Vietnam invests 300 million USD in Myanmar’s tourism industry

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—A delegation led by Minister of Public Security General Tran Dai Quang of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam paid a call on President U Thein Sein at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

At the call, both sides held a cordial discussion on further progress in cooperation of political, economic, trade and national defence sectors, amity between the two countries, investments of 300 million USD by Vietnamese entrepreneurs in Myanmar’s tourism industry and further cementing multi-sector cooperation. The President expressed thanks for Vietnam’s stance in the international arena. They also discussed cooperation between the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Public Security of Vietnam on transnational crimes and narcotic drugs control and elimination which can help support regional stability and signing of the visa exemption agreement for ordinary passport holders.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Aung Min and officials. The Vietnamese delegation was accompanied by the Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar. MNA

President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Minister of Public Security General Tran Dai Quang of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. MNA

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Assignment of Mandalay Region Minister

Under Sub-section (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Sub-section (g) of Section 8 of Region or State Government Law, Mandalay Region Minister for Electric and Industry Dr Myint Kyu was assigned duty as Mandalay Region Minister for Finance and Revenue.

Sd/- Thein Sein
President
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Technical Training School (Myingyan) inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — A handover ceremony of the Myingyan Technical Training School which was built with the financial support of the government of the Republic of India took place at the training school in Myingyan district in Mandalay Region this morning.

Union Minister U Maung Myint, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar formally opened the ceremony and Union Minister U Soe Than unveiled the signboard of the school.

In his speech, Union Minister U Maung Myint said that Technical Training School (Pakokku) which was also built by the Indian government as part of effort for the development of human resources in Myanmar had produced 624 trainees through its three training courses. The Ministry of Industry is striving for realization of human resources development measures while playing a lead role in the development of industrial sector of the country, he added.

After the Indian ambassador delivered an address, a representative of HMT (International) Co., Ltd of India and the director-general of Industrial Planning Department signed the documents and exchanged the notes.

Next, the Union minister and party viewed round the workshops of the training school.

The newly-inaugurated facility is the sixth of its kind for the ministry apart from the already opened five training schools in Pyay, Mandalay, Thagara, Pakokku and Meiktila. MNA

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Experiences of work coord meeting of Union Auditor-General Office recounted

YANGON, 15 Oct—A ceremony to clarify the coordination meeting between the Auditor-General of the Union and region/state auditors-general for 2013-2014 fiscal year held in Nay Pyi Taw from 1 to 3 October took place at the hall of the Yangon Region Auditor-General Office, here, on 11 October.

Region Auditor-General U Myint Aung recounts experience from coordination meeting.

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Oct—The talks on traffic rules were lectured at Ministry of Religious Affairs at Office No. 31, here, on 14 October. A total of 314 staff led by the Head of Office of the General U Myint Aung made clarifications on instructions of the Auditor-General of the Union.

The director, deputy directors, assistant directors and officials submitted reports on works of their respective sectors. The Region Auditor-General responded to their reports.

Talks on traffic rules given.

Kawthoung, 15 Oct—Myanmar fishermen U Tun Tun, U Phyoo Ko, U Po Thet, U Kyaw Min Soe, U Chit Moe Swe and U Hla Oo arrested by Indonesians due to illegal fishing in the waters of Indonesia arrived back in Kawthoung Township via Yangon on 10 October afternoon.

Fishermen handed over by Indonesia sent back home.

Press conference on MFF 100 Plus U-14 Super Cup

YANGON, 15 Oct—Myanmar Football Federation and 100 Plus Soft Drink will jointly organize the MFF 100 Plus U-14 Football Tournament at Pathein Football Academy in Pathein from 1 to 7 November.

The press conference on the football tournament was held at the office of MFF on 14 October morning.

It was attended by General Secretary U Tin Aung of MFF and directors of branches, Country Manager Mr Graham Lim and officials of Fraser and Neave Ltd (F&N) and guests.

At first, General Secretary U Tin Aung made a speech. Country Manager Mr Graham Lim explained the purpose of the tournament.

Plays, MFF Technical Director U Win Thu Moe explained the arrangements for the tournament. Next, the general secretary and the country manager exchanged gifts.

A total of 10 football teams will take part in the tournament in two groups. Group A comprises Myanmar Football Academy B, Nay Pyi Taw Football Academy B, Children of Tomorrow, Super Star Club and Ayeyawady Football Academy A. Group B consists of Ayeyawady Football Academy B, Myanmar Football Academy B, Nay Pyi Taw Football Academy A, Bokalay Training Centre and Myanmar Football Academy C.

The press conference on MFF 100 Plus U-14 Super Cup in progress.

Sector-wise knowledge disseminated to rural people in Thanatpin.

Thanat Pin, 15 Oct—A team led by Bago Region Hlutaw representative U Aye Soe held the educative knowledge talks in Shwe O, Trade, Agriculture, Welfare and social service sectors.

The Hlutaw representative explained the arrangements for rural development, construction of the embankment and process on providing maternal healthcare free of charge.

Head of Township Agriculture Department Daw Kyu Kyu Myint also explained disbursement of loans for cultivation of Palmyro quality hybrid paddy strains, Township Assistant Education Officer Kyemon-Kyemon.

U Aye Lwin development of human resources and construction for 94 schools in the township in coming year and SIP Tun Myint Then of Township Police Force, activities of crime reduction of the township police force, occurring of child rape cases in the township in 2012-13.

Later, they distributed pamphlets on traffic rules to those present. Later, they replied to queries raised by the attendees.

Local of Thanatpin Township arrested in Indonesian waters arrives back.

Thanat Pin, 15 Oct—Ko Khin Maung Latt, 33 of Ngachin region in Yekyaw Ward of Thanatpin arrested by Indonesian Navy was handed over by Social Welfare Department to Thanat Pin on 10 October, said Yekyaw Ward Administrator U Thet Oo.

Ko Khin Maung Latt went to oil palm plantation for working in Kawthoung in 2009. Due to difficulties, he worked on board the Thai trawler through brokers. He worked for three years at trawlers. He got 4500 bahts per month as salary. Last seven months, the trawlers entered the waters of Indonesia. So, 40 Myanmar workers from four boats including Ko Khin Maung Latt were arrested by Indonesian Navy.

Fortunately, Ko Naing Min of Myanmar Embassy contacted them and gave passports and air tickets free of charge to them and sent them to Myanmar via Malaysia.

“I had heard that works at border areas were paid good salary, but I could not save some. Thanks to Myanmar embassy, 37 Myanmar people including me arrived back home. I have decided not to go abroad in the future and will give suggestions to other persons not to work there. I will work at my community,” he said.—Ye Htet (Minywa)
IAEA team begins mission in Japan to help in nuclear waste control

Tokyo, 15 Oct — A 16-member team from the International Atomic Energy Agency began a weeklong mission in Japan on Monday to assist in efforts to manage toxic waste caused by the radiation-leaking Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The team, headed by Juan Carlos Lentijo, will remain until next Monday and present a set of proposals to the Japanese government at the end of its mission on issues that need to be addressed and how to make further progress in the decontamination work after inspecting decontamination sites.

It is the second time for an IAEA team to visit Japan since October 2011, several months after the Fukushima plant was crippled by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami.

Speaking at a news conference in Tokyo a day after the team arrived in Japan, Lentijo — an expert on nuclear fuel cycles and waste technology — expressed hope it can provide advice on how to control nuclear-contaminated waste.

The team’s trip to Japan, made at the request of the Japanese government, comes at a time the central and local governments are trying to make headway in plans to construct temporary storage facilities for such waste in Fukushima Prefecture, where the Fukushima Daiichi plant is located.

Fleshing out Abenomics at stake as Japan Diet starts 53-day session

Tokyo, 15 Oct — The Diet will convene a 53-day extraordinary session on Tuesday with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe aiming to pass bills to supplement his “Abenomics” policies to fight chronic deflation.

The session, which comes after Abe’s ruling coalition regained full parliamentary control in July’s House of Councilors election, will revolve around debates on policies such as encouraging companies to boost investment and streamline industries to make them more globally competitive.

Abe will also push ahead with a bill to set up a ministerial council to help quickly respond to foreign and security issues, apparently considering the security environment in Northeast Asia, where North Korea’s nuclear and ballistic missile ambitions and the assertive maritime policy of China remain of concern.

Abe will deliver a policy speech at the opening of the session, scheduled to end on 6 December, and will answer questions from ruling and opposition lawmakers in both chambers of parliament for three days starting on Wednesday.

Opposition parties are likely to grill Abe on issues ranging from the toxic waste problem at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant and ongoing US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations to his recent decision to raise Japan’s sales tax rate from April.

The government is expected to submit a total of 23 bills to the Diet during the session, having narrowed down choices for a relatively short session due to the need to draft within December the budget for the next fiscal year from April.

The Diet will open again in January for an ordinary session that normally lasts through June.

For its economic growth strategy, the government will submit bills to establish special economic zones to boost business investment through deregulation. The policy is partly aimed at supporting Tokyo’s hosting of the 2020 Summer Olympics in the areas of infrastructure development and other projects. Abe’s government unveiled in June a set of policy measures to stimulate growth as part of Abenomics, which also includes monetary and fiscal stimulus.

The announcement followed short of meeting market expectations, however, as it did not specify any corporate tax cut or steps to whet the appetite for capital spending.

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US ready to ease Iran sanctions if Teheran acts

Geneva, 15 Oct — The United States held out the prospect of quick sanctions relief for Iran on Monday if Teheran moves swiftly to allay concerns about its nuclear programme, although both countries said any deal would be complex and take time.

Six world powers — the United States, Russia, China, France, Britain and Germany — are to hold talks with Iran on its nuclear programme in Geneva on Tuesday and Wednesday. “No one should expect a breakthrough overnight,” a senior US administration official told reporters.

However, the official said Washington was official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

“I’m sure they will disagree about what is proportionate,” the official said. “But we are quite clear about what the menu of options are and what will match what.”

On the eve of the talks, European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who represents the so-called “P5+1” nations in negotiations, had dinner with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who said Teheran would put its case on Tuesday.

“We had a good dinner,” she told Reuters as he returned to his hotel after the two-hour dinner.

1,200 detained over Moscow unrest, parliamentary probe considered

Moscow, 15 Oct — More than 1,200 people have been detained in Moscow after protests over a murder case turned violent, authorities said on Monday, adding that the Russian parliament is considering a probe into the unrest.

Durin a preventative raid on a vegetable warehouse in the Biryulyovo district, about 1,200 people were taken to police precincts to be checked for involvement in criminal activity,” Moscow’s police Press service told reporters.

Some 1,000 locals took to the streets on Sunday, demanding arrests after the fatal stabbing on Wednesday of Yegor Shcherbakov, a 25-year-old local man, in front of his girlfriend. The demonstrators were later joined by football fans and politicized nationalists. Traffic was halted for several hours in nearby districts and several bus routes were canceled. The rioters attributed the murder to a migrant worker after police released a security photograph of the suspect, reportedly of non-Slavic appearance.

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Yahoo CEO Mayer has advertisers’ attention, but can she get their dollars?

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Apple on working on 12-inch MacBook, cheaper iMac for 2014

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—Apple could be working on a new version of its MacBook, according to a new 12-inch MacBook with a Retina display, analyst Ming-Chi Kuo of KGI Securities is to be believed. Kuo, who’s had a decent record when it comes to Apple related predictions, mentioned some new products and upgrades in a new research note. The development was first reported by 9to5Mac. According to the research note, Apple will release a 12-inch MacBook with a Retina display, a new iPad with an even better retina, and a budget iMac desktop computer, all in the year 2014.

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Nexus 5 leaked again, reveals build, more Android 4.4 KitKat features

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—A new batch of leaked images and a walkthrough video reportedly showing the alleged Nexus 5 smartphone running the new iteration of Google’s mobile operating system have surfaced on the Internet.

The new leaked images reveal some of the new features of the Android 4.4 KitKat which include transparent notification and navigation bar, Google Photos, and Hangouts replacing the conventional messaging and gallery apps respectively; a new camera launch icon is now seen sitting on the left corner of the display on the lockscreen; ability to add more home screen panels; new wallpapers; Google Now to activate by saying ‘Ok Google’ from the homescreen and new boot animation reportedly borrowed from the Play Editions of Galaxy S4 and HTC One.

The latest leaked images were posted on TuttroAndroid and were first reported by Android Police. Further a new walkthrough video featuring the alleged prototype of the Nexus 5 has also surfaced. The video has been posted by gn5 and shows some of the preloaded apps that were seen on previous versions of Android like Live wallpapers, Chrome, YouTube, calendar, among others. It also showcases the build of the Nexus 5, however, it is definitely an early build, or prototype, as there is no branding visible.

While the video also shows the storage of the device which has 16GB out of which only 12GB is user-accessible and the smartphone’s about section that reveals Nexus 5 running Android 4.4 KitKat, the new iteration of Google’s mobile operating system on 15 October, as per a recent report.

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Americans win Nobel prize for asset price forecasts

STOCKHOLM, 15 Oct—Three American scientists won the 2013 economics Nobel prize on Monday for research that has improved the forecasting of asset prices in the long term and helped the emergence of index funds in stock markets, the award-giving body said.

"There is no way to predict the price of stocks and bonds over the next few days or weeks," The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in awarding the 8 million crown ($1.25 million) prize to Eugene Fama, Lars Peter Hansen and Robert Shiller. "But it is quite possible to foresee the broad course of these prices over longer periods, such as the next three to five years. These findings ... were made and analyzed by this year's Laureates," the academy said. Shiller helped create a closely watched gauge of US housing prices and said: "A lot of people had told me they hoped I would win it, but I am aware that there are so many other worthy people that I had discounted it, so I would say no, I did not expect it," Shiller told a news conference. The economics prize, officially called the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, was established in 1968. It was not part of the original group of awards set out in dynanmite tycoon Nobel's 1895 will.—Reuters

Fitness experts extol machine-less workout

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—Man versus machines? In the realm of fitness at least, man seems to be winning.

Despite a gym floor bulging with weight-lifting equipment, fitness experts said the only thing people need to push, pull and lift is the weight of their own bodies.

"If more people knew you could get a good phy-

sique using your body as a bar bell, they could take matters into their own hands," said Bret Con-

treras, author of "Body-

weight Strength Train-

ing Anatomy," a guide to bodyweight-only workouts aimed at everyone from the exercise-challenged to the personal trainer. Known as the "Glute Guy," Arizona-based Contreras has been dubbed "the Glute Guy," Arizona- based Contreras has been

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Credit Suisse underwent painful bond surgery -and survived

NEW YORK/ZURICH, 15 Oct—in spring 2009, sen-

ior Credit Suisse executive Gaël de Boissard told collea-

gues at a strategy meeting that as the bank reshaped its bond trading business, they needed to remember the five stages of grief outlined decades ago by psychia-

trist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross. Denial would come first, followed by anger, bargain-

ing, depression and finally acceptance, he said. "It is hard to be present in every business line in a world where capital is expensive. You have to make some choices," de Boissard, now co-head of the Credit Suisse investment bank, said in an interview.

Credit Suisse has been among the most aggres-

sive banks in paring back its fixed income, currency and commodities trading business after the financial crisis.—Reuters

India’s headline inflation at 7-month high, another rate hike seen

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct—India’s headline inflation unexpectedly hit a seven-

month high in September, mainly driven by higher food prices, increasing the odds for yet another interest rate hike by the central bank at its policy review later this month. The wholesale price in-

dex (WPI), India’s main inflation measure, rose an annual 6.46 percent last month, the fastest pace since February 2013. The reading compared with a 6 percent rise esti-

mated by analysts in a Reuters poll. Wholesale prices had risen 6.1 percent in Au-

gust. The rise was mainly driven by higher prices of onions and vegetables. Onion prices were up an annual 322.94 percent in September, while prices of vegetables rose 89.37 percent year-on-year. Worries over high inflation led new Reserve Bank of India (RBI) chief Raghuram Ra-

jan to surprise markets in his policy review last month with an interest rate hike.

Economists are split over whether Rajan will hike rates again at the next review on 29 October. However, Monday’s WPI data has in-

creased the odds for more tightening at that meeting.

“There was anyway a case for a rate hike based on the previous inflation prints, including the CPI (consum-

er price index). This number has reinforced the case for a 25 basis points repo rate hike by the RBI,” said A Prasanna, economist at ICICI Securities, Primary Dealership Ltd, in Mumbai.

Consumer inflation due later on Monday is expected to have quickened to 9.60 percent last month from 9.52 percent in August, ac-


ording to a Reuters poll of economists.indian bonds slumped and the rupee weakened after the WPI data raised expectations for a rate hike.—Reuters

How Credit Suisse underwent painful bond surgery -and survived

A general view shows the headquarters of Swiss bank Credit Suisse (R) at the Paradeplatz square in Zurich on 25 July, 2013.—Reuters

United Nations Secretary Generals’s Message on World Food Day

16 October, 2013

Every day , more than 840 million people go hungry in a world of plenty. This fact alone should be cause for moral outrage and concerted action.

Yet the challenge extends far deeper. Two million people suffer from the “hidden hunger” of malnutrition. Poor nutrition also means some 1.4 billion people are overweight, with about one-third obese and at risk of coronary heart disease, diabetes or other health problems.

The key to better nutrition, and ultimately to ensuring each person’s right to food, lies in better food systems — smarter approaches to improving food security encompassing the environment, people, institutions and processes by which agricultural products are produced, processed and brought to consumers in a sustainable manner.

I am pleased that many countries around the world have joined our Zero Hunger Challenge and pledged to work together for sustainable food systems. Together, we can help make sure that everyone has enough nutritious food each and every day. On this World Food Day, let us aim for achieving zero hunger in our lifetimes for one and all.

UNITAC Yangon
Japan to extend GSDF dispatch for PKO in S Sudan

Tokyo, 15 Oct — Japan decided on Tuesday to extend the dispatch of Ground Self-Defense Force troops to South Sudan for UN peacekeeping operations by one year after the current term expires on 31 October.

The number of GSDF personnel to be deployed will increase to 400 from the current 350 as their activity areas are expected to expand.

Their equipment, such as light armoured vehicles for transportation, will also be enhanced, according to the government.

A GSDF team has been deployed in the African nation since November 2011. It has so far been operating in Juba, the capital, and its vicinity to help build infrastructure. The security situation in the area is relatively stable, according to the government.

Kyodo News

Norwegian king accepts resignation of Stoltenberg government

Oslo, 15 Oct — Norwegian King Harald V accepted on Monday the resignation of the government led by Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg. The coalition government of Stoltenberg’s Labour Party and two other left-centre parties, who lost the majority in the September parliamentary election, was asked to stay as the caretaker pending a new government is formed.

King Harald V is has asked Conservative party leader Erna Solberg to form a new government for the coming four years. The Conservatives and three other centre-right parties together won 96 seats in the 169-seated parliament in the election held on 9 September. The Conservatives and the Progress party have agreed to form a coalition government with promised support in parliament from the Social Democrats and the Liberals.

Solberg is scheduled to present her government on Wednesday noon after a cabinet meeting. “The new government will be appointed in the extraordinary meeting on Wednesday, with effect from noon the same day,” said Solberg. Stoltenberg said that his Labor party will cooperate with other parties in parliament. After being the prime minister for eight years, Stoltenberg said on Monday that he is looking forward to driving a car alone with his wife, without the security people around him.

Xinhua

Dollar stays in mid-98 yen on hopes of US debt ceiling deal

Tokyo, 15 Oct — The dollar stayed well supported in the mid-98 yen on Tuesday morning in Tokyo, underpinned by hopes that a looming default by the United States will be averted.

At noon, the dollar fetched 98.46-54 yen compared with 98.55-65 yen in New York at 5 pm on Friday. Markets in Japan and the United States were closed on Monday for public holidays. The euro was quoted at $1.3554-3554 and 133.50-52 yen against $1.3544-3554 and 133.37-47 yen in New York late Friday afternoon.

US media reported that US senators have entered the final stage of negotiations for a deal to avoid a possible default with Thursday’s deadline for Congress to raise the federal government’s debt ceiling nearing.

The dollar held firm in Tokyo during the morning supported by hopes that a deal to increase the borrowing limit of the US government could be reached before Thursday, traders said.

“While optimistic views over the situation in the United States spread among market players, they were not able to buy the dollar more as nothing has actually been resolved,” said Toru Moritani, chief market economist at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.

As (market) participants think default will not take place, it (the debt limit deal) has been priced in. The dollar might not rebound as much as expected when a default is averted.”

Kyodo News

Man sentenced to 6 years in jail for airport blast

Beijing, 15 Oct — Ji Zhongxing, who was charged of setting off explosives at the Beijing Capital International Airport in July, was sentenced to six years in jail on Tuesday, according to a ruling by the Chaoyang District People’s Court in Beijing.

Ji, a native of east China’s Shandong Province, set off a homemade explosive device outside the airport’s Terminal 3 arrivals exit on 20 July, severely injuring himself. A police officer at the scene suffered minor injuries in the explosion.

Ji, who appeared on a stretcher in the courtroom, has been in custody since 21 July. According to the country’s criminal law, anyone who causes an explosion or uses other means to endanger public security without causing serious consequences shall be sentenced to a fixed-term imprisonment of no less than three years but no more than ten years.

Xinhua

Consumers getting fresh vegetables from farmers online

Tokyo, 15 Oct — A growing number of consumers in Japan are purchasing fresh vegetables and fruit online directly from farmers.

Ayako Kakumoto, a company employee from Tokyo’s Toshima Ward, began ordering vegetables six months ago on the My Farmer website operated by Tokyo-based mobile phone content developer Cybird Co. “I started shopping on the site as I became conscious of where vegetables are grown following the (March 2011) Great East Japan Earthquake,” Kakumoto said. The earthquake and tsunami triggered the crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, fueling fears of food contamination.

Kakumoto said she likes the vegetables she purchases from the site, explaining that the green peppers, for example, “are very thick and taste the way I believe peppers should taste.” Cybird launched the service in 2010 and has attracted about 12,000 members, mainly women in the Tokyo metropolitan area, according to the company.

On the site, members can purchase vegetables and fruit produced by around 50 farmers across Japan from Hokkaido in the north to Okinawa Prefecture in the south. Less than 10 percent of the members order products on a regular basis under the “private farmer system,” according to Cybird.

The company holds a vegetable market in Tokyo’s Shiba Bay every month that brings together its contract farmers. “We wanted to create a system that allows consumers to feel safe about purchasing vegetables from specific farmers,” said Rikiyoshi Yoshida, who founded the service.

The site posts head shots of the farmers along with explanations about where and how the vegetables and fruit are grown. Cookpad Inc, which operates the Cookpad recipe posting website, also started a site called Yasaibin (Vegetable Delivery) in 2012 in response to requests from users who wanted ingredients for the recipes they found on Cookpad.

On Yasaibin, members can search for vegetables offered by around 50 farmers and shop online from anywhere in Japan. “The site has helped me a lot, especially when I’m too busy to go shopping,” said a 40-year-old Japanese language teacher in Tokyo who receives vegetables from Yasaibin every other week. Hiromi Miyoshi, an executive officer at Cookpad, said, “We ask our contract farmers to select seasonal vegetables so that members will not get tired of our products even if they order every week.”

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Italian Americans wave hands on a float during the 69th Annual Columbus Day Parade in the Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, New York City, on 14 Oct, 2013. Dozens of floats and marching bands participated on Monday the annual celebration of the Italian American culture and heritage. — Xinhua

New Light of Myanmar
Defence Services families, wellwishers donate cash to all-round renovation of Myan Sankyaw Golden Palace

Mandalay, 15 Oct—With the aim of contributing to uplift of prestige and integrity of the nation and preservation of cultural heritage, a ceremony to donate cash to the fund for all-round renovation of Myan Sankyaw Golden Palace by Defence Services families (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers was held at the palace, in Nanmyo of Mandalay, on 11 October. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Nyo Saw handed over K140 million donated by Defence Services families (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers for all-round renovation of the palace to Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint. Also present were officials of Archaeology, National Museum and Library (Mandalay Branch) of the Ministry of Culture.

After the ceremony, the Chief Minister of the region, the commander and officials inspected the booths and royal buildings at Myan Sankyaw Golden Palace and Cultural Museum and attended to the needs.

MMAL—Mandalay Branch

Electrification resumes in Pauk after heavy rain

Pauk, 15 Oct—The heavy rains in Pauk Township caused overflow of creek, difficulty on the road, collapse of lamp-posts and cut of electricity supply.

On 11 October, the electrification programme was out of order, according to the Township Electrical Engineer. In the incident, about six lamp-posts and power line in 1000 feet of length collapsed between Tetma Hill and Pyinchaung Village on 6 October.

The local people from Pyinchaung and Thamadaw villages joined hands with the workers of Township Electricity Supply Enterprise in repairing the works.

Meanwhile, heavy rains dropped once more on 8 October. In the incident, about 1500 feet long power line and five lamp-posts collapsed between Sanphe and Kyunday villages.

The workers and local people carried out substitution of equipment along the power line. Thus, Pauk could get electricity at 3 pm on 11 October. They also repaired the tilted lamp-post in Kamnaphyukyaw Creek in Pauk on 20 October.

On 16 September 1996, 28 miles long 11 KV power line was installed from Kamna Power Station to Pauk. At that time, the power line was installed along the wooden lamp-posts crossing creeks and hillocks. Now, the power line has been installed with iron and concrete lamp-posts in some places.

At present, a plan is underway to install power line from No 3 National Grid station in Chaungku Village, eight miles to Pauk.

MMAL—Po Thar Lay (Mandalay)

About 1000-lb bomb found under sandbank of Pyu Creek

Pyu, 15 Oct—A bomb believed to be dropped on the Pyu railroad in the Second World War was found under sandbank of Pyu Creek, 25 feet to the southern bank of the creek and east of Pyuchaung railroad in Pyu of Bago Region on 12 October afternoon.

While digging sand in the creek three furlongs north of Pyu Myoma Police Station at 3 pm, Ko Htwe Myint, 51 of 38th street in Bogyoke Ward inspected the bomb, they inspected the bomb.

Then, they came forward to the police station. At a time when officials inspected the bomb, they approved it as 4.5 feet long, 4.6 feet diameter and 1.6 feet long projectile weighing 1000 lb. It is dark green.

The bomb was marked with GP-1000 KLM 65 Lot MPF 8.

At present, the local battalion took the bomb to submit it to the superior.

MMAL—Pyu Myint Oo

Efforts to supply electricity to Gangaw before Thindingyut

Gangaw, 15 Oct—In the time of the new government, Gangaw region will enjoy electricity round the clock.

“The region electrical engineer supervise electrification tasks to Gangaw round the clock before Thindingyut festival. Now, Gangaw consumes 0.5 megawatt. A total of 748 electric meters. This financial years, a plan is underway to allot more electric meters to the people by installing more power lines,” said District Electrical Engineer U Tin Hsang.

At present, Gangaw Power station has been completed by cent per cent. A 2 MVA transformer is under installation in Gangaw to supply electricity to the people.

MMAL—Shin Nay Min

Local people participate in re-erecting lamp-post.

Local people found a bomb in Pyu Creek.
In the run up to Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut

The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut is a day of religious significance for the Buddhists in Myanmar. It is the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut on which the Buddha descended from the deva abode to the human abode after preaching the Dhamma to Suntussadeva who was His mother in the previous existence and other devas during the three-month period of Buddhist Lent. It has long been regarded as the Abhidihamma Day because it ushers in the end of the preaching of the Abhidihamma by the Buddha during the Buddhist Lent. On His return from Tavatimsa deva abode to the human abode, a large number of devas and Brahmans paid respects to the Buddha with gold, silver and ruby staircases putting in place. In the human abode also, the Buddhists also paid respects to the Buddha on His return from the deva abode by offering lit oil lamps, flowers, water, and fragrances.

In the later evening of the Fullmoon Day, different parts of the country including villages are brightly illuminated. Oil lamps, flowers, scented sticks, water and fruits are offered to Buddha images of the pagodas while rural people hold ceremonies to mark the end of the Buddhist Lent with an unbroken line of revellers playing traditional orchestra and dancing along the streets.

In the eve of the Fullmoon Day, Buddhist devotees pay respects to elders such as their grandpas and grandmas, their parents and their teachers in accordance with Myanmar traditions and customs and receive their blessing. Even though they are away from the elders they return without fail to where they could pay respects to them in the run up to the Fullmoon Day.

Thadingyut is the end of the Buddhist Lent and is a very happy time of the year. It is also a time that can be witnessed that Myanmar is to lead ASEAN member countries after accepting the ASEAN Chairmanship from Brunet on 10 October, and it is only 78 days nearly to take ASEAN Chairmanship. Brunet could mark a milestone among the world countries at the 23rd ASEAN Summit to consider pros and cons of the Summit. Besides, he urged those present to make strenuous efforts in carrying out the preparation tasks so as to uplift prestige of the nation. The respective subcommittees if necessary can get supports of the ASEAN-Myanmar National Secretariat based at the ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he added.

Next, those present reported on their respective work progress, undertakings and follow-up plans.

Suspects detained, named in connection with recent bombings in some regions

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Oct — Police said a man was detained and another man was named as a suspect in connection with recent bombings and explosives found in Yangon and Bago Regions.

In connection with a string of explosions that have left two civilians and one foreigner, a woman, injured in Yangon Region—one at a bus-stop near Sawbgawgygon highway bus terminal in Insein Township at about 12.15 am and another at a tax-free market in Thakaya Townshp at about 5.45 pm on 13 October and an explosion occurred at Room No.921 in Traders Hotel in Kyauktada Township and a mine was packed with a plastic bag discovered under a table at Western Park II Restaurant on Strand Road in Ahlon Township at about 10 am yesterday, Saw Myint Lwin (a) Maw Hta was detained during the 24 hours thanks to public cooperation in investigations, police said.

Moreover, police identified a suspect as Saw Tun Tun in connection with a mine packed with a plastic bag found on a Zeyar Hein bus leaving from Nyanglebin to Pyu in Bago Region on 9 October and a blast at Room No.6 in Chunmyae Lodging in Toungoo on 11 October. Two civilians were dead and one woundedd in the lodging blast. Now, investigation is ongoing in cooperation with the people to arrest the suspect, police said.

Likewise, law enforcement authorities in cooperation with the people are making investigations into the twin blasts occurred at a dining room on the third floor of Shwe Pyaeson Lodging in Minlan ward in Sagyin at about 3.30 am and a parking lot in the compound of SoonU Ponnyashin pagoda in Sagyin at 5.45 am today and the case of discovering a mine in a restaurant at the corner between 16th street and 80th street in Aungmyethazan Township yesterday.

The Ministry of Home Affairs said tough action will be taken against the bombing suspects and investigations is underway to urgently expose the remaining suspects in cooperation with the people.

It can be witnessed that recent bombings in some regions are deliberate acts to disrupt peace and stability and the rule of law in the country. — MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Maung Kham poses for documentary photo with Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).—MNA

Committee for Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship meets for fifth time

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Oct — Chairman of the committee for organizing summit and its related meetings Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Winna Maung Lwin addressed the fifth meeting of the committee for Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 and the committee for organizing summit and related meetings to establish the ASEAN Community at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this afternoon.

He said in his address that Myanmar is to lead ASEAN member countries after accepting the ASEAN Chairmanship from Brunet on 10 October, and it is only 78 days nearly to take ASEAN Chairmanship. Brunet could mark a milestone among the world countries at the 23rd ASEAN Summit to consider pros and cons of the Summit. Besides, he urged those present to make strenuous efforts in carrying out the preparation tasks so as to uplift prestige of the nation. The respective subcommittees if necessary can get supports of the ASEAN-Myanmar National Secretariat based at the ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he added.

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Strong earthquake hits Mindanao, Philippines

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Oct —A strong earthquake of magnitude 7.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Mindanao, the Philippines) about 1950 miles south-east of Kaba-Aye seisimological observatory was recorded at 6 hrs 42 min 34 sec M.S.T today, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department. —NLM

Vice-President Dr Sai Maung Kham receives UN Human Settlements Programme Executive Director

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2926.745 billion kyat and the fiscal deficit of the re-vised budget estimate is 2887.479 billion kyats and the ratio of fiscal deficit GDP has decreased from 4.94 per cent in the budget estimate to 4.87 per cent in the revised budget estimate.

The budget estimate includes foreign loans and cash assistance of 1157.714 billion kyats and the budget estimate expenditure includes 1134.951 billion kyats of foreign loans and cash assistance.

The ratio of tax rev-ene to GDP in the budget estimate is 4.40 per cent and 6.06 per cent in the re-vised budget estimate be-cause there is an increase in tax and revenue collected by Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Finance, Minis-try of Rail Transportation, Ministry of Energy, Minis-try of Electric Power, Minis-try of Mines and Ministry of Communications and Infor-mation Technology and the tax collected contributed to the revenue of the country.

There is an increase of 80.307 billion kyats in the normal expenditure, 506.05 billion kyats in the loans expenditure and 96.892 billion kyats in the debt ex-penditure, and there is a decrease of 86.826 billion kyats in the capital expendi-ture of the state-owned en-terprises.

Additional budget sought by the Union-level bodies is 1932.997 billion kyats and the Union govern-ment has allowed 1394.116 billion kyats. Regarding the additional budget of the re-gions and states, the budget estimate shows that the Union Government has al-lowed to provide 548.959 billion kyats and to grant loans of 31.875 million kyats to them. The revised budget estimate shows that more 77.374 billion kyats would be added to them.

Union Minister U Win Shein asked Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to approve the Re-vised Budget Estimate for the 2013-2014 FY and the Myanmar, Japan promote medical researches cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—

At the invitation of Japan-Myanmar Association, Un-ion Minister for Health Dr Pa Thet Khin paid a visit to Japan from 7 to 12 October to hold talks on promoting and technical cooperation on health care, medical teaching and medical re-searches. During their trip, the Myanmar delegation held discussions with officials from Okayama University on more cooperation in me-dical teaching and research and visited Okayama University Hospital. They also discussed health care pro-motion with responsible persons from Asian Medi-cal Support Organization.

The Union Minister and party held talks with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Norio Mitsuya and Minister of Health, La-bour and Welfare Mr Nori-hisa Taruma on the upgrade of health care and promot-ing cooperation.

The Union Minister also discussed chairmen, rectors and officials from Niigata University, Chiba University, Kanazawa Uni-versity, Okayama University, Nagasaki University and Kumamoto University and Japan-Myanmar Associa-tion (JMA), Japan Interna-tional Cooperation Agency (JICA), Nippon Foundation and Mediva Inc on the ways to promote health care sys-tem.

Then, the Myanmar delegation visited Tokyo Medical and Dental Uni-versity.—MNA

MRTV, TBS ink cooperation agreement

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—

A cooperation agreement between Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) under the Ministry of Information and Tokyo Broadcasting System Television (TBS) of Japan was held at MRTV in Tatikon here this afternoon. MRTV Director-General U Tint Swe and TBS Chairman Mr Toshichika Ishihara delivered speeches on the occasion. And then they signed the cooperation agreement and exchanged the documents. After that, they posed for documentary photo. It was also attended by officials from MRTV and TBS.

MNA

Myanmar commits to make full cooperation with China: C-in-C

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—

The Chief of the General Staff of the People’s Lib-eration Army General Fang Fenghui extended a wel-come to Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at Bayi Hall in Bei-jing of the People’s Repub-lic China yesterday evening.

After that, Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talks with the Chinese delegation led by Chief of the General Staff of the People’s Liberation Army General Fang Feng-hui, at Bayi Hall.

The Senior General said that Myanmar and China have a long history of amity and diplomatic, military and neighbouring relations be-tween the two governments and armies. He reaffirmed that Myanmar constantly supports China’s One China Policy. Myanmar has com-mitted to make full coop-eration with China as China constantly stands by Myan-mar as a good friend.

Myanmar is making efforts for further promot-ing amity and relations with neighbouring countries and ASEAN countries as well as with the global countries. Myanmar has friends only but never make these friends become enemies. Defence Services is duty-bound to safeguard national security. Myanmar is making coop-eration with neighbouring countries on national secu-rity.

More cooperation will be made in the fight against drugs along the border of the two countries, efforts for bringing about eternal peace are to be based on the four cardinal points — ea-gerness for peace, honesty, not to take advantages from making peace and not to put pressure on the people as to peace. It is sure that eager-ness for peace will lead to attaining eternal peace. Myan-mar will never accept any act leading to the secession from the Union and acts that are detrimental to national interests. All-out efforts are being made to resolve the problems in the northern part of the country with a spirit of cherishing peace. Continued efforts will be made for stability of bor-der region between the two countries while striving for further cementing the Pauk-phaw friendship between the two countries, he said.

The Chief of the Gen-eral Staff Chinese PLA for his part said that the Sino-Myanmar friendship that is based on the five principles of peaceful existence has been promoted to interna-tional relations. Steps are to be taken for making fur-ther progress, maintaining achievements of the Sino-Myanmar strategic compre-hensive cooperation already in place. China does not al-low the activities go against Myanmar government in the border region, respects the Myanmar sovereignty and attaches great importance to efforts of Myanmar in forging national unity, he said.

After the meeting, they signed an agreement be-tween the two armies. Next, the Chief of the General Staff Chinese PLA hosted a dinner in honour of the Commander-in-Chief and party. After the dinner, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Chief of the General Staff Chinese PLA exchanged commemorative pennants and gifts.—MNA
Buddha Pujaniya of ancient Kyaikkhami Yayle Pagoda on 18-24 Oct

YANGON, 15 Oct—A ceremony to award winners of ancient Kyaikkhami Pagoda will be held in Kyaikkhami of Thanbyuzayar Township of Mon State from 18 to 24 October. During the period of Pujaniya, Moe Min Maha Yangon theatrical drama troupe and Mawlamyine theatrical drama troupe will perform entertainments.

In addition, the football tournament will be held. On the full moon day of Thadingyut, the alm bowl will be set adrift at the ceremony of Abhidhamma Day.

Wellwisher U Ngwe Chit-Daw Myint Myint Maw and family will serve the people with 500 viss of Monhinga meal.

The Pujaniya organizing committee has made arrangement for enabling the pilgrims across the nation to enjoy convenience in smooth and secure transport, accommodation, security, taking documentary photos and shopping at the Buddha Pujaniya and Setse Beach.

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Winners awarded in essay to mark International Day for Disaster Reduction

International Day for Disaster Reduction was held at the hall in Yekyi Township of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region on 13 October.

At first, Township Education Officer Daw Myint Myint Thein made a speech.

Deputy Commanding Officer U Than Tun of Township Red Cross Battalion explained natural disasters and reduction of disasters through cooperation of disabled persons.

Officials presented K 35000 to the first prize winner and K 25000 to the second to those of Basic Education High School No 2 (Myoma) and K 15000 to the third from Athok BEHS.

New design of paper lanterns at Mandalay market

Mandalay, 15 Oct—Local made colourful paper lanterns and that of beautiful designs from China flow into market in Mandalay before the festival of Thadingyut.

Last year’s lantern markets was cold, so the colourfull designs of lanterns entered the Mandalay market, said Ma Saw Kathy Myaing of paper lantern shop between 78th and 34th street in Mandalay.

“This year, the paper lanterns with new designs were imported from China. Papers of the lanterns are created with computer arts and shapes of lily buds,” she said.

The local made colourfull paper lanterns are produced in conformity with the Myanmar traditional Thadingyut festival. So, the works can be sold on the high demand. But, the local-made works cannot be produced sufficiently for the market, the China-made ones take places in the market.

In Mandalay, local-made paper lanterns are on high demand in the market. The lanterns are sold at K 150-K 400 per work and K 300-K 2000 per works of China-made works.

Local made and China made lanterns seen with various designs in Mandalay market.

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Philippines infrastructure: taking the slow train to nowhere

MANILA, 15 Oct — Images of a portion of the Philippines’ oldest light rail transit line ablaze in the middle of the night were exactly what private sector builders for a $1.4 billion rehabilitation of the country’s rail system had feared.

The fire last week, caused by a short circuit that ignited power cables lining the tracks, was the second on Manila’s elevated rail system in two months and one of many mishaps in its 29-year life — telltale signs that Southeast Asia’s first light rail transit (LRT) network is in dire need of an upgrade.

The reliability of the decrepit rail system, without a government warranty on its performance and potential stiff penalties for operational delays, is one of the reasons for last month’s failed tender for LRT 1’s expansion and upgrade, the biggest and most lucrative in private partnership (PPP) deals worth at least $4 billion Manila is offering to investors to further boost growth in one of Asia’s fastest-growing economies.

Of the four groups pre-qualified to bid, three backed out at the last minute: DMCI Holdings Inc with Japanese partner Marunishi Corp, SMC Infrastructure of San Miguel Corp, and Malaysia-Korean MTD-Tsinghua C&T consortium.

That left Metro Pacific Investments Corp as the lone bidder submitting a conditional bid without partner Ayala Corp.

“There is no record at all of extensive rehabilitation, maintenance, or infrastructure testing in its years of operation. That is a significant risk,” said a senior official at one of the conglomerates who asked for anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. “(If) a segment of that old system fails, the accident leads to a catastrophic result, it will be the concessionaire who will be blamed,” he said, adding that they were steep financial risks via penalties and unrealized profits for each day the rail system is not operational.

The country’s top conglomerates and some of the region’s big capitalists had initially jumped at the opportunity to fix what the 2004. A total of 123 South Korean companies have facilities in the zone.

S Korea postpones event to attract investors to inter-Korean zone

SEOUL, 15 Oct — South Korea has postponed an event scheduled for 31 October to attract foreign investors to the joint inter-Korean industrial zone in North Korea’s border city of Kaesong, an official from South Korea’s Unification Ministry said on Monday.

South Korea notified the North of the postponement on Friday, citing a lack of progress made in talks to enhance communication and cross-border passage, the official said. As part of an agreement reached last month to resume operations at the zone, the two Koreas agreed to try to turn the industrial zone into an international industrial zone.

The zone, which combines South Korea’s capital and expertise with North Korea’s cheap labour, was shuttered in early April due to heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula. North Korea pulled out all of its 33,000 workers, effectively closing down the zone that first started operations in 2004. A total of 123 South Korean companies have facilities in the zone.

Japanese farm minister to seek elimination of tariffs on sake

TOKYO, 15 Oct — Japan’s farm minister Yoshimi Hayashi on Tuesday indicated he will urge other countries in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations to eliminate tariffs on Japanese sake.

“Whether it is a tariff or not, we will work broadly on what we need to do to promote exports of Japanese sake,” Hayashi said at a press conference.

The United States and Vietnam are among TPP countries that impose tariffs on imported Japanese sake. Hayashi, however, declined to comment on whether the tariffs Japan levies on sake imported from other countries should be eliminated, noting the Finance Ministry is responsible for such decisions.

The government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is aiming to double exports of farm and fishery products to 1 trillion yen by 2020. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has designated rice and sake as some of the products the government should put priority on in expanding exports.

The 12 countries in the TPP talks are Australasia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam. — Kyodo News

China, Vietnam able to handle differences properly

HANOI, 15 Oct — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said here on Monday that his country and Vietnam have both the ability and the wisdom to settle bilateral differences in a proper manner. The two neighbors enjoy a deep-rooted traditional friendship, and the development of each country is an opportunity for that of the other, Li said during a meeting with Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang.

The premier noted that during his visit the two sides reached new agreements on further deepening bilateral ties and signed a series of cooperation deals and other documents. Calling for a full implementation of these agreements, Li pointed out the agreement to simultaneously push forward maritime, onshore and financial cooperation between the two countries is of particular significance. The three-track approach, he added, demonstrates that the two countries have both the ability and the wisdom to overcome the difficulties in bilateral relations, deal with their differences properly, pursue substantive progress in comprehensive cooperation and expand their common interests.

China stands ready to work with Vietnam to steer bilateral relations forward in the right direction and strive for further headway in the development of their comprehensive cooperative partnership, said the premier. Sang, for his part, extended a warm welcome to the Chinese premier, and recalled his visit to China in June, during which he held talks with Chinese Premier Xi Jinping and met with Li and other Chinese leaders. Vietnam attaches great importance to its relations with China and is willing to further lift the level of their comprehensive strategic cooperation. Sang said, adding that both the party and the government of his country are content with the achievements the two sides have made during the visit.

The three-track approach is a great idea for promoting bilateral cooperation in the new era, and will certainly lead to further development of Vietnam-China relations, said the Vietnam’s last leg of Li’s ongoing first Southeast Asia tour as premier, which has taken him to Brunei and Thailand. While in Brunei, he attended a series of East Asian leaders’ meetings and expounded China’s policy on促进了 regional cooperation and development. — Xinhua

Strong quake rocks central Philippines, at least four killed

MANILA, 15 Oct — A magnitude 7.1 earthquake rocked the central Philippines on Tuesday morning, killing at least four people and damaging buildings. The national disaster management office said the four people were killed on the island of Cebu.

Cebu City Vice Mayor Edgar Labella told DZBB radio that the four were killed when a concrete slab from the fish market fell on them. “Today is not a good day,” Labella said. “We’re quite fortunate today is a holiday, not too many people in buildings.”

The quake, which occurred at 8:12 am, was centered on the island of Bohol, located just east of Cebu across a narrow strait.

The US Geological Survey, which initially estimated the quake’s magnitude at 7.2, revised it down to 7.1 and said it has a depth of 20 kilometers. At least 20 aftershocks rocked the region within two hours of the quake, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology director Renato Solidum told reporters.

Labella said many people in Cebu City are also wary of a tsunami, despite assurances from state seismologists that the quake was not powerful enough to generate one. The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said no destructive Pacific-wide tsunami is expected. — Kyodo News

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Super yacht Adastra shown in Guangzhou.

Brazil to use homegrown technology to shield gov't e-mails from snooping

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Oct — Brazil plans to set up an encrypted national e-mail service to shield government communications from unwanted surveillance, an official said on Monday.
"Using Expresso V3 in the communications system will completely rid the government of all espionage," said Marcos Mazoni, head of the Federal Data Processing System, adding that the technology will be implemented in November. The new homegrown security technology will host all traffic on its servers and enable only state-owned networks, with no participation of foreign companies or networks.—Xinhua

TIM CEO says Telecom Italia not trying to sell

SAO PAULO, 15 Oct — Brazilian phone company TIM Participacoes SA is not up for sale, its chief executive told a local newspaper, denying reports that Telecom Italia SpA wants to sell its 67 percent stake. A sale of Brazil’s No 2 wireless company is one option being considered by Telecom Italia’s new chief executive, Marco Patuano, a person familiar with the matter said Reuters last week. Patuano is under pressure from Telecom Italia’s top shareholder, Spanish group Telefonica SA, to cut debt through asset sales. TIM’s Chief Executive Rodrigo Abreu in an interview published on Monday reiterated comments made in a filing from Telecom Italia last Wednesday that no sale process of TIM Brazil ongoing, formally or informally," Abreu told Estado de S Paulo. A spokesman for TIM confirmed the contents of the interview. Abreu said TIM’s situation to change, Telefonica would need to get approval to buy more shares with voting rights in Telco, a holding company now controlled by Telefonica.—Reuters
**Shia LaBeouf gets punched in the face in London?**

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—Transformers star Shia LaBeouf reportedly got punched in the face by a local bystander when he reluctantly continued to film a woman who was throwing up on the street.

The 27-year-old actor was recently in London filming Fury with co-star Brad Pitt. Shia was out with a friend when he passed by two women, sisters Ash and Isis Nawaz, one of whom was throwing up on the street, reported New York Daily News.

Shia began to film the incident with his phone, but the ladies not recognising who he was, asked him to leave them alone.

The actor reluctantly continued to shoot, which led a passerby punch him in the face.

The star managed to leave the scene after security guards from a nearby hotel halted the attacker.

Last year Shia was involved in a pub scuffle.

**Rihanna gets restraining order against trespasser**

LOS ANGELES, 15 Oct—Singer Rihanna has been granted a temporary restraining order against trespasser Jonathan Whooper.

Whooper has been ordered to stay at least 100 yards away from the singer as per the temporary restraining order, reports tmz.com.

Whooper was caught red-handed by the singer’s security team as he attempted to scale a wall surrounding her mansion on 4 October. He has been charged with prowling and felony, attempted burglary, vandalism and stalking.

He has also been identified as the same person who broke into Rihanna’s mansion on 29 September and who threw a chair through a glass door.

When questioned by the singer’s guards, he had told them that he was “Rihanna’s future husband!”.

“Do you know who I am? I am Rihanna’s future husband,” Whooper had allegedly said.—PTI

**Miley Cyrus grabs top slot in UK single and album charts**

LONDON, 15 Oct—American singer and actress Miley Cyrus became the first person to simultaneously notch up a number one single and a number one album in the British music chart this year, the Official Charts Company said on Tuesday.

Her latest track, “Wrecking Ball”, went straight into the top slot in the single charts, while her fourth album, “Bangerz”, did the same in the albums chart.

The result was the best yet in Britain for the 20-year-old singer, the daughter of country singer Billy Ray Cyrus, who scored her first number one hit in the British singles chart in August with “We Can’t Stop”.

In the albums charts, last week’s number one album, “Days Are Gone”, from Californian sister-act Haim, fell to fifth place, while “Brand New Machine”, an album by Chase & Status went straight in at number two.

OneRepublic, into third place, while American rapper Eminem secured the second slot with his new single “Berzerker”.

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**Charlie Hunnam out of ‘Fifty Shades of Grey’ film**

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—British actor Charlie Hunnam has dropped out of the much-anticipated film version of the erotic novel “Fifty Shades of Grey,” producers said.

Sam Taylor-Johnson, “The filmmakers of FIFTY SHADES OF GREY and Charlie Hunnam have agreed to find another male lead given Hunnam’s immersive TV schedule which is not allowing him time to adequately prepare for the role of Christian Grey,” film companies Universal Pictures and Focus Features said in a weekend statement, which made no mention of a replacement for Hunnam. “Fifty Shades of Grey”, EL James’ novel about a passionate relationship between a literature student Anastasia and the manipulative entrepreneur Christian, was published in 2011 and became a cultural phenomenon as it rocketed up the bestseller lists, spawning offshoots and satires along the way.—Reuters

**Shah Rukh Khan misses Temptation Reloaded**

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct—After having a blast with his Temptation Reloaded, which ended in Perth, Australia, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan says he is missing the “frenzy and noise”.

Shah Rukh embarked on the tour along with his celebrity team, which included stars like Madhuri Dixit, Rani Mukherji, Jacqueline Fernandez, Yo Yo Honey Singh and Meiyang Chang. The first stop was in Auckland, New Zealand, October 4. “Tour ends. Will miss the frenzy and the noise. Perth you were extremely fulfilling and so gentle. (1) Am glad I could feel you all. Live happy,” Shah Rukh tweeted after the tour-end.

From Lungi dance to Ghaghra and Lat lag gayi, the celebrities rocked the dance floor by grooving to hit numbers. And their energy was so infectious that the audience too.—PTI

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**SPORTS**

**Woods set to pass Nicklaus before swing change, Player says**

New York, 15 Oct— Golf legend Gary Player believes Tiger Woods, before he changed his swing, was on target to smash Jack Nicklaus’s record of 18 major championship victories.

“Tiger has set the standard. He’s the greatest ever,” Player said during a recent ESPN interview. “When he won the (2000) US Open by 15 shots, he was on his way to destroying all records. He would have won close to 30 majors the way he was going — and then he changes his swing.”

“Obviously one is always ambitious and wanting to get better and better and you’ve got to admire a man for doing that.”

“But then he has many coaches (and) this coach is teaching him that, this coach is teaching him this. ‘He gets swinging in different ways, gets a bit confused, loses a bit of confidence and it takes time to restore it.’ But Woods has always insisted he had one good reason to change his swing despite his success. ‘You can always become better,’ he told the television program ‘60 Minutes’ in 2006.

Woods turned professional in 1996 and was coached by Butch Harmon until 2002, before switching to Hank Haney. He was successful under both coaches — accruing 14 major titles between the 1997 Masters and the 2008 US Open.

But he has not won a major in more than five years and at the age of 37 remains stranded four Grand Slam titles short of matching Nicklaus.

Woods, who is now coached by Sean Foley after splitting with Haney in 2010, has not lost the ability to win regular tournaments. He has regained his world number one ranking by piling up victories in non-major tournaments, but it is no secret he covets majors and a place in history more than anything else in golf. “He wins five tournaments this year after all the difficulties and adversities he went through,” continued Player, one of only five men to win all four Grand Slam titles, the Masters, US Open, British Open and US PGA Championship.

“I’m a big admirer of that. To win five tournaments seems like an astonish run of six major wins in nine starts. Rarely, if ever, has a performance more impressed his fellow competitors. Woods increased his lead after every round at Pebble Beach, despite a triple bogey during the third round.

Four-time major champion Ernie Els, who tied for second, said at the time: “It seems like we’re not playing in the same ballpark right now.”

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**Maverick Balotelli tired of being in ‘eye of cyclone’**

AC Milan’s Mario Balotelli

Rome, 15 Oct—Mario Balotelli is tired of being in the eye of a hurricane, the president of the Italian football federation (FIGC) said on Monday after the maverick international became embroiled in another row.

There is a demanding period for Mario and we have to understand the media pressure on him is excessive,” Giancarlo Abete told RAI radio, a day after the AC Milan forward allegedly pushed away a television camera during a media scrum at Naples railway station.

“He can’t take one step, or write one word, without it being interpreted in any number of different ways. He’s a bit tired of always being in the eye of the cyclone.

“He’s a 23-year-old lad who needs to grow and improve but the pressure on him is too great.”

There were chaotic scenes as Italy arrived in Naples by high-speed train on Sunday evening for their World Cup qualifier at home to Armenia on Tuesday.

The squad were greeted by a media scramble at the station and Balotelli, who has a habit of getting involved in controversial incidents, appeared to push away a TV camera after it apparently clipped him on the arm as he walked by.

The striker, who missed Friday’s 2-2 draw in Denmark due to illness, is serving a three-match domestic ban after insulting the referee at the end of the 2-1 home defeat by Napoli.

Italy have already qualified for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

**Barca forward Messi back in training after injury**

Barcelona, 15 Oct— Barcelona forward Lionel Messi returned to training with his team mates on Monday as he continues his recovery from a thigh strain sustained in a La Liga match at Almeria at the end of last month.

The World Player of the Year did not join up with Argentina, who had already secured their place at next year’s World Cup finals in Brazil, for their last qualifiers against Peru and Uruguay, remaining in Barcelona for treatment.

Barca’s next match is a La Liga trip to Osasuna on Saturday, though with a Champions League game at AC Milan looming the following Tuesday it remains to be seen whether coach Gerardo Martino will risk him in domestic competition this weekend.

“Barca’s Argentine forward has taken another step forward in his recovery,” the Spanish champions said on their website (www.fcbarcelona.es) on Monday.

Messi has scored eight goals in six La Liga appearances this term and netted a hat-trick against Ajax Amsterdam in his sole Champions League outing.

**England’s approach has not changed, says Hodgson**

London, 15 Oct— While the gloom has lifted around England’s prospects of reaching the World Cup after their 4-1 hammering of Montenegro on Friday, manager Roy Hodgson says his approach has not altered in the face of criticism throughout the campaign.

England faced a storm of condemnation about their conservative play after the goalless draw with Ukraine last month, a result that left them needing to win both their remaining qualifiers against Montenegro and Poland to book an automatic place in Brazil. On the back of Hodgson’s surprise decision to give Tottenham Hotspur winger Andros Townsend an international debut, England threw off the shackles as they scored four second-half goals against Montenegro to conclude half

England’s manager Ray Hodgson

US team member Tiger Woods

Reuters

Lloris says France don’t have Georgia on their minds,

France’s soccer players Franck Ribery (L) and Samir Nasri attend a training session with teammates at the Stade de France stadium in Saint-Denis, near Paris, on 14 Oct, 2013.

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Paris, 15 Oct— France have written off their chances of topping World Cup Group I qualifying and do not believe there is any chance of leaders Spain tripping up at home to Georgia on Tuesday.

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**Barcelona’s Lionel Messi ties his bootlaces at a practice session in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 13 Dec, 2011.**

Reuters
Typhoon Nari hits Vietnam, 122,000 people evacuated

A man sorts through the remains of his home, which collapsed because of Typhoon Nari, in Vietnam’s central Danang city, on 15 Oct. 2013.—REUTERS

People had been moved to safe ground in several provinces, including Quang Nam and Danang city, by late Monday before the typhoon arrived, the official Tuoi Tre (Youth) newspaper reported.

Nari later hit the Vietname coast with wind speeds of up to 102 km/h (63 mph). Soldiers were sent to help people reinforce their homes and guide ships to shelter in Danang, a famous tourist destination, state-run Voice of Vietnam radio said. More than 2,000 passengers were stranded when national carrier Vietnam Airlines canceled 14 flights on Monday and planned to delay another eight on Tuesday, the airline said in a statement.

Vietnam’s central region is widely exposed to the sea and is often hit during the storm season between July and October. Typhoon Nari did not affect the Central Highlands, Vietnam’s coffee belt, which lies further to the south.

Beloved family

A 24-year-old student from world number one to sixth in the rankings. Asked if his problems on the course were caused by mechanical or mental issues, McIlroy said: “I think it was a little bit of both. “Mechanically my golf swing… I fell into a couple of bad habits and I was trying to work myself out of it. It affects mental issues as well.” Golf is a game of confidence and if you are confident it allows you to play better and freer… with a free mind. “Definitely nothing to do with equipment.” McIlroy said there was plenty of golf left in the year and ample opportunities for him to get that first win. “I learned a lot this year,” he added. “I was underdolled for the first three to four months. It’s the first year I struggled and I didn’t live up to the expectation.”

“Since October 2011 Horizon has achieved exceptional results for Rory. Horizon has set some of the most lucrative endorsements in sports history.”

McIlroy tightlipped over Wozniacki, eyes 2013 win

Seoul, 15 Oct—Rory McIlroy laid the blame for a winless 2013 on mental and mechanical issues on Tuesday, saying his struggles had nothing to do with an equipment switch, but the former world number one refused to open up on reports of a split with Caroline Wozniacki.

McIlroy, speaking at a news conference in Seoul ahead of this week's Korea Open, deflected questions about his relationship with the Danish tennis player amid reports the high-profile pair had broken up.

“My private life is private and I would like to keep it that way,” the Northern Irishman told reporters in the South Korean capital.

McIlroy and Wozniacki are one of sport's glamour couples and were frequently seen supporting each other when their hectic schedules allowed.

While Britain's Daily Telegraph said Wozniacki was “absolutely devastated” about the breakdown of her relationship with the 2011 US Open and 2012 US PGA champion, the tennis player dismissed the reports as pure speculation.

“I'm so tired of the rumors. They occur every time Rory and I are apart a few days or do not write on Twitter,” the former world number one told Danish newspaper Ekstra Bladet.

“There is nothing in it, and from now on I just think that I will keep my private life private.”

“It is so annoying that the media and the so-called sources constantly spread the rumors. They write just what they want.”

Wozniacki, who has slipped to ninth in the world rankings, said: “All is well” and want to be allowed to live my life off the court without all the speculation,” she added.

McIlroy, who claimed the order of merit on both sides of the Atlantic last year

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MRTV launches digital TV broadcasting system, new channels

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — A ceremony to launch the digital TV broadcasting system and new channels of Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information took place at MRTV in Tatikon Township, here, this morning, attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

In his report, the Union minister said the 2013-2014 revised budget estimate shows an increase of 722.515 billion kyats over the budget estimate and the 2013-2014 revised budget for expenditure shows an increase of 683.249 billion kyats over the budget estimate for expenditure.

According to the Union minister, the fiscal deficit of the budget estimate is 683.249 billion kyats over the budget estimate and the 2013-2014 revised budget estimate for expenditure shows an increase of 722.515 billion kyats over the budget estimate for expenditure.

The Vice-President gave an account of the Ministry of Information under the Ministry of Pyithu Hluttaw. Dr Sai Mauk Kham, First, Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htwe gave an account of the launch of digital TV broadcasting of MRTV and new TV channels.

Next, the Vice-President, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Sports, Culture and Arts, here, this morning, attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Public Relations Development Committee Thura U Aye Myint and Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing pressed the buttons to start the launch of digital broadcasting of MRTV and new TV channels, Hluttaw Channel and Farmer Channel.

Then, the Vice-President posed for documentary photos together with those present and viewed round the MRTV Studio Complex. Also present at the ceremony were Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe, parliamentarians, departmental heads and guests.

MRTV started its radio service on 15 February, 1946 and its analogue television service was launched in 1980. Now, Myanmar is in the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting system and it is planned to embark on its analogue switch-off by 2020.

It is learnt that MRTV is broadcasting its TV programs including programs of three new channels under DVB-T2 system as of today and MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, National Races Channel (NRC) and Farmer Channel are included in the newly-launched digital broadcasting system.

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Additional Budget Allocation Bill for 2013-2014 FY put forward to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw recorded the Bill Amending the Myanmar Maritime University Act, and the Bill Amending the Trade Mark Act today.

Afterwards, on behalf of the Union government, Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein put forward the Additional Budget Allocation Bill for the 2013-2014 FY to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Bill Committee submits report on Media Bill

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — Bill Committee's report on the Media Bill which was sent back by Amyotha Hluttaw was submitted by MP U Soe Yei at today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw. The Media Bill is aimed at ensuring every citizen enjoy the freedom of expression and publication.

With regard to the question of MP U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency on the replacement of old dental equipment with modern ones and appointment of doctors in Amarapura People's Hospital (25-bed), Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung replied that the Ministry replaces old dental desks with new ones in township Health Departments across the country when they ask for. In addition, for nearby hospitals and clinics, dental desks are handed over through the Central Medical Store Depot. Other dental equipment is provided when they ask for. The Ministry has already informed 30 September, 2013 that dental desks are handed over to hospitals and clinics.

Amyotha Hluttaw to constitute parliamentarian associations for uplift of qualification of Hluttaw and MPs

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — In submitting a proposal urging the Union Government to draw necessary laws on oil and natural gas exploration at today's plenary session of Amyotha Hluttaw, Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No 8 said that as artisan oil wells are being sunk on a manageable scale in various areas in the nation, out-breaks of fire have caused there many times, and that is why it needs to draw new oil laws in conformity with the environmental conservation activity.

He remarked, “I have studied about nine laws on oil. Such laws in Myanmar are enacted 50 years ago. So, the new law should be drawn after studying laws from other countries.”

The Hluttaw decide to discuss the proposal.

The Deputy Speaker of the Hluttaw sought the approval for the list of chairmen and members of parliamentarian friendship associations between Amyotha Hluttaw and that of Brunei, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, China and ROK and the nomination of the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives to be included in the parliamentarian friendship associations between Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and ASEAN+3 countries from the Hluttaw.

“Amyotha Hluttaw has formed two joint committees for IPU and AIPA with the participation of Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives. Present associations are to be formed separately for Amyotha Hluttaw. Thanks to cooperation with international parliaments, MPs will be matured in democracy. Hluttaws will have higher qualification,” said MP U Khin Maung Yi.

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Myanmar mily delegation visits Armoured Forces Engineering Academy in Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — A goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited the Academy of Armoured Forces Engineering in Beijing yesterday morning.

Political Commissar Major General Xia Xiaoping conducted the delegation around the academy and the delegation watched training of armoured forces.

During the tour of Beijing, the delegation also visited the No. 3 branch of the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation-CASIC and NORINCO Company.

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