Nissan automobile factory to be established in Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Sept—Vice-President U Nyan Tun met a delegation led by President and CEO of Nissan Motor Co., Ltd Mr Carlos Ghosn at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace here this morning. They held a cordial discussion on government's constructive reforms in all sectors such as administration, management and investment for economic development, establishment of world-class Nissan automobile factory and spare parts factory by Nissan Motor Co., Ltd and Tan Chong Group of Companies, creating job opportunities for local people by conducting skill development courses and environment impacts.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Ministers U Tin Oo Lwin, U Myo Aung and Dr Daw Khin San Yi and officials.—MNA

Second research on fish resources for food sufficiency

According to the weekly meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation, the fish research will be conducted at the sea for the second time.

With the assistance of Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) and EAF-Nansen project, US$ 500,000 will be spent on conducting research into fish resources at Myanmar Sea with the use of R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen during the 38 days from 13 November to 19 December.

"Sounding fishing equipment will be used to do research on fish resource and volume at Rakhine coast, Taninthari coast and Ayeyawady delta. Dragging fish nets will be used in doing research at the sea bed. The result of the research will be compared with that of the past so as to contribute to fish resource management," said the vice-president of Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

In 1979-80, a survey on fish and prawn resources was conducted in 102 days by the same vessel in 200-400 metres deep of underwater at EEZ of Myanmar with the assistance of World Food Organization. At that time, it was estimated that Myanmar Sea had over 1.7 million tons of fish and could catch 1.1 million of fish without depletion. A total of 660 kilos of fish could be caught per hour.

In 2007, a survey was conducted at 17 fishing blocks at delta area by MV SEAFDEC 2 research vessel of Thailand. At that time, it was estimated that 86 kilos of fish could be caught per hour.

"We proposed to do this research. In the past, the result of research was not made public. An answer should be sought through the participation of organizations. Only then will the fish farmers enjoy benefit from data of research for present seizures of fish, fish species and others," said a member of Myanmar Marine Fish Farmers Association.

Byline: Nanda Win; Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)
**Group B** of the AFF Women’s Championship 2013 concluded its group B matches finish

The ASEAN Women’s Championship 2013 concluded its group B matches at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) and Aung San Stadium on 18 September evening.

At the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), Japan U-23 boat Myanmar 3-0. The host Myanmar tried hard to secure the first position of the group. The team deployed its first line-up players with Captain San Maw, Kyin Marlar Tun, Yi Yi Oo, Than Thinn Taw, etc. In the first half, Myanmar could put pressure on Japan team but missed the chance to score goals.

Thus, Myanmar suffered from pressure of the Japan team in the second half. At 54’ minute, Miyuki scored an opening goal. Although Myanmar poured out its efforts to register the equalizer, Japan team scored two more goals nearing final whistle: the second goal by Yushiyura at 83’ minute and the third by Miyuki at 85’ minute.

At Aung San Stadium, the Philippines trounced Laos with a 7-2 result. Over the last 12 points in four wins and the third by Miyuki at 85’ minute.

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Putin said on Thursday he may seek re-election in 2018 and chart a conserv­ative course, but he has also made it clear that he is unwilling to accept any challenges to his rule. Putin, 60, has been in power since 2000 and a fourth term would keep him in power for more than a dec­ade, stocks in emerging markets, which had been affected by worries of the US Federal Reserve wind­ing down its stimu­lus program, soared after the Fed surprisingly decided to leave the plan intact. India and Indonesia have been hardest hit by the fears, with capital out­flows falling and currency rates and stock prices. The ministerial gath­ering takes place less than two weeks after the leaders of the Group of 20 leading economies, at their summit in St Petersburg, reiterated the need for indus­trialized countries to flexibly pro­mote fiscal consolidation to prevent a recurrence of shocks such as the eurozone sovereign debt crisis. The APEC minis­ters are also expected to dis­cuss trade finance as a means to facilitate trade activities in the region and the impact of global crises on trade finance. At the conclusion of their talks in Nusa Dua, a beach resort on Bali Is­land, the finance minis­ters will witness the signing of statement of intent among Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and South Ko­rea, which are involved in the Asia Region Funds Passport scheme. Initiated by Australia, the scheme will provide a multilateral agree­ment framework allowing the cross-border issu­ing of funds across par­ticipating economies in Asia. APEC sources said Japan and Tai­pei may also sign up, but officials of the two economies have not confirmed it. APEC groups include Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philip­pines, Russia, Singapore, Taipei, Thailand, the Uni­ted States and Vietnam.

APEC finance ministers kick off 2-day meeting in Bali

Finance ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum pose for photographs wearing traditional Balinese attire at a beach resort on Bali on 19 Sept, 2013. Indonesia is chairing the year’s APEC meetings and will hold a summit in October.—Kyodo News

Car bombings death toll rises to nearly 65 in southeastern Yemen

Aden, (Yemen), 20 Sept—The death toll from three suicide car bombings that ripped through a key military site and police center in Yemen’s south­eastern Shabwa province has risen to at least 65, a local security official said. At least 65 army and security soldiers died and 38 others were wounded in three simultaneous car bombing attacks that tar­geted the police station headquarters and army-held sites in Azzan area in Shabwa, the official told Xinhua on con­dition of anonymity. A police officer said that the deadliest of Fri­day’s attacks took place when an al-Qaeda suicide bomber drove his explo­sive laden car into the army held-site in Azzan near an oil pipeline. Medical officials in a nearby military hospital confirmed to Xinhua the casual­ties figures. An earlier toll on Fri­day said that three explo­sives-rigged cars went off at a military site in Azzan, killing at least 40 army sol­diers and wounding dozens of others at the scene, a local government source said. An army source said that the security forces backed by heavy armored vehicles were deployed in large numbers around the scene. A witness told Xinhua anonymously saying that “we saw a number of charred bodies near the po­lice center and the bodies of five high-ranking army of­ficers brought out of it.”

“The bombs struck an army base and huge clouds of black smoke billowed into the air,” the witness added.

The toll of Friday sui­cide attacks could rise as ambulances and civilian cars evacuated the army victims to different hospi­tals and medical centers in the city, according to the lo­cal sources. Al-Qaeda in the Ara­bian Peninsula (AQAP) has claimed responsibility for these bombing attacks. A spokesman of the AQAP told Xinhua by phone early Friday that they launched wide-scale attacks using two car bombs and ground attacks on an army barracks and the police station, which killed more than 50 soldiers.

Abe urges TEPCO to scrap 2 Fukushima reactors that avoided meltdowns

Okinawa, (Japan), 20 Sept—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Thursday urged Tokyo Electric Power Co to scrap two reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant that avoided melt­downs during the 2011 ac­cident, saying that the util­ity should focus more on the plant’s cleanup efforts. Of the plant’s six reac­tors, the utility is moving ahead to decommission the Nos 1 to 4 units that suffered meltdowns or hydrogen ex­plosions in the early days of the crisis. But it has not made clear what it will do with the Nos 5 and 6 reactors that achieved a stable condition called a cold shutdown. According to Abe who visited the site on Thurs­day, TEPCO President Naomi Hirose said he will decide on the fate of the two reactors by the end of this year, while also vow­ing to drastically lower by March 2015 the level of ra­dioactivity in contaminated water accumulating at the complex. Abe inspected the plant in northeastern Japan to demonstrate the gov­ernment’s commitment to addressing the buildup of toxic water, after he assured the international commu­nity earlier this month, while

Russia’s Putin says could seek re-election in 2018

Valdai, (Russia), 20 Sept — President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday he may seek re-election in 2018 and charted a conserv­ative course drawn from Orthodox Christian values, saying the West was not an example for Russia. At a conference wheth­er he might seek a new term as president when his six-year mandate ex­pires in 2018, Putin said: “I do not think so.” Asked by Reuters for clarification, he later said: “It’s only 2013 today, there are another five years ahead of us.” Putin, 60, has been in power since 2000 and a fourth term would keep him there until 2024 — longer than Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev’s 18-year stay but still short of Josef Stalin’s three-decade dictatorship. Putin made his com­ments to an audience of top Russian experts that also in­cluded a number of opposi­tion leaders who took part in protests against his rule last year, demonstrations that have dwindled since the president took a firm line against dissent. The op­position leaders hailed their inclusion as a sign that Putin may be open to dialogue after months of repressive tactics, but said it may also reflect divisions between relative liberals and hawks

Russia’s President Vladimir Putin speaks during a meet­ing with ‘Valdai’ International Discussion Club mem­bers in the town of Valdai on 19 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

Ukraine to join NATO’s counter-piracy mission

Kyiv, 20 Sept — The Ukrainian Parliament on Thursday approved the bill proposed by President Vik­tor Yanukovych to allow the country’s peacekeep­ing troops to join a NATO counter-piracy mission. The parliament’s press service said that the bill was supported by 331 lawmak­ers, much more than the 226 votes required. Under the bill, Ukrainian flagman frigate Hetman Sahaydachny with a Ka-27 helicopter on board will as­sist NATO troops during the mission Ocean Shield in waters near the Gulf of Azov and the mouth of the Don. Ukrainian peacekeep­ers will join NATO troops at the end of the current year for a 90-day mission and Kyiv will bear all costs arising from its participa­tion in the operation. Xinhua

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Hackers offered cash, booze to crack iPhone fingerprint security

Boston, Sept 20— Hackers are gearing up for Friday’s iPhone 5S release with a contest to crack the device’s first-ever fingerprint scanner, a high-tech feature that Apple Inc says makes users’ data more secure.

A micro venture capital firm joined a group of security researchers to offer more than $13,000 in cash and other goodies to the first hacker who breaks the device in a contest promoted on the website istouchid-hackedyet.com/. Arturas Rosenbacher, founding partner of Chi¬

ter herpetologist Robert C. Stebbins, after the name a stebbinsi, af¬

to existing iPhone and iPad customers on Wednesday.

The publication said that it is possible to bypass the lock screen of those devices in seconds to ac¬

cess photos, email, Twitter and other applications. It included a video demonstra¬
tion on its website and advice on how users could thwart the bypass techni¬
cues: onforb.co/o6IuqY3

Apple spokeswoman Trudy Muller told Reuters that the company was pre¬
facing a fix that it would deliver as an update to iOS 7 when it was ready. “Ap¬
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The gas, which lasts about 300 years in Earth’s atmosphere, is a major step in popularizing the use of biometrics in personal electronics. Security engineer Charlie Miller, known in hacking circles for uncov¬

ered a second feature in the iPhone as well as circumven¬
ting security in Apple’s App Store, said it could take fewer than two weeks forKerry or some other smart hacker to get around the new lock. Reuters

Twitter in talks to add banks to IPO, set fees

New York, Sept 20—Twitter is in talks to add additional banks to its underwriting syndicate for its upcoming initial public offering and in the process of finalizing the fee structure, according to three people familiar with the matter.

Typically, underwrit¬
ers receive around 7 per¬
cent of overall IPO pro¬
cceeds, but larger offerings could command a lower fee. Underwriters were willing to split a fee pool of just 1.1 percent for Facebook Inc’s $16 billion IPO because of the deal size, as well as the prestige of being associated with a high-profile deal. It was not clear what percentage of the potential IPO proceeds Twitter has proposed to pay underwrit¬
ers. Twitter Chief Financial Officer Mike Gupta is lead¬
ergers could stand to split a fee pool of around $60 million to $70 million.

The people asked not to be named because they were not authorized to speak with the media. The lack of methane is par¬
ticular to Curiosity’s landing site, a giant basin near the planet’s equator. Once methane is released from the surface, scientists believe it would spread fairly quickly through the planet’s thin atmosphere. —Reuters

A journalist tests the new iPhone 5S Touch ID fingerprint recognition feature at Apple Inc’s announcement event in Beijing in this on 11 Sept, 2013 file photo. — Reuters

A Bakersfield Legless Lizard (Anniella grinnelli) is shown in this undated handout provided by the University of California, Berkeley on 19 Sept, 2013. — Reuters

Scientists discover new legless lizard species in California

San Francisco, 20 Sept—California scientists have discovered four spe¬
cies of legless lizards hidden in unlikely habitats among central valley oil derricks, sand dunes at the end of a Los Angeles air¬

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"The main thing this is showing is that right here in California ... there is actual need and demand, a very serious problem we don’t know that yet," said Theodore Papenfuss, a reptile and amphibian expert with the University of California at Berkeley’s Museum of Vertebrate Zoo¬

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The flaw lets users unlock their devices or make purchases

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NASA Mars rover finds no sign of methane, tells tale sign of life

Cape Canaveral, 20 Sept—NASA’s Mars rover, Curiosity, has come up empty-handed in its search for methane in the planet’s atmosphere, a gas that on Earth is a strong indica¬tor of life, officials said on Thursday.

The silver-bellied A. alexanderae was found in the oilfields near the city of Taft, the A. campi, with a yellow underside, was found in three canyons at the outskirts of the Mojave Desert, and the purple¬

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This led them to what they called a ‘higher resolution picture of how the virus has spread and how its genome has changed over time’.

While the findings, published in the Lancet medical journal, cannot help scientists predict how likely MERS is to become more easily transmissible in people — and how likely to cause a pandemic — they should help health experts develop more effective infection control measures to limit its spread.

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Univision in talks with banks about 2014 IPO

New York, 20 Sept—US Spanish-language broadcaster Univision Communications Inc has in recent weeks held discussions with banks about an initial public offering, according to three people familiar with the matter, as strong stock markets encourage private equity owners to seek exits for their portfolio companies.

New York based Univision was taken private by a group of buyout firms including Madison Dearborn Partners, Providence Equity Partners, TPG Capital and Thomas H. Lee Partners for $12.3 billion in March 2007.

The company is leaning toward an IPO, which may come in the second half of 2014, as the board continues to evaluate the company’s strategic direction, one of the people said, adding that Univision has not yet made a formal decision to proceed with the offering.

All the people asked not to be identified because the discussions are confidential. Univision, Madison Dearborn, TPG, Providence and THL declined to comment.

A surge in the equities markets this year has encouraged large private equity-backed companies to pursue IPOs. Hotel operator Hilton Worldwide, which was taken private by Blackstone Group LP for $26 billion in 2007, said earlier this month it intends to raise upwards of $1.25 billion from an initial public offering. —Reuters

Apple’s newest iPhone models go on sale in Japan

Tokyo, 20 Sept—Apple Inc’s newest iPhone models went on sale Friday in Japan ahead of its debut in the United States later in the day, with Japan’s largest mobile phone carrier NTT Docomo Inc launching the same day.

A three-way battle to attract subscribers between NTT Docomo and its rivals Softbank Mobile Corp and KDDI Corp, which already offer iPhones, is likely to further intensify in Japan, where the iPhone is proving extremely popular.

The two new models are the premier iPhone 5s, which features a fingerprint sensor, and the lower-priced iPhone 5c.—Kyodo News
Former British PM Blair’s daughter held at gunpoint in London

LONDON, 20 Sept — The daughter of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair was held up at gunpoint on Thursday after police stormed pro-Mursi protest camps, according to the BBC.

Kathryn Blair, 25, a barrister, was targeted as she was out walking in central London on Thursday afternoon. “The incident involved two male suspects with a gun,” police said.

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Farming rights certificates presented in Myinmu Tsp

MYINMU, 20 Sept—Farming rights certificates were presented to farmers in Yonkar village-tract in Myinmu Township in Sagaing Region on 16 September.

The registration fee of K 925,500 was also presented for 1851 certificates in a ceremony held at Shwe Pyi Thiri Hall in Myinmu on 16 September.

SAGAING REGION Hlutaw Representative U Thit Hall in Myinmu on 16 September for 1851 certificates in a ceremony held at Shwe Pyi Thiri Hall in Myinmu.

The chairman presented K 925,500 to the Township Planning Committee Chairman U Thein Zaw.

The chairman of Myinmu Township management committee said the efforts of the Yonkar village committee to collect the registration ahead of schedule were recognized.

He urged the committee to continue to exert their hard works.

The Secretary of Myinmu Township Farmland Management Committee said a total of 26036 certificates, 30 percent of the entire farmlands that could apply for farming rights certificates, have been issued in Myinmu Township.

MMAL—Ko Ko Naung (Myinmu)

Notes of eviction for squatters issued

YANGON, 20 Sept—The notices were distributed in the second time by the combined team of the Township Development Affairs Committee and departmental personnel on 17 September morning.

Some 300 houses by the road have got the notices since 5 September.

Tsp evacuated

T he notices issued for the second time by the Development Affairs Committee and Assistant Engineer Office (Civil) under Public Works cover encroached buildings, roadside shops and other buildings.

MMAL—Township IPRD

Natural Disaster

Dokhtawady riverbank eroded in recent flood

KAN LEI village in Singaing Township in Mandalay Region, posing threat to riverside houses.

A house has been evacuated while other 17 houses are in danger.

The residents are in negotiations with authorities for evacuation as the erosion is likely to escalate.

The situations would be reported to the region government as well, according to region Hlutaw representative U Nyi Nyi.

Singaing Township is the worst affected area in the recent flood caused by several days of rainfall that caused the river water level to surpass its danger water level.

MMAL—Township IPRD

Tens of hundreds of flood victims in NyaungU Tsp evacuated

NYAUNGU, 20 Sept—Tens of hundreds of flood victims in NyaungU Township were evacuated on time on 15-17 September.

A total of 1100 people from 247 households of Selan village were rescued on 15 September.

A total of 2405 people from 497 households in other Riverside areas and other areas were evacuated on 16-17 September.

Under the supervision of the District Deputy Commissioner and the Township Administrator, a total of 82 bags of rice and 100 makeshift tents were distributed to the flood victims. —MMAL—Ye Thura Aung (NyaungU)

Aid provided to flood victims in Singaing Township

SINGAING, 20 Sept—Authorities and wellwishers are providing assistance to flood victims in villages in Singaing Township due to the rise of water level of Dokhtawady River.

They provided clothes, bags of rice and purified drinking water to the flood victims on 16 September.

No. 3 Tactical Operations Commander Col Than Oo of Central Command, Col Khin Maung Oo of Kyankse Station donated three bales of clothes, 1072 packets of rice, 1072 bottle of purified drinking water for 315 flood victims, two bales of clothes and three theatres.

MMAL—Thura (Toungoo)

Model plot of monsoon paddy yields 192 baskets per acre


The paddy plantation plot produced 192 baskets per acre in wet status and 172 baskets in dry status.

The local farmers viewing the harvest of hybrid paddy plantation wish to grow the similar paddy strains on their farmlands.

MMAL—Maung Thuta (Taungdwingyi)

Toungoo University to get convocation hall

TOUNGOO, 20 Sept—A new convocation hall will be built in the Toungoo University five miles west of Toungoo in Bago Region.

The estimated cost of construction is K 5000 million and the facility will be built on 258.85 acres of land. Earthworks have started at the chosen site for construction.

“The convocation will be built between two three-storey buildings. A new gymnasium will be built as well,” Pro-rector of Toungoo University Dr Daw San San Mar said.

A total of 9339 students are attending at the university currently and it has eight buildings and three theatres.

MMAL—Thura (Toungoo)
Tawethalin, the 6th month of Myanmar lunar calendar roughly corresponds to September. Though the monsoon has not passed out yet, storm begins to occur, but climate remains normal. All aquatic bodies in the country are still brimful with rainwater. The gentle breeze creates only daintily ripples on the surface of water making the illusion of a mist spread out on it. Hence an old Myanmar saying  "သစွဲသော့ အားထောင်ခဲ့သည်" [In Tawethalin, the river is like a mist spread out]. Less rain clouds allow solar rays fall directly on earth, heating it up. Hence an old Myanmar saying about this month "ကျွန်တော် ရွေးချယ်နေပါသည်" [In Tawethalin sun, prawns die].

Kanya [Virgo] is this month’s sign and that has its zodiacal symbol of a maiden. Yin Ma [chukrasia Tabularis] a kind of timber tree blooms profusely in spray on all its bunches giving it a soft pleasant fragrance in the breeze. This flower is designated as flower of the month.

Calm weather and brimful aquatic bodies favour festive activities on water. Besides, legends and history support their cultural background. All Myanmar important months on [Mon, Bama, Rakhine and Shan] claimed their descentancy from the Solar Pantheon holds his boat festival on ground as well as on water.

Water level of Ayeyawady River may remain above its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 20 September—The water level of Ayeyawady River at Zalun has reached its danger level starting from 16-9-2013, 5:30 pm. According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level has exceeded by 63 cm (about 2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level during the next three days, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Tawethalin holds Royal Regatta Festival

Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja Sthri Dhk Chin Maung Nyunt

Barge, his men found a big nest built of elephant tusks, in which a monster reptile lived. The monster killed to eat elephants and built his nest with their tusks. As the reptile nest was away, his men broke up the nest, took all the tusks and sailed away. The monster reptile chased the royal barge. In order to catch up, it showed its head, tail and four legs stretched out to impress and frighten the king, and turned back. In memory of this encounter the king built a boat in the likeness of the monster reptile and named it E Kin Bo. On Hlaaw Ta Kaw Gy (The big Royal Boat) with cars spread out like the legs of the monster reptile.; These two boats Thakadan and E Kin or Hlaaw Ta Kaw Gy played major role in the Royal Regatta Festival and boat races.

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Inwa kings defended their capital or attacked their enemies with army and navy. The location of the Ayeyawady, Tawethalin month’s astrological name ‘Ardha’ was in imitation of Sakka during the monsoon when the monsoon begins they were entitled to perform the ploughing ceremony as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

Ayeyawady River at Zalun

Shall we let them grow up in peace or with daily trauma and pain of war atrocities?

Mother Teresa.

So, there arises a question—what is the key to secure peace? The answer is simple. Humanity. There would be no more war if only we saw each other as humans. Except for the colours, we all are the same made of flesh and blood.

Blood is just red and neither white nor black. Violence, the growing threat of terrorism, sectarian violence and civil war sounds alarming bells to the global population with ten thousands of deaths every year. Lasting peace cannot be achieved through the barrel of a gun; it can only be attained on the grounds of his colour, race, and religion. There would be no more war if only we saw each other as peoples.

Tolerance and mutual respect are vital for building peaceful societies. Every man is born equally and should not be discriminated on the grounds of his colour, race, and religion. Diversity is surely an asset and not a threat. No peace would reign as long as we refuse to embrace diversity. It takes all sorts to make and to kill the world.

We believe that the power of diplomacy, dialogues and engagement would be able to conquer the violence and silence the guns across the world. Lasting peace cannot be achieved through the barrel of a gun; it can only be attained through understanding. The global ceasefire is a thousand miles journey, but to reach this goal, all we need to do is to accept that we belong to each other.

The close interrelationship between peace and prosperity is obvious and undeniable. The future of the world largely depends on the present situation of younger generation. How we let them grow up would shape the future of the world. Shall we let them grow up in peace or with daily trauma and pain of war atrocities?

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MoU on geothermal power plants signed

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept.—A ceremony to sign MoU between the Ministry of Electric Power and Emerging Markets Energy Pte Ltd of Singapore on a feasibility study of geothermal power plants in Shan State and Tanintharyi, Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Regions was held at the ministry here yesterday evening.

It was attended by Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe, the Union Attorney-General, deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials from Emerging Markets Energy Pte Ltd and guests.

The Union Minister said that Myanmar’s power consumption has increased by 15 percent annually. The government is seeking every possible ways to fulfill the country’s increasing power demand. The downstream of Chindwin River in Sagaing and Magway Regions, Mount Popa and Singu Hill in Mandalay Region and hot springs near Maungmagan beach in Tanintharyi Region have the best prospects for power generation through geothermal.

After that, Managing Director U Hein Lwin and President Mr. Samuel D. Kennedy signed the MoU in the presence of the Union Attorney-General, deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials from Emerging Markets Energy Pte Ltd and guests.—MNA

ZNA, Dongfeng automobile introduced

YANGON, 20 Sept.—ZNA (Zhengzhou Nissan Automobile) and Dongfeng vehicle were introduced at Junction Square in Kamayut Township this morning. Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Director of ZNA Mr Ma Hon Tao, President for Asia & Oceania Mr Toshiharu Yoshimura of Sojitz Corporation and officials formally opened the ceremony.

Executive Director U Aung Win of Yangon Ni Co Service Co Ltd donated K 2.5 million to Wemanchaung Social Care Unit in Hmawby Township through region minister for social affairs Dr Myint Thein.

Resident reps of FAO, IRRI observe 10000-acre model mechanized farmland in Dagon Myothit

YANGON, 20 Sept.—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning met with FAO Resident Representative Ms. Bui Thi Lin, Resident Representative Ms. Dr Madona from International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the president of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Traders Association and the vice president of Myanmar Rice Federation at the FAO office, here, this morning. They discussed matters on seeds production in cooperation with FAO and IRRI, seed distribution for flooded Ayeyawady Region, seawater affected areas and drought-hit areas and establishment of IRRI branch in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Union minister and party visited the 10000-acre model mechanized farmland in Dagon Myothit where they observed thriving Palelthwe hybrid paddy plantation and construction of a 500-ton modern rice mill.

The Union minister called for development of agricultural sector in order to export agricultural products to international markets to enable the farmers to enjoy higher income.—MNA

Malaysia to assist in Myanmar’s financial sector

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept.—Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein held a meeting with Mr. Danu’ Sri Mostaq Muhammed, Minister of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia and party at the ministry, here, this morning.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on progress of monetary sector in Myanmar, investment opportunities, further cooperation programmes between the two countries, attending of Myanmar government staff at human resource development work proficiency courses including monetary sector development courses in Malaysia and Malaysia’s assistance in necessary sectors for development of insurance industry and emergence of stock exchange in Myanmar.—MNA

Sport delegations from ASEAN countries arrive

YANGON, 20 Sept.—A coordination meeting of sport team leaders from respective countries and registration of sports teams for XXVII SEA Games will be held at Thinghaung Hotel, here, from 21 September to 23 September.

The delegations and sport teams leaders from ASEAN countries such as Singapore, Laos, Thailand, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Philippines and Vietnam arrived at Yangon International Airport this morning to attend the meeting. They were welcomed at the airport by Yangon in-charge Director U Kyaw Hsan Oo of Sports and Physical Education Department.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker leaves for PRC

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa was seen off at the Airport.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs receives Team Leader of UNDP

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept.—Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint received a delegation led by Team Leader of UNDP Regional Administrative Programme Mr Tolly Kurbany at his office, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the Deputy Minister were Chief of Staff (Police) Police Brig-Gen Win Khaung of Myanmar Police Force, Deputy Director-General of General Administration Department U Tin Myint, Deputy Director-General of Bureau of Special Investigation U Myint Han and responsible persons.—MVA

Trade deficit for April-August reaches US$ 456.43 million


Total export value including US$ 2553.02 million of normal export value and US$ 1020.94 million of border export value of Myanmar hit US$ 3974.96 million in April-August of 2013-2014 FY while its total import value—normal import value of US$ 3923.17 million—has touched US$ 4431.39 million. According to Central Statistical Organization’s report on monthly export and import, Myanmar’s total trade deficit for April to August 2013-14 FY was US$ 456.43 million.—MVA
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The child-centred approach teaching course was held at Natsin Basic Education Primary School No 164 in Model Theingon Village of Yamethin Township on 18 September. Assistant Education Officer U Tin Ko Ko, Headmistress Daw Mie Mie Kyaw of Theingon Basic Education High School, Child Protection Knowledge Committee of Mon State organized the talks on protection of children for parents, managed by Social Welfare Department and UNICEF at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Thaton on 18 September afternoon.

Retired professor Dr Daw Thet Hho Win of UNICEF urged Township Committee of Right of Child members, social organization members, administrators of 15 villages and five wards of the township, supportive committee members and parents give loving kindness to the children and nurture them.

Instructors from Social Welfare Department trained the teachers.

Kyenmon Thet Oo (Thaton)

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**Mawlamyine, 20 Sept—** Permission has been sought from the Ministry of Education to build 88 basic education schools in 2013-2014 fiscal year in Mon State.

A coordination meeting on invitation to tender for construction of the schools was held at the hall of Mon State Government at 2 pm on 17 September.

It was also attended by Mon State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Hla Oo, State Minister for Development Affairs Dr To Htwe Toe Toe and guests. —Kyemon 540

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**Ayeyawady Region on 18 September, Region Minister for Social Affairs Daw Khin Saw Mu made a speech. Region Education Director U Kyi Aung explained pass rate of matriculation in previous year. Pyapon stood 24th in the pass rate of the region’s 26 townships.

The ceremony was attended by the deputy commissioner of Pyapon District General Administration Department, the deputy township administrator, the district education officer, the township education officer, the headmistress of No 1 Basic Education High School and guests. —Kyemon 540

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**Simgiao, 20 Sept—** Patron of Mandalay Region Women’s Affairs Or ganization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Myat Nwe together with Chair person of Region WAO Daw Hay Hray Aung and Chairman of Kyaukse District WAO Daw Aye Aye Win, visited relief camps in flooded villages of Simgaing and TadaU townships on 18 September.

Coca-Cola Foundation has donated 10 packets of instant noodle, two packets of detergent powder, 10 eggs, one piece of bread, one packet of cracker, two packets of pickled tea, two sachets of rehydrated salt, two rolls of tissue, two bottles of purified drinking water, one packet of pickled tea, two packets of rehydrated salt, two rolls of tissue and other materials to each flood households from 658 households. She explained the significant points for parents to looking after the children, and protection of children against violence over children, sexual harassment, ignorance, exploitation.

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**Tachilek, 20 Sept—** Children protection course conducted in Tahley.

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Thailand to introduce Japan-funded flood forecast system

BANGKOK, 20 Sept—A Japan-funded flood forecast system will go into full swing in Thailand on Friday, drawing lessons from the massive flooding in the Southeast Asian country in 2011, officials of a Japanese aid agency said on Thursday.

The government-linked Japan International Cooperation Agency said the Internet-based system for the Chao Phraya River basin is the first of its kind in the world.

The floods inundated hundreds of factories and other manufacturing facilities, many of them owned by Japanese companies or supplying Japanese firms operating in central Thailand. To prevent the same problems, JICA started developing the system in July last year under a budget of 1.03 billion yen. With technical and financial support from JICA, the system has decided to commence full-fledged operation following testing.

The system will make use of data on rainfall and water levels monitored by Thai authorities as well as data obtained using a Japan-developed “rainfall runoff model” and JICA laser equipment. Under the system, the public will be notified in English and Thai about water levels on a daily and weekly basis, and flood forecasts for the coming week will be issued, JICA officials said.

Japan automakers exhibit low-cost green cars at Indonesia auto show

Honda Motor Co President Takekazu Ito (L) stands by the Mobile, a seven-seater minivan to go on sale in January 2014, as the 21st Indonesia International Motor Show 2013 opens in Jakarta on 19 Sept. 2013.

Jakarta, 20 Sept—Japanese automakers exhibited their low-cost green cars at the 21st Indonesia International Motor Show 2013 that opened on Thursday in Jakarta, hoping to capitalize on a new Indonesian government policy that gives tax exemptions for the eco-friendly cars.

The luxury tax exemption, expected to give a boost for Japanese car manufacturers, applies to locally assembled vehicles with engine capacities of less than 1200 cc and a minimum fuel consumption of 20 kilometers per liter.

Toyota Aygo and Daihatsu Ayla cars, which comes in variants with prices ranging from 76 million to 120 million rupiah (about 650,000 to 1.03 million yen).

Among other low-cost green cars exhibited at the auto show, Nissan Motor Co took the wraps off the Datsun GO+ five-seater and seven-seater cars, both with 1200 cc engine capacities, which will be built at Nissan’s plant in Purwakarta, some 80 kilometers south-east of Jakarta, and sell for under 100 million rupiah.

Honda Motor Co staged the Honda Brio Satya with 1200 cc engine as their low cost green car. While Suzuki Motor Corp launched the Karimun Wagon R with engine capacities 1000 cc, which will be assembled at a plant in Cikarang, in the suburbs of Jakarta. The auto show, which claims to be the largest in Southeast Asia, will last until 29 September.—Kyodo News

Cambodia records 25,050 malaria cases in 8 months, killing six people

PHNOM PENH, 20 Sept—Cambodia reported 25,050 malaria cases in the first eight months of this year, down sharply from 31 deaths in the same period last year, figures from the National Centre for Malaria showed on Thursday.

During the January-August period this year, the disease has killed six people, down sharply from 31 deaths in the same period last year, the figures said. Chur Meng Chaur, director of the center, told Xinhua that death toll from malaria was no longer a major concern for the Cambodian people.

Last year, more than a million of mosquitoes nets were given free-of-charge to the vulnerable groups of people throughout the country to curb the disease.

The country is committed to stopping the deaths from malaria by 2015 and entirely eliminating it by 2025, he said.

Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease, which is often found in rainy seasons and mostly happens in forest and mountainous provinces. Last year, the country reported 45,553 cases of malaria, killing 45 people.—Xinhua

Vietnam builds 1st ever energy-generating waste plant

HANOI, 20 Sept.—The construction of the first waste treatment facility to generate electricity from bio-waste started in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi on Thursday.

The Nam Son industrial waste treatment complex, which is located in Hanoi’s Soc Son District, is the first of its kind in Vietnam, using Japan’s incinerators with advanced technologies to turn the heat from industrial and hazardous garbage treatment process into electricity, reported local online newspaper Nhandan (the People).

The system is capable of treating 75 tons of waste per day and can produce 1,930 kW of thermal power.

The project costs over 612 billion Vietnamese dong (29 million US dollars) to build, of which over 472 billion Vietnamese dong (22.4 million US dollars) came from non-refundable aid from Japan’s New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization.

The project will provide the electricity for the whole complex, which is one of the measures to deal with the glut of waste in Hanoi. Solid waste burial grounds may be reduced and the industrial waste in both Hanoi and neighbouring provinces will be properly dealt with, said the Hanoi Urban Environment Company, the representatives of the owners of this project.

The complex is expected to be put into operations in late 2014.—Xinhua

China, Australia push up New Zealand visitor figures to August record

WELLINGTON, 20 Sept—Visitors from China and Australia pushed overseas tourist numbers to a record August high last month, the New Zealand government tourism statistics agency announced on Friday.

Visitor arrivals in New Zealand reached 189,300 in August, up 6 percent from August last year, according to Statistics New Zealand.

“Short-term travel both in and out of New Zealand has climbed every August since 2009,” population statistics manager Andrea Blackburn said in a statement.

The increase mostly came from Australia (up 4,500) and China (up 3,400).

In the year ended August, there were 2,658 million visitors from all countries, up 1 percent from the previous year.—Xinhua

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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Ministry of Electric Power
Invitation of Open Proposal

1. The Ministry of Electric Power invites all Foreign and Local Investors to submit -

(a) Proposal for Renting of Gas Engine Generator near Kyaukse and
(b) Proposal for Implementation of Combined Cycle Power Plant

2. Natural gas resources for both projects shall be “SHWE” offshore gas.

3. For proposal (1), both of Technical and Commercial Proposal shall be submitted not later than at 16:00 hr on 18th October 2013.

4. For proposal (2), Technical proposal shall be submitted not later than at 16:00 hr on 30th November 2013.

5. Detail information and Technical Specification related to
(a) Renting Gas Engine Generator can be inquired up to (30-9-2013).
(b) Implementation of Combined Cycle Power Plant can be inquired up to (15-10-2013).

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Belarus says ready to extradite Uralkali CEO to Russia

Minsk, 20 Sept — Belarus said on Thursday it was ready to extradite the head of the Russian potash producer Uralkali arrested in the country last month, softening its stance in a bitter dispute stemming from Russia’s pull out of a lucrative potash partnership with Belarus.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said that he did not rule out the possibility of extraditing Uralkali CEO Vladislav Baumgertner if Russian law enforcement agencies conducted an appropriate inquiry into his actions in accordance with the law. “If Russian investigators are interested in the extradition of Russian citizen Baumgertner, arrested by us, I do not see any particular obstacles,” he said.

Stressing that the potash row should not be allowed to spoil bilateral relations, the president urged the countries to do everything possible to investigate this dispute.

Baird, former chairman of Belarusian Potash Company, a joint venture set up by Uralkali and Belaruskali in 2005, was detained on Aug. 26 while visiting the Belarusian capital, a month after the collapse of the potash sales cartel. The former alliance between the two companies controlled about 40 percent of the world potash market. The arrest put a new strain on the relationship between Russia and Belarus.

Residents attend a videoconference in which participants Julian Assange, founder and spokesman of WikiLeaks, from the Ecuador’s embassy in London, in the framework of the “Freedom, privacy and the future of Internet” seminar, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 18 Sept., 2013. —Xinhua

Canada to aid Palestine

OTTAWA, 20 Sept — Canada will contribute five million Canadian dollars (4.85 million US dollars) to support economic growth for the Palestinian people, said Foreign Minister John Baird. He said Canada is strongly committed to the prosperity and security of the Palestinian people after a meeting with Riad Al Maliki, visiting minister of foreign affairs of the Palestinian Authority.

“We strongly believe that stability and security is critical to a two-state solution,” Baird said at a media gathering.

Baird said the aid is to help improve business development, increase economic opportunities and create jobs in the West Bank and Gaza.

It is part of a 100 million Canadian-dollar (97-million-dollar) initiative to kickstart economic development in the region ahead of a meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee, members of which will meet in New York next week to discuss further coordination for Palestinian development.

Baird said he had “a good exchange” with Malki on a wide range of issues, including security, economic development, the Palestinian territories and the peace process, among others.

Maliki said that the meeting was “productive and frank” and that they agreed on “most of the issues” discussed.

“Support to increasing economic opportunities for the Palestinian people is another expression of Canada’s commitment to the revitalized Middle East peace process,” said Baird. “Sustainable economic growth in the West Bank and Gaza is a key factor in social stability, regional security and the viability of a future Palestinian state.” —Xinhua

Floods devastate central Vietnam, leaving two dead

Hanoi, 20 Sept — Floods triggered by a tropical depression hit Vietnam’s central and Central Highlands region, leaving two dead, one missing and other 12 people missing, said a report by the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control on Thursday.

Floods caused by heavy rains submerge thousands of houses and large areas of rice and vegetables as well as damaged many roads.

The Central Highlands Province of Dak Lak reported one person died and as many as 2,170 houses were inundated while other 2,110 households were evacuated.

Landslides blocked two provincial routes in Kon Tum Province and four suspension bridges collapsed, said the committee.

In the central Quang Tri Province, a Lao nationality died while another local resident was injured.

The National Centre for Hydro-Meteorology Forecasting forecast that water level in rivers in the region will continue rising in the coming days. The centre also warned central provinces about landslides and flash floods in mountainous areas. —Xinhua

Residents of trains travel in the heavy rain during the flood disaster in the north of Vietnam. —Xinhua
**Harrison Ford to receive lifetime achievement award**

**London, 20 Sept—** Veteran actor Harrison Ford will receive a lifetime achievement award at the Zurich Film Festival next month.

The Star Wars and Indiana Jones actor will be honoured for his hugely successful career in Hollywood at the Annual Film Gala in Switzerland on 4 October, reported Contactmusic. “Harrison Ford has had one of the most remarkable careers of any actor in cinema, helping to propel two of the greatest movie franchises by bringing to life iconic roles that have become just as famous as the films themselves.

“Few actors have commanded the leading man role that Harrison Ford has embodied throughout his career, and continues to showcase in every new project,” said festival directors Karl Spoerri and Nadja Schildknecht in a statement. Adding to the celebrations, the Zurich Film Festival will hold a special screening of the first Indiana Jones movie, 1981’s Raiders of the Lost Ark. Ford recently signed up for a role in The Expendables 3 with Sylvester Stallone and is expected to reprise his famous role as Han Solo in 2015’s Star Wars Episode VII, which will be directed by JJ Abrams.—PTI

**Actress Kerry Washington named best dressed woman by People magazine**

**New York, 20 Sept—** Actress Kerry Washington, who was nominated for an Emmy for her role in the ABC television drama “Scandal,” was named the “World’s Best Dressed Woman” by People magazine on Wednesday.

Washington, 36, headed a list that included Academy Award-winner Jennifer Lawrence, singer-songwriter Solange Knowles and actresses Jenna Dewan-Tatum and Kate Bosworth.

“I don’t wear a lot of pants,” Washington said in a statement announcing the honour. “When I go somewhere I want to know I’m going to be comfortable and I’m dressed for the event.”

People magazine Executive Editor Elizabeth Sporkin praised Washington for her fashion sense.

“There has been a trend this year in lady like fashion and I think she is almost single-handedly responsible for it,” Sporkin said in an interview.—Reuters

**Brad Pitt gatecrashes wedding**

**London, 20 Sept—** Actor Brad Pitt made the wedding reception of a young couple even more special by going and having drink during their celebrations. Bride Abi Lingwood was surprised when her husband Daniel told her that Pitt was having a drink at their bar. The reception was taking place in the same hotel where Pitt was staying, reports dailymail.co.uk. “My husband said to me Brad Pitt was at the bar and you have got to come with me so he dragged me across the hotel. I thought he was joking,” Lingwood told the local newspaper Maidenhead Advertiser.

The actor, who is shooting new World War II blockbuster Fury at the nearby Pinewood Studios, was spotted enjoying a drink at the bar of the Maidenhead hotel by Daniel. The couple even got a quick picture clicked with the actor.—PTI

**Jennifer Garner confronts paparazzo for recording video of her children**

**Los Angeles, 20 Sept—** Actress Jennifer Garner confronted a paparazzo after she saw him recording video of her kids at a market.

The 41-year-old star who has three kids, Violet, Seraphina and Samuel with husband Ben Affleck, confronted the paparazzo by pointing her camera at his face, reported E!Online.

Garner had joined hands with actress Halle Berry to support a proposed anti-paparazzi bill that would make photographing their children without their permission a crime.

“I chose a public life. My three children are private citizens. I love my kids. They’re beautiful and sweet and innocent, and I don’t want a gang of shouting, arguing, lawbreaking photographers who camp out everywhere we are all day, every day, to continue traumatizing my kids.” Garner had said at the time.—PTI

**Arnold Schwarzenegger doesn’t have a role in Avatar 2**

**Los Angeles, 20 Sept—** Contrary to reports, Arnold Schwarzenegger is not doing a role in James Cameron’s Avatar 2. There were reports that Schwarzenegger, who worked with Cameron’s Terminator franchise, will reunite with the director on the billion dollar franchise to play a “bad guy human general” but 20th Century Fox has denied that the actor was approached for a role, said the Hollywood Reporter.

Cameron is bringing three sequels to Avatar. The director has hired screenwriters Josh Friedman of War Of The Worlds and Shane Salerno of Salinger fame to collaborate with him on the screenplays for the three films. The three pictures will be filmed simultaneously with production beginning next year. The release of the first sequel will be in December 2016, with the second to follow in December 2017, and the third a year later.—PTI
United's Rooney back at his best, says Ferguson

LONDON, 20 Sept—Former Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has lavished praise on Wayne Rooney's form in comments that are being interpreted in the British media as the extension of an olive branch to the unsettled player.

Ferguson was critical of the England striker's form last season and the Scot's disclosure in May that Rooney wanted to leave Old Trafford was reported to have fuelled the 27-year-old's desire to seek a new challenge elsewhere.

Although Ferguson handed over the managerial reins to David Moyes in the off-season, he remains a director at the club and is widely perceived to retain considerable influence behind the scenes.

Three bids for Rooney from Premier League rivals Chelsea were rejected in August, though, and his display in the 4-2 Champions League win over Bayer Leverkusen on Tuesday, when he scored two goals, had Ferguson purring. "Wayne's performance was fantastic, I was pleased to see that," the 71-year-old said after the game.

"He's got his energy back—the determination, his prayer to attack players, was all very encouraging to me. "Being a director, I'm delighted to see that. He's back to what we always remember him as."

The goals against Leverkusen brought Rooney's tally at the club to 200 in 406 appearances, leaving him fourth on United's all-time goalscoring list behind Bobby Charlton (249), Denis Law (237) and Jack Rowley (211). Restored to his preferred striker's role after being sometimes deployed by Ferguson in midfield last year, Rooney adds another attacking threat to that of Robin van Persie, who was top scorer in the Premier League last season with 26 goals.

"We will have a fantastic chance because in Van Persie and Rooney, you have forwards who can win you games," said Ferguson, who led United to their 20th English title last season.

Rooney, who has two years left on his current contract, was non-committal about his future at United after the Leverkusen match, telling reporters he was concentrating on his football.

It was Chelsea's first home defeat in the Champions League group stages in 30 matches and followed a loss to Everton in the Premier League last Saturday.

"Before the Group E tie, Mourinho, who returned to the London side in June six years after leaving following a fall-out with Russian billionaire owner Roman Abramovich, lashed out at a news conference for sending his players were "beautiful, young eggs" who needed nurturing. Mourinho was not snarling, however, as the 2012 European champions were booted off the pitch at Stamford Bridge while

Jaded Williams withdraws from Tokyo tournament

Jaded Williams withdrew from the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo citing fatigue, Japan's Kyodo news agency reported on Thursday.

"I'm disappointed to have to withdraw from the Pan Pacific Open, which I was very much looking forward to playing this year," the American was quoted as saying.

Williams, who won her fifth US Open singles title this month, was the latest high-profile withdrawal from the 22-28 September tournament after Russian Maria Sharapova also pulled out last week to recover from a right shoulder injury.

Murray to have back surgery, may miss rest of season

LONDON, 20 Sept—Wimbledon champion Andy Murray is to undergo minor back surgery and may be sidelined for the rest of the season, the BBC reported on Thursday.

The 26-year-old missed this year's French Open due to a back injury but recovered to become the first British man to win Wimbledon for 77 years. He lost his US Open title in a quarter-final defeat this month to Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka.

Murray, the world number three, has qualified for the season-ending World Tour finals in London in November but may be forced to miss the tournament, the report said.

Andy Murray of Britain pauses during a break in play against Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 5 Sept, 2013. Reuters

Reuters
Sydney launches summer celebration of aboriginal culture

SYDNEY, 20 Sept—Sydney’s connection to the aboriginal “dreaming,” will be celebrated for the first time this year, in a new event that organizers hope will celebrate and inspire visitors from around the world to reconnect Australia’s largest city with the meaning and power of indigenous Australian culture.

At a quiet launch on Thursday, rich in significance and symbolism, NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir joined the state Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Arts, George Souris, and the Corroboree Council of Elders at Mrs. Macquarie’s Chair opposite the Sydney Opera House to introduce the official program for Corroboree Sydney, Australia’s newest and most ambitious annual, national indigenous festival.

Taking place in the first breaths of Sydney’s summer, between Nov. 14 - 24, Corroboree Sydney will include a range of free and ticketed events held around Sydney’s iconic Harbor foreshore, arts precinct and parks showcasing indigenous literature, visual arts, performing arts, live music, films, crafts and design. All celebrating the aboriginal connection to the land and its Dreamtime, or “Dreaming.”

“Dreaming” has no equivalent in English, its merely an approximate translation of an Aboriginal concept, which attempts to describe the aboriginal connection to the spirit of the country.

Koori groups each have their own words for this concept: for example the Pitjantjatjara people use the term Tjukurpa, the Arrente refer to it as Aldjerinya and the Adnyamathanha use the word Ngunthama.

Shock defeats for Valencia and PSV in Europa League

LONDON, 20 Sept.—The attractive football played by Swansea City manager Michael Laudrup was displayed to great effect when the Welsh side stunned 10-man Valencia with a 3 - 0 away victory in the Europa League on Thursday.

In their first season in European competition for 22 years, English League Cup holders Swansea took advantage of defender Adil Rami’s 10th minute dismissal to run riot in the Group A clash at the Mestalla with goals from Wilfried Bony, Michu and Rami’s 10th-minute dismissal to run riot in the Group A clash at the Mestalla with goals from Wilfried Bony, Michu and Rami setting up an easy victory for the relegated side. Laurent, who fielded six Spaniards in his starting lineup, Valencia only had four - said Swansea had “dominated from start to finish.”

“Valencia,” said the Dane, “PSV goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen played well throughout the match, but our team played well and deserved the victory.”

Defoe struck twice in Tottenham Hotspur’s 3-0 home Group K win over Tromso, joining from Vitesse Arnhem in July for 12 million pounds ($19.27 million) with a powerful first-time finish from Mido and 17. Round Up Of The Week’s TV Local News

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News on five foreign bank accounts worth US$11 billion totally untrue

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept.—A press meet between the Union ministers and deputy ministers and media was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry, here, this morning. Union Minister U Win Myint explained measures for clearance of debts owed to the World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) taken by Myanmar before 1988 at Hlahtaw. There are four ways of debt clearance: clearance through Myanmar’s foreign reserves, clearance through donors’ aids, clearance through a bridging loan and clearance through special aids. Among them, Myanmar has chosen the clearance proceeds to project in ADB by financing from a bridging loan. Approval was sought at 9th day session of fifth regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 22 November, 2012 for debt clearance.

The Union Minister continued that the Daily Eleven newspaper in its September 12 issue carried a news story that Myanmar had five foreign bank accounts worth US$11 billion; and due to their reason, the World Bank did not cancel the debts. The story is totally untrue. He said that he had already got the clarification from World Bank’s agent stating that the story is untrue.

Deputy Minister U Ye Htut urged media to pay a special attention to accuracy of news, which is the most important point in media ethic. Covering inaccurate and unreliable news could mislead the people about financial and monetary reforms being carried out by the government. In this case, media failed to get confirmation from the ministry concerned, he added. The Union ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental heads replied to the queries on micro finance scheme, Myanmar’s efforts for becoming a member of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), black money and money laundering, land disputes and launching of stock exchange.

It was attended by Union Minister U Soe Thane, Deputy Ministers U Myint Zaw, U Thein Aung, Dr Pwint Hsan and Dr Maung Maung Thein, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Vice-Governor Daw Khin Saw Mu, official and local and foreign media and TV channels.—MNA

UNESCO Initiates Peace Education Project in Northern Rakhine State of Myanmar with support from the Belgium Government

YANGON, 20 Sept.—The Ministry of Education in Myanmar has approved UNESCO’s peace education project in Northern Rakhine State. The announcement of the project’s approval aptly coincides with the International Day of Peace on 21 September with the theme of “Education for Peace.” This reaffirms the commitment of the Ministry of Education to promote peace education as a means for fostering mutual respect for cultural diversity at the school level and to jointly implement the project with UNESCO through funding support from the Belgium government.

Following the recent communal violence in Rakhine State, resulting in an ongoing humanitarian situation which has affected hundreds of schools and thousands of students, the government of Myanmar and international community has identified peace education as one of the priority to address underlying causes of the communal tension. The overall aim of the peace education project is to enhance the capacity of school teachers, students and their parents to facilitate inclusive problem solving processes and consensus building around community priorities and to strengthen the commitment to an inclusive civic national identity. Through a conflict-sensitive approach to education, the project will support local leaders, teachers, students, parents and civil society to facilitate construc-tive civic dialogue that promotes inter-cultural awareness and peaceful coexistence. The project will promote the long term goal of education to overcome discrimination and exclusion through human rights-based, quality education.

The project will be implemented in three townships in Northern Rakhine State—Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Rathedaung—and will train 350 teachers from 40 conflict-affected schools in peace education, benefiting approximately 10,000 students. The project also aims to reactivate 40 Parent Teacher Associations and set-up three Community Learning Centres. The Ministry of Education indicated interest in seeing the training modules developed under this project rolled out for use in other cease-fire areas in Myanmar.—MNA

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Meeting on Public Affairs Administration Work Committee in progress—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept.—The Public Affairs Administration Work Committee held a coordination meeting at the hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun stressed the need to improve government administrative machinery for making remarkable progress in political, economic and social reforms of the four reform processes. Thus, all out efforts are being made for emergence of the improved government administrative machinery meeting the characteristics of good governance, clean government, transparency, accountability and responsibility.

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Effective and efficient governing system is one of 10 points of the Framework on Economic and Social Reforms (FESR) adopted in December 2012, he noted. He called for carrying out capability raising work processes through effective decision making and efficient implementation, accountability and responsibility, rule of law, transparency, immediate response to cases and problems, mass participation, informing the mass and seeking response, listening to public voice, just and fair administration and management in line with desire of the majority, and doing away with bias and corruption.

He urged the attendees to exchange views on future tasks for improvement of public affairs administration and make all-out efforts in implementation of the tasks.

Acting Head of Operations Mr Ian Hoskins of EU and Country Director Mr Trudy Kurbanev of UNDP made opening addresses. The departmental heads and representatives from partnership organizations discussed future tasks in improvement of public affairs administration.

A total of 16 sectoral working groups were formed in the Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum in Nay Pyi Taw for the first time in January this year according to the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration. Of them, the Public Affairs Administration Work Committee held the first meeting.