President U Thein Sein receives former British Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Mr. Tony Blair, former British Prime Minister, and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

At the call, they discussed inflow of foreign investment for development of socio-economic of the people, job opportunities, development of tourism industry, electrification in rural areas and more foreign investment in electricity sector.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane and U Khin Yi, Deputy Minister U Ye Htut and officials. —MNA

Japan, Myanmar to boost economic cooperation through business seminars

YANGON, 16 Nov — Under the arrangement of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association and with the sponsorship of Shin Ye Htut Group and MORI Co Ltd, Business Seminar titled “How To Invest In Myanmar” took place at the meeting hall of City FM in Bahan Township this morning.

At the seminar, Yangon Region Electricity and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo said he takes pride for Japan’s investment in SMEs and pledges that the region government will provide necessary assistance.

Japan is 11th largest investor in Myanmar and its investment will be from 2nd to 5th position within five years, according to Mr. SAWADA HIDEO, Chairman of Asian Business Leader Association from Japan. General Secretary U Ye Htut of the Association expressed his belief that holding of business seminar will promote not only amity but economic sector between the two countries.

Departmental officials explained investment and tourism industry.

The officials gave clarifications on queries raised by the Japanese entrepreneurs. It was also attended by Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, departmental officials, the Japanese entrepreneurs and guests. —MNA

Japanese government grants US$ 727,387 for five projects

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — Japanese Ambassador Mr. Mikiro Numata and chairman of committees of five projects under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Society Projects (GGP) Scheme, totally amounting to US$ 727,387.

The GGP will spend US$ 153,379 on construction of Kyinthe Village Basic Education High School in Kayin State; US$ 112,346 on construction of bridge at Pay Si Kyun Village in Nyaungdon Township.

These assistance will improve educational, social and economic environment and future strengthen existing friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar through these projects.

Japanese government has helped 646 various grass-roots projects in Myanmar under GGP scheme since 1993.

Khin Swe Oo, Aung Thin, Theikpan Hmu Tin win Lifetime Achievement National Literary Award for 2012

YANGON, 16 Nov — As a gesture of acknowledging those who have dedicated to promoting literary in the country during their life, the National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee of the Ministry of Information announced that Sayamagyi Daw Kin Swe Oo (Khin Swe Oo), Sayagyi U Aung Thin (Aung Than) and Sayagyi U Tin Maung (Theikpan Hmu Tin) have been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement National Literary Award for 2012.

Based on a proposed list submitted by the 95-member National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee, the Lifetime Achievement National Literary Award winners were chosen in an open and transparent way in the presence of the literati who are responsible for approving the winners of National Literary Award.

Lifetime Achievement National Literary Award winners have been announced since 2011. Sithu U Hla Kyang (Paragu) (deceased), Sithu U Hlin Phat (Maung Hlin) (deceased), Sithu U Huy Maung (Huy Maung), Sithu U Lay Myan (Lay Myan), Sithu Daw Yin Yin (Saw Mon Nyin) (deceased), Sithu Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan), Sithu U Kyi Aye (Hsinbyukyun Aung Thein), Sithu Dr Kyaw Sein (deceased), Sithu Dr Khin Maung Nyunt, Sithu Dr Thaw Kaung and U Win Maung (Min Yu Wai) had been given National Literary Awards. Altogether three literati were recognized with the Lifetime Achievement National Literary Award for excellence in the field of literary and promotion of literary during their lifetime.

The National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee also announced the winners of National Literary Award for 2012 today.

Writers Htet Naing (Talok Myoth), Khin Myint Zin, Ko (Thekkatho), Dr. Khin Latyar, Steven Ni-kiyo, Shwe Myaing Pyone Lei Maw, Maung Myint Kywe, Tin Maung Myint, Maung Hon Won (Kah-tika), Kyaw Oo, Dr Khin Sann Maung, Kyaw Win and Myint Aung won National Literary Award for the year 2012 in the genres of novel, collective short stories. (See page 6)

Presentation of GGP assistance to officials in Letpadan Township in progress. —NLM

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Two aircrafts to fulfill need of public transportation arrive at Yangon International Airport

**Yangon, 16 Nov—**
Two American-made CESSNA GRAND N8 1530, N8 1535 aircrafts worth K 2.5 million each arrived at Yangon International Airport, here, yesterday. The two aircrafts will operate in border areas and places lack of smooth transportation as of December.

“Now, they are being kept at Channayat-hazi Airport and would be used to ply the places where big flights face difficulties in landing. It charges about K 700,000 for one hour per flight,” said an official of the Department of Civil Aviation.

Each aircraft has 12 passenger seats.

**Kyemon-Kay Thein Swe, photo-Khin Maung Win**

25 acres of maize boost 80 baskets per acre in MyinmuTsp

**Myinmu, 16 Nov—**
Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and officials concerned looked round the maize grain plantation at former educative model plot of Farm No. (337) in Kanpya Village of Myinmu Township on 10 November. It is intended to make maize the second cultivation season.

The timber smugglers have illegally exported precious teak and cattle to neighboring country in cooperation with illegal migrants from other countries with the help of local armed forces in Bhamo, Mansi, Momelik and Momauk regions. During the period from 5 August to 12 November, the local military columns seized 934.302 kinds of illegal timber logs, 92 kinds of vehicles, cattle and 53 timber smugglers including one foreigner.

With the aim of protecting the precious natural resources of the State, the local battalions raided Mansi, Situ, Namthitpa, Kaungja, Maingkaung, Magajtun and Momeik regions in search of illegal timber smugglers.

**Kyemon-Myo Naing-Myinmu**

Livestock Myanmar 2014 Expo on 23-25 January

**Yangon, 16 Nov—**
“Livestock Myanmar 2014 Expo” will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, from 23 to 25 January. It is intended to make breeders know the opportunities that will be brought about by the establishment of ASEAN Economic Community in 2015.

Deputy Director-General Dr Khin Zaw of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department commented that the expo will help develop livestock breeding sector in Myanmar with oil and gas and natural resources in abundance which is said by IMF “A Rising Star”.

**Kyemon-Thiha Thu**
Brazil orders convicted ruling party officials to begin prison time

SÃO PAULO, 16 Nov — Brazil’s Supreme Court on Friday ordered former leaders of the ruling Workers’ Party to begin serving sentences following landmark convictions over a congressional vote-buying scheme in a country with a long history of political corruption.

Jose Dirceu, a party founder and former chief of staff to former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, turned himself in to federal police on Friday evening to begin serving a prison sentence of more than 10 years. He is one of 12 ordered to serve time over a scandal that nearly toppled the government during the first of the left-leaning party’s three administrations. Jose Genonho, a former party president and a congressman on leave because of poor health, also turned himself in to start a nearly seven-year sentence.

Delúbio Soares, a former party treasurer who faces an eight-year sentence, was expected to appear as well.

A spokesman for the Federal Police said the detainees would be flown to the capital Brasilia over the weekend to start serving sentences that in some cases involve only night-time incarceration.

While the trial wrapped up last year, the court only now has begun imposing the first of the sentences for crimes ranging from corruption to racketeering to money laundering.

The scandal emerged after an embittered Workers Party ally, the leader of the left-leaning party’s official donor group, turned himself in to start a sentence for corruption to racketeering to money laundering.

Despite the delays, not uncommon in a country with a notoriously slow judicial system, the imprisonments are being applauded by many Brazilians because they are considered a sign of at least partial progress against a culture long tolerant of corruption.

Along with bad public services and a sluggish economy, disgust with corruption was one of the many factors that led hundreds of thousands of Brazilians to take to the streets in a series of mass protests in June.

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**Science & Technology**

**Smart coat that gives weather updates, charges phones**

New York, 16 Nov — The world’s first smart trench coat to charge your cell phone and also provide weather information is being developed in the US. The coat, dubbed as M, comes with a smartphone app that monitors the weather and advises you if and when you should wear the garment. To charge a phone, users simply slide their handset into the coat’s breast pocket and connect it to the charging dock.

Though having a charging station in your coat sounds uncomfortable, its makers at Motif, a New York-based company, claim it should be ready to launch by February 2014.

Balbi sees the M as the first step to creating a complete smart wardrobe. This isn’t just a coat with charging and Wi-Fi, it’s about the future of clothing...and how clothing will communicate with each other and the end user,” Balbi said. While pricing for the M has not yet been announced, Balbi said it shouldn’t cost more than an average trench coat.

Motif is currently accepting applicants for an alpha tester programme. Participants will get behind the scenes look at how the coat is made, speak with engineers and attend events where they can try the M on, eventually, Motif will select a handful of alpha testers to wear the coat for one to two weeks at a time, after which they will give the company their impressions of the M based on their experiences.

**Twitter introduces self-serve ads outside US**

San Francisco, 16 Nov — Twitter Inc said on Thursday it would introduce self-serve ads for small- and medium-sized businesses in three countries outside the United States, marking one of its first moves to expand revenue as a publicly listed company.

Businesses in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Canada will be able to buy “promoted” ads that can be shown to targeted Twitter users beginning this week, the company said. Twitter's users generated $24 billion in 2012, and the company said it has seen a surge in ad sales. In 2011, Twitter said, it had more than 100,000 advertisers globally.

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Japan team renews world record of EV travel distance  
Akita, 16 Nov — A Japanese team set a new world record on Friday for distance traveled by an electric vehicle on a single battery charge, running 1,300 kilometres on a course in Akita Prefecture in northeastern Japan.

The four-driver team included Kenjiro Shinozuka, 64, who became the first Japanese driver to win the Dakar Rally in 1997. The team said it plans to file a request with Guinness World Records for recognition of the feat, which eclipsed the previous mark of 1,003.2 km.
Handy gene test kit can find risk of disease

**Photo taken in October 2013 shows genetic test kits offered by Tokyo-based Genesis Healthcare Co. The kits, 5,800 yen each, examine gene sequences and determine the likelihood of a user’s developing a specific disease using past data. — KYODO NEWS**

Tokyo, 16 Nov — Discovering whether you are at risk of developing a certain disease once required going to hospital and sitting around in a waiting room. Now, however, it can be done with a simple test conducted at home or at a drugstore. Keiko Suzuki, 43, a company employee from Tokyo, bought a genetic test kit in April to discover whether she is at risk for diabetes. Her father had suffered from the disease and often needed insulin injections, and Suzuki (not her real name) had long worried about developing diabetes too. Every time she took a health checkup, she first checked her blood glucose levels.

Suzuki decided to take the genetic test at age 43 as that was when her father became diabetic. The test was positive. “It does not mean that I will be diabetic for sure, but it feels like I cannot get away from it,” she said. “Now I am preparing myself (for the disease) and eating healthy food and exercising.” A genetic test kit created by Genesis Healthcare Co, the largest in the industry in Japan, examines gene sequences and determines the likelihood of a user’s developing a specific disease based on past data. Anyone aged 18 or older can take the test. In the test, a user at home takes samples of mucous membrane from the mouth and saliva with cotton swabs included in the kit and sends them back to the Tokyo-based company.

Similar kits are available to test for diseases and conditions such as obesity and osteoporosis. Each test costs 5,800 yen. The results take at least several weeks and when results are positive the company includes advice on measures to prevent the disease. A more detailed test is also available for 29,800 yen that checks for 37 kinds of diseases such as heart attack and rheumatoid arthritis as well as diabetes in one go. The test screens 68 kinds of genes.

Genesis Healthcare said it deals carefully with the information, encrypting identification numbers in gene samples so that users cannot be identified. Since users may suffer distress as a result, the company confirms in a letter of consent in advance whether they really wish to go ahead with the test. — KYODO News

Women may have harder concussion recovery than men

**NEW YORK, 16 Nov —** After a concussion, women tend to have worse symptoms than men. That’s the case even when athletes were injured playing the same sport, according to a new study of young soccer players. Some recent studies have found gender differences in memory and other symptoms after concussions, with women generally doing worse. The new study, however, suggests that women may actually recover faster than men. The researchers looked at 39 male and 56 female soccer players who sustained a concussion. All were in high school or college. The athletes took computer tests that measured their learning and memory skills, reaction time and physical symptoms before the soccer season started and again eight days after their concussion. On the preseason tests, men and women scored fairly similarly. But eight days after their concussions, women scored lower on a test that measures a person’s ability to remember visual images — 69 percent, on average, compared to 77 percent among men. Scores on other thinking and memory tests were still comparable. Women also reported more total concussion symptoms compared to male concussed athletes, she added. The researchers looked at 39 male and 56 female soccer players who sustained a concussion. All were in high school or college. The athletes took computer tests that measured their learning and memory skills, reaction time and physical symptoms before the soccer season started and again eight days after their concussion. On the preseason tests, men and women scored fairly similarly. But eight days after their concussions, women scored lower on a test that measures a person’s ability to remember visual images — 69 percent, on average, compared to 77 percent among men. Scores on other thinking and memory tests were still comparable. Women also reported more total concussion symptoms compared to male concussed athletes, she added.

Tokyo, 16 Nov — Japan and Canada have deepened understanding of each other’s views in their talks on a bilateral trade agreement, especially in the areas of intellectual property, services and competition policies, a Foreign Ministry official said on Tuesday.

The two sides had productive discussions in those areas, the ministry said in a statement issued after Japan’s chief delegate and Canada’s assistant deputy minister for trade met in Ottawa for the fourth round of free trade talks held from Tuesday through Thursday, but declined to elaborate further.

There were no discussions on eliminating tariffs on farm products, the official added. Japan and Canada decided to enter free trade talks in March 2012. It has yet to be decided when they will have the next round of negotiations.

**Kyodo News**

Lenovo moves up the ranks

**BEIJING, 16 Nov —** Lenovo Group Ltd — the world’s largest personal computer manufacturer — has recently acquired a new position. The company successfully made a foray into the global smartphone market and became the third-largest smartphone vendor in the third quarter of the year, according to a Gartner Inc report. Lenovo surpassed South Korea-based LG Electronics Inc to become the world’s third-biggest smartphone vendor in the quarter ended 30 September, according to research firm Canalys.

This is the best position Lenovo since the company focused on the smartphone business for the first time in 2009. The Beijing-based Lenovo shipped 12.9 million smartphones — representing 5.1 percent share of the global smartphone market — in the third quarter, Gartner said in a mobile phone industry report.

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Lenovo continues to rely heavily on its smartphone market, which represents more than 95 percent of its overall mobile phone sales. This could limit its growth after 2014, when the Chinese market is expected to decelerate, said Anshul Gupta, a research analyst at Gartner.

Lenovo, already the world’s top PC maker, announced plans to expand into the smartphone business only about three years ago. In 2008, the company sold its mobile business to “concentrate on the PC sector” but bought it back a year later. Liu Jun, senior vice-president of the company, said in a previous interview that Lenovo is the smartphone brand with the fastest growth rate worldwide.

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**Sunday, 17 November, 2013**
OIC delegation assures Government of principled position of OIC, OIC institutions and member states not to discriminate on basis of race, ethnicity and religion in provision of humanitarian assistance

Joint Communiqué between Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in Rakhine State of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and OIC

1. Upon the invitation of the Government of Myanmar a delegation consisting of the OIC Secretary General, Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Djibouti and Turkey, and high level representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Aff airs of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia paid a visit to Myanmar from 14-16 November 2013.

2. The visit provided a unique opportunity to the OIC delegation to be apprised of and observe first-hand the political, economic and administrative changes that Myanmar is going through under the leadership of President U Thein Sein towards ensuring peace, stability, rule of law and socio-economic progress, consistent with the aspirations of the people of Myanmar.

3. The delegation expressed support to the Government’s efforts to further promote inter-communal reconciliation, tolerance and peaceful co-existence in all sectors of society by, inter alia, encouraging interfaith and inter-communal dialogue and understanding and by supporting community leaders in this direction.

4. The delegation welcomed various statements and assurances of the Government of Myanmar to put an end to all acts of violence and protect the civilian population from violence and to ensure full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including in Rakhine State.

5. The delegation particularly took note of and found exceptionally important the statements of President U Thein Sein, including his statement of 28 March, 2013, in which he guaranteed all perpetrators of violence would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and noted the establishment of the Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in Rakhine State, as well as his message of 1 October, 2013 to the Leaders of Five Faiths.

6. The delegation underlined its appreciation for the invitation addressed by the Government of Myanmar to the Delegation and the Government’s readiness to engage with the OIC and its member states in line with its cooperation with the international community. The Delegation appreciated the facilitation during the visit, of the engagement with the Central Committee, headed by Vice-President Dr Sai Maik Kham and overseeing the Working Committees tasked to promote integrated social and economic development.

7. The delegation appreciated the ongoing efforts of the Government aimed at reviewing legislation, including the Constitution, in a compatible manner with the international standards and democratic principles.

8. The delegation called upon the Government to continue legal reforms, including repealing laws restricting fundamental freedoms.

9. The delegation noted the explanations of the Myanmar authorities about their determination and efforts to address the challenges relating to human rights, citizenship, economic opportunities and development affecting ethnic and religious minorities, including the situation in Rakhine State.

10. The delegation expressed the readiness of the OIC member states to be able to further contribute to the ongoing humanitarian and rehabilitation assistance provision from the OIC member states and institutions, including from the civil society organizations in full coordination with the Government, and to support Government efforts to address the humanitarian, rehabilitation and development needs of the communities in the country including in Rakhine State.

11. The delegation expressed satisfaction by the confirmation of the Permanent Representative of Myanmar in his address to the UNGA stating that “The Government stands ready to provide full access and facilitate humanitarian and other assistance from any sources, including the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) if the assistance is non-discriminatory and meant for both affected communities.”

The Government and the delegation expressed their common desire to continue the Government’s engagement with the OIC in all aspects and exchanged of information to enable the OIC to provide all sorts of support to the Government in tackling all challenges, where its support would be relevant and needed, in the spirit of common humanity and in full respect for the principle of avoidance of interference in the internal affairs of a country, and of the national unity and sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar.

12. The Government of Myanmar acknowledged the delegation and OIC member states for their interest to help Myanmar promote national reconciliation and continue its progress towards full democracy and welfare in peace and stability.

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collective poems, belles-letters, culture and arts, children’s literature, translation (general knowledge), translation (esthetic), general knowledge (art), general knowledge (science), general knowledge (applied science), political and English-language book (general knowledge).

Of the genres including English-language book (general knowledge) and (esthetic), the missing awards for this year were youth literature, drama and English-language book (esthetic).

The National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee formed with 95 intellectuals and intelligentia from the fields of literary and printing and published selected the winners by screening 2329 books published in 2012 in three stages.

The list of the names of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners are also announced by Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutinizing Committee today.

In novel category, writers Soe Myint Maung (Tharawaw), Thwet Hla Hla and Thu Thein won first, second and third prizes respectively. Maung Nai Chi (Puyay) won first prize in collective short stories category while second and third prizes went to Thaung Myint Oo (Kunchankone) and Lieutenant Lwin Bo Bo Aung. Khan Phone Kyi (Mongpun), Kaung Nyunt Wai (Yezagyo) and Myat Htet and Kanbalu Khan Maung Swe. Kyunsinmay Saw Khet won the second prize in translation category.

The Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutinizing Committee formed with 36 intellectuals and intelligentia from the fields of literary and printing and publishing examined 165 books published in 2012 in three stages to select the winners.

The winners are invited to contact administrative and support committee and admin section of Sarpay Beikman (Ph: 01 376569 and 01 381449) at No. 529/531 on Merchant Street in Yangon as soon as possible and send two 5"x7" color photos and two passport size photos each together with a letter of biography.

The literary house that published the prize-winning books will be invited to attend the prize presentation ceremony. Lifetime National Literary Award and National Literary Award winners will be awarded at the National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award presentation ceremony to be held at National Theater on Myoma Kyaung Street in Yangon on 3 December, 2013 (1st Waxing of Nadaw, 1375 ME), to be held National Theater on Myoma Kyaung Street in Yangon on 3 December, 2013 (1st Waxing of Nadaw, 1375 ME).
**LOCAL NEWS**

**Drawing development plan of universities discussed**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Acting Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Aye from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Director-General Dr Soe Win of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) responded to remarks discussed by Director Daw Khin Mar Aye from the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security and International Labour Organization (ILO) took place at Hotel Amara, here, yesterday morning, attended by Union Minister (Upper Myanmar),

In the afternoon, the Acting Union Minister met Education Manager Mr Nguyen Thuong Hai of Intel Vietnam Company Ltd and discussed matters related to giving ICT Training to teachers from the basic education level.

**Station hospital handed over in Thabeikkyin**

THABEIKKYIN, 16 Nov—A ceremony to hand over new building of 16-bed station hospital was held in Twinge Village of Thabeikkyin Township in Mandalay Region on 10 November.

Thabeikkyin Township Taungtha-Natogyi inter-township road completed

Taungtha Township Development Affairs Committee is giving priority to roads and bridges which are basic needs for the rural development in this township of Mandalay Region. The committee constructed 21 miles and seven furlongs long Ngathayauk-Zagyan-Bannwevon gravel road, one mile and two furlongs long Kanywa-Ywathit gravel road and 2105 feet long Welaung-Kanywa-Ywathit gravel road in 2011-12 fiscal year.

At present, the committee expanded the shoulders of 18 miles and one furlong long Taungtha-Natogyi Road as of July 2013. The committee formed the special groups for construction of Taungtha-Natogyi Road, spending K 500 million of its fund. So far, the road has been completed by cent per cent. In the past, Taungtha-

Taungtha-Natogyi Mandalay asphalt road was 35 miles section.

The road has now been upgraded to the new one which is 17 miles shorter than the old one. That is why, the local people could save time along the road. However, the local people take care of avoiding carts with iron wheel along the road, said an Assistant Engineer.

Taungtha-Natogyi Road is contributing to development of 8120 houses from 41 villages along its route with betterment of education, health and agricultural sectors.

In the future, the local people can transport their domestic products to other regions enjoying smooth and swift flow of commodities.

**Agricultural loans disbursed for cold season crops in Pyapon**

PYAPON, 16 Nov—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Pyapon District in Ayeawady Region will disburse agricultural loans for cold season crops to farmers by December this year.

The bank will disburse K 100,000 per acre for cold season paddy. Last year, the bank disbursed K 80,000 per acre for cold season paddy, said bank branch manager Daw Khin Saw Wady Myint.

The bank had coordinated with responsible persons of village committees on 7 November. They discussed disbursements of loans to the farmers under the law.

The loan supervisory committee will supervise the staff not to collect any fee from the farmers and to issue the loan to the farmers who are really to grow cold season paddy.

**Falam with sweet smell of pine**

British stationed on Vancao mountain range in 1889, Falam is a town of 120 years old. It is home to over 7780 population of 1724 buildings and houses and it is a district level town where various national race staff are discharging duties at many departmental offices.

MMAL Lin Let Kyel (Taungtha)
The sooner the better

After taking office in 2011, the government initiated a peace process to end the more than 60 years of conflict in the country. The government held peace talks with each ethnic armed organization individually first. Recently the government hosted all groups, sitting together at the negotiating table for two days, for a nation-wide ceasefire deal in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

The peace talks produced an agreement to hold a political dialogue as soon as possible. A joint statement was released and the two sides have agreed on the three points—to sign a nation-wide ceasefire accord, draw up a framework for and hold a political dialogue—to be realized for reaching political agreements.

Some analysts said the landmark meeting between the government and ethnic armed organizations failed to nail down a ceasefire and agree on the point that which one—ceasefire deal and political dialogue—should begin first. In fact, the peace talks showed progress as the two sides exchanged their proposals for nationwide ceasefire during the peace talks. But others pointed out that the progression of the peace process can be retarded by differences between the two proposals if no prospect of compromise is taking shape.

Nonetheless, we believed both sides will be prepared to realize the three points they have agreed on and to compromise their principles at the next meeting in Hpa-an, the capital of Kayin State, in December. After the years of armed conflicts, the entire people is longing for a lasting peace. So, a strong desire for peace is a must for all stakeholders. Only a compromise agreement could bring a mutually better outcome for both sides. The sooner the better, the sooner we can fulfill the people’s wish for peace.

In all, we would like to urge all stakeholders to seek a compromise to be able to avoid possible clashes of ideology of the day. The acceptable compromise would pave the way for peace which is desperately needed to delete the woes of the persons with feelings of insecurity, whatever compromise both sides made.

Yin May Myo stands third in 6th Singha golf championships-2013

YANGON, 16 Nov—Myanmar youth golf team led by Joint Secretary General U Myo Tun of Myanma Golf Federation participated in the 6th Singha Thailand Junior golf championships-2013 held at Royal Hua Hin Golf Club of Thailand from 7 to 11 November 2013. A total of 117 participants from ten countries including 12 Myanmar golfers—nine men and three women—competed in the championships.

Yin May Myo won the third prize in Girl Class CB. Thaw Wai Myo, the Myanmar youth golf team’s participants in the 6th Singha Thailand Junior World golf championships-2013 participated in the 6th Singha Thailand Junior World golf championships-2013 held at Royal Hua Hin Golf Club of Thailand from 7 to 11 November 2013. A total of 117 participants from ten countries including 12 Myanmar golfers—nine men and three women—competed in the championships. Yin May Myo won the third prize in Girl Class CB.

The victory was achieved by Samaññaphala Sutta, the Buddha’s Sutta which is a collection of messages imparted by Buddha himself. It contains teachings and commentaries on the suttas, including the Dhamma-Vinaya (discourses) and monastic rules. The Sutta is considered a fundamental text in Buddhism, particularly for monastic life.

In the Sutta, the Buddha emphasizes the importance of living a life of contentment, mindfulness, and equanimity. He describes how such a life can lead to the attainment of the Nibbana, or the state of enlightenment.

The Sutta begins with the Buddha describing the four Noble Truths, which are the source of all suffering and the path to its cessation. The Buddha then describes the Noble Eightfold Path, which is the way to the cessation of suffering.

The Sutta also contains the discussion of the Three Jewels, which are the foundation of the Buddhist faith. These are the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the Sangha.

The Sutta emphasizes the importance of Sangha, referring to the community of monks who have renounced the world and dedicated their lives to the pursuit of spiritual growth. The Buddha stresses the importance of the Sangha as a support system for the monastics and as a means for the laypeople to gain merit through their support.

The Sutta concludes with the Buddha’s final teaching, in which he describes the process of death and rebirth. He explains how the process of rebirth is dependent on the karma accumulated in previous lives.

The Sutta is considered a central text in the Buddhist tradition, and its teachings are often recited and discussed in monasteries and in the context of lay Buddhist communities. It is a source of inspiration for those seeking spiritual growth and a reminder of the impermanence and interdependence of all things.
Inlay Lake ...

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He viewed round life-style and cottage industries of villages in the region by boat. After inspecting Inlay Hotel Zone, the Vice-President heard reports on reclamation of hotel zone by state ministers. Hotel Zone is located on 620 acres of land between Kanbe and Chaungpya villages, 15 miles south to Nyuangshwe and east of Nyuangshwe-Nampen-Loikaw Road.

The Vice-President viewed documents related to Shan Sawbwa (Chiefs) at Cultural Museum building, here, this morning.

During their meeting, they friendly exchanged views on bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries.

Present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission member Daw Aye Aye Mu and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann

shakes hands with former British Prime Minister Mr Tony Blair.

* Tazaungmon

* The Eighth month of Myanmar calendar Tazaungmon coincides with November The Scorpion stands for its zodiacal sign Creep species Kha-we grows wild.

* Sky is clear, revealing all the stars The Asterism Kyattika gracefully appears In conjunction with the brightest moon With Kha-we flowers, Tazaungmon is adorned.

* Netkhat Thabin is embellished by lights Buildings are beautifully lit at nights Began as a Stellar Festival Netkhat Thabin has become traditional.

* It took place before the Buddha’s Enlightenment To make the people peaceful and pleasant With heavenly bodies, the blue sky is clear It’s the brightest month of the year.

* Communal groups offer “Kathina” robes “Bon-Kahtein” processions are seen on the roads Matheo Robe contests start when night falls Tazaungdaing Festival is rejoicing for all.

“Kya-ma-nyoe-pwe” is still all the rage Its performance is done before crows awake Tradition has been maintained since ancient days We feel happy and gay nowadays.

Maung Swe Ngae

Press conference on selection of literary awards held

Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint, Director U Win Kyi of Myanma Radio and Television, Deputy General Manager (Admin) U Maung Win of PPE and officials and local media persons.

First, Director U Win Kyi, leader of information team, extended greetings and the deputy GM gave an account of the matters related to selecting winners and holding the prize presentation ceremony.

Next, officials answered the queries raised by media men.

The 95-member National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee and 36-member Sarpy Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutinizing Committee screened the works of the writers to choose them as winners.

Three literates—Sayaguyi Daw Khin Swe Oo (Khin Swe Oo), Sayaguyi U Aung Thun (Aung Thun) and Sayaguyi U Tin Maung (Theikpan Hmu Tin)—were chosen as Lifetime Achievement National Literary Award winners for 2012.

National Literary Awards for 13 categories will be handed over to 13 authors and Sarpy Beikman Manuscript Awards for 13 categories to 26 authors.

Lifetime National Literary Award winners will be presented K 1.5 million and National Literary Award winners K 1 million. Winners of Sarpy Beikman Manuscript Award who stood first, second and third will be given K 500,000, K 300,000 and K 200,000 each.

National Literary Award and Sarpy Beikman Manuscript Award-giving ceremony will be held at National Theater on Myoma Kyuang Street in Yangon on 3 December, 2013.—MNA

Police L/Cpl Tun Hlaung with injury at right eye.

MNA

Police Pvt Kyan Aung of Police Battalion No 16 with injury at upper lip.—MNA

Damages of police vehicle in incident of Letpadauk on 14 November.—MNA
SACRED BUDDHA TOOTH RELIC CHAMBER OPENED IN PYAY FOR 114TH CEREMONY

Pyay, 16 Nov—A ceremony to open the chamber of sacred Buddha tooth relic was held for the 114th ceremony on the platform of Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Pyay of Bago Region on 13 November.

Also present on the occasion were Presiding Abbot of Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery State Ovadacarita Shwehsandaw Pagoda Board of Trustees Abhidhaja Maha Ratthha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jogikadhaja Bhaddanta Kundalajoti and members of the Sangha, Chief Minister fo Bago Region U Nyan Win and wife, Deputy Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw U Win Myint Soe, Bago Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Kyaw Myint, Commander of Regional Control Command (Pyay) Col Myint Aung, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, departmental heads, wellwishers and local people.

Sayaadaw Bhaddanta Kundalajoti administered the Five Precepts.

The Chief Minister supplicated on religious affairs, member of Pagoda Board of Trustees U Hein Lin and Chairman of Tooth Relic Committee U Khin Maung on matters related to sacred Buddha tooth relic.

Officials offered alms to members of the Sangha.

The Sayaadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.—Kyemon-Myo Yan Paing Win

MONSOON PADDY THRIVING IN MEIKTILA WITH IRRIGATION OF MEIKTILA LAKE

Meiktila, 16 Nov—At present, paddy plantations irrigated by Meiktila Lake (North) are thriving in Meiktila Township.

The local farmers from various villages in Meiktila Township grew monsoon paddy with irrigation of Meiktila Lake. Now, the paddy plants will be harvested in early December.

Officials and staff of Township Agriculture Department made field trips to the farmlands and gave advice to farmers to do early harvest and to prepare cultivation of summer paddy.

Last year, the farmers could not grow summer paddy. This year, the heavy rain filled Meiktila Lake. So, they have the opportunities to grow summer paddy with the supply of water from the lake.—Kyemon-Thein Myint Kyaw (Meiktila)

THE HSD

Shan State IPRD holds coord meeting

Taunggyi, 16 Nov—With the aim of uplifting work proficiency of staff in serving the people, Shan State Information and Public Relations Department held a coordination meeting at the hall of the department on 13 November morning.

Head of Shan State Information and Public Relations Department and heads of 11 district IPRDs meet in coordination meeting.

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Sacred Buddha tooth relic chamber opened in Pyay for 114th ceremony

Kyemon-Hsipaw Ko Latt

Region level authorities, pagoda board of trustees and wellwishers pay homage to sacred Buddha tooth relic at Pyay Shwehsandaw Pagoda.

CLOTHES STOLEN SUSPECT ARRESTED

Mandalay, 16 Nov—SIPPyone Cho and members of Mandalay City Traffic Police Corps checked Daw Khin, 74 of Sulevon Village in Kyaukse Township on ground floor of Mann Myanmar Plaza on 12 November and seized 18 pieces of clothes and one plastic basket she stole. The police station No 6 filed lawsuit against Daw Khin under the law.—Kyemon-Thih Tha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Antic-Narcotic Drives

WY brand stimulant tablets seized in Myeik

Myeik, 16 Nov—Police officers from Myeik District Special Crime Combating Squad and those of No 4 outpost of Myeik Myoma police station together with witnesses raided the house of Han Lin Aung (a) Han Lin of Mingala Street in Kyaukme Ward of Myeik on 11 November.

The police squads seized 997 stimulant tablets with WY brand weighing 88.7 grams worth K4,985,000.

Myeik Myoma police station opened a file of lawsuit against Han Lin Aung (a) Han Lin under Sections 15/19(a)/20(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)
Prince Mikasa discharged from hospital

TOKYO, 16 Nov — Prince Mikasa, uncle of Emperor Hirohito, was discharged from hospital on Saturday after no abnormalities were found in checkups he had after he partially lost consciousness earlier this week, the Imperial Household Agency said.

The 97-year-old youngest brother of the late Emperor Hirohito temporarily fell into a semiconscious state Tuesday evening at his home and was taken to St Luke’s International Hospital in Tokyo.

The prince underwent heart surgery in July last year and has been rehospitalized at his home since then.— Kyodo News

Two arrested after huge quantities of explosives seized in northeast India

NEW DELHI, 16 Nov — Indian police on Friday recovered huge quantities of explosives, including RDX, and arrested two people in connection with it in the northeastern state of Assam, said police.

The seizure took place in the Kamrup District after police got a tip-off and launched an operation.

The seized explosives included two kilograms of TNT, approximately five kilograms of RDX, 20 kilograms of ammonium nitrate, 64 detonators and 12 bundles of fuse wire. Explosives were frequently recovered in Assam, a restive state haunted by some militant groups. It was also hit by incidents of communal violence last year.

Police did not reveal names of the arrested people, or which group they belonged to.— Xinhua

Floods triggered by Storm Podul kill 15 in Vietnam

HANOI, 16 Nov — Floods triggered by Storm Podul which hit Vietnam on Friday have left at least 15 people killed and one missing in central Vietnam, according to Vietnam’s National Committee for Search and Rescue on Saturday.

Of the total death toll, seven people were in Quang Ngai, five in Binh Dinh, one each in Quang Nam, Gia Lai and Phu Yen, said the committee.

Rainfall recorded in several parts of Quang Ngai province, some 750 km south of capital Hanoi, reached nearly 700 mm on Thursday and Friday, while other provinces also reported rainfall of 300-600 mm, causing river water in some localities to hit peak levels.

Vietnam has experienced a record number of 19 storms and tropical depressions so far in 2013, according to the Vietnam National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (NCHMF). The average number of storms recorded during 1964-2013 was 10-13 storms per year.

The town, which covers an island with a population of about 8,300, plans to build makeshift housing by March for over 100 residents who are taking refuge in houses owned by the metropolitan government or the homes of their relatives.— Kyodo News

Cambodian defence minister visits China to further strengthen ties

PHNOM PENH, 16 Nov — Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Gen Tea Banh on Saturday left for Beijing for an unofficial visit to further enhance bilateral ties and cooperation, “My visit is to discuss some tasks with the Chinese counterpart in order to further promote military relations and cooperation,” he told reporters at the capital’s airport before departure. “We need some help from the Chinese friend in order to develop capacity for Cambodian armed forces.”

Cambodia and China have constantly maintained and further developed military ties through the visit exchange of both sides’ senior military officials and China’s assistance for military personnel and human resources development.

China has helped Cambodia since 2002 to build the Infantry Institute in Kampong Speu Province, about 90 kilometres west of capital Phnom Penh. Earlier this year, some 160 Cambodian military students had completed training courses in China.— Xinhua

China-US joint live troop exercises close in Hawaii

HONOLULU, United States, 16 Nov — The first China-US Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) live troop exercises ended on Thursday in a US Marine Corps training area on the east side of O‘ahu in Hawaii.

The games, designed to maximize “side by side” interaction and communications, involved about 47 US soldiers and representatives and 26 officers and soldiers of the People’s Liberation Army of China at Bellows Air Force Base.

“This is the 9th humanitarian assistance and disaster relief academic exchange between China and the US and also the first Joint Live Troop Exercise of its kind,” said Zhao Kai-zeng, deputy political commissar of Chengdu Military Area Command. The US-HA/DR academic exchanges began in 1997.

“The joint exercise helps improve mutual trust between the two militaries and will contribute to the enhancement of military-to-military as well as state-to-state relationship,” Zhao said. Li Ji, deputy chief of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Ministry of National Defence of China, told Xinhua, “If I use one word to describe this event, that is cooperation. If I use more words, I will use ‘team spirit and friendship’.”

Col Bill Florig, chief of civil military operations for US Army Pacific, also lauded the event.

“This is one step closer to being able to work together and I am hoping that it goes into other aspects of the mutual relationship as well,” he told Xinhua.

Izu Oshima Island residents hold memorial for mudslide victims

TOKYO, 16 Nov — Residents of a small island south of Tokyo held a memorial gathering on Saturday to offer prayers for 35 people who died due to mudslides triggered by a powerful typhoon a month ago.

Mayor Masafumi Kamiyama of Kamisato City on Leyte Island held the memorial at 12:30 pm in the town hall, while people who lost their loved ones gathered at the disaster sites.

The island, 120 kilometres south of Tokyo, was badly hit by the year’s 26th typhoon, Wipha, on 16 October, with heavy rain triggering massive mudslides that destroyed buildings and homes and buried many residents, leaving 35 dead and four still missing.

While searches for the missing people by police, firefighters and Self-Defense Forces personnel were discontinued last week, local fishermen and nonprofit organization members have been continuing search operations.

According to the Os- hima town and Tokyo metropolitan governments, at least 202 houses were completely or partially destroyed by mudslides. The island is administered by the metropolitan government.

The town, which covers the whole island with a population of about 8,300, plans to build makeshift housing by March for over 100 residents who are taking refuge in houses owned by the metropolitan government or the homes of their relatives.— Kyodo News
UN Security Council urges final peace deal between DRC gov’t, M23

HONG KONG, 16 Nov — The Asian cultural development relies on more diversity and in-depth exchange among all the nations to foster mutual understanding and respect and to achieve mutual enrichment and prosperity, China’s Culture Minister Cai Wu said here on Thursday.

Addressing the “Asia Culture Co-operation Forum (ACCF) 2013” held by the Home Affairs Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government, Cai said Asian countries have enjoyed faster economic growth in the world since the latter half of the last century, with increasing social awareness of and investment into their cultural sectors.

Cai said fast advance of economy, science and technology in modern times has given room to the mushrooming of new ideas and inventions, which provided new materials and inspirations for literature, creating new opportunities for the growth of Asian culture.

Along with opportunities, the Asian culture is also facing new challenges, Cai said, citing that as the difference between economies widens, culture is facing different courses in different nations, and the diversity will very much likely remain for a long time or even become greater.

In addition, there is also increasing integration as well as competition between different countries in terms of culture, and the speed, scope and degree of mutual influence is unprecedented, he said.

Cai noted the standoff and conflict are not right choices for mankind to cope with new opportunities and challenges. “Our strategy should conform to the trend of time and the overall development of Asia, adhere to the promotion of cultural diversity and civilization dialogue,” Cai said.

Two injured in light plane crash in Croatia

ZAGREB, 16 Nov — Two people were severely injured when one of the two people, the airer and one passenger, onboard the plane, but have not been able to reach them, according to local authorities. The agricultural spraying aircraft allegedly took off from Serbia. It is not immediately known how many were injured. Al-Qaeda allied militants, Al-Shabaab, have claimed responsibility for the heinous act, terming it as part of a revenge mission for cross border incursions into Somalia by Kenyan soldiers.

The Kenyan government on Thursday announced drastic security measures at border points and all entry points across the East African nation to curtail cross border incursions, fraud and corruption.

Cabinet Secretary in charge of internal security Joseph Ole Lenku said the government will digitize all security registries and link all border entry points through broadband to ensure that data to and from entry points can be accessed in real-time. “The next phase in technology modernization process will be the installation of CCTV cameras at all border entry points and major cities in the country,” Lenku told journalists in Nairobi.

The enhanced security measures came following the 21 September attack on Westgate Shopping Mall which left at least 67 people dead and more than 200 others injured. Al-Qaeda allied militants, Al-Shabaab, have claimed responsibility for the heinous act, terming it as part of a revenge mission for cross border incursions into Somalia by Kenyan soldiers.

Lenku said the registration of citizens ranging from passports, birth certificates, national identity cards, work permits and Occurrence Books (OB), will be digitized in an ambitious exercise that will go along way in improving security.

Lenku said all border entry points in the country are now linked through broadband, which ensures that data to and from the areas can be accessed in a real-time at a central point, adding that the exercise is a continuous process especially in the area of analytics. Lenku said enhancing security along the porous borders with some countries that had no government for many years remain the main challenge in the fight against terror.
Kareena: Kapoor girls not allowed to act is an outdated thought

MUMBAI, 16 Nov — Kareena Kapoor’s romance and marriage with Saif Ali Khan made headlines but the actress says she prefers to stay away from the limelight. The 33-year-old actress, who married long-time partner Saif, 43, last year, says she never concentrated on image building and gets completely foxed when people talk about public relation skills. “I don’t know why people think I am snooty. I am not a person who has ever given an interview on image building. I have never been that person as I am very confident of what I do. People do PR but I get completely foxed. I don’t know how to do it. I stay away from the limelight as I think my work should speak on my behalf,” Kareena told PTI in an interview.

Kareena has made a mark in Bollywood by starring in films like Aso-
ka, Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham, Chameli, Omkara, Jab We Met and Talash. The actress said she always nurtured the dream of becoming an actress and her parents, Randhir Kapoor and Babita, supported her decision. The actress said it was an old thought that women in Kapoor clan were not allowed to act. “My parents are very modern. My father is a cosmopolitan person. He always supported the fact that I will be an actress. There is nothing else I would do rather than being an actor. I am passionate about acting. Girls in our family are not allowed to act is quite an outdated thought to have. They did it till my mother but now no more,” she said.

Kareena is all geared up for her upcoming romantic release Gori Tere Pyaar Mein, where she is teaming up with Imran Khan after Ek Main Aur Ekk Tu. “It was lot more fun this time to work with Imran. I got to know him during the making of Ek Main aur Ekk Tu but with this film, I had fun because we share a great comfort level now. He is growing as an actor with his each film,” she said. Directed by Punit Malhotra and produced by Karan Jo-har, Gori Tere Pyaar Mein will hit theatres on 22 November.

The actress says the film is close to her heart because she went back to Bhuj, where she shot her debut Refugee. “I started my career with Refugee in Bhuj. Now, it has become a full-fledged city. The town has changed completely. I am so happy that I got the opportunity to go back to the same place. I gave my first shot there,” she said. PTI

Independence Day 2 to open 20 years after original

LOS ANGELES, 16 Nov — The sequel to Roland Emmerich’s 1996 block-buster Independence Day will now release on 1 July, 2016, almost exactly 20 years after the original movie hit the screens.

The original movie released on 3 July, 1996. It grossed $817 million worldwide. 20th Century Fox had earlier thought of releasing the sequel on 3 July, 2015, but the date has now been pushed to 1 July, 2016, reports variety.com.

Emmerich has been working on the sequel with Independence Day co-writer Dean Devlin and White House Down writer-producer James Vanderbilt. Actor Will Smith, who played a pivotal role in the original, may not be seen in the sequel. PTI

Jennifer Hudson gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES, 16 Nov — Jennifer Hudson gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame.

LOS ANGELES, 16 Nov — Actor Alec Baldwin apologized for a slur that drew the ire of gay rights group GLAAD, which has previously defended the actor when he was accused of homophobic epithets.

Baldwin, 55, announced the decision in a statement, saying that his comments were “offensive and unacceptable. His talk show “Up Late with Alec Baldwin” began last month.”I did not intend to hurt or offend anyone with my choice of words, but clearly I have — and for that I am deeply sorry,” Baldwin said in the statement, adding that he was trying to protect his wife and daughter in New York. Earlier this week, the actor tearfully testified at the trial of a woman who was sentenced to 210 days in jail after being found guilty of stalking and harassing him and his wife, Hilaria.

In a video posted on celebrity website TMZ.com on Thursday, Baldwin confronts a photographer filming him in a New York street and calls him a homophobic slur that drew the ire of gay rights group GLAAD, which has previously defended the actor when he was accused of homophobic language. “Mr. Baldwin can’t lend his support for equality on paper, while degrad- ing gay people in practice,” GLAAD spokesman Rich Ferraro said in a statement, Reuters
France in danger, Ronaldo edges Portugal towards finals

LOMOND, 16 Nov — France’s hopes of reaching the World Cup finals are hanging by a thread after a 2-0 first-leg defeat away to Ukraine in their playoff on Friday while Cristiano Ronaldo’s late winner gave Portugal the edge against Sweden. Ten-man Iceland battled to a 0-0 home draw with Croatia in Reykjavic to keep alive their dream of qualifying for a first major tournament while Greece will be confident of finishing off Romania next week after a 3-1 victory in Athens. Of the eight European nations in the last-chance saloon after missing out on automatic passage to next year’s tournament in Brazil, France are the worst placed going into next week’s second leg after a miserable night in Kiev.

Second-half goals by Ukraine’s Roman Zozulia and Andriy Yarmolenko and a red card for France defender Laurent Koscielny made it a night to forget for Didier Deschamps’ side who need a vast improvement in Paris to repair the damage. “It’s obviously a very bad result. We have to believe (we can go through) but Ukraine are the team in the best position to qualify,” he said. France last failed to reach a major tournament in 1994 but Deschamps, who was part of that squad, remained defiant. “We will have 90 minutes at home,” he added. UEFA Ballon d’Or nominee Franck Ribery was shackled closely as Portugal’s Cristiano Ronaldo (L) celebrates beside team mate Nani after scoring a goal against Sweden during his 2014 World Cup first leg qualifying playoff soccer match at Luz stadium in Lisbon on 15 Nov, 2013. REUTERS

Chile too hot to handle as Alexis sinks England

LONDON, 16 Nov — Chile confirmed they are likely to pose a serious threat at the World Cup with a 2-0 win over an experimental England side thanks to an Alexis Sanchez double as the visitors largely dominated Friday’s friendly at Wembley. Alexis scored with a superbly timed header after seven minutes and added the second in stoppage time to stretch Chile’s unbeaten run to 10 games and inflict fellow finalists England’s first defeat for a year and a day after 10 matches undefeated. “It will make everyone in Chile very happy and it was a memorable performance from Alexis Sanchez. He showed tonight he can be a real star of the World Cup.” Chile coach Jorge Sampaoli said of the Barcelona man’s biggest names in the world game will be missing next year in South America - a blow for neutrals and sponsors alike. However, the odds look slightly shorter on Ronaldo gracing the stage after the Real Madrid man, so often the dazzler, proved he will also put his head in the line of danger for his country by stooping to score an 82nd minute winner. He also struck the paper woodwork shortly afterwards as Portugal sought the comfort of a second goal. As it is, a workmanlike Portuguese side still harbour high hopes of swinging the tie their way. “We created a great early chance and Sweden hit back. But in the second half it was one way for us,” Portugal coach Paulo Bento told reporters. “It was an important step to reach the World Cup but not yet decisive.” — Reuters

China’s Zheng Zhi nominated for 2013 AFC Player of the Year

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 Nov — Chinese national football team skipper Zheng Zhi was nominated for the AFC Player of the Year award for the second consecutive year shortly after his Chinese giant Guangzhou Evergrande won the Asian club title. According to the nominees announced by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) on Friday, the 33-year-old midfielder will be contesting with South Korean footballer Ha Dae Sung from FC Seoul as well as Iran and Esteghlal ace Javad Nekounam. Guangzhou Evergande’s victory in the AFC Champions League final has given Zheng an edge over his two opponents, but he was held back by the poor performance of the Chinese national team. Zheng’s two teammates at Guangzhou Evergrande, Luiz Guilherme Da Conceicao (Muriqui) from Brazil and Argentine playmaker Dario Leonardo Conca are leading the race of AFC Foreign Player of the Year award. The third nominee is FC Seoul’s Motenro striker Dejan Damjanovic. Japanese international Yuto Nagatomo of Inter Milan and his national team teammate Keisuke Honda of CSKA Moscow are in the fray for the Asian International Player of the Year honour with South Korean player Son Heung-min of Bayer Leverkusen. The awards will be presented at a grand ceremony at the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur on 26 Nov, 2013. Xinhua

TEPCO to start fuel removal from Fukushima No 4 unit on Monday

**File photo shows the cooling pool for spent nuclear fuel on the fifth floor of the No 4 reactor building of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in the town of Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, on 6 Nov, 2013. Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co said 15 Nov it plans to start removing the spent fuel from the pool at the No 4 reactor building on 18 November. (Kyodo News)**

**Kyodo News**

Tokyo, 16 Nov — To-kyo Electric Power Co said Friday it will start removing nuclear fuel from the spent fuel pool of the No 4 reactor building at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi plant from Monday.

“Full-scale removal (from the accident-stricken unit) is a very important process in moving ahead with the plant’s decommissioning,” TEPCO spokesman Masayuki Ono told a Press conference, adding that the experience will be useful in dealing with the three other units that were damaged in the 2011 nuclear crisis. The No. 4 unit spent fuel pool contains 1,331 spent fuel assemblies and 202 unused ones. Workers will begin with the removal of unused fuel assemblies, which are easier to handle.

The work on Monday will begin with the placement of a transportation container inside the spent fuel pool. Workers will use a crane to take each fuel assembly out of the storage rack and put it into the container.

Once the container is filled with 22 fuel assemblies, it will be put on a trailer and taken to another pool in a different building about 100 meters away, which is expected to provide more stable conditions for keeping the fuel cool. It is expected to take about two days to fill the container with fuel assemblies, and about a week until the container is transported to the other pool, Ono said.

**Kyodo News**

**Member of Italian mafia arrested in Ecuador**

Quito, 16 Nov — Ecu-ador’s Ministry of Interior said on Friday that an Italian citizen wanted for criminal association in Italy was ar-rested in the country.

The ministry said in a statement posted on its web-site that Valentino Alampi was arrested on Thursday in Guayaquil (southwest) by agents from the Ecuadorian section of the International Police (Interpol) together with the national Anti-Crime Intelligence Unit. Alampi was transferred to Quito, the capital of Ecuador, after the arrest and will be extradited to Italy.

Alampi has an interna-tional warrant issued by Interpol to face a four-and-a-half-year sentence imposed by the Appeal Court from Reggio Calabria, in south-ern Italy. He is convicted on the crime of mafia associa-tion, according to the state-ment. The sentence came after Alampi was found to be a member of a mafia group called Cosca Alampi, which controlled the public service contracts for waste disposal.—Xinhua

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**Miami, 16 Nov — From his tattoos to his fine-ly chiselled physique and Armani underwear ads, football icon David Beck-ham oozes Miami-style sex appeal. Blending charisma with a smart business plan, Beckham intends to launch his own professional foot-ball team in Miami, a mul-ticultural market that has defied major league owners twice before. But Beckham is known for making long shots. Expectation is high that the former captain of the England team, who retired as a player in May, will exercise a $25 million ($15.5 million) option in his Major League Soccer (MLS) player contract to start a new team later this year and base it in Miami.**

Beckham lines up long shot for founding a Miami football team

The league has confirmed it is in discussions with Beckham but is awaiting a formal bid, including details of the city, the ownership group, and a stadium plan, which is expected be-fore the end of the year. A source close to the negotia-tions described a plan that is well advanced if incomplete. Beckham de-clined requests for an inter-view, but he has been tour-ing Miami and recently said the city was ripe for a new football team.

Finding the right loca-tion for a stadium and financing is not easy in Miami. Taxpayers have soured on publicly financed stadium deals after a $500 million baseball stadium with a retractable roof for the Miami Marlins failed to draw fans. The state legislature rebuffed the Miami Dolphins’ request for public funding of a $350 million renovation of its privately owned American football stadium. Instead, Beckham is assembling a group to invest $150-200 million in private financing for a new football stadium in Miami’s “urban core by 2018-19, ac-cording to the source, who divulged financial details that have been under wraps until now.

The same person stressed that the plans are still in the early stages and the cost could vary accord-ingly. A source added, noting that Beckham was well aware of local resistance to public financing.

“That is very encour-ag ing, a big boost,” said Chip Iglesias, Miami-Dade County Deputy Mayor who met with Beckham this week after a tour of possi-ble stadium sites. He said the commitment to private financing was bound to cre ate local goodwill. Beck- ham envisions building the team with veteran players, international stars who, fol-low his own lead when he moved from Real Ma-drid to Los Angeles, will hang up their cleats in other established markets to fin-ish their careers in Ameri-ca, the frontier of football. “David realizes he needs to create a club in the region that is going to become an international destination for the city that is going to attract the best players. It’s going to be a bridge between Latin America and North America and Europe,” the source close to Beckham’s management said.Beacham has said he has no interest in coaching but will run the team.

**Reuters**

Former soccer player David Beckham (R) and Marcelo Claure, CEO of Bright-star appeal before Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference final basketball play-off between the Indiana Pacers and the Miami Heat in Miami, Florida in this 30 May, 2013, file photo. **REUTERS**
Inlay Lake with significant geographical features, ASEAN heritage park

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—The Union government manages pleasantness and conservation of Inlay Lake as a national duty, said Vice-President Dr Sai Maik Khan at PhaungdawU Pagoda Sasana Beikman in Nyaungshwe this morning.

Inlay Lake is narrowing and silting day by day, so it needs to seek the ways for its durability, he added. Only when all the people join the tasks, will the good nature of lake be handed down to the next generation, he said. He urged all to constitute the committees with Union government, state government and local people in harmony for keeping the lake pleasant, durable and clean for prevention against environmental deterioration and traditions.

The Vice-President and party paid homage to Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda at Sasana Beikman Sankyaung of Nyaungshwe.

Inlay Lake with significant geographical conditions is an ASEAN heritage park. A total of 66919 tourists visited the Inlay Lake region up to October compared with 29872 in 2011.

Due to growing population, land utilization, declining of watershed forest area and erosion, the lake is narrowing and silting gradually.

Inlay Lake is the second largest inland freshwater lake in Myanmar. The area of lake declined from 104 square miles to 24 square miles, 36 miles long to 11 miles, eight miles wide to four miles and 20 feet deep to 12 feet. It was reported that Inlay Lake Authority will be formed for its conservation.

The Vice-President offered Kathina robes to Swaybontha Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw at Ywama Monastery.

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Hot air balloons in sky of Taunggyi nights

Tazaungdine hot air balloon releasing contest kicked off at the Awaysa Konthaya ground in Taunggyi on 10 November evening.

National races in Taunggyi have been organizing the contest for 60 years.

On the third night of the contest, Shwe Inntha youth group released the 16.6 feet high white gourd shaped hot air balloon in eight colours weighing 10 viss along with 1500 small colourful lanterns. On 15 November night, a news crew comprising reporters Ko Ko Naing, Ko Zaw Myo Naing and Ko Myo Zeyar covered the news on releasing of hot air balloon by youths.

It was reported that the Maha Bonkahtein procession and Miss Tazaungdine Contest will be held on 16 November, the lighting procession contest on 17 November and the closing ceremony on 18 November evening.

By Zaw Myo Naing; Photo: Ko Myo (Shwepaukkan)

Peace building among different faiths difficult but possible; Former British PM Tony Blair

YANGON, 16 Nov—Peace building among different faiths which is the main challenge in the period of democratization in Myanmar is difficult but possible, said Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair at the meeting with political parties and religious organizations at Myanmar Peace Center, here, yesterday.

With regard to opposing extremism and building of trust among different faiths, he said that combination of differences is democracy. It needs to build good relations among different races and culture.

They must exchange views and learn from each other to help them face to the 21st century challenges, he added. They must go ahead together in a peaceful manner. They have to forgive each other and listen to one’s feelings, he said. He suggested that building of peace could take times but possible.

He discussed building of good relations and peace among different faiths, giving explanations to Northern Ireland, Palestine and Israel.

The Former British Prime Minister then answered the questions of Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing from Myanmar Peace Center.—MNA

Smooth and speedy company registration process available

Delays happened to company registration process due to rules and regulations needed to be carried out step by step. In order to reduce the delay times, one-stop service is available and company registration certificate (temporary) is replaced with the original one when the process of rules and regulations is over as of 18 May 2013. As a result, businessmen could start their businesses with the use of temporary certificates, but they have to wait for the original certificates for about two months.

For ensuring private sector development and facilitating businesses, company registration process will be done within three days as of 25 November, 2013 and no company registration certificate (temporary) will be issued. One the original certificate will be issued within three days after applying for company registration.

Subcommittee for Private Sector Development

Violence of some villagers in Latpadaungtaung copper mining project against the rule of law

Loss and grievance should be settled within framework of law

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—About 85 villagers from Moegyoppyin Middle Village arrived at a police outpost near mile post No (440/4) on Pathein-Monywa road in Taunglandtaung copper mining project area at 10 am on 13 November. They shouted for removal of a double bunker and barbed wires and barrier gate and withdrawal of the police deployment there. At about 4.55 pm, they left for the village as police officers told them that carts, cattle and paserny were allowed to pass through the gate.

On 14 November, around 65 villagers from Moegyoppyin South Village, 40 from Moegyoppyin Middle Village and 30 from Ton Village arrived there and repeatedly shouted for removal of the double bunker and barbed wires and barrier gates and withdrawal of the police deployment. So, the minister for security and border affairs of Sagaing Region government and the Sagaing Region police commander and party made clarifications that they can present their loss and grievance to the liaison office or stage demonstration after applying for permission in accord with the law, that it is required not to occur unwanted problems due to instigations; that they should handle their loss and grievance within the framework of the law; that those heading to their farmlands, with cattle and passing through the gate in an honest way are allowed, but entry of the mob staging protest against the law is prohibited; and that the double bunker was built in the area of Pathein-Monywa road without damaging any croplands. But, the local people rejected the clarifications and catapulted and threw the stones at the police on security duty at 7.45 pm.

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