Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Nov—The sky on the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon is more pleasant than the fullmoon days of other months, and pagodas, stupas and monasteries across Nay Pyi Taw Council Area were crowded with Buddhist devotees doing meritorious deeds.

A ceremony to mark the successful holding of the 46th Maha Parittas recitation ceremony took place at the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw today. Members of the Sangha were offered day meals and lights lit at the Pagoda. Likewise, Phayakoesti, Koekhamgyi, Yanayunmyin Shwe Latt Hla, Datusaya and Thatta Thatthaka Maha Bawdi Pagodas and Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image at night. Moreover, charity fairs were also organized at Nay Pyi Taw staff quarters wards.

Tazaungmon is the eighth month of the twelve monthly festivals in Myanmar. The word “Tazaung” lights and the word “Mon” means convey. So, Tazaungmon means the month in which lights are lit.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Nov—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party visited Sulamuni Lawkachantha Pagoda in Taunggyi and made cash donations this morning.

Then, the Vice-President attended the 66th communal Maha Kathina robe offering held at Atula Marazein Sutaungpyae Pagoda and presented Kathina robes and offerings to members of the Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Maha Kamathanacariya Presiding Sayadaw of Soonloon Monastery Bhaddanta Agga Dhammakabhivamsa.

On his arrival at Wai-luwin Pariyati Sarthintaik in Kyaungyisu ward, the Vice-President donated cash and kind and offered day meals to the presiding Sayadaw and monks.

The Vice-President, the Chief Minister and wellwishers donated K 48 million to build new Panglong building and Loilem Beikman building, for the funds of Shan Pitikat Monastery in Panglong and to interpret Shan Pitikat.

In the evening, the Vice-President and party flew back in Nay Pyi Taw via Heho.—MNA
Deputy I & P Minister meets farmers in Nattalin Township

NATTALIN, 17 Nov—Chairman of Labour Affairs and Farmer Affairs Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win held a meeting with the farmers at Shwelin Hall in Nattalin Township in Bago Region on 13 November.

At the meeting, the deputy minister pointed out that the State has been implementing public administration system to fulfill the necessities of farmers and labours in collaboration with the subcommittees formed by the region/state governments.

The deputy minister, Bago Region Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Tin Soe and subcommittee members and departmental officials gave clarifications on the reports of the farmer representatives. After that, Sky Net Co donated 20 sets of Sky Net receiver, AIG Co, organic fertilizer and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win solar lamps to the farmers.

Farmers of Chaungzon get farming right certificates

MAWLAMYIN, 17 Nov—A ceremony to present farming right certificates to the farmers of Chaungzon Township took place at the hall of Kyunthaya Township on 11 November.

At the ceremony, U Kyaw Sein Lin, Head of Mon State Land Record Department and Secretary of State Land Management Committee explained the purposes of the ceremony.

Then, U Ohn Myint, Mon State Chief Minister and Mon State Farmland Management Committee Chairman and officials presented certificates to the respective administrators on behalf of the farmers from 44 wards/village-tracts in Chaungzon Township.

Chairman (4) U Yan Aung, Monywa, 17 Nov—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye inspected thriving teak and paddy plantations on either side of Sabei-Nanthha-Kanhalu-Kyunhla Road in Shwebo District and water supply task from Kyunhla Dam and site chosen for construction of basic education high school in Kyunhla Township on 12 November.

Next, the chief minister looked into installation of 315 KVA transformer in the place of 100 KVA transformer in Pyinmayang Ward and completion of Nos 1 and 2 streets in Padaukmyang.

Then, he looked round construction of library in Thanbo Village and water inflow into Thaphanseik Dam. He also inspected construction of new school building at basic education post primary school in In dine Village and met with the locals in Kywete Village and coordinated with the officials for running not only livestock breeding but also small scale industry.

At the construction site of Mu river-crossing bridge (Thaphaneik-1), he heard reports by Superintending Engineer U Tun Naing of Bridge Project Group-2.

On 13 November, the chief minister attended the opening of Cooperative Bank (Monywa Branch). At the ceremony, Region Planning and Economic Minister U Sein Moung and Chairman (4) U Yan Aung of Inwa Bank Ltd formally opened the branch bank.

The chief minister and party inspected paving of tar on Monywa-Yargyi-Kalewa road section, thriving 150-acre commercial teak plantation in Kani Township, construction sites of Walye and Yenan creeks in Kalewa Township and 200-acre Padauk plantation along Kalewa-Kalay motor road in Kalay Township on 14 November.

In the evening, the chief minister met township authorities from Kalay, Mawlike and Tamu Districts at the Town Hall in Kalay.

Facts about taking census disseminated in Myanmar Tsp

MYANMAUNG, 17 Nov—The talks on census taking process and population 2014 was held at the Dhammayon of Weluwun Pariyatti Monastery in Myanaung on 14 November afternoon.

Chairman of the Township Census taking Committee Township Administrator U Min Min Tun explained meaning of census and implementation of work process.

Security awareness talks shared in Mon State

MAWLAMYIN, 17 Nov—Under the close supervision of Mon State government and with the management of the police commanders of Mon State, Mawlamyne and Thaton District, mine awareness courses were conducted in 10 townships in Mon State.

The concluding of Mine Awareness Knowledge Dissemination Course No 1/2013 and opening of similar course No 2/2013 were held at the meeting hall of the region police station in Mawlamyne on 13 November carried on by Township Police Commanders.

Mine Awareness Talks were shared to the government staff, ward/village administrators, teachers, support committees, pagoda board of trustees, private staff, bus line service persons, motorcycle taxi drivers and townswillers from October to 13 November in Mon State. The township police commander and head of region police station replied to queries of those present.

Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)

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Facts about taking census disseminated in Myanmar Tsp

Secretary of the committee Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Nyunt Oo and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Aung Myint explained matters related to process of taking census.

It was attended by the chairman of Township Development Affairs Supportive Committee, departmental officials, taking census process committee and local authorities.

Officials replied to queries raised by the attendees.

Kyemon-Win Bo (IPRD)
‘Quite possible’ Iran, powers can reach nuclear deal next week

GENEVA, 17 Nov — Major powers and Iran are getting closer to an initial agreement to curb Iran’s nuclear programme, a senior US official said on Friday, adding that it is “quite possible” a deal could be reached when negotiators meet 20-22 November in Geneva.

“For the first time in nearly a decade we are getting close to a first-step ... that would stop the Iranian nuclear programme from advancing and roll it back in key areas,” the official told reporters.

“I don’t know if we will reach an agreement. I think it is quite possible that we can, but there are still tough issues to negotiate,” said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official said EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif are to meet on 20 November in Geneva. They will be joined later the same day by a wider group known as the P5+1 comprising Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States. The talks are likely to last through 22 November, the official added.

The talks will seek to finalize an interim deal to allow time to negotiate a comprehensive, permanent agreement with Iran that would end a 10-year deadlock and provide assurances to the six powers that its atomic programme would not produce bombs.

Iran has denied that it is seeking the capability to produce atomic weapons and insists its nuclear ambitions are limited to the peaceful generation of electricity and other civilian uses.

Negotiations last week in Geneva ended without an agreement, although the sides appeared to be close to a deal that would defuse their standoff over the nuclear programme.—Reuters

Gorshkov heavy aircraft-carrying cruiser, was officially transferred at the ceremony. Local media reported, citing arms exporter Rosoboronexport.

Originally built in the Soviet era, the 2.3-billion-US dollar worth Kiev-class warship was being reconditioned and was due to be ready for delivery in 2012. However, following a glitch found in its power plant, Moscow delayed the hand-over last October, prompting an angry response from New Delhi.

INS Vikramaditya will become India’s second aircraft carrier after INS Viraat. The South Asian country plans to acquire more aircraft carriers in the future to bolster its naval strength. The aircraft carrier will be escorted by other warships during its voyage back home. It is expected to arrive in India by February 2014, Russian officials said. —Xinhua

Berlusconi breaks away from Italian government after party splits

ROME, 17 Nov — Silvio Berlusconi, facing expulsion from parliament over a tax conviction and a revolt which split his centre-right party, said on Saturday he may no longer back Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta but would not be able to bring down the government.

The 77-year-old billionare’s comments came after Friday’s defection of a group led by Interior Minister Angelino Alfano, former secretary of his People of Freedom party, which defied Berlusconi and formed a group that has pledged to remain in Letta’s coalition government.

Speaking at a congress to rebrand People of Freedom (PDL) as Forza Italia, the name of his original political movement, Berlusconi said his impending expulsion from parliament, with the support of Letta’s centre-left Democratic Party (PD), meant the left-right coalition created in the wake of February’s deadlocked election could not continue.

“It’s very difficult to think you can remain allies in parliament and above all seated at the same table in cabinet with someone who wants to kill your leader politically,” Berlusconi said.

Despite calls of “Traitors!” from some in the crowd, Berlusconi maintained a conciliatory tone towards Alfano and his group, saying the break had “caused him a lot of pain” and it was unclear what direct effect the announcement would have on the stability of Letta’s government. Alfano’s group, which includes 30 senators and 27 lower house deputies, should ensure enough support in parliament for Letta, who survived a confidence vote last month with the help of the PDL rebels, as Berlusconi himself acknowledged.—Reuters

One killed, three wounded at house party shooting in Houston

HOUSTON, 17 Nov — A house party in the US city of Houston ended in gunfire overnight, leaving one person dead and at least three others wounded, local media reported on Saturday.

The trouble started around midnight during a large house party at a home in southwest Houston, local TV KTRK reported.

The gathering was mostly young adults and teenagers, according to the Houston Police Department.

Police said at some point a couple of cars drove by the party and there was a “disagreement of some sort.” And then someone pulled out a gun and started shooting.

Neighbours told police they heard 25 to 30 gunshots.

When police arrived at the scene, they found one male teen dead from gun-shot wounds, investigators said.

They also found another teen a block over, who fled the scene after being wounded in the thigh. Two more teens with gunshot wounds were found later in another vehicle. All three are believed in stable condition at a hospital Saturday morning.

Investigators are still talking to witnesses to find out how the shooting happened. There are no suspects in custody so far.

This is the second house party shooting that happened in the city this month. On 9 November, gunfire erupted at a massive house party where more than 100 young people were celebrating a birthday, leaving two high school students dead and 19 others injured.—Xinhua

Russia hands over refurbished aircraft carrier to India

MOSCOW, 17 Nov — Russia has handed over a refurbished aircraft carrier to the Indian Navy in a ceremony at the Arctic port of Severodvinsk on Saturday morning.

INS Vikramaditya, converted from the Admiral Gorshkov heavy aircraft-carrying cruiser, was officially transferred at the ceremony.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin and Indian Defence Minister AK Antony attended the ceremony, local media reported, citing arms exporter Rosoboronexport.

Originally built in the Soviet era, the 2.3-billion-US dollar worth Kiev-class warship was being recon-
**FBI warns of US government breaches by Anonymous hackers**

**BOSTON / SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Nov —** Activist hackers linked to the collective known as Anonymous have secretly accessed US government computers in multiple agencies and stolen sensitive information in a campaign that began almost a year ago, the FBI warned this week. The hackers exploited a flaw in Adobe Systems Inc’s software to launch a rash of electronic break-ins that began last December, then left “back doors” to return to many of the machines as recently as last month, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a memo seen by Reuters.

The memo, distributed on Thursday, described the attacks as “a widespread problem that should be addressed.” It said the breach affected the US Army, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, and perhaps many more agencies. Investigators are still gathering information on the scope of the cyber campaign, which the authorities believe is continuing. The FBI document tells system administrators what to look for to determine if their systems are compromised. An FBI spokeswoman declined to elaborate. According to an internal email from Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz’ chief of staff, Kevin Knobloch, the stolen data included personal information on at least 104,000 employees, contractors, family members and others associated with the Department of Energy, along with information on almost 2,000 bank accounts.

The email, dated 11 October, said officials were “very concerned” that loss of the banking information could lead to theeving attempts. Officials said the hacking was linked to the case of Lauri Love, a British resident indicted on 28 October for allegedly hacking into computers at the Department of Energy, Army, Department of Health and Human Services, the US Sentencing Commission and elsewhere.

Investigators believe the attacks began when Love and others took advantage of a security flaw in Adobe’s ColdFusion software, which is used to build websites.

An illustration picture shows the Twitter logo reflected in a computer screen in this picture illustration taken in Berlin on 21 May, 2013 — Reuters

**Active but orderly debut for Twitter options**

**CHICAGO, 16 Nov —** Trading in options of Twitter Inc was dominated by put volume with a mixture of selling, hedging and speculative activity in an overall orderly debut on the US options market, a week after the social media company’s stock started trading.

A total of 8,002 puts and 41,000 calls changed hands on Twitter on Friday for a put-to-call ratio of 2.02:1, according to options analytics firm Trade Alert. Option volume was on the low end of expectations, while the underlying shares had a relatively light day of 8 million shares traded.

The options market has been “rather well-behaved” from a price, volume and implied volatility perspective, said Tim Biggam, chief market strategist at options firm TradingBlock in Chicago. Twitter’s turnover did not match the frenzied pace of Facebook Inc, which set a record with its first-day options launch in single stocks and mitigating their risk there,” Kinhagen said.

So starting next week, Twitter options may get more attention with expiration out of the way.” Furthermore, Kinhagen said, many non-professionals are reluctant to trade as volatility levels and pricing can be volatile at first, although that was not necessarily true for Twitter options. Order option flow consisted of two-sided trading in the at-the-money Twitter options, Kinhagen said. The most active option was the December $30 put, with volume of 30,746 contracts. There was a large seller of the December $30 strike puts at five cents apiece.

BGI Tech, a subsidiary of BGI — the world’s largest genomics research organization — will provide sequencing platforms and analysis, while the Carlsberg Laboratory, in association with the International Barley Sequencing Consortium, will be responsible for sample preparation and evaluation of results.” With the Carlsberg Laboratory’s world-class team of researchers and BGI’s powerful genomic capacity, we believe we will succeed faster and gain more achievement than alone,” said Dr. Xu Yang, CEO of BGI Tech.
Obesity tied to trouble moving around for elderly women

NEW YORK, 17 Nov — Maintaining a healthy weight after menopause may improve women’s chances of living into their mid-80s while keeping their health and mobility, a new study shows. Women tend to put on weight after menopause. But not much was known about how extra pounds affect their ability to get around in old age. “We chose to do this study because we wanted to learn more about the health status of older women, who represent a growing segment of the US population,” Eileen Rillamas-Sun told Reuters Health in an email. Rillamas-Sun led the study at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle, Washington.

“We recognized that the health status of older women varies widely and we focused on obesity because of the high rates of obesity in this country,” she said. The researchers looked at 36,611 women who enrolled in a large, long-term health study between 1993 and 1998, when they were 66 to 88 years old. The researchers followed the women for nearly 19 years. They wanted to see how women’s body mass index (BMI) — a measure of weight in relation to height — and waist size were associated with their chance of dying or developing chronic diseases or mobility problems by age 85. As it turned out, women who were obese at the beginning of the study were more likely to have trouble getting around. Of women who lived to be 85 years old, 6,702 were disabled.

About 12 percent of those who started the study at a healthy weight were disabled by age 85. That compared to 18 percent of overweight women and between 26 and 34 percent of obese women who had mobility problems, the researchers reported in JAMA Internal Medicine. Similarly, 25 percent of women with a waist circumference greater than 88 centimeters (about 35 inches) were disabled at age 85 compared to 14 percent of women who had smaller waists. “This was an important finding because I believe that maintaining the ability to walk is very important to older adults, especially because it is useful for maintaining one’s independence,” Rillamas-Sun said. Compared to women of a healthy weight, overweight and obese women were also at a higher risk of dying or developing chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease and cancer. — Reuters

Women sit on a bench in New York’s Times Square on 31 May, 2012. — Reuters

Merck invests $107 million in China drug plant

SHANGHAI, 17 Nov — German drugmaker Merck KGaA has invested 80 million euros ($107.67 million) in a manufacturing plant in China, the company said on Friday, underlining the importance of the market for global drug firms. The Shanghai-based facility will come online in 2017, producing drugs to treat China’s fast growing number of diabetics as well as cardiovascular and thyroid disorders, Merck’s biopharmaceutical unit said.

Spending in the country’s healthcare sector is forecast to nearly triple to $1 trillion by 2020 from $357 billion in 2011, according to McKinsey, which has prompted many firms to invest in Chinese facilities and set up joint ventures with local companies. The investment comes as international drug companies have come under pressure in China this year with authorities clamping down on the high price premiums many of them enjoy and a number of drugmakers have been caught up in corruption allegations. British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline is under investigation over allegations it funneled up to 3 billion yuan ($492.43 million) to travel agencies to facilitate bribes to doctors and officials to boost its drug sales. Large international drugmakers Novartis AG, AstraZeneca Plc. Sanofi, Eli Lilly & Co and Bayer AG have also been questioned by Chinese officials this year. Drugmakers have seen their sales suffer in the wake of the probes, with many Chinese doctors refusing to see drug representatives for fear of being caught up in the widening scandal. — Reuters

Fit firefighters less prone to injury

NEW YORK, 17 Nov — For a physically demanding job like firefighting, fitness is a basic requirement and may protect against injury, US researchers say. After tracking men and women in the Tucson, Arizona, fire department for five years, the study team found firefighters with the highest aerobic capacity tended to have the fewest work-related sprains, strains and other injuries.

Even though the least fit firefighters were in better shape than the general population, the study shows those that are ‘less fit in the study period. There were a total of 773 injuries — not including strokes, heart attack, heat exhaustion and other conditions that suggest fitness was not a factor in record- keeping of the fire fighters’ annual physicals and tracked injuries in fire department reports covering 2005 through 2009.

The Tucson fire department operates 21 fire stations and serves 520,000 city residents. Among 799 male and female fire service employees included in the study, 357 had at least one reported injury during the study period. There were a total of 773 injuries — not including strokes, heart attack, heat exhaustion and other conditions that suggest fitness was not a factor in record-keeping of the fire fighters’ annual physicals and tracked injuries in fire department reports covering 2005 through 2009.

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Documentary on drawings by Hiroshima

A-bombed kids screened in US

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov — About 400 people viewed a documentary film on Friday about the 2010 return of pictures to Hiroshima drawn by elementary school pupils in the city after the US atomic bombing on the Japanese city in 1945 and sent stationery and crayons to Honkawa elementary school in the western Japanese city in 1947.

In the following year, they used this to their advantage and asked the authorities to help them to transport the drawings to the United States. The authorities, however, were not eager to take on such a task. The film showed the atomic bombing to Hiroshima and the process behind the drawings' display in 2010 following their earlier discovery in the basement of the church. “The question that poses itself is how, after such a dehumanizing act, we as humans can build a relationship again, how do you reestablish a relationship with people with whom you have been in such conflict? This is a simple story of how that happens,” said Robert Harris, senior minister of the church.—Kyodo News

Syrian army fights for road needed to remove chemical weapons

DAMASCUS, 17 Nov — Syrian forces went on the offensive on Saturday against rebels positioned along a major highway linking the capital with the coast, rebels said, a strategic road that is likely to be used to extract chemical weapons from the country.

The road passes through the mountainous area of Qalamoun, roughly 50 km (30 miles) north of Damascus, a region that stretches along the Lebanese border and is one of Syria’s most heavily militarized districts.

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An audience gives a standing ovation after the screening of “Pictures from a Hiroshima Schoolyard” at the All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington on 15 Nov, 2013. The documentary film is about the 2010 return of pictures to Hiroshima drawn by elementary school pupils in the city after the US atomic bombing in appreciation of a donation from the church.—Kyodo News

Obamas, Clintons to lay wreath at JFK’s grave in 50-year remembrance

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov — President Barack Obama will join former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Wednesday in a wreath-laying ceremony at John F. Kennedy’s grave to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his assassination.

First lady Michelle Obama will also attend the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on 20 November, two days before the anniversary of the president’s death, a senior administration official said on Saturday.

Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, was killed at the age of 46 during a trip to Texas on 22 November, 1963. He was buried at the military cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial.

Also on Wednesday Obama will present the Presidential Medal of Freedom, established by Kennedy, to recipients at the White House. The award is considered the nation’s highest civilian honour.

Former United States President John F Kennedy (R) and first lady Jackie Kennedy (2NDL) attend a dinner in honour of Andre Malraux (2NDL), minister of state for cultural affairs of France, in Washington, in this handout image taken on 11 May, 1962.—Reuters

Pentagon chief welcomes Egypt’s ending emergency law, curfew

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov — US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel on Saturday phoned his Egyptian counterpart Abdul Fatah Al-Sisi to welcome the end of emergency law and curfew imposed by the Egyptian military in August to crack down on protests.

“Secretary Hagel welcomed the end of the emergency law and curfew imposed by the Egyptian military in August to crack down on protests,” a Pentagon official said.

The three-month emergency law and curfew in the capital city of Cairo and 13 other provinces, imposed in August by the Egyptian military, expired on Thursday.

Al-Sisi overturned the rule of Egypt’s first elected president Mohamed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood in early July after the military intervened in the clashes between Morsi’s supporters and opponents.

But the end of the curfew was followed by protests by Morsi’s supporters Friday, when a teenager was killed in the city of Alexandria during clashes between Morsi’s supporters and opponents. More than 10,000 Morsi supporters demonstrated in Cairo after their weekly prayers.

Hagel and Al-Sisi also discussed the importance of continuing progress on the roadmap towards inclusive democracy, Woog said.

Xinhua

Turkish president vows military response if PKK breaks ceasefire

ANKARA, 17 Nov — Turkish President Abdullah Gul said on Saturday that the military would respond to breaches by the Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) against the ceasefire it struck with the government, local Today’s Zaman reported. The president’s remarks came one day after a reported attack by the PKK militants on a Turkish military convoy in the south. “I hope this was a sudden and unconscious move. The Turkish armed forces and our security forces are always on alert,” Gul warned, adding that if the PKK takes up arms again, the army will respond immediately.

The Turkish army said Friday that some PKK militants ambushed a four-vehicle army convoy and two units of gendarmerie special forces in the southeastern province of Mardin. Friday’s attack is the biggest carried out by PKK militants since March when Abdullah Ocalan, the imprisoned leader of the militant group, reached the ceasefire with the government, according to a statement issued by the General Staff of the Turkish Armed Forces.

Turkish authorities started peace negotiations with the PKK in October 2012, which led to the ceasefire. In May, the PKK fighters started to return to their strongholds in northern Iraq. The PKK, listed as a terrorist group by Turkey and some other countries, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.
Ceremony marks 503rd birthday of Ketumati (Toungoo)

TOUNGGO, 17 Nov—A ceremony to mark the 503rd Founding Anniversary of Ketumati (Toungoo) is being held from 14 to 17 November.

A plan is underway to host umbrellas atop 16 encircled zeds of Sikhon Pagoda, Kelazati Pagoda built by King Bayintnaung and Tharamyinzu Pagoda built by Ketumati founder King Nat Shin Naung and so on, said Dr Mya Thaung. Toungoo history researcher-cum-Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital.

In commemoration of the birthday of the Ketumati City, the umbrella hoisting ceremonies, novitiation ceremony, litary talks and conveyance of 28 Buddha images were held on 17 November.

“Royal ceremonial orders will be practised at the ceremony,” said Secretary of the Royal Ceremonial Orders Dr Mar Mar Wai, retired professor. The umbrella hoisting ceremony was attended by Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win, Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Kyaw Oo and officials of Bago Region Government Office, and tourists.

In the evening, the umbrella hoisting ceremony was held around the town.—MNA

Tourism Industry

Helping hands landed to tourists

YANGON, 17 Nov—The tourism service branches were opened to provide assistance to globetrotters who entered the nation through border gates.

The similar branches are kept open at Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw International Airports.

Inter-village earthen road repaired

LEWE, 17 Nov—Under the leadership of member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe, Township Administrator U Hla Shuang and officials inspected repairing of the road linking Aleyun and Pinthaung Village-tracts of Lewe Township and Thawutti Villages.

The road is 10,000 feet long and 24 feet wide.

Thanks to the road, the local people from villages of Aleyun Village-tract and those of Pinthaung Village-tract will have easy and smooth access to Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

Military officers and other ranks of local battalion and local police officers and servicemen successfully exploded the war-time bomb at 12.30 pm on 15 November.

MMAL-Pyu Myint Oo

93rd Anniversary National Day

10th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1375 ME
(27-11-2013)

Objectives of 93rd Anniversary National Day

(1) Uplift of national prestige and integrity and dynamism of Union spirit
(2) Promotion of national educational standard
(3) Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty
(4) Building of a new modern, developed nation

National Sports

Globetrotters seen at downtown Yangon to go sightseeing around the urban areas.

A bomb believed to be the remaining one of World War II was found 20 yards east of Pyu Creek in Pyu of Bago Region recent month.

The 1000-lb war-time bomb was moved to the safe place.

On 14 November morning, officers of local Field Engineers Battalion and local battalion carried the bomb to the safe place, two miles upper area of mile post No 120 of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

With the aim of promoting tourism industry of Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar Vietnam will jointly implement the four-nation tour packages.

Investment promotion of Myanmar Tourism Service will beef up the development of Myanmar’s tourism industry through four-country tourism service.—Myanmar Alinn

Photo shows preparations of Theinbyu Turf Hockey Pitch in Mingala Taungnyunt to be able to host hockey matches in the XXVII SEA Games on 14 November.—TIN SOR (MYANMA ALINN)
Friends are coming!

Recently, global personalities visited Myanmar. They included former US President Mr. Bill Clinton, Vice-President of European Commission Ms. Catherine Ashton, and former British Prime Minister Mr. Tony Blair. The good news is that they all came to Myanmar with packages of ideas and means and ways for the country’s progress and prosperity and serving the people’s interest.

During his meeting with former US President Mr. Bill Clinton, President U Thein Sein discussed closer cooperation between Myanmar government and Clinton Foundation in Myanmar’s peace initiatives, procuring HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis drugs and working on drug resistance issues, maternal and child health, and agricultural development.

A high level delegation led by Vice-President of European Commission Ms. Catherine Ashton came to attend the launch of EU-Myanmar Task Force that has facilitated the flow of financial aids and investments into Myanmar and improved job opportunities. In the coming years EU will grant yearly 75 million euros to 90 million euros for Myanmar’s development undertakings. Moreover EU will provide loans between 30 million euros and 100 million euros for SMEs annually.

The Myanmar President and the British former PM had talks on generation of job opportunities, tourism sector development, rural electricity supply, and increased in power distribution industries.

The visit of these personalities in our view opens ways for creating more job opportunities, development of leisure industry, rural electrification, and power supply industry development. Moreover, we also hope larger flow of investments together with financial and material aids for various fields including economy, health and education. Friends are visiting Myanmar bringing in together with them initiatives to help Myanmar in various fields. It is an encouraging sign for Myanmar people. The only thing we need is to use the international assistance and cooperation most effectively for progress and prosperity of our country.

Come back tomorrow

Today

I am an advocate. I have an appointment for a court case today on which the final verdict will be given. I need to be in court on time. My clients are looking forward to the appointment at court and they are ready to accept the verdict. I had been waiting for the whole day at court. When the office was almost over, I was informed that “come back the day after today” and “no verdict will be delivered today” as the court was busy dealing with other cases.

Stamp

I went to an office to buy a stamp for a civil case. There was a notice saying every one can buy stamps freely on the wall. I was said to wait for tomorrow! A seller has not appeared yet. The seller has come, but said come back tomorrow. I will get the stamp I want the day after today. Yes.

Tailor shop

A jacket I usually wear whenever I go to court is getting pretty old. I ordered a tailor to make a new black jacket for me. The tailor shop is said to be famous for its punctuality and quality. So, I went there to have a jacket made for me. I was said I can pick up my jacket today. When I showed a receipt for my jacket, the tailor apologized to me, saying that come back tomorrow as the power was off. I have to accept his apology as it was due to power failure.

Photo booth

I had a photo taken together with my classmates, law students, at university. This photo is about forty years old. I want to make it a new copy. I went a photo booth to copy it. A receipt I got showed the date I can pick up the new copy. I went back the shop on that day. I was said to come back tomorrow. It is easy to say tomorrow. Aww… tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow. I considered myself unlucky. I think there should be something of the word “Tomorrow”.

A word called tomorrow

I don’t want to hear the word “Tomorrow” anymore. I found myself in front of my home library when I got home. I scanned a Myanmar Dictionary. I found the meaning of the word “Tomorrow” on page 132. The word means the day after today (it is also called tomorrow).

Definition of Tomorrow

(1) in English-Myanmar Dictionary on page 1469 is the day after today, for example Today is Tuesday, so tomorrow is Wednesday. Tomorrow is going to be fine and dry according to the weather forecast. The announcement will appear in tomorrow’s newspapers, etc. Oh hell.

Tomorrow circled in red ink

I don’t want to hear the word “Tomorrow”. It is not oaky to hear it. It is a breach of pledge. It is easy to change the date for one side, but it is not good for the other side. It is difficult to postpone the date which is negotiated and agreed by both sides. I drew a circle around the definition of Tomorrow by Myanmar Dictionary and that of by English-Myanmar Dictionary. I will never forget the meaning of this word. It is a word that makes anyone difficult.

At the moment

The phone rang at the moment. “It is for you,” my wife said and handed it to me. “Hello, who is speaking? Aww—you! I had already made an appointment for your case. Yes… but I am very pretty busy today. Don’t come today, I will see you tomorrow.”

Voices from the other side

“What’s the matter? It is scheduled today. I put it in my diary. Unless I see you today, I will miss everything. It is a must for me to see you today,” my client humbly requested, worrying about the appointment.

Come back tomorrow

“Hey guy, I am not free today, anyway. I truly and really am not free. Come back tomorrow.” I shouted at him on the line. Aww… tomorrow, tomorrow!

Kyein, 8-11-2013
Trz: YM

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker visits Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Natmauk

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Nov—Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyin visited Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Natmauk in Magway Region and presented K 200,000 to the fund of the museum yesterday evening.

He also provided K 300,000 to Zarni Myay Myoset free tuition and presented K 200,000 to the fund of the museum and Kanpetlet Free Tuition for the Takes._MNA

Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyin donates K 300,000 to Zarni Myay Myoset free tuition through an official in Natmauk Township.—MNA

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Local people urged to speak out...

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The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party hoisted Mathoe robes to the Pagoda. He urged local people to air their grievances frankly.

Next, U Maung Htoo, chairman of Kalay District management committee, said the OIC delegation assured not to wait until the people understand them.

In the evening, rice donation ceremony organized by the pagoda board of trustees of U Pwar Sutaungpyae Pagoda in Chanmyathazi Township followed.

The famous pagodas, stupas and monasteries in Mandalay were crowded with the devotees and merry-makers on full-moon day of Tazaungmon.

OIC Secretary-General...

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In his press briefing, the OIC secretary-general said the OIC delegation held constructive talks with officials during the three-day trip. The delegation welcomed the government’s statements and assurances 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 across the country including Rakhine State, he added.

Drill of conveying SEA Games torch practised

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—The SEA Games torch conveyance subcommittee practised drill of conveyance at 5 pm yesterday.

The relay team of torch was flanked by policemen, health staff and sports officials conveyed the torch from Nay Pyi Taw City Hall to Wunna Theikdhi Stu-dium.

Local people enjoyed their conveyance of torch.

Secretary-General of OIC Mr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu replies queries raised by media.—MNA

Mandaly, 17 Nov—A religious association led by the Yadaw Sayadaw donated robes, alms, flowers, water and fruits to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Chanmyathazi Township in Mandalay on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon (Sa-maingphala Day), Maha Muni Buddha Image Board of Trustees organized 24th Mathoe robe weaving ceremony at Moguang Dhammayon this morning. Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and wife Daw Myat Ngwe, region ministers, departmental officials and members of religious associations donated Mathoe robes to the Buddha Image.

Diamond orb-hoisting ceremony...

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Then, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party hoisted Steinbudaw and Hteetmyatnadaw atop at the Pagoda.

Afterwards, members of the Sangha consecrated the Pagoda.

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Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint offers diamond orb to a Sayadaw.

So, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and family donated golden umbrella onto the Pagoda.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann being welcomed by local people at Kalay Airport of Sagaing Region.—MNA

Then, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party heard a sermon delivered by the Sayadaw and shared the merits gained.

The Pagoda built by King Maha Tha A Thara in Inwa era was hit by earthquake in November, 2012.

The chief minister and wife presented cash awards and certificates of honour to prize winners in robe weaving contest. The pagoda market was teemed with the pilgrims from four corners of the country.

The chief minister then attended communal Maha Kathina donation ceremony of the region government office at Atu-mashi monastery.

OIC Secretary-General...
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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Opium speciosa seized in Kawthoung**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Nov—** According to information that a suspect boat arrived at Jalankyun Village of Kawthoung Township of Taninthayi Region on 13 November, Tatmadawmen from the local battalion conducted search there. The boatmen escaped from the scene and left 940 packets of powder believed to be opium speciosa weighing 75.2 kilos in total from four polyethylene bags. Packets of opium speciosa seized in Kawthoung.

**Over 1900 stimulant tablets seized in Namkhak**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Nov—** A combined team comprising members of No 101 Anti-Drug Squad (Nay Pyi Taw) and No 22 Anti-Drug Squad (Muse), together with witnesses, found Ah Yan, 22, and a motorcycle in front of her house in Ward 14 of Namkhak of Shan State on 13 November. The authorities seized him and found 1980 stimulant tablets from the tool box of the motorcycle worth K 3.96 million. Namkhak Myoma police station opened a file of lawsuit against Ah Yan under Sections 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

**Electrification for rural areas in Mohnyin Township**

**Mohnyin, 17 Nov—** Mohnyin, Mogaung, Hopin and Nanma of Kachin State have been supplied electricity through national grid as of September this year. Departments concerned are striving for electrification of rural regions on a self-reliant basis.

Now, Nyaunggon Village with over 300 houses enjoys electricity beginning 6 October.

Likewise, Bilu, Pinhe, Nantpok, Nyaungkaing, Thayagon, Hsemang and Mawhan villages are striving for electrification for their villages round the clock.

Under the arrangements of the Union government, electrification tasks are being carried out for the villages which are home to over 50000 population residing around Indawgyi Lake.

“A total of 925 concrete lamp-posts have been sent from Hopin to villages around Indawgyi Lake.”

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A member of Japan's Self-Defense Forces on a medical relief mission treats a child in Tacloban city on the central Philip- pines island of Leyte on Nov. 13, after the area was hit by Typhoon Haiyan.

KYODO NEWS

Australia gives Sri Lanka two patrol boats to fight people smuggling

Canberra, 17 Nov — Australia will give two re- tired Australian Bay Class patrol boats to Sri Lanka to help its operations to combat people smuggling, Prime Minister Tony Ab- bott’s office said in a Press release here on Sunday.

The patrol boats are “agile and with a range, speed and boarding capa-
bility that mean they will be well-suited to enhanc-
ing the Sri Lankan Navy’s efforts to disrupt people smuggling ventures,” the Press release said.

Australia is provid-
ing training with the patrol boats, which will operate alongside Sri Lankan Na-
vy’s existing capability to intercept people smuggling in Sri Lankan waters.

Many of the asylum seeker boats were bound for Australia, which became major issue in the political debates before and after September’s federal elec-
tion in Australia.

Australian cooperation with Sri Lanka in the region is important as it is effec-
tive. Sri Lanka provides strong support against people smuggling operations and Australian agencies work closely with their Sri Lankan counterparts, the press release said.

“Only 14 boats have traveled directly from Sri Lanka to Australia in 2013 compared to 120 boats in 2012,” it said.

Xinhua

International community applauds China’s reform roadmap

Beijing, 17 Nov — The decisions concerning comprehensively deepen-
ing reforms, approved last week at a plenum of the Communist Party of China (CPC), provide a roadmap for the country’s develop-
ment, overseas media, offi-
cials and experts have said.

Referring to as a “blue-
print for reform,” plans such as the abolition of the controversial reeduca-
tion through labor system were widely covered by overseas media, with some describing the reforms as “ambitious” and key to the success of China’s mod-
erization drive.

A report from the Reu-
ters news agency said the detailed document released on Friday, following the concluded Third Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee, shows China’s determination to carry out “the boldest set of economic and social re-
forms in nearly three dec-
ades” to put the world’s second-largest economy on a more stable footing.

“China would acceler-
ate capital account con-
virtibility, scrap residency restrictions in small cities and towns, integrate ur-
ban and rural social security systems and push forward with an environmental tax, among many other meas-
ures,” said the report.

In an article entitled “China Details Ambitious Reform Plan,” the Wall Street Journal said the new Chinese leadership has pre-
vented sweeping plan to remake the economy.

The newspaper went on to say that the document “announced a step for reform and proposed a ‘variety of experiments’ in the face of a number of major or major economic and social challenges,” he said, describing the move as key to ensuring the success of China’s mod-
erization drive.

Britain’s Financial Times hailed the blueprint as the “most ambitious re-
form plan to come from the party in at least a decade,” while Keith Bowman, eq-
ity analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown, told Reuters that “whilst further assessment and detail is needed, the policy moves on the surface appear to be a significant step in the right direction.”

Kazakh newspaper Kaz-
akhstan Business believes that China has set for itself the path for the upcoming decade, saying the reform-
related decisions taken at the plenum will boost the confidence of the world’s major financial markets.

Such ideas as expand-
ing investment, facilitating the development of free trade zones and further opening inland markets offer fresh opportunities for Kazakh enterprises, the newspaper wrote.

German media also devoted coverage to Chi-
na’s tone-setting meeting with German News Televi-
sion saying Beijing is pre-
bparing itself for the future, and that through compre-
sensive reforms, the Com-

unist Party is seeking a turn in its development.

Xinhua
### The Republic of Union of Myanmar

**Ministry of Energy**

**Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise**

**Invitation for Open Tender**

(13/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars.

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Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 18th November, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise Ph: +95 67-411097/411206

### Pakistan suspends cell phone service in capital over security concerns

**Islamabad, 17 Nov** — Authorities in Pakistan on Sunday temporarily blocked cellular phone service in the capital Islamabad over security concerns after sectarian clashes in the nearby Rawalpindi city claimed nine lives, officials said.

The mobile phone will remain suspended until 12 noon, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority said.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who is currently in Sri Lanka, telephoned Chief Minister of the Punjab Shehbaz Sharif and sought details and updates on the Rawalpindi incident, the PM office has said.

The prime minister ordered that miscreants responsible for this incident should not be spared and that they must be defeated in their nefarious designs of creating discord in the society, a statement said.

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has presided over a high-level meeting to review the security situation, officials said Sunday.

### Powerful blast rocks Kabul, several killed, injured

**Kabul, 17 Nov** — A powerful blast rocked Afghan capital Kabul on Saturday, leaving several people killed and injured, a local security official said.

“The blast apparently a suicide car bomb happened next to the police academy and the venue of the consultative Loya Jirga, leaving several people dead and injured,” the official told Xinhua but declined to be identified.

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### Days of election silence begins in Nepal

**Kathmandu, 17 Nov** — Nepal imposed a two-day election silence which ban all political campaigning to enable voters once again think over their choice on Sunday and Monday before the country holds the second Constituent Assembly (CA) election on Tuesday.

A total of 12.4 million people are entitled to vote in Nov. 19 Constituent Assembly (CA) elections. From Saturday midnight, parties’ months-long election campaign came to an end and candidate’s supporters are engaged on personal contact with voters.

“Once the silent hour comes into effect, the political parties, candidates and their representatives are strictly banned from campaigning,” Election Commission Ayodhi Prasad Yadav told a press conference.

### Malaysian police believe terrorists involved in attacking Taipei tourists

**Kuala Lumpur, 17 Nov** — Malaysian police said Saturday that at least one tourist from Taiwan and kidnapped his wife on Pom Pom Island, Semporna, on Friday had links to a terrorist group.

Inspector-General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar said the group was notorious for kidnapping but no ransom demand had been made for the safe return of Chang An Wei, 58.

“The initial information we have is that there were eight of them. They were a band of opportunists who took advantage of the security void left by Filipino border authorities that had been moved to concentrate on the (Typhoon) Haiyan disaster up north,” he said.

Khalid did not rule out the involvement of local’s in the planning of the raid, but said police were investigating if these individuals were Sabahans or Filipinos who slipped through the border.
**Documentary “Tir” wins Rome film festival’s top prize**

**ROME, 17 Nov.** — “Tir,” a documentary about the unlikely career path of a Bosnian truck driver directed by Albert Sasulo, became the first Italian film to win the Golden Marcus Aurelius award at the eight-year-old Rome Film Festival on Saturday.

Among the two big-name Hollywood actors — Scarlett Johansson and Matthew McConaughey — won the main acting prizes and a total of three of the ten prizes from the in-competition selection went to Asian films, including “Blue Sky Bones” (Laumug guto) from Cui Jian, which won a special mention from the jury. Separately, Tsu Hark was given the festival’s second Maverick Director Award, while his latest film, “Young Detective Dee: Rise of the Sea Dragon 3D” had its international premiere immediately following the award ceremony.

The awards — which also included a pair of honours for the Japanese thriller “Seventh Code” (best director to Kiyoshi Kurosawa and Koichi Takahashi for best technical contribution) and the best emerging actor or actress honor to the entire cast of “Acrid” (Gass) from Iranian director Ki- arash Asadizadeh — were well received by the crowd in attendance and will surely shine a favorable light on the festival, under the artistic direction of Marco Mul- ler for the second year. Johansson’s award was unusual, because it represented a rare acting honor in a non-animated film for someone who did not appear on screen in the film that earned her the nomination.

In Spike Jonze’s “Her,” Johansson played the voice of a seductive computer operating system that attracts the amorous desires of the film’s protagonist, played by Joaquin Phoenix.

McConaughey was honored for his work in Jean-Marc Vallee’s “Dallas Buyers Club,” which also won the festival’s audience award.

The award to “Tir” means the last two major Italian film festivals honored Italian-made docu- mentaries with their top awards, following the Venice Film Festival, which in September gave its top prize to “Sacro GRA” from Gianfranco Rosi.

— Xinhua

**Super Bowl, Grammyms still music’s top promotional venues**

**NEW YORK, 17 Nov.** — The Super Bowl halftime show and a performance during the music industry’s annual Grammy Awards are once again the top venues to maximize a musician’s exposure to consumers, the trade publication Billboard said on Friday.

The National Football League’s February Super Bowl, which draws more than 100 million TV view- ers, ranked first in the annual list followed by the Grammy show, music’s biggest night, which features several performances by top music acts.

The magazine’s list of the 75 most effective pro- motional outlets for exposure for singers and artists will be available on newsstands on Monday.

Billboard compiled the “Maximum Exposure” list by polling industry experts on media, marketing and promotion, and which venues are able to produce the most sales and public exposure. Pop singer Beyonce used this year’s Super Bowl as part of her carefully crafted comeback after giv- ing birth to her first child in January 2012. Singer Bruno Mars will headline this year’s halftime show.

A performance on Comcast Corp’s NBC late- night comedy show “Sat- urday Night Live” ranked third on the list in part for its ability to help boost sales of emerging acts, Billboard editor Joe Levy said. — Reuters

**‘Daily Show’ comedian John Oliver gets HBO series**

**WASHINGTON, 17 Nov.** — John Oliver, a satirical news correspondent on Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show,” will be leaving the show to star in a weekly comedy news series on HBO beginning next year, the US premium cable network said on Thursday. HBO, a unit of Time Warner Inc, said the show will air on Sunday nights and be a satire of topical news and politics. The network did not announce a start date.

The British comedian, best known for his wit on politics and current events, won over HBO with his performance as a fill-in host this summer for Jon Stewart on the Comedy Central pro- gramme, said Michael Lombardo, HBO’s president of programming. “We weren’t otherwise searching for another weekly talk show, but when we saw John Oliver handling host duties on ‘The Daily Show,’ we knew that his singular perspective and distinct voice belonged on HBO,” Lombardo said in a statement. “We are ex- tremely excited that John has agreed to make HBO his home.” — Reuters

**Comedians John Oliver (L.) and Aasif Mandvi arrive on the red carpet at the annual White House Correspondents’ Association dinner in Washington in this on 27 April, 2013, file photo. — REUTERS**

**Beyonce and Destiny’s Child perform during the halftime show of the NFL Super Bowl XLVII football game in New Orleans, Louisiana, in this 3 Feb, 2013, file photo. — REUTERS**

**Designer Smith throws socks, wins smiles at exhibition debut**

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**Italian-Croatian wins top prize at Rome film festival.**

“Tir,” a documentary about the unlikely career path of a Bosnian truck driver directed by Albert Sasulo, became the first Italian film to win the Golden Marcus Aurelius award at the eight-year-old Rome Film Festival on Saturday.

Among the two big-name Hollywood actors — Scarlett Johansson and Matthew McConaughey — won the main acting prizes and a total of three of the ten prizes from the in-competition selection went to Asian films, including “Blue Sky Bones” (Laumug guto) from Cui Jian, which won a special mention from the jury. Separately, Tsu Hark was given the festival’s second Maverick Director Award, while his latest film, “Young Detective Dee: Rise of the Sea Dragon 3D” had its international premiere immediately following the award ceremony.

The awards — which also included a pair of hon- ours for the Japanese thriller “Seventh Code” (best director to Kiyoshi Kurosawa and Koichi Takahashi for best technical contribution) and the best emerging actor or actress honor to the entire cast of “Acrid” (Gass) from Iranian director Ki- arash Asadizadeh — were well received by the crowd in attendance and will surely shine a favorable light on the festival, under the artistic direction of Marco Mul- ler for the second year. Johansson’s award was unusual, because it represented a rare acting honor in a non-animated film for someone who did not appear on screen in the film that earned her the nomination.

In Spike Jonze’s “Her,” Johansson played the voice of a seductive computer operating system that attracts the amorous desires of the film’s protagonist, played by Joaquin Phoenix.

McConaughey was honored for his work in Jean-Marc Vallee’s “Dallas Buyers Club,” which also won the festival’s audience award.

The award to “Tir” means the last two major Italian film festivals honored Italian-made docu- mentaries with their top awards, following the Venice Film Festival, which in September gave its top prize to “Sacro GRA” from Gianfranco Rosi.

— Xinhua

**‘Daily Show’ comedian John Oliver gets HBO series**

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov. — John Oliver, a satirical news correspondent on Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show,” will be leaving the show to star in a weekly comedy news series on HBO beginning next year, the US premium cable network said on Thursday. HBO, a unit of Time Warner Inc, said the show will air on Sunday nights and be a satire of top- ical news and politics. The network did not announce a start date.

The British comedian, best known for his wit on politics and current events, won over HBO with his performance as a fill-in host this summer for Jon Stewart on the Comedy Central programme, said Michael Lombardo, HBO’s president of programming. “We weren’t otherwise searching for another weekly talk show, but when we saw John Oliver handling host duties on ‘The Daily Show,’ we knew that his singular perspective and distinct voice belonged on HBO,” Lombardo said in a statement. “We are ex- tremely excited that John has agreed to make HBO his home.” — Reuters

**Comedians John Oliver (L.) and Aasif Mandvi arrive on the red carpet at the annual White House Correspondents’ Association dinner in Washington in this on 27 April, 2013, file photo. — REUTERS**

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English and Karlsson lead the way in Mexico

NEW YORK, 17 Nov—American Harris English and Swede Robert Karlsson separated themselves from the pack on Saturday to share the lead midway through the third round of the weather interrupted OHL Classic at Mayakoba. The pair moved to 15-under-par, three shots clear of their nearest challengers, when play was suspended because of darkness at the El Camaleon Golf Club in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

English and Karlsson still had 11 holes to play in the third round after the first two days were also interrupted by foul weather.

English, who won the FedEx St Jude Classic in June, finished off his second round on Saturday morning, adding three more birdies to his overnight score to finish with a nine-under-par 62, the lowest round of his career.

Karlsson, an 11-time winner on the European Tour, was one of only a handful of players able to sleep in, having finished his second round on Friday.

The former world number six continued his good form, also grabbing three early round birdies.

With no status on the tour, Karlsson was only included in the field courtesy of his top 10 finish in last week’s McGladrey Classic, where he was on a sponsor invite. The last of his wins in Europe came almost three years ago in the Dubai World Championship and he has slipped to 287th in the world but made 18 birdies in this tournament.

South African Rory Sabbatini (eight holes) and American Kevin Stadler (six holes) were tied for third place at 12-under while Spain’s Alvaro Quiros (14 holes) and Americans Jason Bohn (nine holes) and Chris Stroud (eight holes) shared fifth at 11-under.

Defending champion John Huh sat 10 shots adrift at five under through 15 holes in a tie for 32nd.—Reuters

Brazil turn on the style to hammer Honduras

MIAMI, 17 Nov—Brazil turned on the style in the second half to score four goals and hammer Honduras 5-0 in a friendly in Miami on Saturday.

Bernard, Dante, Maicon, Willian and Hulk scored for the Brazilians, who took their time to settle but ran out comfortable winners. Substitute Robinho stood out in the second half in his first international appearance in two years.

“I was happy with the way we played, we were very good, and it was great for me to come back and play like this,” said Robinho, who hit the post with a lovely strike.

“We thoroughly deserved the win and I’m delighted.”

Honduras took the game to Brazil in the early stages and put in some aggressive tackling, particularly against Barcelona striker Neymar.

But as the game went on Brazil gradually took control, with Paulinho particularly prominent in midfield and David Luiz leading from the back.

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Brazil doubled their lead in the 50th minute when a Dante header hit two Honduran defenders, wrong-footed goalkeeper Valladares and rolled into the net. Brazil’s third was similarly scrappy, Valladares parrying a Paulinho shot only as far as Maicon, who had the easiest of tap ins in the 65th minute.

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Del Potro not to play Davis Cup 2014

BUENOS AIRES, 17 Nov—Argentina’s tennis player Juan Martin del Potro, fifth in the ATP world ranking, announced on Friday that he will not to play the first series of Davis Cup next January.

The Argentine player said he is tired of the “double standard and hypocritical” speech of the tennis directives and of the team’s captain, Martin Jatko.

Del Potro announced his decision in a letter sent to the president of the Argentine Tennis Association (ATA), Arturo Grimaldi, and to the president of the Argentine Tennis Federation (ATF), Arturo Grimaldi, and to the president of the ATP, Pat Henschel.

Del Potro is the 25-year-old tennis player from his decision with his tennis group.

Italy draw 1-1 with Germany in friendly

MILAN, 17 Nov—Italy maintained their unbeaten streak against Germany since 1995 on Friday when they drew 1-1 with the Nationalmannschaft in an international friendly.

Mats Hummels put Germany ahead first and Ignazio Abate equalized for the hosts before half an hour had been played in San Siro.

It was Joachim Loew’s 100th game as Germany coach, and seeking their first win over Italy since 1995, Germany were soon under attack from the Azzurri, whose striker pulled a shot wide after just 40 seconds. Despite the bright start for the hosts, they still found themselves behind from Germany’s first attack, Hummels heading in off the left-hand post from a corner in the eighth minute.

Italy were then helped by fortune not to concede another goal in the 17th minute of an open and entertaining encounter, but the work was not enough to help Italy’s rescue. It did again in the 32nd minute when Andre Schuerrle pounced on a poor clearance from Leonardo Bonucci to hit the crossbar with a dipping shot.—Xinhua

Vettel on pole for what could be a record win

NEW YORK, 17 Nov—Red Bull’s quadruple world champion Sebastian Vettel seized pole position on Saturday for a US Grand Prix that could see him celebrate a record eighth successive win of the Formula One season.

The 26-year-old German made sure of his 44th career pole with the last lap of the session, with Australian team mate Mark Webber having to settle for second on an all-Red Bull front row at the Circuit of the Americas.

Sunday’s race will be the eighth time this season that Vettel, who clinched his fourth successive driver’s title in India last month, has started from pole and the second straight year in Texas.

If he wins, the champion will become the first driver to win eight races in a single season. The all-time record of nine in a row was set by Italian Alberto Ascari over the course of two seasons in 1952/53.

He will also stay on course to equal Michael Schumacher’s record of 13 wins in a season, with only Brazil to come after Austin and with victory already under his belt.

“I’m trying not to think much about these things,” Vettel told reporters.

“I think it is not the right mindset to go into a race thinking about a higher target than just the race. I’ve done well with that kind of approach so far so I don’t see any reason to change.”

Reuters

Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany drives during the qualifying session of the Austin F1 Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin on 16 Nov, 2013.—Reuters
Bolt and Fraser-Pryce win 2013 World Athlete awards

MONTREAL, 17 Nov — Jamaican sprinters Usain Bolt and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce were crowned male and female World Athletes of the Year for 2013 by the sport’s governing IAAF at a ceremony in Monaco on Saturday.

Bolt won gold in the 100 meters, 200 and 4x100 relay at the World Indoor Championships in Moscow, having previously won two golds and two silvers, and is also the Olympic sprint champion.

The 27-year-old Bolt, who also has six Olympic gold medals and holds the 100 and 200 metres world records, won the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) award for the third season in a row and the fifth time in six years.

“This season will be the one to go for the (200m) world record,” said Bolt, hinting that a time below 19 seconds was the target. His current world record is 19.19 seconds.

Competitor Fraser-Pryce claimed gold medals in the same three events in Moscow, having previously won two golds and two silvers, and is also the Olympic sprint champion.

The 26-year-old Fraser-Pryce collected her first female World Athlete of the Year award, and it was also the first time since Britain’s successes in 1993 that two athletes from the same country have won the awards in the same year.

“I’m shocked and excited. It’s something that has been a dream of mine,” said Fraser-Pryce, who becomes the second Jamaican woman to win the award after Merlene Ottey in 1990.

Bolt and Fraser-Pryce also receive a price of $100,000.

The other male nominees were Ukraine high jumper Bohan Bondarenko and British distance runner Mo Farah, while New Zealand shot-putter Valerie Adams and Czech hurdler Zuzana Hejnova were shortlisted for the women’s prize.—Xinhua

Air China to launch Beijing-Siem Reap direct flight

BEIJING, 17 Nov — Air China has said it will launch direct flight from Beijing to Cambodia’s Siem Reap next month, providing more convenience for tourists.

Using Boeing 737-800 jets, Air China will operate the new route on Wednesdays and Sundays in December. Starting from January, Air China will add flights on Mondays and Fridays. Known for the world cultural heritage Angkor Wat, Siem Reap attracts global tourists and photographers every year. —Xinhua

American pro motorcyclist Kurt Caselli dies in Mexico race

NEW YORK, 17 Nov — American motorcycle racer Kurt Caselli has died from injuries he suffered in an off-road race in Mexico’s Baja California, a racing authority said on Saturday.

Caselli, 30, was competing in the SCORE Baja 1000 on his KTM motorcycle on Friday when he apparently lost control on a “sandy, high-speed section” of the route, said a statement on the website of SCORE International Off-Road Racing.

SCORE is a desert-racing sanctioning body based in Reno, Nevada.

Caselli, of Palmdale, California, suffered serious trauma in the accident, the organization said.

“Our desert-racing family has lost a very special person in Kurt,” SCORE President Roger Norman said in a statement.

“Kurt was a superb racer and this is a tragedy that affects us all. We extend our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Caselli family.”

Caselli won numerous American and international racing events, including last year’s SCORE San Felipe 250. He finished second and third in two SCORE races this year. —Reuters

Six killed in bus collision in east Philippines

MANILA, 17 Nov — Six people were killed when a bus carrying survivors from typhoon-hit central Philippine province of Leyte rammed into another passenger bus in northern Province of Camarines Sur Saturday morning, police said.

Some 30 passengers were injured in the road mishap involving Bicol-bound Raymond Transport bus and Manila-bound JMC bus, said Camarines Sur Provincial Police Office. Five of those killed were on board Raymond bus, while one aboard JMC carrying residents from Tacloban, capital of Leyte province, who wanted to take shelter at their relatives’ house in Manila, police said.

Investigation into the incident was underway. —Xinhua

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People enjoy Samaññaphala Day, Tazaungdine lighting festival on fullmoon day of Tazaungmon

**Shwedagon Pagoda**

With pilgrims on full moon day of Tazaungmon (Samaññaphala Day)

Local people urged to speak out matters serving interest of the country and people, air their grievances frankly

**OIC Secretary-General and party cooperate visit**

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Nov — The delegation comprising Secretary-General of Organization of Islamic Cooperation Mr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu and members foreign affairs ministers this morning met with media persons at Yangon International Airport before departing from Yangon by air.

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**Myanmar U-23 team to play against Japan U-20 in tune-up match**

Myanmar U-23 football team resumed its training as of 14 November afternoon as part of preparations to take part in the XXVII SEA Games. After arriving back from tune-up matches trips from Republic of Korea and Japan, the Myanmar U-23 team took a three-day break and resumed its training session. The team with 26 tentatively selected players is undergoing training. They all were included in the foreign trips of tune-up matches.


Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker handed over Seimbudaw to Chairman of Mandalay Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Viçittabhivamsa, presiding Sayadaw of Maygawun Pariyatti Sarthitmaññaphala Day was held at its platform in Mayangon Township this morning, attended by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, the Speaker of Region Hluttaw, the commander and wife, the Chief Justice of the Region High Court and wife and officials.

Today, Mathoe robes, one of the significant ceremonies in the month of Tazaungmon, was held across the nation.

The 29th Mathoe robe offering ceremony took place at Shwedagon Pagoda this early morning. Members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees offered Mathoe robes to Padanayothin Buddha image, encircled zedies and Buddha images.

The 18th Buddha Pu-janya and consecration of sacred Buddha tooth relic pagoda (Yangon) was held at its platform in Mayangon Township this morning, attended by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, the Speaker of Region Hluttaw, the commander and wife, the Chief Justice of the Region High Court and wife and officials.

Today, Mathoe robes were offered to Buddha images at Botataung, Sule, Kaba Aye, Shwe- phonepaw, Kyakkasan and Kyaaikhaung pagodas. The ceremony to mark Samaññaphala Day was held at Kyaiwaung Pagoda.

Members of Chaukhtet-gyi Pagoda Board of Trustees offered Kathina robes to over 300 members of the Sangha from 54 monasteries around the pagoda.

Yangonites performed meritorious deeds, took Sabbath, practiced meditation and visited religious edifices. Moreover, holi-day-makers in groups and individuals took relaxation at parks and playgrounds.

In the evening, the roads, residences and build¬nings were illuminated with multi-coloured lights.

Myanmar U-23 team will play a tune-up match with Japan U-20 team that is making preparation for the 2016 Olympic Games, at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna in Yangon on 20 November.

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