President U Thein Sein felicitates Mexican counterpart

Message of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agga Maha Thayay Sithu, Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma U Thein Sein to the International Day of Democracy which falls on 15 September 2013

On this International Day of Democracy, which falls on 15 September, I wish people of Myanmar fully enjoy the essence of democracy while taking part in the mission of further burgeoning democracy and democratic reforms. In 2007 the 62nd United Nations General Assembly resolved to observe 15 September as the International Day of Democracy in commemoration of democracy and with the purpose of raising the awareness of continuous democracy promotion both at present and in future and also encouraging governments to promote democratic principles and public understanding of democracy.

Democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of all the people and their full participation in their own administrative affairs. It is a principle of living as a whole regardless of locality, race, origin, religion, rank, status, culture, gender and wealth. Democratization is no easy task, and democracy is not an all-perfect system. Democracy has no end goal. Continuous efforts to meet the changes as well as mutual respect and amicable settlements are its requirements.

Myanmar is among the countries with resolve towards democratization, and her people are making bold steps in building a modern democratic nation. From political and economic reforms to peace, nation-building and national integration, we are reshaping our society and raising democracy values. In democracy not only the governments have decision-making power. The people themselves participate equally in choosing the administrative system and are safeguarded, that the our political transition is from centralized system to democracy governance the responsibility of shaping our own democracy culture in our own way falls on every one of us.

To be able to hear people’s voices and make self-determination over administrative machinery, the International Day of Democracy for 2013 is observed with the theme “Strengthening Voices for Democracy”. And the

International Day of Democracy 2013 observed in Nay Pyi Taw

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint deliver addresses at ceremony to mark International Day of Democracy 2013.—MNA
**Local News**

**Natdaga Creek Bridge stretching on Kalay-Yazagyo Road**

Kalay Township in Kalay District is constituted with 156 villages in 41 village-tracts. A total of 25 village-tracts are located in southern part of Kalay and 16 village-tracts in northern part.

Kalay-Gangaw motor road and railroad serve as an engine for development of village-tracts in southern part of Kalay. Likewise, Kalay-Tamu motor road contributes to development of the southern part village-tracts.

Kalay-Yazagyo Road, located in northwest of Kalay, is the most reliable transport facility for the local people from the villages of Kalay Township in regional development. Natdaga Creek Bridge lies near mile post 144 on 30 miles long Kalay-Yazagyo Road for smooth transport of vehicles large and small all the year round. Natdaga Creek Bridge is 197.5 feet long, 16 feet wide and 15 feet wide. It was built of steel beams and reinforced concrete floor funded K 177.69 million by the government and K 41 million by Kalay Township Development Affairs Committee. The facility was opened on 30 January 2013. Thanks to the road in northwest of Kalay and Natdaga Creek Bridge, Kalay Township secures greater development in economic, commercial, transport and social sectors, benefiting the rural people from northwest area of the township.

**People should take DEC and Albendazole to be free from elephantiasis**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Sept.—** As the Ministry of Health is implementing the fighting elephantiasis disease, health staff feed DEC and Albendazole medicines to all the people must take the medicine of Myanmar Police Force, members of social organizations and members of Fire Services Department put out the fire at 5 am. The tea maker who fell asleep at a house died in the fire. Fire victims are being accommodated at the relief camps. Departmental officials and social organizations provided assistance to the victims.

**Outbreak of fire kills two in Kyaiklat**

**Kyaiklat, 15 Sept.—A fire broke out at the tea shop in Ward 3 of Kyaiklat in Ayeyawady Region at 3:30 am on 13 September. The fire destroyed six houses and killed two people. The township administrator, departmental officials, members of Myanmar Police Force, members of social organizations and members of Fire Services Department put out the fire at 5 am.**

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

**Stimulant tablets, heroin seized in Muse, Tachileik, Phakant townships**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Sept.—** A combined team comprising members of Muse Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State, acting on a tip-off, discharged duty of patrol on Kukai-Tamonye Road near Namhu Village on 12 September.

In searching the Toyota Hilux driven by Kyein Kwe Li, 42 of Shaukaw Village in Kutkai Township, the combined team seized 51480 stimulant tablets weighing 5,148 kilos worth K 102.96 million. Kutkai Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Kyein Kwe Li under the law.

**Stimulant tablets seized in Pyigyidagun Township**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Sept.—** Members of Mandalay Anti-Drug Special Squad (South) searched the motorcycle driven by Ma Ohnma Hthe (a) Ange Lay, 18 of Kyanitsitha Street between 54th and 55th streets in Thibangbon Ward F of Pyigyidagun Township on 9 September. They seized 12000 stimulant tablets in her bag. After investigation, they raided the house of Ah Wam (a) Sai Thein Han, 30 at the corner of 30th and 91st streets in West Pyigyidagun Ward, where the police seized 130400 tablets worth K 1.5 million. The Olmaw (a) Kha Sai was arrested under Section 21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

**MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Sept—** Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, misappropriation and corruption. The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444). Also, the Myanmar Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-614444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (0181-2125455 and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).—MNA

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**Kyamon-Police**

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Obama welcomes US, Russia deal on Syrian chemical weapons

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — US President Barack Obama on Saturday welcomed a US-Russia framework agreement for eliminating Syrian chemical weapons, but warned that the country remains to act if diplomacy fails.

In a statement released by the White House, Obama welcomed the progress made between Washington and Moscow through talks in Geneva, Switzerland, saying that the deal represents “an important, concrete step toward the goal of moving Syria’s chemical weapons under international control so that they may ultimately be destroyed.”

Obama stressed that the United States will continue working with Russia, the United Kingdom, France and the United Nations and others to ensure the process is “verifiable” and “there are no consequences.”

However, Obama also warned, “If diplomacy fails, the United States remains prepared to act.”

Three days after intense negotiations, US Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov reached agreement on Saturday on a framework to secure and destroy Syria’s chemical weapons by mid-2014 and impose UN penalties if the Bashar al-Assad government fails to comply.

According to the framework, Syria must submit a “comprehensive listing” of its chemical weapons stockpiles within one week, and weapons inspectors must be on the ground in Syria by November.

The Obama administration has argued for weeks that the United States should launch military strikes against Syria for its alleged use of chemical weapons. But opposition from scores of lawmakers and the majority of the public complicated the issue for the president.

In a dramatic turn on international relations, Moscow invested in the US-Russia agreement and announced the meeting between Kerry and Lavrov.

Japan to be without nuclear power for 2nd time since Fukushima crisis

Tokyo, 15 Sept — Japan’s sole operating reactor is set to be taken offline for routine checkups later Sunday, leaving the country without its nuclear energy for the second time following a lack of nuclear power supply for 30 percent of Japan’s total electricity. Amid heightened concerns over the safety of nuclear power plants, the National Plan allows for restarting all reactors.

The operation of the No. 4 reactor at Kansai Electric Power Co’s Oi plant in Fukui Prefecture in western Japan comes as Japan is in the process of deciding which reactors are safe to restart based on new nuclear regulations introduced in July. All of the country’s 50 commercial reactors will likely remain offline at least until the end of this year, with the safety assessments by nuclear regulators and the procedures for winning local approval for restarts expected to take time.

Public concern that a lack of nuclear power may create serious power shortages appears to have diminished in the absence of large-scale blackouts despite the halt of most reactors.

But households and businesses have been battered by electricity rate hikes related to the cost of importing fuel for thermal power generation. Before the nuclear crisis, triggered by a huge earthquake and tsunami on 11 March, 2011, nuclear power supplied about 30 percent of Japan’s total electricity. Amid heightened concerns over the safety of nuclear power in the quake-prone country, Japan’s nuclear power output dropped to zero for the first time in more than 40 years for a two-month period from May last year, ending when the government allowed the restart of the Nos. 3 and 4 reactors at the Oi plant.

No other reactors have been restarted since and routine checkups for the No. 3 unit commenced Sept. 2, ahead of those for the No. 4 unit. Nuclear reactors in Japan are required to undergo periodic inspections every 13 months.

Hurricane Ingrid soaking Mexico’s Gulf Coast

Mexico City, 15 Sept — Hurricane Ingrid strengthened on Saturday night off Mexico’s Gulf coast, dumping heavy rain across central and eastern Mexico and causing thousands to seek emergency shelters as river levels continued to climb.

Tropical Storm Manuel on Mexico’s Pacific coast was also strengthening late Saturday, further threatening coastal towns, including the beach resort of Acapulco.

Rain from the Category 1 Ingrid, which was 185 miles east of the port of Tampico, in Veracruz state, at 0300 GMT, has caused landslides and local flooding, but state oil monopoly Pemex said its installations were secure.

More than 6,000 people in Veracruz state on Mexico’s Gulf coast were in temporary shelters or staying with relatives, state Governor Javier Duarte said on Twitter late on Saturday. A hurricane watch was in effect along Veracruz’s northern coast, where Ingrid is expected to make landfall on Monday.

Ingrid, with sustained winds of 85 miles per hour, could grow even stronger over the next two days as it nears Mexico’s coast, the US National Hurricane Center said. A Category 1 storm is the lowest intensity on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale.

Pemex was operating under security protocols, but none of its installations had been affected, a spokesman said on Saturday. Ingrid, the second hurricane of the Atlantic season and the ninth storm of the season, was moving north at about 7 mph late on Saturday, the NHC said.

“A turn toward the northwest is expected by Sunday morning, followed by a turn toward the west by early Monday,” the NHC said. That would send Ingrid directly toward Mexico, on track to make landfall to the north of Tampico on Monday.

The storm was expected to dump between 10 inches and 25 inches of rain over a large part of eastern Mexico, which could cause rivers to swell, provoking flash floods and mudslides, according to the Miami-based NHC.

“Any Amazonas” of the US-Vietnam basic accord clears major hurdle to TPP deal

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The United States and Vietnam have reached a basic accord on market access and reforms of state-owned enterprises in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations, clearing a major hurdle toward an overall agreement, negotiators from both sides said on Saturday.

Seeking to conclude a comprehensive free trade agreement by year-end, the 12 TPP member countries are negotiating on 21 fields, ranging from government procurement rules for public works projects to fishing subsidies.

The United States and Vietnam reached the accord at a ministerial-level bilateral session in Brunei in late August, the sources said. They now aim to reaffirm their policy of accelerating negotiations during a four-day meeting of chief negotiators from Wednesday in Washington, they added.

The 10 other TPP members are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru and Singapore.

In Brunei, Washington agreed to open up its textile and apparel markets to Vietnam while Hanoi offered to scrap preferential treatment for state-owned firms in the Southeast Asian country, they said.

In a bid to protect its domestic textile and apparel industry, the United States previously insisted that all products in a garment, including the fiber or yarn, must be made in TPP member countries, thereby denying duty-free access to products made with materials imported from non-TPP countries such as China.

However, Washington agreed to greatly increase the number of duty-free Vietnamese textile and apparel items treated as exceptions, effectively freeing up its markets.

In return, Vietnam pledged to carry out reforms to treat Vietnamese state-owned firms and foreign private companies equally after a five-year transition period.
Telecom Italia says board member probed for insider trading quits

MILAN, 15 Sept—Telecom Italia’s independent board member Elio Cata-nia, who is being investi-gated for alleged insider trading, resigned on Friday, the company said.

In a statement, Tele- com Italia said Catania had told the company he had decided to step so that the board’s activities and the work of investigators could proceed “in an orderly man-

ner.” In his resignation let- ter, Catania said he had al- ways acted correctly. Catania, a Telecom Italia board member since 2008 and a former direc-tor at Intesa Sanpaolo, is suspected of supplying a newspaper with privileged information about Telecom Italia whose publication led to strong fluctuations in the company’s share price, a source familiar with the probe has said.

In July, Italy’s finan-cial police searched the of-fices and home of Catania as part of the investigation. Telecom Italia holds a board meeting on Septem-ber 19 where it is expected to discuss key strategy is-sues including a reshuffle in its shareholder structure. Reuters

Microsoft’s Outlook.com finally adds IMAP support

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Over a year after it un-veiled Outlook.com as a replacement for its iconic Hotmail email service, Microsoft has finally ful-
filled its promise of adding support for IMAP.

Microsoft made the announcement via a blog post, and also listed the server settings that us-
ers will need to use to get IMAP support setup for their Outlook.com ac-counts.

Nikon Coolpix S6600 with 16-megapixel sensor launched at Rs. 14,450

MUMBAI, 15 Sept—Nikon India has announced the launch of its Coolpix S6600 compact digital cam-
era for Rs. 14,450.

The newly launched Nikon Coolpix S6600 comes equipped with a vari-angle monitor and fea-
tures a 16-megapixel back-
lit CMOS sensor. It sports a 12x optical zoom NIK-
KOR lens with a focusing focal length NIKKOR lens, and Coolpix P330 which comes with 12.2-megapixels, the S-
series (which included nine models - Coolpix S9500, S9400, S6500, S5200, S4400, S3500, S3400, S2700 and S31 that featured Wi-Fi compatibility and built-in GPS), the Coolpix L-series (which included four models - Coolpix L820, L320, L28 and L27), and the AW-series (which included Coolpix AW110, an outdoor camera built with waterproof resistance to a depth of 18 metres and Wi-Fi enabled, built-in GPS). —PTI

LG G2 may launch in India soon, company posts teaser on Facebook page

MUMBAI, 15 Sept—LG India has posted an image on its Facebook page to tease its new flagship smart-
phone, the LG G2 which is expected to be launched soon in India. The teaser image does not reveal anything new and comes with the taglines ‘Learning from You LG G2 Coming Soon’ and ‘The best surprises are always hidden on the back’. Barring the teaser image there is no official word yet on the LG G2’s India launch.

The South Korean electronics major seems to be doing its bit to generate interest in the Indian mar-
ket by teasing its flagship smartphone that launched globally last month. Recently, the company announced that the LG G2 was ready for a global roll-out and the phone was recently launched in the United States and Germany. The LG G2 was initially released in South Korea.

For those unaware, the LG G2 comes with a 5.2-
nch full-HD (1920x1080) display with a pixel density of 423 pixels-per-inch (ppi). It is powered by Qualcomm’s quad-core processor, an APQ8064 Snapdragon clocked at 2.26GHz. The device comes with 2GB RAM and offers 16GB and 32GB storage options. —PTI

Japan’s new rocket Epsilon launched successfully

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Tokyo, 15 Sept—Ja-pan’s new solid-fuel rocket Epsilon was launched suc-
cessfully on Saturday after-
noon and later put a space telescope into its targeted orbit, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said.

Japan’s first new rock-
et in 12 years, which carried the “SPRINT-A” telescope for observing planets, lifted off from the launch pad at the Uchinoura Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture, southern Japan, at 2 pm, 15 minutes later than planned, according to the space agency known as JAXA.

SPRINT-A, named “Hisaki” in Japanese after the name of a place near the space centre, is the world’s first space tel-

escope for remote observa-
tion of planets including Venus, Mars and Jupiter, lifted off from its orbit around Earth, according to JAXA. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said in a statement the successful launch “certified the high credibility of Japan’s space technology.”

The Epsilon—the suc-
cessor to the M-5 rocket which was retired in 2006 due to high cost after it sent up space probe vehi-
cles such as Hayabusa — is about half the size of Ja-pan’s mainstay H-2A rock-
et at 24.4 metres long, and 91 tons in weight.

It features reduced cost and artificial intelligence, according to JAXA.

The development cost was kept to about 20.5 bil-

lion yen by using the H-
2A’s solid booster for the three-stage rocket’s first stage, while the launching cost of about 5.3 billion yen is half the H-2A’s, with an aim to lower it further to 3 billion yen.

The low cost makes it possible to launch the Epsi-

lon frequently, carrying into space small satellites for scientific research or earth observation.
Suzuki recalls 193,936 SUVs, SX4s over air bags

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—The US Securities and Exchange Commission denies rejecting a settlement over a money fund that "broke the buck." The SEC is seeking to settle a class-action lawsuit by the fund's investors.

The SEC on Saturday had said it had rejected a proposed settlement with managers of a large money market fund that "broke the buck" during the 2008 financial crisis, saying their negotiations never reached that point of consideration.

"Today, much to the surprise of the parties, negotiations never reached the point at which a settlement had been considered and rejected by the Commission, the parties' negotiations never reached the point at which a proposal was submitted to the Commission for its consideration," said Brown in the filing.

Later on Saturday, Dellaportas filed a court letter in response to Brown and reiterated the settlement discussions in principle that had been negotiated between defendants and the SEC staff, but it was also unwilling to settle with defendants on any other terms," he wrote, italicizing the last four words for effect.

The alleged breakdown was viewed as significant because it could derail a separate accord reached last week in which the founder of the fund, Bruce Bent Sr, and others agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit by the fund's investors.

Brown, the lawyer for the SEC, countered on Saturday. "Contrary to their contention that a settlement had been considered and rejected by the Commission, the parties' negotiations never reached the point at which a proposal was submitted to the Commission for its consideration," said Brown in the filing.

The workers at the CAMI plant are represented by Unifor Local 88, and manufacture the Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain vehicles, Unifor said.

Contract talks had started earlier in February, but union officials told reporters last spring that the negotiations required more time. The existing contract was scheduled to expire on Monday, according to media reports.

Ford India recalls 1.66 lakh Figo Classic units

NEW DELHI, 15 Sept—In the biggest vehicle recall in the country, Ford India said on Friday that it is recalling 1,66,021 units of its best-selling cars Figo and Classic to rectify problems related to steering and rear suspension.

The recall will impact different batches of Figo and Classic models manufactured between January 2010 and June 2012. "Ford India is extending its existing voluntary Field Service Action (FSA) and will recall the remaining batches of Figo and Ford Classic models to insulate them for potential issues related to the rear twist beam (RTB) and the power assisted steering hose," the carmaker said in a statement.

With respect to the Figo, the carmaker said in a brief court filing, said lawyers for defendants including Reserve Management Co made a "misstatement" when claiming they had reached a settlement in principle with the regulator when they had previously agreed, nor would it settle on any other terms," Dellaportas said in the filing.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission logo adorns an office door at the SEC headquarters in Washington, on 24 June, 2011.—Reuters

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Gold retracts Rs 30,000 mark on heavy buying; silver spurts

MUMBAI, 15 Sept—Notwithstanding extreme global volatility, gold witnessed a meaningful rebound after a four-day slump on the domestic bullion market today on the back of fresh wave of buying by stockists and jewellers.

The white metal also recouped modestly owing to renewed speculative demand coupled with industrial buying. Standard gold of 99.5 per cent purity rose Rs. 460 to finish at Rs. 30,150 per 10 gram from last closing level of Rs. 29,690.

Pure gold of 99.9 per cent purity climbed Rs. 460 to end at Rs. 30,300 per 10 gram from yesterday's closing level of Rs. 29,840. Silver ready (999 fineness) jumped Rs. 975 to conclude at Rs. 51,200 per kg from Friday's closing level of Rs. 50,225.

Meanwhile, globally, the yellow metal plunged to a five-week low owing to heavy liquidation by funds and investors amid heightened fears that the US Federal Reserve would taper its stimulus programme in upcoming policy meet.

Gold for December delivery fell by $22 to settle at $1,308.60 an ounce on the Comex division of the NYMEX late yesterday. Silver December contract declined to $21.72 an ounce.—PTI

Canadian union and General Motors reach tentative deal

CHICAGO, 15 Sept—The union representing Canada's auto workers said on Saturday it has reached a tentative agreement with General Motors for production and skilled trades workers at its assembly plant in Ingersoll, Ontario.

Unifor, which represents approximately 2,700 workers at the CAMI-GM plant, said details of the four-year contract will be withheld until after the ratification vote on Sunday in London, Ontario.

The outcome of Sunday's vote is expected to be released on Sunday evening, said a statement from Unifor. The recently formed union is a merger of the Canadian Auto Workers and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada.

General Motors could not be reached for comment Saturday evening.

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**New Light of Myanmar**

15, 15 Sept—With regard to installation of the special coaches, “The trains carried special coaches designated months. On 17 April, we linked five special coaches at the train as a test-running. In the survey, increasing number of passengers took the special coaches. On 20 May, we installed four more special coaches. At this juncture, the people made request to install more and more special coaches to be installed the trains. So, we added two more coaches on 12 June. Due to more demands, we installed three more coaches on 10 September. At present, 14 trains have been installed with each special coach,” said Assistant General Manager U Kyaw Kyaw Myo of Myanma Railways Division 7.

**Yangon’s circular trains equipped with special coaches by Myanma Railways**

**Thermal power plant construction for Thilawa SEZ to start soon**

**Educative talks on violence against women given by**

**Nearly 600 people affected by flood in Sagaing Region**

**Illegal Myanmar migrant workers handed over in Tachilek**

**Fire**

**One injured in Mandalay fire outbreak**

**Disaster**

**Photo shows a power plant built by Western Power Co Ltd.**

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**MMAL-Moe Kyu (Myitkyina)**

**MMAL-Than Waibhan (Triangle Region)**

**MMAL-Tin Maung (Myitkyina)**
Explanation of Terms “State” and “Government”

Whoever desires the rule of law should try to learn and abide by the laws. Law is everybody’s concern. Reckless interpretation of law without careful study can mislead the people.

The government as the word “Government” is an organization empowered to manage the nation either by constitution or by law. The Section 2, Sub-section (26) of the Burma General Clauses Act which was written in English and replaced with Interpretation Act 1973 defines the meaning of “Government” as “The Government shall mean the person authorized by or under the Constitution of the Union of Burma to exercise the executive authority of Burma.” The provision with reference to interpretation law in effect can be seen Section 453 of the constitution in force as follows: “In the interpretation of expressions contained in this Constitution reference shall be made to the existing Interpretation Law.”

It is not even hard for those who have studied the provisions in the Constitution to find out that the government as the word “Government” is an organization empowered to manage the nation either by constitution or by law. Therefore, the constitution has already provided the clear definitions of the words “State” and “government”.

The Section 17 of the Penal Code which is still in effect states “The word “Government” denotes the person or persons authorized by law to administer executive government in any part of the Union of Burma.”

The Article 446 states “Existing laws shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.”

The Article 447 states “Existing rules, regulations, by-laws, notifications, orders, directives and procedures shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Union Government.”

The Article 448 states “All functioning Civil Services personnel of departments and organizations including the Defence Services under the State Peace and Development Council on the day this Constitution comes into operation, shall continue in their functions unless otherwise prescribed by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.”

The definition of the term “State” is as follows:-

The term “State” means the union “The Union” as defined by the constitution and the legislature.

Section 220 of Chapter V states that Formation of the Union Government suggests “The Union Government shall comprise the following persons:

(a) The President;
(b) Vice-Presidents;
(c) Ministers of the Union;
(d) The Attorney-General of the Union.”

Section 219 states, “The Union Government preserves stability of the Union, community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order.” Let’s see more provisions to make it clearer.

The popular phrase “Rule of Law” is no doubt is sine qua non for the nation. The provision with reference to interpretation law in effect can be seen Section 453 of the constitution in force as follows: “In the interpretation of expressions contained in this Constitution reference shall be made to the existing Interpretation Law.”

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and definitions of other countries. Reversing this rule means misleading the law.

So, I wrote for public to know the truth that only the organization or person given executive power described in Chapter (V) of the 2008 Constitution is the government.

Therefore, the constitution has already provided the clear definitions of the words “State” and “government”. The Section 17 of the Penal Code which is still in effect states “The word “Government” denotes the person or persons authorized by law to administer executive government in any part of the Union of Burma.”

The Section 5 (a), sub-clause (3) of the Interpretation Act 1973 defines the meaning of the word “State” written by nearly 2000 persons of eight groups representing different social strata of the entire nation about 15 years period and ratified by a referendum shall not be violated for any reason either with or without knowledge. Particularly, officials in executive, legislative and judicial branches should not even think of violating the constitution for any reason.

The legal saying “Ignorance of Law is no excuse” should be upheld.

Those who are mainly responsible for and personnel should make sure transparency, responsibility and accountability in governance.
The best motto for every business

A brisk trade is a wish for every seller, while a slow trade is a nightmare for him. Bad business can even make a trader bankrupt. Sometimes, brisk sale doesn’t depend on the type of goods. But every shopkeeper doing good business has his own secret. The secret is the fairness and hospitality that can buy consumer trust. Goods must be sold at fair prices as per their quality. So, fairness, quality and hospitality are the cornerstone for gradual business development. There cannot be any brisk trade even if one the three is missing. Buyers will come to a shop again only if the seller can win consumer confidence through consumer satisfaction. In fact, these three are also the cornerstone for consumer trust and satisfaction and expanding market.

Some even say that doing business with fairness, quality and hospitality is like doing good deeds. Every one understands that a trader is not a donor. Trading in reality is one of the professions to earn a living. So, a trader needs to make profits, but not in an unjust way. Buyers on their part are willing to pay according to quality. However, the ratio must be fair in fixing profit percentage. In addition to quality, weights and other measuring equipments must be guaranteed. Shops must never cheat their customers. They must always consider long-term benefits through mutual interest.

In towns and cities all around Myanmar, we can find shops crowded with consumers and enjoying brisk trade every day, and that is the result of fairness, quality and hospitality. Like a saying, which goes “Honesty is the best policy” for every person, “fairness, quality and hospitality are the best motto” for every business to prosper and live long.

Silver medal winner Myanmar hockey team honoured

Yangon, 15 Sept.—A ceremony to honour tentatively selected Myanmar hockey team that stood second in the First Asian Challenge Cup held in Thailand from 1 to 8 September was held at Kandawgyi Royal Garden Restaurant, here, yesterday evening.

President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win and the coach of men’s hockey team made speeches and recounted their experience in the challenge cup.

Next, the president of the federation accepted K 29.2 million and 65 watches and 100 clothes worth K 4 million donated by wellwishers. In the group matches, Myanmar routed Thailand (B) team 3-1 and played a 2-2 draw with Sri Lanka. Myanmar won over Thailand (A) team 1-0 in the semifinal.

Than Swe (Pabedan)

Balancing accountability, transparency...

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Initial steps have already been taken for the Myanmar people to get more rights, to have their say in public affairs management as well as in the political decision-making process. Although they have not been able to express their wishes, they must stay away from harming others’ rights and hate speech. If we want a burgeoning democracy, we must strike a balance between accountability, transparency and freedom that shape a human society.

Depending on historical background of a nation and its lifestyles, traditions and customs, values, political parties, political, economic and social organizations and the entire people or all the stakeholders in shaping democracy, democracy evolves through different approaches and ways.

Anyhow mindset maturity, vision, discipline and democracy are indivisible. Myanmar is now facing a series of uncertainties, challenges and obstacles in its unprecedented transition to democracy. We are going to overcome those challenges through goodwill, with active participation of the government, the parliament, political forces, civil societies, the Armed Forces and the people as the basic strength.

The current conflicts and hardships are just the unavoidable challenges in democratization, and such challenges often bring with them opportunities. Making better use of the opportunities those challenges are to be surmounted.

Esteemed National People.

On this occasion of the International Day of Democracy, I would like to urge you all to respect different voices, to participate in revealing discussions, persuasive talks and negotiations and to strengthen public voices for flourishing of democracy.

Union C&IT Minister attends ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Cooperation meeting

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Sept.—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Myat Hein attended ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Policy Meeting on Cybersecurity Cooperation held in Tokyo of Japan on 12-13 September.

In commemoration of 40th Anniversary founding of ASEAN-Japan relationship, the meeting was opened at Hotel Okura in Tokyo on 12 September afternoon, attended by the ministers relevant to cyber security ministries from ASEAN member countries, representatives, the Japanese minister of Internal Affairs and Communications and the president of National Information Security Center (NISC) of Japan. Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe attended the meeting and formally opened it.

The meeting focused on cyber security between ASEAN and Japan and the difficulties facing in doing so. A joint ASEAN and Japan press conference was held on 13 September.

The Union minister met with Mr. Yoshitaka Shindo, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan on 12 September and discussed matters on technical assistance programmes of Japanese government for development of Myanmar’s postal services and Myanmar-Japan coope-ration.

Myanmar Maritime University, World Maritime University sign MoU

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Lwin of MMU and President Dr Bjorn Kjerfve of WMU signed an MoU on learning management and electronic education tasks cooperation.

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ensure the vitality and strength of multi-party democracy that has been adopted, and to build trust between the government and the people. The government has appeared in accordance with the Constitution, the Hluttaw consists of representatives elected by the people, and the governments elected and confirmed by the Hluttaw need to be responsive to the interests of the nation and the people, to discharge the duties that they have been called upon to undertake, ensuring by means of the separation of powers and checks and balances that the risk of deviation is minimized. The principle of democracy in the Hluttaw in democratic practices is being conducted through the provision of reading materials, discussions and conferences which are briefed to international parliaments, and training courses.

As all the entities have appeared through the support of the people, with the people’s choice to serve the interests of the people, they need to strive to be aware of the people’s mind, first and foremost, and hopes, and fulfill them as circumstances permit. The theme of the International Day of Democracy 2013 designated by the International Parliamentary Union is “Strengthening Voices for Democracy”. People have the wisdom, born of their life experiences, and aspirations based on an awareness of the reality they face. It is necessary to promote democracy to ensure that people’s voices are heard, to reflect their interests.

Another point is that although it is true that Rome was not built in a day, and that we cannot expect to just snap our fingers and see a cornucopia magically appear, nevertheless we must strive to better our citizens’ economic status, improve their welfare, increase their level of health, and uplift their educational level. Only then will our country be filled with joy. As we slowly progress towards our ideal of a perfect society, so too will their satisfaction increase by each day. We need the people to march towards our democratic goals with optimism and enthusiasm.

The people are the key actors in implementing Democracy. And because they occupy such a vital role, the people are naturally familiar with Democracy, and practice its precepts everywhere. Now, with the exception of a religious or a societal context, a vertical, superior-subordinate type of relationship should not exist at all. There must be respect and recognition for the inherent value of humanity, there must be the freedom to express your convictions, and equal justice before the law. There must be freedom to choose your own occupation and to find your own prosperity through business. There must be freedom to profess any faith that you believe in.

However, the most important point is that the principles of Democracy, such as the principal that your own personal freedom should never infringe upon the rights of others or of society, should be understood, accepted and carried out in practice by the people, as naturally as the air they breathe. At this point I would like to refer to a former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the famous jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes. In the 1919 case of Schenck vs. The United States he wrote his legal opinion stating “The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic.” —an opinion which is still widely quoted by American jurists today. And therefore we will need to begin the teaching of Democracy from our schools so that our people can practice a mature expression of Democracy. Only then is the educational system has the capability to mold each and every citizen to be in harmony with a democratic society. And when our citizens have reached that high-water mark of a well-educated society, they will then be capable of selecting capable and deserving representatives, just as the people’s representatives will only be capable of making a true majority decision when they themselves are highly educated.

I would like to make an additional point on the subjects of the media, and Political Parties. The Reason why I am confining these two subjects together is this— the Media do not declare themselves to be political, and yet they do engage in Politics.

It has been said that there are three types of politicians—the Activists, the Politicians, and the Statesmen. Now the Media are those who agitate and are activists for unearthing the truth about events. And those in the Media may, through these activities, become Statesmen—and become those who will think ahead for our future generations. It we study previous generations of great writers and newspaper columnists of Myanmar we will see this very clearly indeed, Politicians are those who engage in party politics, and seek office because they wish to build the country. It is also important for party politicians to show the people the right way forward.

Here the point I want to emphasize is that—only if our educational system is advanced and our media and politicians are strong, will we gain good and capable national leaders. And that is why I wish for the emergence of a high quality educational system as well as equally qualified media and political parties.

Another point I want to raise is on the question of our internal peace situation. We will never become a fully democratic country so long as there are still armed conflicts raging within. Our martyred leaders gained our independence at great personal sacrifices to themselves. And then as soon as we gained that independence, we engaged in pointless conflicts with each other. On that subject I have only this to say—no matter what the reasons were in the past that had caused us to take up arms and wage war against each other, today is the perfect time to take a hard look at the two difference paths in front of us—the path of armed conflict, and the path of democracy—and make a clear decision in favour of democracy.

In conclusion I would like to say that the very fact that we have managed to hold this ceremony in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for three consecutive years, and the fact that we are carrying out review work on amending the Constitution, shows the maturity of our Parliamentary Institutions. This task is one which will enhance our Democracy. And in this task, the people are the key. And so I will conclude by saying that we will all need to carry out this task in a way that will most close reflect, and be most appropriate for, the practical situation in Myanmar.

After that, Chairman of the Central Committee for the International Day of Democracy-2013 U Hla Oo read the message sent by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

UN Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative Ms Janet E Jackson read the message in commemoration of the International Day of Democracy sent by UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo read the message sent by the IPU Chairman.


Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann presented certificates of honour to writers U Ko Ko Maung and U Kyaw Win, Sky Net channel and local and foreign media.

He then gave concluding remarks. After the ceremony, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and officials cordially greeted the guests and diplomats.

Also present at the ceremony were wife of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of Union Election Commission, the Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and wife, the Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and wife, Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of the Organizing Leading Committee, Speakers of region and state Hluttaws, Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, representatives of political parties, ambassadors of foreign missions in Yangon, embassy officials, officials of UN agencies, NGOs, social organization members, entrepreneurs, people’s representatives of Nay Pyi Taw Council Areas, students and media persons.
**LOCAL NEWS**

**Agriculture**

**Farming rights certificates presented in Thanatpin Township**

Thanatpin, 15 Sept—A ceremony to issue farming rights certificates to farmers was held at the gymnasium in Thanatpin of Bago Region on 13 September. Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win delivered an address. He said that farmers in Bago Region are to work hard in growing suitable crops on a commercial scale of their own accord and avoid gambling and liquor.

Head of Bago Region Settlement and Land Records Department U Myo Oo said that Bago Region has presented over 400,000 certificates of over 1 million to the farmers. Thanatpin Township has also given 23,108 farming right certificates of 26,172 to the farmers.

The Chief Minister presented farming rights certificates for farmers through village administrators.

Bago Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Tin Soe presented one computer to the head of Thanatpin Township Settlement and Land Records Department for his performance in completion of the tasks. Farmer U Win Htay of Kamase Village spoke words of thanks.

Kyemon-Ye Htut (Minywa)

**HRD**

**Basic librarian course conducted in Pyay**

Pyay, 15 Sept—Jointly organized by Pyay District Information and Public Relations Department of Bago Region and Region Trade Promotion Department, the basic multiplier librarian course 1/2013 was opened at the office of the Region Trade Promotion Department in Pyay yesterday.

Staff Officer U Win Myint of Pyay District IPRD made a speech.

Additional Head of Region Trade Promotion Department U Kyaw Thu said that the training course was aimed at enabling the staff to have wider scope of knowledge and to have reading habit. He urged the trainees to take knowledge from the training course as much as they can.

Deputy Head of District IPRD Daw San Tin explained the establishment of the library and management subject, Head of Paukkhaung Township IPRD Daw Khin Win Tin on knowledge about librarian, Head of Shwedaung Township IPRD Daw Tin Thuza Hlaing maintenance of publications and Head of Padaung Township IPRD U Thein Tun Myint compilation of catalogue. A total of 53 training course was attended by staff from Region Trade Promotion Department and townships.—Kyemon-District IPRD

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**A Healthy Atmosphere, the Future We Want**

Desks donated to basic education school in Meiktila

Meiktila, 15 Sept—Rector of Meiktila University Dr Maung Thin and family donated desks to Basic Education Primary School No 25 in Kamama Village of Kywetalin Village-tract of Meiktila Township on 13 September morning.

“The desks were equipped to the school in 1952. Students are attending the school with old and damaged desks. So the family of the rector donated 30 desks to the school. There are 60 students at the school, so their desks are convenient for the students,” said Headmistress Daw Aye Myint.

Rector Dr Maung Thin and family plan to reconstruct the damaged buildings of the school.

The rector and family devote exercise books and stationery to the students yearly.—Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)

**Assistance provided to flood victims in Singaing Township**

Singaing, 15 Sept—People of some villages in Singaing Township were evacuated to the safe places. Under the arrangements of Mandalay Region government and supervision of District and Township level administrators, rice, water and foods were presented to flood victims from the flooded villages on 13 September.

Mandalay Region government provided 26 bags of rice, District General Administration Department 44 bags of rice, District Women’s Affairs Organization 17 boxes of instant noodle and 2400 bottles of purified drinking water to the flood victims.

Dept. Commissio-ner of the district U Ohn Than, Township Administrator U Myint Thien, officials, Chairperson of District WAO Daw Aye Aye Win and members presented donations to the flood victims.

Dokhtawady River flooded villages along its beach namely Myaukkaing (East), Inlaychan, Hsehnitkaing, Myaukkaing (West), Myaukkaing (South), Byinnyalaw, Tabetswe and Tethmyaw. Due to floods, 21 villages of six village-tracts were inundated on 9 September.

A total of 2306 people from 499 houses were evacuated to the safe places and accommodated at the relief camps.—Kyemon-District IPRD

**Coord meeting held for handing over confiscated farmlands**

Mohnyin, 15 Sept—A coordination meeting on presentation of confiscated farmlands to farmers was held at Mohnyin Township GAD Office on 13 September.

The meeting discussed the list of confiscated farmlands to be handed over to farmers and approved it.

The meeting was attended by Brig-Gen Thet Lwin (East), Inlaychan, Hsehnitkaing, Myaukkaing (West), Myaukkaing (South), Byinnyalaw, Tabetswe and Tethmyaw. Due to floods, 21 villages of six village-tracts were inundated on 9 September.

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of Mohnyin Station, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Soe Lay and Deputy Commissioner U Aung Soe Moe and officials.

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**Pakistani Taleban sets free 8 kidnapped gov’t employees**

ISLAMABAD, 15 Sept — Pakistani Taleban on Saturday released eight government employees who were kidnapped nearly a year ago, at a time when the militants and the government are set to hold peace talks, officials said.

The freed men had been working on a dam project in South Waziristan tribal region when they were kidnapped by the Taleban militants in August last year.

A government spokesman in Peshawar confirmed the release of the eight, who had been handed over to tribesmen in Waziristan region Saturday morning.

Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), had released several hundred abducted employees, who had asked the government to accept demands of the captors.

The TTP wanted the release of some of their prisoners for exchange of the employees, sources said. However, the government had not accepted their demands.

A tribal council had been in touch with the Taleban for their release and the Taleban agreed to free them at a time when the Taleban and the government are close to begin peace talks.

Taleban spokesman Shahidullah Shahid, said the eight men were released as a “goodwill gesture.” The detainees were freed just two days after the Gomal Dam Dam dam was formally inaugurated which will produce nearly 27 MW electricity and irrigate the land in the area.—Xinhua

**India testifies nuclear capable Agni-V intercontinental ballistic missile**

NEW DELHI, 15 Sept — India Sunday testfired its home-made, nuclear capable Agni-V intercontinental ballistic missile from Wheeler Island off the coast of the eastern state of Odisha, sources said.

“The missile, which can hit targets up to 5,000 kms, was launched at around 8.45 am local time. This was in fact the second launch since the longest-range missile was developed by the state-owned Defense Research Development Organization,” the sources said.

**Singapore Red Cross launches nationwide first aid training programme**

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept— The Singapore Red Cross has launched a nationwide first aid training programme called Elder First Aid Course for caregivers of the elderly and stroke and diabetic patients, local TV Channel NewsAsia reported on Saturday.

Participants will learn basic first aid techniques such as CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the Heimlich manoeuvre and bandaging, as well as preventive first aid and safety tips like how to prevent strokes and falls.

The programme was launched by MP, Associate Professor Fatimah Abdul Lateef, on Saturday.

Fatimah said “the launch of the targeted first aid programmes for the vulnerable groups of persons will definitely benefit families of those with a background history of chronic illnesses such as diabetes, ischaemic heart disease and stroke. They can make a difference if they know what to do in an emergency. I hope everyone will take some time and learn these life-saving skills.”

**Two bodies found, 15 missing as ferry capsizes in western Bangladesh**

DHAKA, 15 Sept—Two bodies were found and 15 people were still missing after a boat sank into the mighty river Padma in western Bangladesh on Saturday evening, police and fire service said on Sunday.

Abdur Rahman, a fire service official at Rajshahi district, some 256 km west of capital Dhaka, told Xinhua by phone Sunday morning that an overcrowded ferry carrying around 50 passengers sank into the mighty river Padma late Saturday afternoon due to rough weather. Rahman said around 35 passengers swam to shore, but 15 others remained missing. He said the rescuers of the fire service recovered the bodies of a kid and a man from the river.

The strong current of the mighty river was hampering the rescue operation, he said, adding that rescuers suspended the operation at 8 pm local time Saturday.

Fire service men feared the strong current might flush the bodies of the missing passengers to the downstream of the river.

Ferry and boat disasters are common in Bangladesh, which is crisscrossed by about 250 rivers. Ferry is still a key means of transport in the country. Most of the ferry boats are often overcrowded.

At least 112 bodies were recovered after a ferry capsized in Bangladesh’s central Munsuganj district in March 2012.—Xinhua

**Philippines, Japan agree to increase flights**

MANILA, 15 Sept— The Philippines and Japan have agreed to increase the frequency of commercial flights between the two countries, in a development projected to boost tourism and business, a Philippine official said on Saturday.

Carmelo Arcilla, executive director of the Philippine Civil Aeronautics Board, said the agreement to increase “the traffic rights or total maximum flight frequencies for the airlines” of Japan and the Philippines at 400 flights per week between Manila and Narita was signed on Friday in Tokyo.

Prior to the new agreement, the maximum number of flights between Manila and Narita per week was only 119.

“We also agreed on new traffic rights between Haneda airport and Manila at 14 flights per week for each side, and unlimited traffic rights between airports in the Philippines except Manila, and points in Japan, except Haneda,” Arcilla said in an email message to Kyodo News.

“This is a major breakthrough, especially that Japan is a major (economy), in fact, the third biggest tourism market for the Philippines,” he added.

The tourism department recorded 209,813 visitors from Japan during the first half of the year, up 7.32 percent from the same period last year, of the total 2,143,506 inbound tourists.

In July, Japan relaxed its visa policy for Filipinos in its desire to lure more Southeast Asian tourists in the coming years.

Noting that the talks for the expansion of the Japan-Philippines flights were last held in 2008 and that the current Philippine entitlements are almost fully utilized, Arcilla said the new agreement is “one of most liberal increases that we have concluded so far.”

He attributes the positive development to the “current liberal aviation policies of both countries.”—Kyodo News

**Lightning kills one, injures 16 in E China**

NINGBO, 15 Sept—A group of tourists ended on a tragic hiking in east China’s Zhejiang Province on Saturday afternoon when one of them was charred alive in a lightning strike.

Another 16 tourists sustained burns when the bolt hit the crowd when they were seeking shelter from a thunderstorm, local authorities said on Saturday.

The accident happened at 1:23 pm on the top of the Jufeng Mountain in Beilun District in the coastal city of Ningbo when the group were climbing the mountain in a thunderstorm, according to the district government.

The injured are being treated in local hospitals. The identity of the tourists is to be verified.

**Heavy rain hits central, eastern Japan, typhoon may make landfall**

TOKYO, 15 Sept—Heavy rain fell on Sunday morning in central and eastern Japan due to an approaching typhoon, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The agency said the typhoon could make landfall on the Pacific coast of eastern Japan on Monday and warned of continuing heavy rain, strong winds and high waves.

Severe typhoon, the 18th typhoon of the season, was moving north-northwest in waters south of Japan at a speed of around 30 kilometers per hour, the agency said. It had an atmospheric pressure of 980 hectopascals at its center, with gusts of up to 120 kph.

Heavy rainfall of 71.5 millimeters an hour was recorded in Ebina, Kanagawa Prefecture.—Kyodo News
China to increase share while new comers join PTA Bank

ADDIS ABABA, 15 Sept —The Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank, known as PTA Bank, has approved China, the first non-African member state of the bank, to increase share and others to join the bank. The new members to join the bank include South Korea, Belarus, Brazil, and Malaysia as well as all African countries that are interested in joining the bank.

At the conclusion of the bank’s 29th annual general meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Friday, Ambassador Tadesse, President of the bank, told Xinhua that the bank has decided to increase its capital and has invited China to take additional share in the bank.

“We had a very good meeting apart from adopting, approving, the annual report and the financial statements. We considered a number of strategic matters, one of them being growing the capital of the bank,” said Tadesse.

“We are now looking to increase the capital. The Board of Governors has approved an increase in the capital and the People’s Republic of China has been invited to take additional share in the bank alongside the African members,” he said.

The People’s Republic of China has 6 percent. The increase is not going to take China too far up. I think it is for China to decide how much more it wants to take and there is no specific number that I can report at this point,” the president said.—Xinhua

Hamas takes security measures to ease tension with Egypt

GAZA, 15 Sept—Hamas movement that controls the Gaza Strip has recently taken a series of cautious measures to defuse the tension with Egypt’s military-backed interim government after the ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi, local media reported on Saturday.

On Thursday, Hamas’ Religious Affairs Minister Ismail Radwan issued a note advising preachers to avoid “talking about the situation in Egypt.” He also urged them to get away from politics in their Friday sermons.

Also on Thursday, Hamas proposed an initiative to the Egyptian authority to regularly open Rafah border crossing, the main crossing point of the coastal enclave. Thousands of people are stuck in Gaza as the Egyptian military keeps the crossing shut most of the day and restricts the people to leave Gaza due to the deteriorating security situation there.

Hamas also suggested to send the names of people applying to travel to the Egyptian side one day in advance for security checking.

Muhannar Abuasad, a political science professor at Gaza’s Al-Azhar University, say that the measures Hamas has taken are “important, positive initial steps to ease the tension,” but adding these steps are not enough.

More steps should follow, such as avoiding showing Hamas’ solidarity with the Muslim Brotherhood on its satellite channels, he said.—Xinhua
Nicolas Cage to star in The Croods 2

LONDON, 15 Sept—Actor Nicolas Cage is to reprise his role alongside Emma Stone and Ryan Reynolds in DreamWorks Animation follow-up The Croods 2.

The 49-year-old actor will join the follow-up to the caveman caper, directed by Chris Sanders and Kirk DeMicco, reported Contactmusic.

“There’s not much to talk about yet because we’ve got a big lump of clay and we’re forming it as we speak. There will be lots of good creatures. We’ve got creatures that never got into the first movie. We’re going to take a very, very close look at those,” Sanders said.

The animated hit is set in a prehistoric era and centres on a family who must adjust to the times as new inventions, such as fire, are created.

Cage voices the Croods’ old-fashioned patriarch Grug, who is reluctant to accept the new innovations, while Stone lends her voice to Eep, Grug’s adventurous young daughter who tries to open her parents’ minds and falls for the handsome and smart Guy.

Kanye West charged with battery, attempted theft in airport scuffle

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Rapper Kanye West has been charged with battery and attempted grand theft for an alleged altercation with a photographer at Los Angeles International Airport, a city official said on Friday.

The alleged altercation took place on 19 July, Los Angeles City Attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan said.

A video posted on celebrity news website TMZ of the incident shows the Grammy-winning rapper glaring at photographers as he leaves the airport. West confronts one of the photographers and appears to lunge at him.

Mateljan said that West, 36, also attempted to take equipment from the photographer.

Each misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of six months in prison.

West is scheduled to be arraigned in Los Angeles on 10 October. The rapper’s representative did not immediately return a request for comment on Friday.

West has become a frequent target of paparazzi after striking up a romance last year with reality TV star Kim Kardashian. The couple welcomed their first child, a baby girl named North West, in June.

Elton John: Touring is killing me

LONDON, 15 Sept—Singer Elton John believes touring is slowly killing him as he is always on the road and never has any time to spend with his family.

The 66-year-old Rock Man hit maker is keen to cut down on the amount of concerts he does to spend more time with his husband David Furnish and their two children, Zachary, three, and seven-month-old son Elijah, reported Contactmusic.

“The time has come in my life when I will definitely cut back on shows so I have more time with my family. That’s a conscious decision. I know I’m addicted to playing. I’m addicted to working. I’m addicted to touring. I’m addicted to everything,” John said.

“I can’t have one bunch of flowers. I can’t do one show. That’s part of my nature. But I sit down with David and said, ‘You know, I’m fed up with it. The travelling is killing me. I can’t do it anymore. I’ve never taken enough time to smell the roses,’” he added.

John was forced to cancel a number of his summer tour dates after being struck down with crippling appendicitis two months ago.—PTI

Julianne Moore joins cast of ’The Hunger Games’

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Actress Julianne Moore will be dipping her toes into the young adult film universe with a key role in the two-part final installment of “The Hunger Games,” the film franchise’s distributor Lionsgate said on Friday.

Oscar-nominated actress Moore, 52, will play President Alma Coin in “Mockingjay” parts 1 and 2. Coin is the leader of the rebel alliance against the dictatorship running the fictional capital city Panem in the novel’s dystopian future setting.

Moore will join a cast led by Oscar-winner Jennifer Lawrence, who plays heroine Katniss Everdeen, a young girl who becomes a symbol of hope for a repressed society after winning a life-or-death televised survival competition.

The “Mockingjay” films are scheduled to be released in November 2014 and November 2015.

Moore has been nominated for four Oscars including her role in 2002’s “The Hours.”

“The Hunger Games,” based on the first of a trilogy of novels by Suzanne Collins, grossed more than $400 million in the North American box office when it was released last year, and has catapulted its young stars into the avidly followed young adult fiction spotlight. The second film, “Catching Fire,” will be released on 22 November in theaters.

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Bale scores on debut but Real held at Villa real

**Madrid, 15 Sept**—Gareth Bale had a bitter-sweet start to his Real Madrid career when the world’s most expensive player scored on debut but Real dropped their first points of the La Liga campaign in a 2-2 draw at promoted Villa real on Saturday.

The Wales winger, who joined from Tottenham Hotspur for a record fee of 100 million euros earlier this month, struck in the 21st minute when Giovani Dos Santos, another former Tottenham player, lashed in a shot that crept into the net off the Real keeper.

The draw spoiled Real’s perfect start to the season and they have 10 points from four matches, the same as Villa real and two behind champions Barcelona and Atletico Madrid.

“It is very good news that he (Bale) scored on his debut,” former Real forward Emilio Butragueno, now a club director, said in an interview with Spanish television broadcaster Canal Plus.

“But he has only been training with his team mates for three days and we have to wait for him to adapt,” Butragueno added.

“His debut, with enormous potential and obviously we have a lot of expectations.”

Barca had Alexis Sanchez to thank for maintaining their winning start after he came off the bench to score in the fourth minute of added time and snatch a 3-2 victory at home to Sevilla earlier on Saturday.

Barca have yet to settle under new coach Gerardo Martino and it was another unconvincing performance at the Nou Camp as they let slip a two-goal lead and were seconds away from dropping their first points of the campaign.

A rare Daniel Alves header against his former club put Barca ahead in the 36th minute before Lionel Messi looked to have given the Catalan club a two-goal lead and were seconds away from dropping to a fifth defeat in a first

Dynamic Dortmund turn on style with six-goal show

Berlin, 15 Sept—Borussia Dortmund let slip a two-goal lead before recovering to blast four goals in 16 minutes as they maintain their perfect start to the season with a thrilling 6-2 victory over Hamburg SV on Saturday.

New signing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Robert Lewandowski netted twice each, Marco Reus capped a virtuoso performance with a goal and Henrikh Mkhitaryan completed the scoring as the Bundesliga leaders made it five wins out of five.

Champions Bayern Munich, also unbeaten and two points behind in second place, rode their luck to beat Hanover 9-2-0 while the club’s former player Luiz Gustavo was sent off again for his new team VfL Wolfsburg as they lost 3-1 at home to Werder Bremen.

Kevin-Prince Boateng’s first goal for Schalke 04 earned a 1-0 win at Mainz 05 and Bobby Wood grabbed a brace to help 1860 Munich to a 2-0 victory at Ingolstadt.

Borussia Dortmund’s Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang celebrates a goal against Hamburg SV during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Dortmund on 14 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

Agony for Mourinho as Chelsea lose at Everton

London, 15 Sept—Jose Mourinho’s Chelsea home-coming party turned sour as a 1-0 defeat at Everton on Saturday condemned them to their worst start to a Premier League season during the big-spending era of owner Roman Abramovich.

Steven Naismith celebrated his 27th birthday by heading the winner in first-half injury time before the hosts clung on to secure manager Roberto Martinez’s first victory and inflict Chelsea’s maiden defeat of their league campaign.

On a day of debates, Mesut Ozil gave Arsenal fans a glimpse of his creative talents in a comfortable 3-1 win at Sunderland and Chelsea handed a first start to Samuel Eto’o, but the Cameroonian fluffed a glorious chance.

It was a similar story for Manchester City, whose costly attacking recruits misfired in a goalless draw at Stoke City.

Champions Manchester United laboured to a 2-0 win over 10-man Crystal Palace at Old Trafford and Tottenham Hotspur’s Gylfi Sigurdsson netted twice as they beat Norwich City by the same scoreline.

Newcastle United’s new以便 Hatem Ben Arfa grabbed one goal and created another in a 2-1 victory at Aston Villa. Hull City against Cardiff City and Fulham against West Bromwich Albion both ended 1-1.

Arsenal top the table with nine points, ahead of

Nadal on hand again as Spain win doubles to ensure Davis Cup future

Madrid, 15 Sept—The Spanish doubles pairing of Rafael Nadal and Marc Lopez defeated their Ukrainian opponents of Sergiy Stakhovsky and Denys Molchanov 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 this Saturday in the Caja Magica I Madrid to give Spain an unassailable 3-0 lead in their Davis Cup tie and assure Spain’s position in the World Group of the tennis team competition.

The win follows on from the wins of Nadal and Fernando Verdasco in Friday’s two singles rubbers and the Spanish have shown their superiority over their Ukrainian rivals.

There was a surprise in the Spanish doubles line up as it was Nadal and not Tommy Robredo who was named to partner Lopez.

Nadal had said before the match that he was tired, but would do what he was asked to help the team and it seems as if Spain captain, Alex Corretja had taken the US Open winner at his word.

Spain got off to a perfect start as they broke the first two Ukrainian serves of the first set to race into a 4-0 lead, before going on to win the first set 6-2.

If the Spanish were expecting an easy time, however, they were to be surprised as the Ukrainian pair fought back to win the second set on a tie-break.

At least it guaranteed better value for money for the paying fans after Nadal had criticized high ticket prices after his win over Stakhovsky on Friday.—Reuters
Happier Woods back in contention after rules violation

Lake Forest, (Illinois), 15 Sept—Tiger Woods surged back into contention for the BMW Championship on Saturday, a day after he was left fuming after being docked two strokes for a rules violation in the second round.

Though he still disagreed with the penalty imposed on him for a moving ball, he was in much more upbeat mood after putting himself in position to clinch his sixth PGA Tour victory of the season after ending the first round four shots off the pace.

The world number one mounted his charge with an electrifying run of six birdies in seven holes from the par-three sixth on the way to a five-under-par 66 in the penultinate FedExCup playoff event of the year.

“I made a big bomb there at six, which was nice, and then I got hot from there,” Woods told reporters, referring to the 30-footer he drained to spark his birdie blitz.

“I had a nice little run to at least get myself in there where I have a chance tomorrow.”

Woods was in imperious form with his approach play after the turn, hitting his second shot to six inches at the 10th, his tee shot to six feet at the par-three 11th and his approach to inside two feet at the 12th to close to within two of the lead.

Though his momentum stalled when he missed a six-foot birdie putt at the par-five 14th and at the driveable par-four 15th, where he bogeyed after dumping his tee shot into water, he finished on a good note with a birdie at the last.

“(Caddie) Joey (LaCava) and I both misread that putt there at 14,” said Woods, who ended the day alone in fifth place at nine-under 204 but is projected to return to the top of the FedExCup points standings after Sunday’s final round.

“It thought it was going to go to the right because Sergio’s putt coming up the hill went left, so I thought my putt was going to go right. My putt ended up going left, and missing that one.”

Woods was paired with Sergio Garcia for the third round at Conway Farms Golf Club, the first time they have played together since the Spaniard’s much-publicized “fried chicken” joke at the American’s expense in May.

“And then I had three-wood on 15,” said Woods. “I was caught between three-wood and five-wood and tried to hit a little soft cut-three wood and just hit a pull-straight ball right in the water.” Once Woods had finished his round and signed his card, he then spoke to a large group of reporters who were mainly interested in his reaction to the two-stroke penalty imposed on him the previous day.—Reuters

Napoli go top of Serie A after Juventus drew with Inter

Rome, 15 Sept—Napoli beat Atalanta 2-0 at home to go top of Serie A after Juven- tus were held to a 1-1 draw by Inter at the San Siro stadium on Saturday.

Marco Kurz scored his first goal for Inter midway through the second half to break the deadlock, but Chil- ean midfielder Arturo Vidal equalised for Juventus with its 20th league goal for the Turin giants.

Inter head coach Walter Mazzarri was pleased with his side’s performance and content enough with the point against Juventus.

“We played on a par with a consolidated team, especially in the first half. After the break we even pushed for the victory, which is a big leap in such a short space of time together,” he said.

“I was interested in seeing this Inter. We had done very well against Genoa and Catania, but with all due respect they are not Juventus and I wanted to see how we’d approach this game,” he said.

Juventus head coach Antonio Conte believed that the draw showed Inter have the credentials to fight for the Scudetto with Juventus this season.

“We confirmed today that Inter can target the top of the table this season, while Juventus are very tough to beat,” he said.

“I saw my team play very well in a difficult arena against a side that has everything to compete right to the end, as they don’t have European commitments and therefore will have better fitness levels,” he said.

Rafael Benitez’s Napoli were made to work hard for the points before the resilient Atalanta, and they had to wait until the 71st minute when Gonzalo Higuain found the net. Three minutes later, the visitors’ hopes of equalising evaporated once Luca Cigarini was sent off for his second bookable offence.

Jose Callejon then wrapped up victory late on to extend Napoli’s 100% winning start to the season.

AC Milan came from two goals down to draw 2-2 at Torino, and Marco Borriello denied the hosts first win over the Milan side in 12 years with the last kick of the game.—Reuters

China’s August power consumption growth at 18-month high

Beijing, 15 Sept—China’s electricity consumption, a common indicator of economic activity, rose 13.7 percent year on year in August, marking its fastest growth since March 2012, according to official data released on Saturday.

Power consumption expanded to 510.3 billion kWh in August, accelerating from the 8.8-percent increase seen in July and the 3.6-percent growth in Au-gust 2012, the National En- ergy Administration (NEA) said.—Xinhua
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