President U Thein Sein receives Former US President

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Mr William J. Clinton, former US President at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 9 am today.

At the call, they had a discussion on close cooperation between Myanmar and Clinton Foundation, providing assistance to Myanmar’s peace-making process, development of agriculture sector, extension of economic sector, distribution of medicines to the people living with HIV, AIDS and TB, development of firm sector in conflict-hit areas, arrangements for power generating, providing cash assistance and giving training for decreasing mortality and mother death rate.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Aung Min and U Khin Yi and officials. —MNA

President U Thein Sein shaking hands with Mr William J. Clinton, former US President. —MNA

China’s emphasis on market’s “decisive” role to boost economic efficiency

BEIJING, 14 Nov—China’s pledge to give the market a “decisive” role has attracted international attention as Beijing aims to find new growth momentum for the world’s second largest economy.

“Economic reform is key and the core solution is the proper relationship between the government and the market,” said a communique released by the Communist Party of China after the latest plenary session of the party’s central committee.

The document, widely received as a reform agenda for the next decade, also vows to “give market a decisive role in resource allocation and give better play to the role of government.”

The change of the market’s role from “basic” to “decisive” in the economy is an important highlight of the communique, analysts said.

It will help China shift from an investment-led economic model to one that is driven more by efficiency, and inject new momentum into China’s long-term economic growth, analysts said.

In particular, the shift of language from “basic” to “decisive” is very significant, said Stephen Roach, a senior fellow at Yale University’s Institute of Global Affairs and former chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia.

“I think the statement to set up a central leading team for deepening reform is indicative of a strong commitment,” he recently told Xinhua, referring to a proposal in the communique. According to the Financial Times, Beijing’s pledge to give a “decisive” role to the market signals an “end to state-mandated prices in the world’s second-largest economy.”

Former World Bank chief economist Justin Yifu Lin said on Wednesday that China is at the stage of development where it is necessary to get rid of distortions and bottlenecks in the mechanism for resources allocation.—Xinhua

President U Thein Sein to pay state visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—At the invitation of U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj, President of Mongolia will pay a state visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future. —MNA

Mongolian President to pay state visit to Myanmar

Lisu National Development Party applies for registration as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as a political party and the Lisu National Development Party (L.N.D.P) today applied for registration as a political party to the UEC. —MNA

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Madauk, 14 Nov—Light float festival which is annually held in Taungmone, the eighth month of Myanmar Calendar, is one of the famous regional festivals in Myanmar. It is annually held in Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township. This year, the festival will be held from 14 to 18 November with choral dances troups from 11 nearby villages of Madauk on 18 November. At 6 pm, 10000 colourful lotus oil lamps will be floated in Sittoung River. This is 41st year anniversary of the festival. It is always packed with festival goers.—Kyemon- Peinzaloke Thein Nyunt

Communal Kathina robes offering ceremony held in Yamethin

Yamethin, 14 Nov—Communal Kathina robes offering ceremony was held in Yamethin in Mandalay Region from 6 to 11 November. Yamethin Buddhist cultural associations, departmental staff, teachers and students conveyed the contributions round the town with dance and songs.—Kyemon-Tin Oo (Yamethin)

Private generators not allowed using in road area of Yangon municipal area

Yangon, 14 Nov—Private generators are not allowed to use in the road area, announced Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) of Yangon City Development Committee.

With an increase in the number of vehicles, blocking the traffic in Yangon are more frequent than ever before. Extension of road and car parking area are need for public use.

So YCDC temporarily stopped asking for subscription fee and made the people known not to use generators in the road area anymore.

Kyemon-Saw Win

Stimulants tablets, opium oil seized in Mandalay

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Nov—Acting on a tip-off, a member of Anti-Drug Squad of Northern Mandalay together with witnesses searched the house of Maung Maung Lwin (a) Paing Paing, 48, between 34th x 35th and 85th x 86th Streets in Aungnmar West-Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region on 10 November.

They seized K 4.9 million worth of 980 stimulants tablets from Samsung Note 2 Handset box, K 34,200 worth of 60 ml opium oil, K 300,000 worth of 0.16 gm Khatkhu and one handset during their search.

Kyemon-Police IPRD

Anti-Narcotic drives

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Mandalay Police Station No.6 filed a lawsuit against the suspects in accordance with the Sections 15/19 (A)/ 20 (A)/ 21 of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Acting on a tip-off, a combined team comprising members of Myanmar Police Force and staff led by Head of Myinmu Township Forest Department U Tin Soe inspected an overturned six-wheeled vehicle between mile posts Nos. 58/3 and 58/4, about two furlongs east of Gwaybin-taw Village on Mandalay-Myinmu-Monywa Road, here, on 12 November.

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US lawmakers question Obama’s plea for Iran sanctions pause

**Tokyo, 14 Nov —** US nuclear expert Lake Barrett said on Wednesday that Tokyo Electric Power Co is “ready to start the safe removal” of fuel inside the spent fuel pool of the No 4 unit at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, as he visited the site and talked to workers involved. “I was very impressed with the preparations,” Barrett, who has dealt with the 1979 Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident as an official of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said at a press conference, while warning that workers should not become “complacent” during the operation that will continue until the end of next year.

Barrett also said he expects the Fukushima plant’s decommissioning process will take up to a few decades but added that creating a concrete sarcophagus to cover damaged reactors as seen in the 1986 Chernobyl disaster is “not a good idea” in Fukushima’s case.

“Chernobyl and Fukushima are very different places, very different accidents. And the Japanese society is not the society of the Soviet Union of Chernobyl times,” he said. TEPCO is close to starting the mission to take out fuel from the pool of the No 4 reactor building, a process that will mark the actual beginning of the plant’s decommissioning.

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**Jerusalem, 14 Nov —** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on Wednesday that a “bad deal” with Iran on its nuclear programme could lead to war and his aides challenged US assertions to have offered Tehran only “modest” relief from sanctions.

As details emerged of a Western proposal that could let Iran sell oil and gold in return for curbs on its nuclear activities, an Israeli minister said he would reject up to 40 percent of the impact of sanctions, reducing pressure on Tehran to halt a program the West says has a military motive.

Israel, which calculated the value of direct sanctions relief on offer at $15-20 billion, has lobbied hard against any such deal and says the United States, its closest ally, is being misled by overtures of detente coming from Teheran. Negotiations between Iran and six UN powers — the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China — are scheduled to resume on 20 November with both sides saying they are optimistic following talks at Geneva last weekend.

One source briefed on the discussions told Reuters that Iran was being offered a chance to sell about $3.5 billion of oil over six months as well as $2-3 billion of petrochemicals and $1.2 billion of gold. The source, who criticized the offer, said it would also let Teheran import some $7.5 billion of food and medicine plus $5 billion of other goods currently barred.

Several Western officials involved in the talks said they would not discuss details while negotiations were under way.

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**Philippines, 14 Nov —** Philippine President Benigno Aquino was under growing pressure on Thursday to speed up the distribution of food, water and medicine to desperate survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, struck a week ago. Mayor Alfred Romualdez said worst-hit Tacloban area nearly a week after Typhoon Haiyan struck.

Barack Obama under pressure over typhoon aid

**Tokyo, 14 Nov —** US Secretary of State John Kerry (R) shakes hands with US Senator Joe Manchin as they arrive on Capitol Hill before Kerry briefs members of the Senate Banking Committee behind closed doors about Iran and his recent negotiations in Europe, in Washington, on 13 Nov, 2013. —Reuters

**Auckland, 14 Nov —** John Key’s visit to China will be a step forward in the development of New Zealand’s Vocational Education and Training Model Programme, said Prime Minister John Key’s visit to China in April, Joyce said in a statement from his office. He and Chinese Education Minister Yuan Guiren had launched the programme in recognition of the fact that up-skilling a workforce was one of the most important challenges in developing a competitive economy, said Joyce.

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**Wellington, 14 Nov —** A New Zealand-China joint technical and vocational education and training centre launched in Beijing on Thursday will foster research links and help knowledge transfer, according to New Zealand Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Steven Joyce.

The centre was a step in the development of the New Zealand-China Vocational Education and Training Model Programme first announced during Prime Minister John Key’s visit to China in April, Joyce said in a statement from his office. He and Chinese Education Minister Yuan Guiren had launched the programme in recognition of the fact the up-skilling a workforce was one of the most important challenges in developing a competitive economy, said Joyce.

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**Oslo, 14 Nov —** Senior US lawmakers question Obama’s plea for Iran sanctions pause.
New gene therapy could reverse heart failure in pigs

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — US researchers said on Wednesday they have successfully tested a powerful gene therapy, delivered directly into the heart, to reverse heart failure in pigs. The findings, published in the US journal Science Translational Medicine, is the final study phase before human clinical trials can begin testing SUMO-1 gene therapy, researchers at the Cardiovascular Research Center at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai said. According to the researchers, SUMO-1 is a gene that is “missing in action” in heart failure patients.

“SUMO-1 gene therapy may be one of the first treatments that can actually shrink enlarged hearts and significantly improve a damaged heart’s life-sustaining function,” senior investigator Roger Hajjar, director of the Cardiovascular Research Centre, said in a statement. “We are very eager to test this gene therapy in our patients suffering from severe heart failure.”

Heart failure, a leading cause of hospitalization in the elderly, occurs when a person’s heart is too weak to properly pump and circulate blood throughout their body.

Recent clinical trials have shown that replacing SERCA2, a gene that regulates the heart’s calcium pump, can reduce heart failure, but Hajjar and his research group found that SUMO-1 can also effectively soothe ailing hearts.

By binding to and restoring the function of the SERCA2 pump, SUMO-1 is like a plumber on speed dial that quickly repairs the heart, they said.

Apple, Samsung retrial kicks off over patent damages

SAN JOSE, (California), 14 Nov — Apple squared off against Samsung Electronics at a damages retrial on Wednesday, as the iPhone maker once again tries to secure a legal victory against its biggest mobile rival.

Apple attorney Harold McElhinny told jurors in a San Jose, California federal court that Samsung should pay $379.8 million for violating patents on the iPhone. Samsung attorney William Price, meanwhile, said Samsung should only pay $52.7 million.

Apple and Samsung have already helped to transform India’s technology market, by ensuring a diverse range of third-party smartphone makers are engaged in global litigation over each other’s intellectual property. Last year, Apple was awarded over $1 billion after it convinced a jury that Samsung copied various iPhone features — like using your fingers to pinch and zoom on the screen — along with design touches like the phone’s flat, black glass screen.

This year’s verdict was a high point in Apple’s legal war on Google’s Android operating system, which Samsung uses on its phones. US District Judge Lucy Koh in San Jose then rejected Apple’s request for a permanent ban on the sale of some Samsung products in the lucrative US market.

Apple has appealed that decision. Then, in March, Koh ruled that the previous jury had made some errors in its calculations, impacting about $400 million of the verdict. She ordered a retrial of that portion of the

Hydrogen phone chargers to keep Africans connected when power runs short

CAPE TOWN, 14 Nov — African smartphone users will soon have an alternative means to get round the power shortages affecting much of the world’s poorest continent — a portable charger that relies on hydrogen fuel cells.

British company Intel- ligent Energy plans to roll out 1 million of the new chargers in mid-December, mainly in Nigeria and South Africa, after successfully testing them in Nigeria over the last five months, its consumer electronics managing director, Amar Samra, said.

In emerging markets where the grids are not reliable and people are using (mobile phones) as a primary device, it is mission critical: if you’re out, you’re out,” Samra said on the sidelines of a telecoms con- ference in Cape Town. The chargers are designed to back up the spread of smartphones and tablets across countries where cellphones have already helped to transform lives and businesses.

Mostly GSM, which represents about 800 of the world’s mobile operators, said in its latest report that smartphones were key to boosting mobile Internet access in sub-Saharan Africa where current penetration of 4 percent of the popula- tion lags the global average of 17 percent.

Ericsson predicts that smartphone traffic in Africa will increase tenfold between 2013 and 2019, when around 476 million devices will be in use.

“Alternative sources of power are very impor- tant, because smartphones and other devices need lots of power and you need to charge them up every four hours, so for a businessman it is crucial,” said Melvin An- guila, an engineer attending the conference. The hydro- gen chargers, which fit easily into a handbag, consist of a fuel cell and a non-disposable cartridge that can be detached when exhaust- ed. Samra said consumers could expect to pay less than $5 dollars to “refuel” a car- tridge of the charger. This would translate to a cost of less than $1 to charge a phone, he said, adding that final costs would ultimately depend on how telecoms companies marketed and sold the product.

China sets up cloud computing industry alliance

BEIJING, 14 Nov — A cloud computing industry alliance was set up on Wednesday in Beijing to promote the development and innovation of information technology.

The alliance, China’s first of its kind, was jointly established by Tsinghua University, Peking University and the Center for International Economic and Technological Coop- eration under the Ministry of Industry and Informa- tion Technology. The alli- ance aims to introduce ad- vanced ideas, technologies and experience of cloud computing from overseas in order to boost the industry in China, said an alliance statement.

It will also boost do- mestic and international cooperation of cloud com- puting by integrating re- sources from government, enterprises, universities, research institutes and capital market, it said. “Cloud computing marks the trend of the information industry,” said Sun Jiazhuan, president of the alliance and dean of Tsinghua University’s School of Information Science and Technology.

Short sellers test the waters on Twitter

NEW YORK, 14 Nov — Short sellers are start- ing to circle around Twitter shares in their first chance at betting against the microblogging site’s stock, a sign some inves- tors think the share price will fall. Data on Wednes- day showed the cost to bor- row Twitter shares jumped from 5 percent to about 13 percent on an annualized basis, after having touched 20 percent earlier in the day. About 5.5 million shares were out on loan.

The current cost to borrow indicates interest to short the stock is “definitely high,” according to Timothy Smith, executive vice presi- dent at SunGard’s Astec Analytics, the provider of the data. The short interest is “red hot, but not white hot,” he said. At this point, it appears unlikely that Twitter will be a repeat of the tidal wave of negative bets that dogged Facebook after its debut last year. Smith noted that shortly after Facebook shares de- buted in May 2012, the cost to borrow was between 40 percent and 50 percent on an annualized basis.

However, Smith said, “No two stocks are the same notwithstanding any desire to compare to other stock IPOs such as Face- book or LinkedIn. “There are three things that can be stated though: there is scrutiny, there is short selling and there is availability to borrow.” Short sellers bor- row shares and sell them in the expectation of a price drop. They profit from such a fall by selling the bor- rowed stock, later buying it back at the lower price. It is also used as a hedging strategy.

“The Twitter logo is displayed on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 8 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

“I know there are a fair number of people that do believe Twitter is overvalued and will be looking to short the stock,” said Michael James, managing director of equity trading at Wedbush Securities in Los Angeles. Shorting is “certainly not something we are encouraging,” he said.
Diabetes battle ‘being lost’ as cases hit record 382 million

**NEW YORK, 14 Nov** — The world is losing the battle against diabetes as the number of people estimated to be living with the disease soars to a new record of 382 million this year, medical experts said on Thursday.

The vast majority have type 2 diabetes — the kind linked to obesity and lack of exercise — and the epidemic is spreading as more people in the developing world adopt Western, urban lifestyles. The latest consistently, starting 10 national diabetes federations is equivalent to a global prevalence rate of 8.4 percent of the adult population and compares to 371 million cases in 2012.

By 2035, the organization predicts the number of cases will have soared by 55 percent to 592 million.

“Year after year, the figures seem to be getting worse,” said David Whiting, an epidemiologist and public health specialist at the federation. “All around the world we are seeing increasing numbers of people developing diabetes.”

He said that a strategy involving all parts of society was needed to improve diets and promote healthier lifestyles. The federation calculates diabetes already accounts for an annual global healthcare spending of $548 billion and this is likely to rise to $627 billion by 2035. Worriedly, an estimated 175 million of diabetes cases are as yet undiagnosed, so a huge number of people are progressing towards complications unawares.

“Diabetes is not something that we can wait to deal with once it is fully developed. We need to get ahead of it and start addressing it at a much earlier stage,” said Whiting.

The federation predicts that by 2035, 15 percent of all people living in the world will have diabetes, with 10 percent of these being children.

The federation estimates that by 2035, 28 percent of the world’s deaths will be linked to diabetes, with the disease being a major contributor to cancer, heart disease, and stroke.

“A medical worker explains a family planning method using the Intra Uterine Device (IUD) to housewives in a local government health centre in Navotas, Metro Manila on 3 March, 2011. — Reuters

**BEIJING, 14 Nov** — Volkswagen to recall defective cars in China

**NEW YORK, 14 Nov** — More than 90 percent of women who have had their menstrual periods reversed forms of birth control keep using them for at least six months, a new study found. Thus birth control methods include Intra Uterine Devices (IUDs) and contraceptive implants.

The findings mean most women did not have side effects, such as cramping or bleeding, that were serious enough for them to stop using their birth control.

“There is the perception among women that birth control providers that women discontinue these methods rapidly,” senior author Dr Tessa Madden said.

One study of 159,770 domestic Tiguan produced between 4 Jan, 2010/2011 1.8T/2.0T models produced between 4 Jan, 2010 and 10 Nov, 2011, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said in a statement.

A patient takes a blood glucose test during an event on 13 Nov, 2012. — Xinhua

“Robots help counter soaring labour costs

**BEIJING, 14 Nov** — Zhejiang Province is to invest 500 billion yuan ($82 billion) over the next five years to encourage manufacturers to adopt more robots to overcome the short supply and high cost of labour.

The programme is underway and will help at least 5,000 companies a year, a source with the investment division of the Zhejiang Economic and Information Commission told China Daily, without giving details. Replacing humans with robots is the most effective way to tackle the labor shortage and rising labor costs, the commission said.

From 2005 to 2012, average labor costs in Zhejiang, a hub for private manufacturing enterprises, almost tripled from 14,847 yuan to 41,370 yuan a year, with an annual increase of nearly 16 percent. In a survey conducted by the commission in May, 75 percent of respondents said rising costs were the main reason for switching to robots. As factories used more robots, the proportion of surveyed enterprises with labor shortages dropped from 80 percent last year to 56.4 percent.

By 2035, the proportion of surveyed enterprises with labor shortages will be reduced by 700,000 workers, saving 29 billion yuan in labor costs a year, the commission said. Li Gang, president of the robots sector in China at ABB, a leading supplier of industrial robots, said China has become a “world factory”, but with increasing awareness of health and safety the manufacturing sector faces challenges in the future.

“Replacing workers with robots in dangerous and unhealthy working environments and using them for more creative jobs will be an inevitable choice for China’s manufacturing sector,” Li said.

Less than 10 percent of the enterprises surveyed have reduced production line employees by at least 10 percent, while 16 percent of the firms have cut their production jobs by more than 30 percent. Meanwhile, robot workers have helped these factories improve productivity by more than 10 percent. If such a strategy is adopted by large enterprises throughout the province, the labor shortage will be reduced by 700,000 workers, saving 29 billion yuan in labor costs a year, the commission said.

“Previous studies found that among IUD users 96 percent were satisfied with their chosen method, with 4 percent not wanting to have their device removed during the first six months. Younger women continued using these methods just as often as older women did, according to findings published in the journal Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Most women keep using IUDs, contraceptive implants

**NEW YORK, 14 Nov** — More than 90 percent of women who had their men-
Japan to switch to cremation for imperial couple

The Imperial Household Agency said Thursday it has decided to switch to cremation for the emperor and empress rather than burial, which has been the tradition for 350 years.

It has also decided to construct tombs for the emperor and empress side by side on the same site, shifting away from the traditional practice of building tombs for the emperor and empress at separate sites.

The decision follows a proposal from Emperor Akihito to switch to cremation and integrate two imperial tombs into one to reduce the size of the tomb site.

The emperor is reportedly concerned that space is limited at the Musashi Imperial Graveyard in Hachioji, western Tokyo, where the tombs of the late Emperors Taisho and Showa, and Empresses Teimei and Kojun are located.

The agency decided against integrating the tombs of the emperor and empress as Empress Michiko is concerned that if she dies earlier, an integrated tomb for the emperor and empress would need to be built before the emperor dies.

Three injured in shooting incident at Pittsburgh high school

US designates Nigeria militant groups as terrorists

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — Police in US city Pittsburgh are responding to a shooting at Brashare High School on Wednesday, and at least three people were injured, local TV station KDKA reported.

According to school officials, a shooter came out of the woods near the school and shot three students on Crane Avenue near the high school. After the shots were fired, the students ran back into the school for help.

None of the victims’ injuries are believed to be life-threatening. One was shot in the leg and foot, and another was shot in the neck and shoulder. The last victim was grazed in the head by a bullet.

The school said the shooting may have been related to an incident at the school in October, which prompted heightened security for about a week.

Police are searching the nearby woods for at least one shooter. It is not known at this time if there is more than one shooter.

The three victims were being taken to UPMC Mercy Hospital and Allegheny General Hospital. At least one student was last listed in stable condition at Allegheny General Hospital.

The school is located in Beechview and is part of the Pittsburgh Public Schools District. There are about 1,500 students in the school, making it the largest high school in the district.

After the shooting took place, police closed off Crane Avenue near the school, and nearby South Hills Middle School has also been placed on lockdown.

New marine fish species discovered in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 Nov — Scientists have discovered a new species of colourful marine fish from coral reefs of eastern Indonesia’s Lesser Sunda islands, a strikingly beautiful flasher wrasse, a conservation group said Thursday. Conservation International said specimens of the flasher wrasse, which have electric blue and red colour patterns, were collected from reefs off southwestern Flores Island in the area of Komodo National Park, famed for its komodo dragons.

The fish, the 170th recognized species of flasher wrasse, is described in the latest issue of Aqua, International Journal of Ichthyology by scientists from the Indonesian Biodiversity Research Centre and the Indonesian branch of Washington-based Conservation International. It was given the scientific name Parachirinus rennyae in recognition of the scientific contributions of ichthyologist Renny Kurnia, who died last month.

Conservation International defined the new species as currently being threatened from other flasher wrasses in the Coral Triangle, a marine biodiversity area that encompasses Indonesia, Malaysia, East Timor, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Solomon Islands.
Treated mosquito nets, stationery donated

SITTWAY, 14 NOV—Maternal and Child Section of Health Department under the Ministry of Health opened the midwifery course in Sittway Township of Rakhine State with the assistance of World Health Organization and UNFPA.

The opening ceremony of the training course took place at the local health centre in Mingan Ward of Sittway on 7 November morning.

Director of Health Department Dr Yin Thanda Lwin and head of Rakhine State Health Department Dr Aye Nyein made speeches.

Head of Sittway Township Health Department Dr Kyaw Thar Sein explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

Also present on the occasion were the medical superintendent of Sittway General Hospital, officials of Health Department, responsible persons of social organizations and guests. The training course is aimed at uplifting health standard of rural areas and contributing to declining of mortality and mother death rates set an aim of the Ministry of Health.

The training course will include women health for the trainees. The course will run six months. Altogether 20 female trainees are attending the course.

**MMAL-003**

Cash donated to fund for primary, pre-primary schools

PINLAUNG, 14 NOV—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund of repairing Basic Education Primary School was held in Taunghtibwa Village of Pinlaung Township, Shan State (North), on 7 November.

After explaining the purpose of donation, the director of Shan State Rural Development Department presented K 1 million to the fund for repairing the school.

**MMAL-Mee Mee (HLINE)**

KyunU, Ywatha villages in Singu Tsp ready to move due to landslides, erosions of Ayeyawady River

SINGU, 14 NOV—Over half of villages in Singu Township are located along bank of Ayeyawady River. The local people are engaged in cultivation of crops on alluvial lands.

Due to erosion, the alluvial lands are not stable in each year. Depending on appearance and disappearance of alluvial lands, the local farmers grow seasonal crops.

KyunU and Ywatha villages are about 2000 feet from Ayeyawady River in last four years. At that time, the local people enjoyed boosting production of crops.

Due to change of water courses, Ayeyawady River was eroding the villages gradually. In 2013, landslides caused there severally. Hence, the villages are 50 feet distance to the river.

The villages in Hsinthay Village-tract are suffering landslide and erosion yearly. With intense anxiety, not only the local people but authorities want to receive assistance of departments concerned to prevent landslides and erosion.

**MMAL-433**

Communal Maha Kathina offering ceremony held in Bago for third time

BAGO, 14 NOV—Bago Region Government held the third communal Kathina robe offering ceremony at Buddha Athan Dhamma Beikman on Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago on 11 November.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe, Bago Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tint and wife, region ministers, departmental officials and wellwishers totaling about 400 attended the ceremony.

They then presented Kathina robes and offertories worth K 12,260,000 to members of the Sangha. Later, they offered meals to the Sayadaws and lay persons.

**MMAL-Thant Zin**

Carriage and Wagon Factory (Myitng) holds Kathina robes

MYITNGE, 14 NOV—The 66th Maha Kathina robe offering ceremony of Carriage and Wagon Factory of Myamna Railways (Myitng) was held in Myitng in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region, on 9 November.

The Padethabin works were conveyed in procession, General Manager U Tin Maung Than of Carriage and Wagon Factory, workers and people of Myoma Ward of Myitng participated in the communal Kathina ceremony.

The Padethabin works worth K 47,701,924 were donated to members of the Sangha. Likewise, shopkeepers from Myitng Myoma Aungchantha Market held the Kathina robe offering ceremony.

**MMAL-Maung Maung Soe (Myitng)**
Clarification on motion to review electricity rate rise recorded at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session

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Daw Khin Khin Win poses for documentary photo with presidents and members of MWAFT and MMCWA at Myanmar Women and Child Life Promotion Association’s office.—MNA

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Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, attended the opening ceremony of Myanmar Women and Child Life Promotion Association at its office in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Patron of the association Daw Khin Khin Win unveiled the signboard of the association.

Chairperson of the association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha extended greetings and Secretary Dr Daw Khin Thi ri explained the facts about the association.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Nan Shwe Hman, wife of Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Daw Khin Lay Thein, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khan, wives of Union ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and presidents of MWAFT and MMCWA, and guests.

The association was formed on 14 May 2013 with the aim of improving the life of women and children across the nation on a wider scale to be able to stand as an international recognized social organization.

The association will give priority to its tasks for development of women and children life, prevention against discrimination of women and children in the society, full enjoyment of their rights, and cooperation with social organizations at home and abroad in same aims for effectively providing assistance for development of women and children.

Any person may join the association. The head of the association is kept open at No U/6 at the corner of Mandalay and Hinmi Birds Roads in Sawana Ward of Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA
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For transport services, 23 bus lines are running Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw trip with 430 buses; 14 bus lines, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw trip with 276 buses. The number of currently-running bus lines is 16 in Nay Pyi Taw, 395 in Yangon and 43 in Mandalay. Taxes are also running in Yangon and Mandalay. Special bus lines will run Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon-Mandalay trip during the SEA Games period.

With regard to train services, two special up and down trains (Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay) will run from 24 November to 23 December. Ten bus lines is running Yangon-Pathein. Ngwehsaung trip for yachtting events, he added.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered a speech and expressed thanks for MPs’ dutiful manners.

The Pyithu Hluttaw extended the term of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission as of 16 November and approved the Myanmar Engineering Council Bill.

Later, the proposal on the demise of Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Hsan of Pabedan Township Constituency during today’s session, which is submitted by MP U Myint Tha of Dagon Myothit (East), was put on record. MP U Khaing Maung Yi suggested that ambulance and specialist should be on call near the meeting hall.

The meeting successfully came to an end in the evening.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives former US President

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received Mr. Bill Clinton, former President of the United States, and party at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

They exchanged views on supports for Myanmar’s political reform and matters related to development and peace and stability in Myanmar.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets officers from Bahtoo Station

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The Senior General comforted the patients at the hospital of Field Military Battalion of Taunggyi Station and foodstuffs and gifts to them.

In the afternoon, the Senior General and party had a lunch together with the trainees from Combat Training School (Bahtoo).

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party then proceeded to Bahtoo Station Military Hospital where they comforted the patients and provided them with foodstuffs and utensils.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing comforts a patient serviceman at military hospital during his inspection tour to Shan State.—MNA

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Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Lisu National Development Party (L.N.D.P) headquartered at No. (1587) in Rampu Ward, Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, on 14-11-2013 submitted applications to register as a political party under the Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Union Election Commission

Myanmar Gazette

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of departments on expiry of the one-year probation period.

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Local News

Tourists visit ancient monastery in Pakhangyi

MEIKTILA, 14 Nov—An ancient monastery built in 1868 in Pakhangyi of Pakhangyi Village of Yezagyo Township is a tourist destination site. The ancient city is not far from Bagan, NyuangU and Pakokku. So, the tourists schedule to visit ancient monastery, ancient Pakhan city archaeology museum, Pakhan Sitthushin Pagoda while in Pakhan. Ancient city Pakhan was established by Pakhan U Min Kyaw. In Konbaung era, Pakhan U Min Kyaw constructed the ancient monastery as the palace. When the King asked for the building, Pakhan U Min Kyaw lied it was a monastery, according to the oral history, said a local.

Traffic congestion causes at downroad of Viewpoint (six-tier curve) in PyinOolwin Tsp

MANDALAY, 14 Nov—Vehicles are allowed to use the uphill road only for transportation as the downhill road is closed on a part of Mandalay-Lashio Road. Thus, the traffic congestions caused along the single road between Pyintha and Zeedingyi villages.

Self-reliant bridge creates smooth transportation in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 14 Nov—ThayetOk Bridge, built on a self-reliant basis on Meiktila-Shawbyukan Village, has been constructed for ensuring better transport of local people.

Electricity has been supplied to wards of people in rotation system for many years.

In the time of the new government, 33/11 5000 KVA main transformers has been installed in the compound of the township electrical office to supply electricity to the people round the clock.

However, the branch transformers cannot bear the loads of electrification. Thus, Region Hlutkyaw representatives, the township administrator, members of Township Development Supportive Committee and township level officials demanded to install more transformers.

In consequence, six more transformers were allowed to install there with the contribution of the local people.

At present, the transformers are being installed near the football ground in Watoe Ward.

Soon, the local people can consume electricity at full capacity.

Electrical technicians inspecting installations of transformers for safety of electricity and power supply for people at full capacity in Yamethin.
Sri Lanka avails Commonwealth summit for showcasing progress

COLOMBO, 14 Nov — The small island nation of Sri Lanka is currently under the spotlight as the host of the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meeting (CHOGM), the biggest ever assembly in the country after the Non-Aligned summit in 1976. The country is looking forward to availing this opportunity to flaunt the progress it has made since the end of war in 2009, as heads of state, foreign ministers and diplomats, and other top-notch delegations from 53 countries of the Commonwealth and other countries will fly to the country for the summit held once in two years.

Great importance has been attached to showing hospitality to the guests. A special Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) visa registration process has been set out for delegates and international media staff. Upon landing the Indian Ocean island country, each media staff gets a SIM card as a welcome gesture. Not to mention the ceremonial reception by costumed legions lining up at the airport to welcome up the delegates.

Late last month, a new toll road, a Chinese-invested 290 million-US-dollar motorway linking Colombo’s Airport to the capital was opened by President Mahinda Rajapaksa to whisk dignitaries to the summit venues. A big media centre was set up at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, the central location for all media personnel. More than 1,000 correspondents, including about 500 media staff, have registered to cover the event.

Security has been greatly geared up, police and security personnel can be seen everywhere in the city. Besides, the city is festively decorated. Logos and posters can be seen almost everywhere. Logos and posters can be seen everywhere.

“If we ever have a chance for the capital to get a makeover,” Kulitaradun thought, “I’m happy as I am getting married.” He said, eying his smiling bride-to-be who stands beside him.

“Talking about the refurbish of the capital and all the construction in the city, in which the government invested heavily, Kulitaradun thought the money was well spent. “It’s good investment. The improved environment may attract more capital from abroad,” he said.—Xinhua

Japan readies 1,000 troops, naval ships for Philippines relief

Tokyo, 14 Nov — Japan is preparing to send up to 1,000 troops as well as naval vessels and aircraft to the Philippines to help them tackle the effects of a disaster relief following Typhoon Haiyan, in what could be Tokyo’s biggest postwar military deployment. The significantly expanded mission comes as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is pushing to ease limitations on the military imposed by Japan’s postwar, pacifist constitution, and cope with the challenges of China’s growing influence in Asia.

Defence Minister Itsuro Onodera told reporters on Thursday in an oxygen cylinder explosion in Thailand.

Two killed in oxygen tank blast in Thailand

BANGKOK, 14 Nov — Two people were killed and at least three others injured on Thursday in an oxygen cylinder explosion in Thailand.

The incident took place early Thursday morning in an oxygen cylinder shop in Chachoengsao Province, located to the east of the capital Bangkok in central Thailand.

The blast reportedly destroyed the two-storey building where the shop was located, two cars and two motorcycles nearby.

The injured have been rushed to hospital for treatment.

The cause of the incident is under investigation. —Xinhua

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JAKARTA, 14 Nov — Indonesia and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), have demonstrated quick move in helping the Philippines which is now facing devastating moment after being hit by super typhoon “Haiyan” that took thousands of people and destroyed its infrastructure. The delivery of Indonesian relief aids to the Philippines commenced on Wednesday, using the country’s military cargo plane C-130 Hercules, conducted in several sorties.

Indonesia devoted 75 tons of logistics and supplies that comprised of power generators, blankets, tents, instant foods, medical supplies and volunteers after making active contacts with Philippine authorities in determining necessities needed by survivors in the affected areas.

Indonesia has ordered its disaster mitigation agency of BNPB, volunteers, related ministries and skilled rescuers to join in national search and rescue agency of BASARNAS to facilitate the sending of relief aids to areas affected by the strike of the strongest typhoon recorded in modern history that claimed more than 2,300 lives according to latest report. In the latest catastrophe that hit neighboring country of the Philippines, Indonesia has also allocated 2 million US dollars worth of relief aids that consisted of 1 million US dollars of cash channeled through banking mechanism and logistics and supplies.

Indonesia previously sent relief aids worth 940,000 US dollars in the event of flood and landslide in the Philippines in 2011 and another 500,000 US dollars in relief aid when the country was hit by typhoon “Wash” in the same year.

Earlier this year, Indonesia sent 1 million US dollars of funds, rice, logistics and supplies and personnel to help people of the Philippines when typhoon “Bo-pha” hit that country.

Philippines thanks foreign donors for typhoon victims

MANILA, 14 Nov — The Philippines expressed gratitude for foreign countries which had offered donations for victims of typhoon “Haiyan” or locally known as Yolanda, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said here on Wednesday.

The country has received assistance from 36 countries and international organizations with a total value of 89.5 million US dollars (3.83 billion pesos), the DFA said in a statement issued on Wednesday.

“We would like to convey the sincerest gratitude to our international partners and kababayan abroad for their generous and swift response in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda,” said DFA spokesman Raul Hernandez. This figure accounts only for cash donations and in-kind donations to which monetary valuation had been assigned by the donors.

Most of the international assistance, either in monetary form or in-kind donations, does not go through the Philippine government. The DFA, as the first point of contact for the international community, is notified of pledges of international assistance, and then will pass on the information to the country’s disaster relief council and other agencies, the DFA said.

Indonesia, ASEAN demonstrate quick response to help Philippines

People dressed in traditional costumes welcome guests at the airport in Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka, on 13 Nov, 2013. The biennial Commonwealth leaders’ summit will be held here from 15 to 17 November.—Xinhua

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A man rides past a destroyed gasolene pump signboard in the aftermath of super typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban city, central Philippines on 13 Nov, 2013. —REUTERS

Three naval vessels. Transferred to help to Philippines.
Mexico nears electoral reform, opening door to energy bill

MEXICO CITY, 14 Nov — Accused a generation ago of engineering the “perfect dictatorship,” Mexico's ruling party is now close to agreeing on a plan that could weaken the presidency and strengthen Congress in order to win votes for a major energy reform.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and its opposition rivals are sharply expected to unveil the blueprint for a reform aimed at giving Congress greater oversight of government and allowing lawmakers to serve consecutive terms.

Billed as a step forward for democracy, the electoral reform is a bargaining chip for President Enrique Pena Nieto’s most ambitious plan — changing the constitution to allow more private capital into the state-controlled oil industry.

The energy bill is the central pivot of a broader drive for change from telecoms to education that Pena Nieto hopes will help boost Mexico’s economic growth, which has long lagged that of other countries in the region. Pena Nieto needs two-thirds of the votes in Congress to change the constitution. But the PRI does not even have a majority, making it dependent on help from an opposition keen to cut back the party’s long-standing domination of Mexican politics.

Some of the votes needed for the oil reform are likely to come from the conservative National Action Party (PAN) — which has made them conditional on electoral reform passing first. That is close to becoming reality.

“We’ve come almost 100 percent of the way,” Jose Maria Martinez, PAN deputy leader in the Senate, told Reuters, adding that he expected a preliminary deal on electoral reform this week. Senior politicians in the PRI, PAN and the leftist Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD) say they see eye-to-eye on most of the reform and PRI Senate leader Emilio Gamboa told local radio that a bill could be voted on next week.

If approved, it would then go to the lower house, improving the chances of a deal on the energy reform this year.

Political sparring over how much to open up the oil industry, which the left is resisting, has raised doubts about whether Congress can approve an energy reform this year.

Reuters
Yoko Ono debuts peace exhibition in Sydney

SYDNEY, 14 Nov — In Yoko Ono’s new exhibition “War is Over (if you want it)” in Sydney, Australia, the writer, artist and peace activist hopes to unite people to dream and work towards a better future through art.

“It’s what we can do to change society,” Ono, the widow of Beatles frontman John Lennon, told a news conference at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia in Sydney, where the show opens on Friday and runs until late February.

The interactive parts of the exhibition were designed to encourage collaboration between people, linked to a central theme of world peace, she said.

The mixed-media presentation, Ono’s first solo show in Australia, features works from more than five decades including sculptures, vintage collage spreads and a chess game with all-white pieces.

The title “War is Over (if you want it)” refers to a campaign by Ono and Lennon in 1969 when they

Keys set to give blazing show

NEW YORK, 14 Nov — Rapper Eminem’s latest album debuted with the second-largest opening sales week this year, rocketing to the top of the weekly Billboard 200 music chart on Wednesday.

“The Marshall Mathers LP 2,” Eminem’s eighth studio album and seventh to reach No 1, sold 792,000 copies in its first week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

The album falls only behind singer Justin Timberlake’s “The 20/20 Experience,” which opened in March with 968,000 copies, for top opening sales week this year.

Eminem’s new album is a continuation of the rapper’s 2000 breakthrough record “The Marshall Mathers LP,” which came in at No 30 on the Billboard 200 chart this week with sales of 10,000. Three other new albums debuted in the top 10 of the Billboard 200 this week.

Alicia Keys will set Shanghai on fire next Wednesday with her “Set the World On Fire” tour. Shanghai is the first stop on the Asian tour, which also includes stops in Macau, the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia.

It’s the American singer’s first time to Shanghai.

“I’ve heard a lot about the city, from friends and colleagues,” she says through an e-mail interview. “It’s a modern city. Many of my singer friends have performed here, which makes me curious and I look forward to going.

“I heard Shanghai snacks are famous. I will take the opportunity to try some,” she adds.

Keys says she will perform “Fallin.” “If I Ain’t Got You,” “No One,” “Empire State of Mind” and “Girl On Fire,” among other songs in Shanghai.

As always, she will play the piano while singing.

Keys blends spiritual songs with modern R&B, funk, jazz, hip-hop and pop to create something new and different.

Most of my Chinese fans only watch my performances on TV, my official website and videos on the Internet. I hope my debut in China allows more people to experience the real me,” she says.

“I hope more people will accept my music style and understand my music. I hope I can show my gratitude for their support to me for so many years by meeting them face-to-face here,” she adds.

Keys reveals that she will wear a qipao for the performance, describing it as sexy.

She writes and produces her own songs and albums. Keys’ debut album, “Songs in A Minor,” was sold more than 12 million copies. As a 14-time Grammy Award-winning singer, Keys has also graced the cover of Time Magazine. Her second album, “The Diary of Alicia Keys” was another success, selling about eight million copies.

Her fifth album, “Girl On Fire” was released in 2012. Over her career, she has sold more than 65 million records worldwide.

Keys has a tattoo of a musical note on her waist, of which she says, “music is my life and I perform my music with my body.”

Ahead of the Shanghai concert, Keys says: “I hope my songs remind people of their good memories. The concert will be like a big party, in which one can either listen to songs peacefully or get excited and dance with the music. It will be an unforgettable night.”—Xinhua

Actor Alec Baldwin’s accused stalker held in contempt

NEW YORK, 14 Nov — The woman accused of stalking Emmy-award winning actor Alec Baldwin and his wife was held in contempt of court during her trial on Wednesday after outbursts in a New York courtroom.

Judge Robert Mandelbaum had warned aspiring Canadian actress Genevieve Sabourin that he would throw her out of the courtroom on Tuesday after she interrupted testimony by Baldwin and his wife, Hilaria.

When her behavior did not improve on Wednesday, he ordered her to spend 30 days in jail. Sabourin, 41, is charged with 24 counts of harassment and stalking and could face up to a year in prison if convicted.

Baldwin, 55, was moved to tears during his testimony on Tuesday as he described Sabourin as “dangerous” and said she had ruined his engagement day when she showed up unannounced at his home.

During testimony at New York Criminal Court in lower Manhattan, Baldwin’s wife said she was terrified of the Montreal actress, whom she said had harassed her on Twitter during her pregnancy.

Sabourin’s lawyer argued that his client and Baldwin had a personal relationship and had exchanged emails for a year. Baldwin won an Emmy, Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards for his roles on NBC comedy series “30 Rock.”

He and his wife married in July 2012 and have a baby daughter.—Reuters
Ronaldo and Ibrahimovic battle for World Cup spot

The story of the 2014 World Cup will inevitably be written without one of the best players in Europe, Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal and Zlatan Ibrahimovic—Sweden’s duo of stars. They have never played together before, and there’s a strong possibility that the two will be in opposite teams.

Portugal, under the guidance of coach Paulo Bento, is currently ranked third in the world and has a chance to qualify for the World Cup. Sweden, under coach Erik Hamren, is currently ranked 16th and has a tough task ahead of them.

Both men are known for their skill and experience, and their presence in the team will undoubtedly add to the excitement of the tournament. However, it remains to be seen which team will come out on top.

Resurgent Djokovic seeks second Davis Cup triumph

Djokovic, the world’s top-ranked player, is set to lead Serbia in their Davis Cup semi-final against the United States. The Serb has been in good form lately, having won the ATP World Tour Finals in London earlier this month.

He has a chance to repeat his success in 2014, but the challenge will be tough against the strong US team. Djokovic will need to bring his A-game if he wants to lead Serbia to victory.

Former Mourinho deputy Karanka named Middlesbrough boss

Karanka, a former defender for Real Madrid and Derby County, has been appointed as the new manager of Middlesbrough. He replaces Tony Pulis, who left the club at the end of last season.

Karanka has a wealth of experience in managing, having previously worked for a number of clubs in England and Spain. He will be looking to turn around the fortunes of Middlesbrough, who have struggled in recent seasons.

Former over-age player in a Costa Rica qualifying campaign for the 2010 World Cup, Cesar Sasu, has also been appointed as Middlesbrough’s new assistant manager.

Mexico thrash New Zealand 5-1 in World Cup playoff

Mexico took on New Zealand in a World Cup playoff match on Wednesday, and emerged victorious with a 5-1 win. The goal was scored in the first half by Raul Jimenez, with goals from Juan Carlos Osorio, Jesus Navarro, Hector Herrera, and Oribe Peralta in the second half.

This victory guarantees Mexico a place in the World Cup, and they will now face the winner of the Costa Rica vs. New Zealand playoff match to decide who will represent CONCACAF in the tournament.
Tuition freeze proposed for University of California undergrads

San Francisco, Calif., 14 Nov — The new president of the University of California proposed freezing the cost of undergraduate tuition for another year to allow for an overhaul of how to pay for higher education in the state.

Janet Napolitano, the former US homeland security chief, announced the proposal on Wednesday, just six weeks after taking over the 10-campus University of California system, saying it would give administrators time to create a tuition system that would be less of a burden on families.

California has kept undergraduate tuition steady for the past two years, as politicians wrangled over state funding and families continued to struggle in the recovering economy.

“Tuition goes right to the heart of accessibility and affordability, two of the university’s guiding stars,” Napolitano said in remarks to regents in San Francisco.

Education advocates welcomed the move in a state where a smaller portion of high school graduates are going to university - in part because of ever-increasing fees. UC tuition has more than tripled since 1999, topping out at around $12,000 per year. Michele Siuqueres, executive director of the Campaign for College Opportunity, said the freeze would be of little help unless the state develops a long-term plan to both fund the university and avoid spikes in tuition, as Napolitano has urged.

“When times have been really bad, we’ve increased tuition for students, and when times are better we roll back,” said Siuqueres. “The roller coaster ride of fees for California students is really unfair.”

In hiring Napolitano to run the prestigious system, which includes the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of California, Los Angeles - state officials were counting on her political savvy and fund-raising prowess to restore a system racked by years of budget cuts and turmoil.

Chosen from among more than 300 candidates, the 55-year-old Democrat took the helm of a university struggling to recover from economic crises that have eaten away at the state budget and on off for nearly two decades.

Cuts of nearly $1 billion over the last five years led to several tuition increases as well as class shortages, and have strained relations with faculty and staff through the imposition of furlough days and hiring freezes.

Napolitano has quickly moved to restore relationships with faculty and students. In her first action last month, she announced new programs aimed to help undocumented immigrants and graduate students pay for their educations. “We need to figure out, in the real world in which we live, how to bring clarity to, and reduce certainty in, the tuition-setting process.—Reuters

Foreign-language teaching contest ends in Shanghai

Beijing, 14 Nov — Two college teachers won the top prizes in a national foreign-language teaching competition that lasted six months before ending Tuesday in Shanghai.

More than 1,500 universities and colleges from around the country participated.

Tao Xin of Capital Medical University in Beijing won first prize for comprehensive course education, while Dai Jiuxi, a teacher from Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, won first prize for colloquial course education.

The competition, now in its fourth year, explores innovative teaching models and aims to improve the overall level of China’s foreign language education. It is sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Shanghai Foreign Language Education Press.

Munich, 14 Nov — Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness, facing trial for tax evasion next year, broke down in tears as the club posted their best financial results in 113 years.

In a festive annual general assembly, Hoeness, who received several standing ovations, could not hold back his tears as club bosses heaped praise on him following a treble-winning season.

Turnover stood at 393 million euros ($526.80 million), up from 332 million ($445.03 million) in 2011-12.

When turnover for the Alianz Arena Stadium Ltd was taken into account, the treble-winning club’s figure cracked the 400 million euro mark for the first time and stood at 432.8 million ($580.15 million), Bayern said at their annual general assembly in Munich.

With chants of “Uli, Uli” in support of Hoeness, who is charged with failing to pay taxes in relation to a Swiss bank account, some 4,000 members in the Audi Dome arena gave the board a vocal seal of approval after a record-breaking season for Hoeness, at the club for more than 40 years as a player, manager and president, addressed his legal woes, saying he had made a mistake in relation to a Swiss bank account. “I made a big mistake by not having investment income abroad taxed. I did not take hundreds of millions out of the country,” said Hoeness, after wiping away tears. “I will face this mistake.”

Hoeness, who enjoys the board’s backing, said he would call an extraordinary general meeting after the end of his trial to see whether members still wanted him to stay in charge.

“I have every faith in the Bavarian justice system,” he said amid roaring applause. “I hope this story has a good ending in March. If I am then still allowed to serve here then I promise you I will lead this club until the day I stop breathing.”
EU to build economic, political partnership with Myanmar

The establishment of an EU-Myanmar Task Force was announced in March, the first such mechanism in Asia. The purpose of the Task Force is to provide comprehensive support to the transition in Myanmar by bringing together all of the tools and mechanisms – both political and economic (development aid, peace process support, investments) – available to the EU, said EU high ranking officials.

European Council appointed Ms Catherine Ashton as the EU’s first High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

EU will build an economic and political partnership with Myanmar and cooperate in the areas of establishing industries and SMEs, setting standards on raw materials and developing comprehensive standards and formulating strategies in the sectors like tourism.

The Vice-President of the European Commission told the media that three objectives of EU representatives of special task force to visit Myanmar are to support Myanmar’s economic reform and democratization process, to enhance development partnership between Myanmar and EU and to boost opportunities for economic growth and development by the two sides. —MNA

First Amyotha Hluttaw eight regular session concludes

The first Amyotha Hluttaw eight regular session concluded successfully today.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than responded to the question raised by U Saw Maw Tun of Bago Region Constituency No (1) on production of paddy strains that can resist natural disasters and climate change and suitable for regions at the 18th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw today that flood-tolerant strains of paddy and salt-resistant paddy strains are being distributed to farmers in flood-stricken areas and coastal regions.

Moreover, agriculture plans which are agreed with regional climate patterns and that can provide cost effectiveness are being implemented in regions and states, he added.

Next, the Hluttaw approved the motion of U Ne Win Tun (chairman of mining and resources affairs committee) of Shan State Constituency No (9) to discuss the bill amending the Myanmar Gems Law.

The bill is aimed at collecting taxes and revenue correctly from gems mining, developing gems market in accord with the market economy and controlling gems smuggling.

The eighth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw successfully concluded in the afternoon. —MNA

Depression not to move towards Myanmar coasts

According to the observations at 12.30 hrs MST today, the depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal is centered at about 290 miles Southeast of Chennai (India) and 510 miles Southwest of Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh). It is forecast to move westwards. Under the influence of the depression, occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in Delta, Gulf of Martaban, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 m.p.h.

The present stage of the depression is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department. —MNA