed at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC), here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye called for establishment of constant learning Myanmar society through basic literacy activity of entire people so as to build a democratic nation.

He said that a total of 43181 basic education schools were opened across the nation in 2013-14 academic year for creation of learning opportunities for the students. Thanks to strenuous efforts, adult literacy rate reaches 95.13 percent in the nation in 2013. Among 774 million population of illiterates throughout the world, over two-third population are women and girls. At present, 57 million of children of primary school level age and 69 million of middle and high school level age miss the chance to pursue education.

On behalf of the UN resident representatives, UNESCO Resident Representative Mr. Sarder Umar Alam said that millions of women and children need to be illiterates in the world. UNESCO always supports development of human resources and flourishing of democracy in Myanmar, he said. Ma Shine Nay Chi, eighth standard student of Pathein Education College Practising Middle School, said, “I won the first prize in the high school level essay contest. I am delighted with my achievement.”

Assistant Director U Khin Maung Htwe, Head of Information Education Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau Department, remarked that all the people must be educated persons to catch up the advancement of technologies in the education era. Therefore, he noted that basic literacy campaign is the most important in the world.

Myanmar secured Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Award presented by UNESCO in 1971 and Noma Prize in 1983. —MNA
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**LOCAL NEWS**

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**Accident**

**Dyna bus plunges off road to Thamaing Overpass**

**Yangon, 8 Sept**—A Dyna bus rolled over the pavement at the down road of Mayangon township and then hit two students.

At 6 am on 2 September, a Dyna of 121st bus line was driven by Min Min Tun, 36 of Thingangyangyi Ward of Mingaladon Township from the east to west along Thamaing Railway Station Road in Ward 2 of Mayangon Township. While taking over another vehicle near the Thamaing Overpass, the Dyna hit two students from Mayangon BEHS No 1.

The students were injured in the incident and another run on board the bus also injured. After that, the vehicle bumped into with one stationary taxi by the roadside. So, both vehicles were damaged in the incident. The injured are under treatment at Insein General Hospital. Bayintnaung Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the reckless driver under the law.

**KIC provides news writing course**

**Hpa-an, 8 Sept**—Mae Sot-based Kayin Information Centre (KIC) conducted the basic news writing course at Thumedayama Monastery in Hpa-an of Kayin State from 2 to 27 September.

A total of 10 men and five women are attending the course. On 2 September, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Aung Kyaw Naing of Hpa-an Township gave lectures on general knowledge for youth and national matters. The editor-in-chief of KIC and course instructors conducted the basic news writing course. “I did not invite media persons because I would like to give training to the youth who have already passed the matriculation examination,” said the in-charge.

**Tourists arrive in Bago to pay visit to pagodas**

**Bago, 8 Sept**—This monsoon, number of globetrotters to Myanmar is growing.

More tourists are visiting pagodas and Myanmar cultural heritage in Bago this year, said a person from souvenir shop at Shwethalyaung reclining Buddha image.

Bago located on Yangon-Mandalay Highway is about two-hour drive from Yangon, and it is a suitable camp for passengers who came from Mandalay.

In the new era, the foreigners value hand-made products and so they buy Myanmar cultural works.

**Agriculture**

**Farming rights certificates presented to farmers**

**Karathuri, 8 Sept**—A ceremony to present farming rights certificates for the second time was held at the sub-township General Administration Department in Karathuri Sub-Township on 4 September.

The ceremony was attended by Sub-Township Administrator U Ko Ko Nyein, Head of Sub-Township Settlement and Lands Department U Lin Lin Tun, Sub-Township Manager U Wai Phyo Aung of Agriculture Department. Head of Sub-Township Settlement and Lands Department U Lin Lin Tun explained the issuance of farming rights certificate and rights of farmers.

The Sub-Township Administrator and officials presented the certificates to farmers.

**Plan to build embossed print plate factories**

**Yangon, 8 Sept**—According to the recent news, Directorate of Road Administration will extend the Embossed Print Plate Factories.

The department plans to build more factories to produce embossed print plates for vehicles.

Under the supervision of respective governments, open tenders will be invited to construct the embossed print plate factories since the number plates of the vehicles have been changed with English alphabets and regional signs.

“After building the factories, job opportunities will be created for the local people. In consequence, the transport charge will decline,” said an official of the directorate.

Arrangements are being made to build the embossed print plate factories in the directorates (Ywathagyi) and (Mandalay). At present, the embossed print plate factory is located at the directorate (Myintna) of Yangon Region.

**Health**

**Elephantiasis medicines given to people in Hpa-an**

**Hpa-an, 8 Sept**—Under the prevention plan of Ministry of Health, a ceremony to provide anti-elephantiasis medicines will be held in Ward 4 of Hpa-an of Kayin State from 9 to 15 September.

The disease can show its symptoms not only at legs but also in face and chests and others.

The disease can develop through mosquito and one patient with the disease can contaminate to others, a health staff explained to the administrative body of Ward 4 on 3 September.

The local people are to cooperate with health staff for prevention against the outbreak of the disease, he said.

**Stimulant tablets worth K 1.2 million seized in Lashio**

**Kaymon-Pwint Hsan (Popa)**

Members of Lashio Anti-Drug (Special) Squad together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, searched the jeep driven by Aung Thu, 43, of Ward 4 on Tangyan Township at 12.30 am on 3 September.

The squad seized 600 stimulant tablets worth K 1.2 million from the cover of ciragette box in the car at Sintin Bridge in Sintin Village of Lashio Township.

Naungmon Region Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Aung Thu, under sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kaymon-Home Affairs

Aung Thu seen with stimulant tablets and his jeep.
Obama appeals for backing to hit Syria, Europeans urge delay

WASHINGTON/VILNIUS, 8 Sept—President Barack Obama urged Americans on Saturday to back him in launching an attack on Syria, as diplomatic pressure grew on the United States to wait for a UN report expected in a week’s time before beginning military action.

Fresh from a European trip in which he failed to forge a consensus among global leaders, Obama plunged into a campaign on radio and television to try to convince a skeptical US public and Congress of the need for a military strike on Syria.

Italian government hopes to avoid political crisis

In Europe, pressure increased for delay. European Union foreign ministers meeting in Lithuania on Saturday blamed the 21 August chemical weapons attack in Syria on President Bashar al-Assad’s government. But they did not endorse military action and made clear the bloc wanted the United Nations to have a role in agreeing on an international response.

Hope Francis, who two days ago branded a military solution in Syria “a futile pursuit,” led the world’s Catholic churches in a global day of prayer and fasting for peace in Syria.

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Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta’s (C) gestures next to Economy Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni (L) and Labour Minister Enrico Giovannini during a meeting for “Jobs for Youth - Building Opportunities, Opening Paths”, at Palazzo Chigi in Rome on 14 June 2013.

CERNOBIO, (Italy), 8 Sept—Italian government leaders expressed hope on Saturday that the fragile ruling coalition could avoid a breakdown that would threaten strained finances and risk wrecking the trust won during months of painful austerity.

“I am confident, I believe there won’t be a crisis,” Economy Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni told reporters on the sidelines of a business conference in the northern town of Cernobio. He warned that Italy risked a “totally unforgivable loss of credibility” if political turmoil disrupted efforts to keep its public deficit within European Union limits and renewed doubts about its budget stability.

There have been weeks of tension over the political future of centre-right leader Silvio Berlusconi after Italy’s top court found him guilty of being at the centre of a vast tax fraud conspiracy at his Mediaset broadcasting empire.

Allies of the former premier have said they could pull out of Prime Minister Enrico Letta’s unwieldy left-right coalition if centre-left members of a Senate panel vote to strip Berlusconi of his seat in the upper house of parliament.

However, senior allies of the 76-year-old media billionaire have struck a more conciliatory note in the past two days, following a statement from President Giorgio Napolitano warning parties against provoking another crisis.

“The country needs responsibility. We have guaranteed this sense of responsibility today,” Renato Schifani, the floor leader in the Senate of Berlusconi’s People Freedom (PDL) party, told SkyTG24 television.

US President Barack Obama speaks during a news conference at the G20 Summit in St Petersburg, Russia on 6 Sept 2013.

The cross-party panel, in which the centre-left Democratic Party (PD) holds the largest number of seats, meets on Monday but it may take weeks for the complicated procedure that could lead to Berlusconi’s expulsion from parliament to be completed.

Letta told the BBC in an interview that he was confident the government would now carry on. But political risks have weighed on Italian government bonds in recent sessions and analysts say Rome may see weaker demand and be forced to pay higher yields at an auction next week if investors believe the government risks collapse.—Reuters

Brasilia, 8 Sept—Police used teargas to contain street protests on Saturday in several Brazilian cities, stopping demonstrators from disrupting Independence Day military parades and an international soccer game between Brazil and Australia.

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Washington, 8 Sept—A US Senate panel on Saturday released 13 videos showing the victims of the alleged chemical attack near Damascus on 21 August although there is no independent verification of the videos’ authenticity.

The videos, posted on Saturday by the Senate Intelligence Committee on its website, show graphic images of adults and children who were convulsing and foaming despite no blood and obvious wounds on their bodies, signs of suffering from a chemical attack.

The videos were first played for the members of the committee on Thursday at the request of its chairwoman Diane Feinstein.

The panel said that the videos were compiled by the US Open Source Centre from footage taken on 21 August in the suburbs of the Syrian capital Damascus.

“All of the videos were posted on YouTube by pro-Syrian opposition users,” the committee said in a statement. “With one exception, all 13 videos were posted by a pro-opposition Internet news channel that consistently posts user-created videos concerning the Syrian conflict.”

Major US TV news networks, including the CNN, broadcast the videos on Saturday though they admitted that they could not independently verify the authenticity of the videos.

The Obama administration claims that the Syrian government perpe- trated the same gas attack on 21 August which the US claims killed 1,429 people including 426 children. It said the Syrian government will be held accountable for violating the international norm of banning the use of weapons of mass destruction, if US Congress gives him the authorization of use of force.—KyoSo News

N Korea prepares for 65th anniversary of country’s founding

PYONGYANG/BEIJING, 8 Sept—North Korea on Saturday stepped up prepa- rations to celebrate the up- coming 65th anniversary of its founding, with colourful signboards and other decor- ations adding to the festive mood in the capital Pyong- yang.

Some diplomatic sources have said that a military parade by the country’s militia, rather than the regular army, is expected to take place in Pyongyang on Monday, the day of the an- niversary.

The focus is whether North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will deliver a speech, which comes at a time when a mood of dia- logue is increasing between North and South Korea after tensions escalated in the wake of the North’s third nuclear test in February.

The two Koreas have recently reached agree- ments to reopen a joint in- dustrial zone in the North’s city of Kaesong which was shut down in April and to hold a reunion of families separated by the 1950-1953 Korean War.

The leader showed up to watch a massive military parade by its regular force at the capital’s main square on the 65th anniversary of the Korean War truce on 27 July but he did not make public remarks.

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A policeman sprays anti-government demonstrators with tear gas outside the Congress in Brasilia, on 7 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

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Rare skull of fossil ape discovered

KUNMING, 8 Sept—A six-million-year-old fossilized cranium of a juvenile ape has been unearthed in southwest China’s Yunnan Province, a rare find paleontologists hope may help unravel the mystery of human origins. The remains is only the second recovered cranium belonging to a juvenile ape inhabiting Eurasia in the Miocene that dates back to 23 to 5 million years ago, Ji Xueping, a researcher who led the study, told a news conference on Thursday.

“The skull boasts great significance in research on our ancestors, as the time when the primate lived was close to that of the first humans, estimated at between 7 million to 5 million years ago,” said Ji, with Yunnan Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology. “Africa has found a number of fossils of ancient primates of that age, but such finds are scarce in Asia. From this perspective, the discovery is quite important,” said Lu Qingwu, a professor with Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

A detailed description of the find was published in the Chinese Sciences Bulletin last month, nearly four years after Ji and his fellows found it in a pit owned by a brick factory in Shuangtangba community, Zhaohtong City. The age of the fossil ape, a member of the genus Lufengpithecus, was identified as between 6.2 to 6.1 million years ago in the late Miocene, the youngest among all ancient primates previously detected in Yunnan. The well-preserved cranium that has maintained most of the facial skeletal is relatively complete and largely undistorted, providing valuable information about the morphology and growth of Lufengpithecus, according to the study. “The study shows the primate bears some features in common with humans. A significant example is that the width of its eye socket is longer than the height, just like us,” said Prof Lu. Lufengpithecus is a collec-

US moon probe now “healthy” after fixing minor glitch

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept —US space agency NASA said on Saturday its moon probe was now “healthy” after engineers fixed mechanical problems it encountered shortly after Friday night’s launch. Although NASA described the launch of the Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADDEE) as being successful, the small car-sized spacecraft commanded itself to shut down the reaction wheels, used to position and stabilize the spacecraft, after its separation from the rocket.

On Saturday afternoon, NASA determined this as the result of fault protection limits put in place prior to launch to safeguard the reaction wheels, saying that engineers have since disabled the limits that caused the powering off soon after activation and will selectively re-enable them. “Our engineers will determine the appropriate means of managing the reaction wheel fault protection programme. Answers will be developed over time and will not hold up checkout activities,” said Butler Hine, LADDEE project manager.

“The reaction wheel issue noted soon after launch was resolved a few hours later. The LADDEE spacecraft is healthy and communicating with mission operators,” said Pete Worden, director of NASA’s Ames Research Center, which is leading the LADDEE mission.

The LADDEE was now “on a perfect trajectory” to arrive at Earth’s nearest neighbour in 30 days, NASA said. The 280-million-US-dollar spacecraft is expected to spend about 100 days exploring moon’s atmosphere and the role of dust in the lunar sky before running out of fuel and crashing into the moon’s surface. — Xinhua

Internet experts want security revamp after NSA revelations

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Sept —Internet security experts are calling for a campaign to rewrite Web security in the wake of disclosures that the US National Security Agency has manipulated standards. Documents provided to The Guardian, the New York Times and others by Snowden and published on Thursday show that the agency worked to insert vulnerabilities in commercial encryption gear, covertly influencing other designs to allow for future entry, and weaken industry-wide standards to the agency’s benefit.

Researchers found that SH-H7N9 (reported in Shanghai) preferentially binds to the avian receptor analog, whereas the AH-H7N9 (reported in Anhui) binds both avian and human receptor analogs. — Xinhua

Chinese scientists publish new findings on deadly H7N9

BEIJING, 8 Sept—Chinese scientists have discovered that a type of H7N9 can bind with a human receptor, which explains how the virus can infect human beings. Research focused on how H7N9 infected human beings, examining the two earliest reported virus types, known as isolates. These were SH-H7N9 and AH-H7N9, discovered in Shanghai and Anhui Province respectively.

Researchers evaluated the viral hemagglutinin receptor binding properties of the two isolates. A receptor is a protein located in a cell, or on a cell, to which a substance can bind. A virus has to combine with a receptor in order to infect the host.

A general view of the large former monitoring base of the US intelligence organization National Security Agency (NSA) in Bad Aibling south of Munich, on 18 June, 2013. —Reuters

A press conference on archaeology is held in Kunming, southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 5 Sept, 2013. A six-million-year-old fossilized cranium of a juvenile ape has been unearthed in Yunnan’s Zhaotong, a rare find paleontologists hope may help unravel the mystery of human origins. The remains is only the second recovered cranium belonging to a juvenile ape inhabiting Eurasia in the Miocene that dates back to 23 to 5 million years ago, Ji Xueping, a researcher who led the study, told the news conference on 5 Sept, 2013.—Xinhua

Although the new find suggests its connection with the first humans in terms of timing and morphology, Ji noted, “We still lack adequate fossil evidence to clarify its relationship with early hominins.” The mainstream view is that human ancestors originated in Africa.

“In recent years, some scholars proposed the theory that Asia, rather than Africa, is the cradle of human ancestry based on a series of recent finds. Apparently there’s a lot more work ahead to explore such possibility,” said Prof Lu. Lufengpithecus is a collec-
**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Sawiris eyes Telecom Italia, but concerned about Rome**

**Milan, 8 Sept—**

Egyptian telecoms tycoon Naguib Sawiris said on Saturday he was still interested in taking a stake in Telecom Italia (TLIT.MI) but might not submit a proposal “in view of (Italy’s)... alleged preference for Telefónica reported in the Italian press.”

Telecom Italia is seen as an early takeover target in a shake-up of the sector as an early takeover target.

**Republican US senator warns of ‘sticker shock’ from Obamacare**

**Washington, 8 Sept—**

Weeks before healthcare exchanges under President Barack Obama’s healthcare overhaul open next month, a Republican senator attacked the plan on Saturday by saying Americans may experience “sticker shock” from higher prices. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) speaks to the media after the Republican policy luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington on 18 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

**E-cigarettes as good as nicotine patches in helping smokers quit**

**London, 8 Sept—**

Smokers who switch to electronic cigarettes to try to kick their habit are at least as likely to succeed in quitting or cutting down as users of nicotine patches, according to research published on Sunday. In a first-of-its-kind study, researchers compared electronic, or e-cigarettes, with the more standard nicotine replacement therapy patches. They found levels of success were comparable, with e-cigarettes having similar effects to nicotine patches.

**Harman CEO says worst over for European car market**

**Berlin, 8 Sept—**

US audio systems maker Harman International Industries Inc said that Europe’s automotive industry, which accounts for most of its sales, has already bottomed out and may show modest recovery in the current fiscal year. There are indications that the European car market, where sales dropped to a two-decade low, might be turning the corner, with the region’s two top carmakers — Daimler and Volkswagen — reporting healthy profits for the second quarter.

**China buys into giant Kazakh oilfield for $5 billion**

**Astana, 8 Sept—**

Chinese President Xi Jinping struck a deal with Kazakhstan on Saturday giving China a stake in one of the world’s largest oilfields, a project of highlight of his tour of Central Asia to secure hydrocarbons for the world’s largest energy importer.

China’s $5 billion deal further increases China’s rising clout in post-Soviet Central Asia, once Russia’s imperial backyard, and an attempt by global rival India to get a stake in the oilfield, the world’s largest oil discovery in five decades.

“Two countries have agreed on China’s ownership in the development of the Kashagan deposit,” Xi told a news briefing after talks with Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev. “The two governments hail and support this agreement.”

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**Italy, EU agree tougher conditions for Monte dei Paschi bailout**

**Cernobbio, (Italy), 8 Sept—**

Italy and the European Commission have agreed that Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena will have to carry out a larger-than-expected capital hike, cut costs and reduce its large government bond holdings in order to win a EU green light for state aid, officials said on Saturday. Rome has offered 4.1 billion euros of state loans to Monte Paschi (BMPS.MI), Italy’s No 3 bank, in order to prop the lender, which has a weak capital position, following a derivatives scandal and big Italian bond investments.

European Competition Commissioner Joaquín Almunia and Italian Finance Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni reached a broad political agreement on Monte Paschi at a meeting on the sidelines of a business gathering in Cernobbio, on the shores of Lake Como.—REUTERS

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Kerry delivers a love letter to France, in French

US Secretary of State John Kerry (L) arrives for a meeting with French Foreign Affairs Minister Laurent Fabius (2nd L) at a Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris on 7 Sept, 2013—REUTERS

PARIS, 8 Sept — French, it is said, is the language of love. US Secretary of State John Kerry flaunted his fluency in the language on Saturday to deliver something of a love letter to France, one of the few world powers that seems likely to join the United States in any military action against Syria.

Australia’s new government aims to re-boot mining boom

CANBERRA, 8 Sept — Australia’s incoming conservative government promised to re-boot a stalled mining boom and revive an appetite for investment on Sunday after leader Tony Abbott swept into office on a platform to scrap a mining tax and run a stable administration.

Abbott’s Liberal-National Party coalition ended six years of often turbulent Labour Party rule and three years of minority government, winning a majority of more than 30 seats in the 150-seat parliament at Saturday’s national elections. It was Labour’s worst result since 1931.

Abbott, a former student boxer, Rhodes scholar and trainee priest, began his first day as prime minister elect with a dawn bike ride with friends around his home on Sydney’s northern beaches, before meeting government and ministry officials.

“People expect the day after an election an incoming government will be getting down to business. That’s what I’ll be doing today,” Abbott told reporters.

Abbott, who was backed by media owner Rupert Murdoch and his Australian newspapers, takes office as Australia’s economy adjusts to the end of a mining investment boom, with slowing government revenues and rising unemployment.

But Abbott’s finance spokesman Andrew Robb, who may become the trade minister in the new government, said Australia’s economy and mining sector would receive a boost from the election result.

“Of today, the mining boom will be re-booted,” Robb told Australian television, adding Australia had become uncompetitive under the Labour government.

“We will restore an appetite for risk and investment.”

Analysts said the victory for Abbott should give him at least two three-year terms in office.

Voting begins in Ibarakian gubernatorial election

MRIO, 8 Sept — Voting began on Sunday for the gubernatorial election in Ibaraki Prefecture in eastern Japan, with the incumbent aiming for a sixth four-year term against a newcomer.

A victory for Gov. Masaru Hashimoto, who is seen as having the upper hand over his chief opponent, would mean that he would become the longest-serving prefectural governor in Japan. Hashimoto, 57, is running as an independent.

With no major issue at hand, the election focuses on public evaluation of Hashimoto’s administration. Political analysts expect opposition turnout will be low.

Hashimoto has the support of local groups and local assembly members who belong to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and the opposition Democratic Party of Japan.

During the campaign, Hashimoto underscored his achievements as governor, including how he led the prefecture in effect to deal with the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant in Fukushima Prefecture neighboring Ibaraki, located east of Tokyo.

Tanaka contended that Hashimoto has been in office too long and criticized the governor for splurging tax money on large-scale development projects.

Netanyahu unimpressed by Iranian greetings for Jewish New Year

JERUSALEM, 8 Sept — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday dismissed the significance of reports that the new Iranian president and his foreign minister both issued greetings to mark the Jewish New Year.

Twitter messages that appeared to have been issued by newly-elected Hassan Rouhani and Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, wishing Jews a good Rosh Hashanah—the Jewish New Year, which was celebrated this week —made headlines in Israel. They were a change in tone from Rouhani’s predecessor, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who left office last month and regularly used to rail at Israel by calling for the destruction of the “Zionist entity.”

Netanyahu said in a statement he was “not impressed”, and that the Iranian regime “will be judged only by its actions and not by greetings” whose purpose, he said, was to deflect attention from its nuclear programme.

He called on the international community to strengthen sanctions on Iran meant to curb its nuclear activities.

Relations between the two countries have been dire for decades. Israel says all its options are on the table in preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons that could one day jeopardize the survival of the Jewish state. Iran denies it wants nuclear weapons and says its nuclear programme is for civilian purposes.

Rouhani’s election in June has encouraged speculation that Teheran may be taking a more conciliatory approach to foreign affairs, though the president’s power is heavily circumscribed by the clerical hierarchy.

Egypt army kills nine Sinai militants, defuses bomb on railroad

CAIRO, 8 Sept — The Egyptian army, in a major operation against Islamic militants in North Sinai on Saturday, killed at least nine of them, and it also foiled a bomb attack on the railroad between two Canal governorates. Nine people were killed, nine other militants were arrested, and three weapon warehouses were destroyed, the army said in a statement posed on its official Facebook page.

The second field military in coordination with the police launched a security operation at 4:00 am local time (0600 GMT) on a group of criminal hideouts in seven areas, the statement read.

Meanwhile, a security source said the armed forces found missiles and explosives warehouses in Kournah village, including four bags of weapons, 20 RPGs (Rocket-propelled grenade), and a missile base; while laptops, cellphones, and charts and maps in connection with terrorists’ operations in Sinai were also seized.

The source told Xinhua that “this is the biggest military campaign in Sinai since the 1973 war,” and around 2,500 soldiers and army officers, policemen and central security troops took part in the operation.

Security conditions in Sinai deteriorated after the ouster of Egypt’s Islamist-oriented President Mohammed Morsi in July.
Hlinethaya authorities give notice to squatters

**Gyoingauk WVO grants stipends to offspring of members**

The Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization awarded one-distinction winner Maung Htet Myat Win in 2012-2013 academic year and provided the assistance K 95,000 of the CEC.

He also granted stipends to offspring of the members and cash assistances to the older members of Township WVO.

The chairman then gave a concluding remarks at the ceremony.

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**Wellwishers donate three mini book corners**

The backroom team is formed with Manager U Tin Myint Aung, Chief Coach Park Seong-hua, Assistant Coach U Zaw Win Tun, Fitness Coach Ha Hae John, Goalkeeping Coach U Myo Chit, Liaison Officer U Soe Moe Kyaw and Doctor Aung Kyaw On.


The team participates in the competition that runs from 7 to 14 September. Hosts Malaysia U-23, Singapore U-23 and Thai Premier League All Stars.

MMAL-Pho Thaw Zin

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

**Stimulant tablets, weapons seized in Myawady**

The team is preparing for SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December.

MMAL-Pho Thaw Zin
Adult literacy and reading habit

Every one agrees that literacy is of vital importance for social progress of a nation as books give knowledge through broader public reading habit. Here, young or old people must have at least basic reading and writing skills for a country-wide promotion of reading habit as it is the cornerstone of social progress.

Unfortunately, many adults in our country totally lack schooling in their childhood days, especially their number is high in the less-developed regions of the Union. The good news is that the government’s adult-centred education for all program initiated in 1996 had helped increased national grown-up literacy rate to 91 percent in 2000 and 95.13 percent in 2013.

It is an encouraging sign we all take pride of. But the real important follow-up measure is the enhancement of the public reading habit for the newly literates to pursue constant learning through reading tables, reading societies or libraries particularly in areas where illiteracy rate is high. This will keep on promoting adult literacy rate as well as adult education level.

We have in history renowned adult learners like U Kyi Bwei who out of indomitable spirit came of age learning, becoming a learned person and farmer Po Yaza, whose constant reading and learning made him wise enough to become a court minister. As a Myanmar saying which goes, “Learning has no age” what matters for every one is the will.

In fact, there is interaction between adult literacy and reading habit. Knowledge flourishes through constant reading and learning. So, we need more reading activities such as reading roundtables, reading societies, libraries everywhere to promote adult literacy rate and adult education in the most effective way.

King Minhti was one of the 18 kings who reigned successively in the City of Laungkrat, which had been thriving on the bank of the Lemyo river in the northern Rakhine for about 156 years, after Vesali Period. He occupied Laungkrat’s throne from 1279 AD to 1374 AD. (The Guinness Records 2002 says that his 95-year regnal period was the longest one the kings throughout the world history have ever enjoyed.

Second to him, an Egyptian king who ascended the throne in 2281 BC enjoyed the longest regnal period of 94 years. He was such a righteous king that he ruled over the people in accordance with the Ten Kingly Attributes. Especially, he was so clever legislator and used to decide judicial cases without prejudice. Due to his punctious observance of law, his reputation spread far and wide, even beyond the boundary of the ancient Rakhine kingdom.

Therefore, he was sometimes held up as an exemplar in administering the public justice.

He was a son of King Min Bilu, the 7th descendant of king Alomapuyu, who founded the City of Laungkrat in 1252 AD. In contrast to Minhti, he was a tyrant. He oppressed the people by imposing heavy taxes on them, taking the hands of beautiful women in marriage by force, etc. What is worse, he was not devoted to the Triple Gem, and cruel-minded.

On the day when Minhti was born, due to his past meritorious deeds, all the weapons in the palace shone miraculously. Fearing that his newly-born baby would be more powerful than him and usurp his throne, he, at night-fall, tiptoed into the delivery room and took away the baby stealthily to the bank of the river and floated it on a bamboo raft, leaving the river. Some fishermen happened to rescue the helpless baby and submitted it to the king without knowing his ulterior motive. When the king knew that his unwelcome son was almost indestructible, he dispatched it to the upper reach of the Yoe creek and committed it to the charge of his confidant. But as this unsavoury plan was leaked to the ministers and the public, a minister named “Sitabin” and all royal officials thought thus: “This cruel king treated his own blood ill to such an extent. No doubt, his cruelty towards us will be beyond measure.” So thinking, they assassinated king Min Bilu and installed minister Sitabin as king, who, however, persecuted all royal relatives. So the remaining royal relatives and the public assassinated him again two years after his accession.

Then, the ministers and the people appointed the then seven-year-old Minhti king of Laungkrat. Therefore, little Minhti had to undertake the State affairs, sitting on the lap of his uncle minister Anandabhaya. Despite his young age, he had great love for righteousness and justice. So, on the day of his accession, he declared equivocally thus: “If a son commits a crime, his father shall be punished; if a daughter commits a crime, her mother shall be punished; if a pupil commits a crime, his teacher shall be punished; if a wife commits a crime, her husband shall be punished.”

One day, he saw a smear of lime on a gilded pillar of the royal assembly hall. That posed a great ugliness to the splendor of the palace. He, therefore, issued a royal order thus, “Those who smear lime on the pillars of the palace shall incur a royal punishment.” Many days elapsed away. No betel quid chewer appeared to destroy the beauty of the pillar by smearing his residual lime on the dazzling gilded pillar. Eventually, one day, King Minhti himself unconsciously smeared lime on a pillar of the royal assembly hall. His minister nearby saw that unintentional action of the king causally but was not brave enough to point it out. So he secretly recorded the date of that day in order that he could stand witness to the action of the king in case of need. The next day, during the royal audience, the king, while sitting on the lion throne, saw the smear of lime on the pillar. He then flew into a rage without the royal audience pointing to the pillar. “Who smeared lime on that pillar going against my order.” There was a pin-drop silence sustained for some time in the royal assembly hall. His anger mounted up.

He interrogated in an uncontrollable tone, “Tell me straight away who did that.” At long last, the minister who had recorded the smear of the king stood up sharply and recounted what he had seen. Then the king found himself guilty for the matter under investigation. As saying “The law against smearing lime on the palace pillar was issued by me. So I should be the exemplar in following this law,” went straight to that pillar, putting his right finger on it, cut it off without a blink of his eyes. When all the nobility and gentility present at the royal audience saw his unshaken and undiminished love for righteousness at the risk of his parts of the body, they were filled with awe and respect for him.

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After the king's death, his successor king Anandabhaya performed his duties conscientiously, and continued to strengthen the kingdom. The king’s court became the center of learning, with a high rate of illiteracy. This kept on promoting adult literacy and education. As a result, the newly literates were encouraged to pursue constant learning through reading tables, reading societies or libraries.

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**Research on rubber market presented in Mawlamyine**

Mawlamyine, 8 Sept—A ceremony to present findings in the rubber market was held at Shwe Myint Mo Tun Hotel in Mawlamyine on 5 September with the aim of drawing the small-scale rubber farmers-based rural development plan in Mon State.

Mon State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock U Myo Nyunt delivered an opening address.

Policy and Communication Expert U Min Shwe Thein of Care Myanmar and Karin Eberhardt of SDC of Swiss Embassy spoke words of thanks.

Leader of the research team Mr Kevin Ross Rutter explained findings of the research team with the use of power point. Those present took part in the discussions.

The plan was jointly organized by Care Myanmar and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The ceremony was attended by officials of Industrial Crops Development Department of Nay Pyi Taw, departments and ministries of Mon State, rubber entrepreneurs of Yangon Region and Mon State, small-scale rubber entrepreneurs, and rubber farm workers.

After that, those attending the ceremony visited the Crumb Rubber Factory and Perennial Crops Applied Research Centre.

**Electrification to Hteintaw, Tharawaw in Bago Region (West)**

Pyay, 8 Sept—The power line has been built to Hsinalan 33/11 KV power station through 33 KV power line via Letpadan of Thawadyaw District of Bago Region (West). After that, 1.3 miles long 11 KV power line was linked with Hteintaw and the power station.

Tharawaw has also been equipped with one 315 KVA transformer, one 11/04 KV transformer, 0.76 mile long 11 KV power line and 0.95 mile long 400 V line.

Tharawaw has been facilitated with two 314 transformers, 0.78 mile long 11 KV power line and 0.95 mile long 400 V line.

Construction tasks have been completed on 1 September and the test-running of electrification is being operated round the clock.

**30 Dong Feng tractors handed over to farmers in Ottwin**

Ottwin, 8 Sept—Agricultural Mechanization Department handed over 30 Dong Feng tractors to farmers at the office of the department in Ottwin of Bago Region on 6 September.

The tractors were sold to 2000-acre model plantation of mechanization farm in Kyettetyayunbin Village of the township through instalments.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Kyaw Shwe made a speech and Head of Toungoo District Agricultural Mechanization Department U Myo Nyunt Oo explained matters related to transformation of manual farming to agricultural mechanized farming.

Head of the township department U Win Aung handed over documents related to the tractors to Village-tract administrator U Thaung Lwin.

In the discussion, the officials explained sales of the tractors through special instalment system.

The local farmers expressed thanks for sales of tractors.

The ceremony was attended by 64 farmers together with members of the Township Agricultural Development Committee.
Chinese, Kazakh presidents agree to strengthen bilateral ties

AstaNA, 8 Sept—Visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Kazakh counterpart Nursultan Nazarbayev agreed at a meeting on Saturday to strengthen bilateral ties.

During the talks, the two leaders summed up the development of China-Kazakhstan partnership, charted a future course for cooperation and reached extensive consensus on deepening their comprehensive strategic partnership.

Calling China-Kazakhstan ties as an example of neighbourliness and mutually beneficial cooperation, Xi said China is happy to see a stable, strong and prosperous Kazakhstan.

Xi added that China supports Kazakhstan to choose a development path in accordance with its own reality, maintain national sovereignty, promote economic and social development and play a constructive role in international and regional affairs.

For his part, Nazarbayev said Kazakhstan supports China to choose a development path in accordance with its own reality, maintain national sovereignty, promote economic and social development and play a constructive role in international and regional affairs.

The two leaders pointed out that China and Kazakhstan have the potential for future cooperation in more extensive fields. Both sides should improve their two-way trade structure, stimulate trade diversification, improve cooperation scale and quality, so as to achieve a trade volume of 40 billion US dollars in 2015.

Ousted Nasheed faces Maldives run-off after split poll results

MALe, 8 Sept—Former Maldivian leader Mohamed Nasheed will face a run-off election on 28 September after his win in the presidential poll ended without a majority, provisional results showed on Sunday, nearly 20 months after his removal ignited months of unrest.

Nasheed, the Maldives’ first democratically elected president, was forced from office in February 2012 in what his supporters call a coup. The turmoil tarnished the Indian Ocean archipelago’s image as a tropical holiday destination.

He missed a required majority of 50 percent, as the votes were split among the other three contenders. Nasheed faces his main rival, Abdulla Yameen, a half-brother of Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who ruled for 30 years and was considered a dictator by opponents and rights groups.

IraN’s atomic chief says ready to allay West concerns over nuclear programme

TehRAN, 8 Sept—Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Ali-Akbar Salehi said that the Islamic republic is ready to allay the West’s concerns over its controversial nuclear programme. Teheran Times daily reported on Saturday. We acknowledge their concerns and are ready to ease them by international conventions, Salehi said, without specifying the issues that might be the source of controversy.

In past nuclear talks, Iran’s high-grade uranium enrichment activities and its refusal to give inspectors access to certain military sites suspected of nuclear experiments had been hampering progress in resolving its nuclear issue. Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) last met in May and failed to achieve any breakthrough that would allow the UN nuclear watchdog to carry out further investigations into Teheran’s nuclear activities.

The two sides are scheduled to hold their next round of talks in Vienna on 27 September. While Salehi stressed “our principles have not changed and we have always demanded our rights under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the statute of the IAEA,” he noted Iranian negotiators will try to help find “a win-win solution” to the issue. Moreover, Iran’s moderate president, Hassan Rouhani, has pledged much “transparency” in the nuclear program with the international community.

On Thursday, Rouhani tasked the Iranian Foreign Ministry with conducting the upcoming nuclear talks with the P5+1 (the five permanent UN Security Council members plus Germany), a move likely to reduce the influence of hardliners on the process of talks.

Missouri governor bucks trend, campaigns for tax-cut veto

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon is on a campaign-style crusade to win public support for his veto of a tax cut that corporate income tax cuts that are meant to draw business to Missouri would in fact harm schools and mental health services.

Nixon has made 29 appearances since 15 July to defend his position. He noted that the bill “flawed policy” that will not generate new business or jobs.

Nixon will meet on Wednesday to vote on a veto override, which takes a two-thirds majority in the House and Senate, and even some Republicans admit that Nixon may win the fight.

“I want to leave this state better than I found it, and this bill would greatly limit that ability,” said Nixon, who began his second four-year term in January and cannot run again due to term limits, in an interview. He called the bill “flawed policy” that will not generate new business or jobs.

Nixon, a Democrat, has taken his case to towns across the state, arguing that corporate income tax cuts are not alone in trying to reduce taxes this year. Missouri Republicans sought the tax cuts in response to reductions in other states, especially neighboring Kansas in 2012. The bill’s supporters say Missouri must have a more attractive corporate tax climate to compete.

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Berry said Republicans are fighting an uphill battle to get the two-thirds, “the percentage chance of an override is small, but we are still working at it,” he said.

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Tokyo wins bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympics

Tokyo was chosen as the "safe pair of hands" to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, beating Istanbul and Madrid at the International Olympic Committee's general session in Buenos Aires on 7 Sept, 2013. *Kyodo News*

The ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers pose for group photos at the 4th ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on 7 Sept, 2013. The ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers met here on Saturday to seek possibilities to broaden cooperation in social welfare for the benefits of the people in their respective countries.—*Xinhua*

ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers meet in Cambodia to broaden cooperation

Siem Reap, (Cambodia), 8 Sept—The ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers met here on Saturday to seek possibilities to broaden cooperation in social welfare for the benefits of the people in their respective countries.

Speaking at the 4th ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development, Cambodian Minister of Social Affairs Ith Samheng said the peoples of ASEAN+3 (China, Japan and South Korea) countries account- ed for about one-third of the world population.

“The victims and vulnerable peoples of ASEAN+3 countries have received attention from their respective governments through social protection and the implementation of policies, strategic plans and programmes without discrimination,” he said.

“The meeting is very important to discuss ways to accelerate cooperation between ASEAN and plus three countries in social welfare,” 8th Samheng, on behalf of the ASEAN ministers, extended deep thanks to the three countries for having provided their close support and cooperation to ASEAN in implementing existing projects and promising to look into new projects proposed by ASEAN countries.

Chinese Minister of Civil Affairs Li Liguo said it was of great significance for ASEAN and the three countries to continue exchanges and cooperation on social welfare under the ASEAN 10+3 cooperation framework.

“We should accelerate the formulation of ASEAN 10+3 cooperation plan on social welfare,” he told the meeting. “The Chinese government is willing to strengthen the exchanges and cooperation with the three ASEAN+3 countries in various fields, levels and areas of social welfare.”

Li said China was willing to share experience in development patterns, institutional structuring, project management and other areas of social welfare with ASEAN countries, Japan and South Korea.

“We will support these countries to reinforce the efforts and actions on sharing policies and information with China,” he said. “We will also support ex- perts of both sides to conduct comparative studies on China-ASEAN social welfare policies.”

China also wanted to strengthen pragmatic co- operation on the welfare of the elderly, the disabled and children with all ASEAN countries and Japan and South Korea, he added. The ministers adopted a joint statement with a concerted commitment to improve social welfare for the people of their respective countries. The ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers meeting is held once in every three years. The last meeting was held in Brunei in Novem- ber 2010.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.—*Xinhua*

Singapore’s Chinatown puts on 20,000 lanterns for Mid-Autumn Festival

SINGAPORE, 8 Sept—Singapore’s Chinatown switched on some 20,000 decorative street lanterns in the heritage district on Saturday evening to officially kick off its Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations.

The lanterns, in five shapes, five sizes and seven colours, will be kept on throughout the nights un- til 4, or 15 Oct days after the Mid-Autumn Festival, which falls on 19 Septem- ber this year.

“This is a Singapore record for the largest num- ber of street lanterns on display,” said Philemon Loh, head of marketing and publicity at the Kreta Ayer-Kim Seng Citizens’ Consultative Committee, which organized the celebra- tions.—*Xinhua*

36 more arrested in ongoing targeted operation in Pakistan’s Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 8 Sept—Pakistan Rangers arrested at least 36 people on Sat- urday on the targeted operation that they launched in the coun- try’s violence-hit southern port city of Karachi against terrorists, target killers, kid- nappers and extortionists.

Local media reported that 36 people were arrested in the targeted operation.

Rangers also recovered automatic guns, pistols and hand grenades from the possession of the detained people, who reportedly be- long to the militant wing of a political party.

The operation was launched after a special cabinet meeting presided by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in Karachi on Wednes- day which approved the start of targeted operation to address the deteriorating law and order situation in the business hub of the country. Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan told media that 450 criminals had been identified in the intelligence reports and action would be taken against them and their aids.—*Xinhua*

Pakistan Rangers take part in an operation against criminals in the country’s violence-hit southern port city of Karachi on 7 Sept, 2013.—*REUTERS*
Nigerian army says kills 50 Boko Haram Islamists

MAIDUGURI, (Nigeria), 8 Sept—The Nigerian army said on Saturday it had tracked down and killed 50 members of Boko Haram, days after the Islamist sect was blamed for killing 20 villagers in raids in its northeastern stronghold.

“Troops pursued the terrorists to their camps and with air support about 50 terrorists were killed in a shoot-out,” army spokesman Sagir Musa told reporters in Borno state capital Maiduguri.

“The villages have been rescued from the fangs of the insurgents. Troops are pursuing the remnants of the fleeing terrorists by blocking all possible exit routes,” Musa added.

Boko Haram, which wants to impose Islamic law in northern Nigeria, and other splitter Islamist groups, are considered the biggest security threat in Nigeria. Africa’s top oil exporter. The military sometimes exaggerates its successes and plays down its own casualties and the deaths of civilians, residents of Borno and rights groups have said. Musa said the number of civilian casualties in the latest offensive was not known.

More than 160 people were killed in violence linked to Boko Haram last month — one of the bloodiest since President Goodluck Jonathan declared a state of emergency and a military crackdown in three northeastern states in May.

A new army division was sent to Borno last month. A civilian militia - often armed with no more than clubs and knives - has been operating against the Islamists in recent weeks, leading to the arrest of hundreds of them, the military says. The vigilantes and their families have become targets and scores have been killed in revenge attacks.

Jonathan is under intense political pressure due to a split in his party and from a recently formed opposition coalition. He has been criticized for not quelling Boko Haram’s insurgency, which has intensified under his leadership.—Reuters

Nigeria’s President Goodluck Jonathan attends the 43rd Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) meeting in Abuja on 17 July 2013.   Reuters

Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) Invitation for Application to Foreign Language Courses

The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) will open evening courses on Chinese, English, French, (Translation and Interpretation), German, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Thai and Myanmar as a foreign language.

Commencement date of course : 30-9-2013
Commencement date for submission of applications : 24-9-2013
Closing date for applications : 27-9-2013

Application to be submitted to:
Yangon University of Foreign Languages

Days on which classes held : Mondays,Wednesdays, Fridays
Time : 5:20 - 7:00 p.m.
Documents required : Certificate of Matriculation (or) Marks Certificate (or) Degree Certificate (Both Original and copy are required)
Enquiry : Student’s Affairs Section, YUFL
Phone : 514372 (Ext.*809)

Application must be submitted in person.

Yangon City Development Committee
Invitation for Tender

1. Yangon City Development Committee hereby invites Tenders from interested foreign companies, local companies and foreign companies in joint ventures for the lease of land described below for the implementation of the Secondary Central Business District Project, Yangon, Myanmar:

Location - Corner of Mindama Road and Taw Win Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.
Land Area - (8.518) Acres

2. The Land will be developed in accordance with plans approved or to be approved by the Yangon City Development Committee.

3. The Project may include the development of Hotel, Convention Center, Exhibition Halls, Engineering Department (Buildings), Yangon City Development Committee

4. The Tenders shall be submitted in two envelopes, one for financial proposal and the other for technical proposal. The Tenders shall be prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Tenderers.

5. Tenderers may obtain further information about the tendering from the following office, during office hours:

   Engineering Department (Buildings), Yangon City Development Committee

6. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased at the above address from the date of 19th September, 2013 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 1000 (US Dollars one thousand only) by means of overseas account transfer to Current Account No. - 1-DA-0961886(MFTB), Myanma Foreign Trade Bank, Yangon or upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kyat 1,000,000 (Kyat one million only) to Yangon City Bank Account No. DY-9 through above department.

7. Tenders shall be delivered to the above office on or before 15 hrs. on 2nd December, 2013. Any Tender submitted after the designated date and time will not be considered.

8. All Tenders must be accompanied by tender security in the form of a bank guarantee valid for six months in the amount of USD 1,000,000 (US Dollars one million only) issued by local or foreign bank which must be correspondent bank of to Myanma Foreign Trade Bank, Yangon.

Tenders will be opened in a session to be held at the office of Yangon City Development Committee in the presence of representatives of tenderers on the date and time as may be notified to the tenderers.

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Priyanka Chopra: I have a great track record with Bachchan remakes

NEW DELHI, 8 Sept—Not in the pink of health, nursing a cough and cold, the ever professional Priyanka Chopra was not going to let a bout of flu come in the way of her promotional drive. Looking ultra slim in a white and black fitted dress, the actress-singer wasn’t as nervous as her co-star Ram Charan Teja who cleared the air about being misquoted when he said he was “not expecting much from Zanjeer.”

“I always expect a lot from my movies, and this one is no exception,” said the new debuitante from the south who is testing Bollywood waters. Stepping into the illustrious shoes of Amitabh Bachchan, Ram Charan said, “I am wearing my own shoes, and yes, it took me a long time to say yes to this film, I will be scrutinised but let’s hope I get ten percent of the love from the audience.” Priyanka Chopra, who has now become synonymous with Bachchan remakes with appearances in Don, Agneepath and now Zanjeer, said, “I have a good track record with the remakes, so I am the lucky mascot.”

Happy that the restraining order had been removed, we asked Priyanka and Ram Charan whether they had pre-empted the economic crisis, their tag line being “a fight against the oil mafia.” The cast hoped they could fight against the rising rupee dollar ratio instead. Priyanka, who has been working on her boxing skills and working out hard in the gym, admitted that she hated pumping iron, and was waiting to wrap up the Mary Kom biopic so that she wouldn’t need to go to the gym anymore.

“Yes, it’s a tough role, the lady is 32 and still boxing, what achievements and hats off to her. And there hasn’t been a movie on a female achiever since Fearless Nadia,” she said. “Mary Kom is tough and I am giving it all I have,” she added. So, what about the Chopra box office clash with cousin Parineeti’s Shuddh Desi Romance hitting Nadia,” she said. “Mary Kom is tough and I am giving it all I have,” she added. So, what about the Chopra box office clash with cousin Parineeti’s Shuddh Desi Romance hitting Nadia,” she said. “Mary Kom is tough and I am giving it all I have,” she added. So, what about the Chopra box office clash with cousin Parineeti’s Shuddh Desi Romance hitting

Firth tackles story of torture, forgiveness in ‘Railway Man’

TORONTO, 8 Sept—Actor Colin Firth said on Saturday he felt a special sense of obligation portraying the true story of a British soldier who was tortured and then suffered for decades before finding the strength to forgive his captors. In “The Railway Man,” which had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on Friday, Firth portrays World War Two veteran Eric Lomax, who was captured by the Japanese and spent years as a prisoner of war.

“You just want to be absolutely sure that you don’t drop the baton, that you don’t compromise how well this story has been told up to now, despite your limitations. Such care has been taken to get the truth out there,” Firth, who won an Oscar in 2011 for his performance in “The King’s Speech,” told reporters in Toronto. The film begins in the later decades of Lomax’s life, when he meets and falls in love with his future wife Patti, played by Nicole Kidman. Their marriage was tested by his nightmares and breakdowns, a legacy of the beatings and other torture he suffered.

Lomax is forced to confront his past when he learns that Takashi Nagase, the young English-speaking officer who participated in his brutal interrogations, is still alive. Screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce said that sadly, while the film is historical, topics like the trauma victims eventually recounted the events in a memoir, also called “The Railway Man.”

Love at first sight for Siddharth Malhotra

DURBAN, 8 Sept—One-film-old Siddharth Malhotra, who has come to Durban for the first time, got a sneak peek of the exotic beaches and landscape from his hotel window and that, he says, evoked romantic feelings in his heart.

“It’s my first time in Durban. I haven’t seen the place yet, but whatever I can see from my hotel’s window, I feel like lip-syncing romantic songs on the beaches,” said the Student of The Year actor here. He is in Durban to perform at the South Africa India Film and Television Awards (SAIFTA) on Friday, and said he is ready to put his best foot forward.

“It’s his first performance in the city and Siddharth says that he is giving it his best and not worrying about the rest. The young model-turned-actor will be next seen in Hrithik Roshan’s Super 30. He has also signed Mohit Suri’s The Villain.

Jessie J wants to duet with Miley Cyrus

LONDON, 8 Sept—Singer Jessie J is keen to work with Miley Cyrus and has backed the blonde star after her recent controversial ‘twerking’ routine at the MTV Video Music Awards. The 25-year-old singer, who co-wrote Cyrus’ hit track Party In The USA, has backed the 20-year-old beauty following her controversial ‘twerking’ routine with Robin Thicke, and is keen to team up with her on a new track, reported Contactmusic.

“Miley at the moment is like olives; you either love her or hate her. You can’t do anything in this industry without testing it, and that means to do it for real in front of people. I’d love to work with her again,” Jessie said. The singer also recently collaborated with Thicke on the song Calling All Hearts, which will appear on DJ Cassidy’s new album. Despite her success, Jessie has only released one studio album, 2011’s Who You Are, which spawned several singles including Do It Like A Dude and Price Tag.

But she says her new record, Alive, will have a more mature sound as she has grown up a lot since penning her debut. Alive is releasing on 15 September.
Czech pair win US Open women’s doubles title

NEW YORK, 8 Sept — Czech duo Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka won the US Open women’s doubles title on Saturday with a 7-6(4), 6-1, 6-4 win over Australia’s Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua.

Hlavackova and Hradecka, who met in the semi-finals, overcame a swift start from the Australians and finished strongly to claim their second major doubles title following their 2011 French Open triumph. It was also a second title for Hlavackova at this year’s US Open after she teamed up with Belarusian veteran Max Mirnyi to win the mixed doubles on Friday.

“It’s been amazing,” Hlavackova said. “I can’t believe I have won two grand slams this week. “I want to thank Lucie. She helped me as much as Max did.” It was third-time unlucky for Barty and Dellacqua, who lost both of their previous grand slam finals at the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year.

IOC opts for stability, money in picking Tokyo

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Sept — The International Olympic Committee was in no mood for new adventures when it picked Tokyo as the host of the 2020 summer Olympics, opting for a “safe pair of hands” that could also boost its finances.

Tokyo beat Turkish metropolis Istanbul in a landslide vote after Madrid were eliminated in the first round, taking the world’s biggest multi-sports event back to Asia for the first time since the Beijing 2008 Games.

While Istanbul officials were left licking their wounds after their fifth failed bid in the last six votes, Tokyo were vindicated for a strategy which saw them highlight their solid finances and strong track record of delivering on promises.

The Japanese capital also dangled $4.5 billion in front of the IOC a year before the vote, saying the money for the Games was “in the bank.” “You described yourself as a safe pair of hands and as a sergeant even if I did not vote, this appeals to me,” IOC President Jacques Rogge told Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during the contract signing ceremony after the vote.

The Japanese capital took the lead from the start, landing 42 votes compared to 26 for Madrid and Istanbul, before beating the Turkish metropolis 60-36 in their final round. Tokyo will now host the Games for a second time since 1964 while Tokyo, hoping the IOC would again go uncharted waters after giving the 2016 Olympics to Brazil’s Rio de Janeiro and to South America for the first time, leave empty handed.

“All three bids were strong bids,” IOC Executive Board member John Coates told Reuters. “But Tokyo’s bid was very, very good for athletes, the concentration of venues there is very good.”

Where now for Madrid’s Olympic future?

MADRID, 8 Sept — The news that Madrid had fallen at the first round of voting in the decision to elect the host city for the 2020 Olympic Games was greeted with shock and disappointment by the crowds who had gathered in the city center on Saturday night.

Although most Spaniards had envisaged a close contest between the Spanish capital and Tokyo, the news that Madrid lost a vote off against Istanbul was a major surprise.

Thousands of ‘Madrilenos’ had gathered in the hours prior to the announcement at a party organized at the Puerta de Alcalá in the heart of the city, with the celebrations stretching down to the famous Cibeles fountain, where the city’s famous football club, Real Madrid, traditionally celebrate their successes.

There were no celebrations for Real Madrid last season as they crashed out of every competition they competed in, despite one of the most expensive squads in the world, but the expectations were for the Madrid 2020 bid were different.

Rather than being built on big names and star signings, the third consecutive bid by the Spanish capital to host the Olympic Games, the fourth overall, had its roots in the economic crisis that is still affecting Spain. ‘Austerity’ was very much the watchword in Madrid, as reflected by the fact that 28 of the 35 required venues are already in place, although some such as the Olympic Stadium, which will also be the future home of Atletico Madrid, do need extensive work carried out on them.

However, in a time of economic crisis, Madrid offered a project that already exists in bricks, mortar and concrete, compete with a transport infrastructure that is the envy of most European cities and a hotel capacity, which would not have needed stretching too much to cope with the needs of hosting the Games.

New York, 8 Sept — World number one Novak Djokovic and number two Rafael Nadal set up a mouthwatering men’s singles final at the US Open with victories in the semi-finals at Flushing Meadows on Saturday.

Monday’s US Open championship showdown will be the third in four years for Djokovic and Nadal at the US National Tennis Centre after they advanced in contrasting fashion.

Top seed Djokovic sealed his berth first by outlasting gutsy ninth seed Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland in a heart-pounding 2-6, 7-6(3), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over four hours. Nadal conserved his energy, dismissing eighthseeded Richard Gasquet 6-4, 7-6(1), 6-2 to improve his career record to 11-0 against the Frenchman and his 2013 hard-court record to 21-0.

The Spaniard, winner of 12 grand slam titles, won his only US Open crown in 2010 against Djokovic, who claimed his Flushing Meadows title the following year against Nadal. Last year Djokovic was runner-up to Briton Andy Murray. “Last year I didn’t have the chance to play on this court,” said Nadal, who was sidelined seven months due to a knee injury.” To have the chance to play in the final, to have the opportunity to play against each other for a tour record third time, Nadal leads their series 21-15.

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Italy and Germany set to finish qualifying job

London, 8 Sept — No World Cup finals would be complete without Italy and Germany on the cast list, and both nations will take their places in next year’s Brazil showpiece with victories on Tuesday. Four-times world champions Italy will qualify if they beat the Czech Republic in Turin, while Germany, bidding for their 16th successive appearance, can follow suit with a win over the Faroe Islands, though a Sweden victory against Kazakhstan would delay the Germans’ passage.

The Netherlands, assuming they beat Andorra, will be guaranteed top spot in Group D if Romania fail to beat Turkey. For other European powerhouses the task is less straightforward.

McKenzie under fire after Wallabies destroyed by South Africa

NAPER, (New Zealand), 8 Sept — The honeymoon is well and truly over for Australia coach Ewen McKenzie, who will need to inspire a massive turnaround from his defeated players if they are to avoid becoming Argentina’s first victims in the Rugby Championship next week. Three games into McKenzie’s tenure, the Wallabies remain winless in the southern hemisphere tournament, their forwards beaten up in Saturday’s 38-12 loss to the Springboks in Brisbane which followed two opening defeats to champions New Zealand.

The Australians were outgunned and outplayed by the South Africans, particularly in the pack where the Springboks’ monster loose forward trio of Willem Alberts, Duane Vermeulen and Francois Louw dominated. The Pumas were combative in their 28-13 loss to the All Blacks in Hamilton and will feel they have the opportunity to knock over the Wallabies in Perth, particularly if the game is played at a slower pace and scrums come to the fore. After notchting his third loss from his three matches in charge, McKenzie repeated his mantra that he had selected the right players for the tournament, but it was up to them to perform on the field.

“We’ve got the players who have earned their spots and they are desperate to go out there and play,” McKenzie told reporters after the Brisbane loss. "They have to make the most of their opportunities, and it’s their time to shine, so if we’re not getting the outcome then we’ll go back and have a look.”

Having not had the outcome, McKenzie, who took over from New Zealander Robbie Deans after the Wallabies’ morale-sapping series loss the British and Irish Lions, may be in for a fruitless search. While the forwards have traditionally struggled against the world’s more physical sides, Australia’s vanted backbone have taken a step backwards under the former test prop.

Soldier wounded in bomb blast at S Philippine highway

DAVAO CITY, 8 Sept — One soldier was wounded when an improvised bomb exploded in southern Philippines on Sunday morning, officials said.

The blast happened as soldiers and policemen were combing portions of a major road linking Davao and Cotabato provinces in Datu Paglas town, in Mindanao’s Maguindanao Province around 6 am, village chief Armstrong Magibus told local radio. He said an army corporal was wounded by shrapnel after a makeshift bomb went off, as troops from the army’s 6th Infantry Division responded following reports of a bomb found in the area.

Another bomb, fashioned from a mortar shell, was also found near the first explosion site an hour later and safely detonated by police bomb experts. Authorities were conducting investigation as to who planted the explosives and the possible motive.

Xinhua
Workshop on Perspective for Myanmar on Medical Practitioners held

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—The opening of Workshop on Perspective for Myanmar on ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Medical Practitioners was held at the University of Public Health on Myoma Kyauk Street, here, yesterday morning.

At the workshop, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said that Myanmar Academy of Medical Science will be added with more scholars capable of giving good suggestions for further achieving success.

The Union minister called for materializing better health care system in Myanmar, urging those present to speed up preparations for capacity building.

The reps from MAMS, Myanmar Medical Council, Public Health Foundation, ministries and organizations took part in the workshop.

Afterwards, the Union minister attended the coord meeting on purchase, instalment and use of atomic ray machines at the hall of Yangon General Hospital and called for using those machines beneficially. He also attended the workshop on drawing guidance for capacity building of general practitioners at the University of Medicine (1).

Chairmen of the Myanmar Medical Association and General Practitioners Association reported on the outcomes from the workshop.

The chairman and officials from MNA, MMC and MAMS and the reps of GPA (central) and Regions/States participated in the workshop.

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Kachin State Democracy Party to take part in 2015 election

MOHVIN, 8 Sept—Kachin State Democracy Party has been constituted with 17 central executive committee members recently and it submitted application to the Union Election Commission on 28 August, said Chairman of the party Dr Tu Ja.

The party sets its visions for implementing socio-economic development of the people, peace, and national reconciliation. It is aimed at participating in the 2015 general elections in Kachin State. The party will be headquartered in Myitkyina, the Chairman said.

In the multiparty democracy era, Kachin State Democracy Party will join hands with national race parties in realizing the national reconsolidation process.—NLM-001

Wall of Pledge ceremony for anti-trafficking in person

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—The Wall of Pledge ceremony took place at City Mark Promotion Area on Dhammazedi Road in Golden Valley Ward 2 in Bahan Township yesterday.

Joint Secretary of Anti-Human Trafficking Central Committee Chief of Staff (Police) Police Brig-Gen Khin Maung Si explained preventive measures against human trafficking and Project Manager Daw Ohnma Ei Ei Chaw of UNICEF matters related to trafficking in persons and they replied to queries raised by media persons.

Anti-Human Trafficking Envoy vocalist Phyo Gyi gave talks on measures of anti-human trafficking. Film actress Melody and vocalist Phyo Gyi put their signatures on CDs and posters in commemoration of the combating human trafficking.

The attendees were presented documentary video on activities of the anti-human trafficking bodies. Later, prizes were given to winners in the quiz on anti-human trafficking.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Corps Police Col Win Naung Tun, Commander of Yangon Region Police Force Police Col Win Naing, officials, Daw Yin Yin Han of UNICEF and media persons totaling 60.

Police Information

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Roland Kobia as Ambassador-Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.

Mr. Roland Kobia was born in 1965. He obtained a law degree in 1989, a master degree in European Administration in 1991 and a master degree in international nuclear law in 2008. He worked as a professor at the Montpellier University in France and the Brussels University in Belgium during 2007-2011. In 1997, he joined the European Commission as an administrator, and then served in various capacities in European Commission in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo and Nairobi, Kenya. Since 2009 he has been carrying out as a head of EU Delegation to Azerbaijan.—MNA

Developers invited to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) through open tender for Kyaukpyu SEZ

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Sept—A ceremony to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) from consultant firms through open tender to invite developers for successful implementation of Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone took place at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon today.

The ceremony is meant to draw strategies to implement the project in line with international norms and standards, inviting tender in a transparent manner for developers in accord with international rules and regulations, giving suggestions to Bid Evaluation and Awarding Committee in financial and technical matters, and inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) from consultant firms at home and abroad that will offer services on Monitoring and Quality Contest over the project.

It was attended by Vice-Chairman of Bid Evaluation and Awarding Committee Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein, Kyaukpyu SEZ Management Committee Chairman Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Myint Thein, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Set Aung and BEAC members, ambassadors, entrepreneurs, INGOs and NGOs, media men and guests.

The EOI original document and copies are to be submitted at BEAC Office, Kyaukpyu SEZ Management Committee, Ministry of Rail Transportation, Office No 29, Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 25 September.—MNA

Low pressure formed over West Central Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—According to the observation at 07:00 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over West Central Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department. MNA

Union FM felicitates DPRK counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—On the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Day of the Foundation of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Pak Ui Chon, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.—MNA