Third Myanmar Green Economy Green Growth Forum to produce desired outcomes for success of realization of sustainable development initiatives

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov — Technologies and funds are needed for green economy initiatives while shaping the scheme of poverty alleviation and sustainable development in developing countries, President U Thein Sein said at an opening of the 3rd Green Economy Green Growth Forum held at Myanmar International Convention Centre-MICC, here, this morning.

It was also attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, the Union ministers, the committee chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, the deputy ministers, the chairman and members of Myanmar Green Economy Green Growth, responsible persons of Myanmar Engineering Society, Association of Myanmar Architects, the UN agencies and international organizations, local and foreign environmentalists, foreign diplomats, departmental heads and guests.

President U Thein Sein delivered an address on the occasion. He said:

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World powers, Iran make new attempt to clinch nuclear deal

YANGON, 20 Nov — Visiting Mongolian President Mr. Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj addressed the Myanmar-Mongolia Business Forum and Business Networking at Mingala Hall of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Minyekyawswa Road, here, this morning.

UMFCCI President U Win Aung invited Mongolian entrepreneurs to make investments in Myanmar informing that Myanmar has enacted foreign investment law.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw said that three special economic zones are being implemented in the country. On the other hand, Myanmar is being transitioned into a modern industrialized country with progress of agricultural and industrial sectors. Of 12 main investment sectors of the country, energy sector stands first by 43.93 per cent, oil and gas sector, the second by 32.74 per cent, and mine sector, the third by 6.45 per cent.

He invited Mongolian investments in respective sectors as Myanmar has never seen them before. There has been bilateral trade between Myanmar and Mongolia. The today’s forum brings fruitful results to bilateral cooperation between the two countries in respective sectors.

The Mongolian President said that plans are underway to order chartered flights schedule between the two countries as tourism industry is the main business for Mongolia. Mongolia overcame obstacles and challenges in its transition period as Myanmar is facing now. He expressed his belief that Myanmar stands shoulder to shoulder with world countries in the near future.

Those present at the forum participated in discussions about current economic and financial situation in Mongolia and development investment environment and policies of Mongolia.

The forum was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers and entrepreneurs of Myanmar and Mongolia.—MNA
Two new school buildings donated in Ngathayauk Sub-township

NGYANGU, 20 Nov—Two new school buildings of Oyin Village Basic Education post-primary school in Ngathayauk Sub-township, NyaungU District were opened and handed over to the Education Department on 9 November. On the occasion, Mandalay Region Auditor-General U Kyaw Win, Pyathu Hlutaw Representative U Aung Kyang, Deputy Education Officer U Maung Yi and donor U Aung Nyo formally opened the new school buildings named “Bo Cho” and “U Aung Nyo.”

Bo Cho school building with 60 feet in length, 30 feet in width and 15 feet in height was donated by Thi Thi Phyo Min Ngwe and Daw Khin Khin Thida, U Aung Kyaw Win and Daw Sein Aye and U Soe Myint and Daw Khin Nilar.

U Aung Nyo school building with 90 feet in length, 30 feet in width and 12 feet in height was donated by U Aung Nyo and Daw Htay Huyn Nyan and their relatives.

Kymon-Shwe Inntha Khin Maung Win

Older persons receive free medical treatment in YeU

YEJI, 20 Nov—YeU Township Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Win Myat Phyu and committee members gave free medical treatment along with cash and kind to the older persons in Aungminglar Ward of YeU Township on 12 November.

Quadruplets born at Ngathainggyoung People’s Hospital

YEJI, 20 Nov—Daw Hnin Hnin Win, 34, and her husband U Zaw Lin Tun in Kanni Village of Ngathainggyoung Sub-township gave birth to quadruplets at People’s Hospital of Ngathainggyoung Sub-township in Yeji Township of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region on 18 November evening.

Both the mother and the children—three boys and one girl—are in good health. The mother and children were sent to Yankin Children’s Hospital in Yangon with the fund donated by Hospital Supervisory Committee in the evening.

Under the leadership of Dr Win Mie Mie Khant, nursing, nurse Daw Moe Pa Pa Aung and Daw Khin Myo Thet Wai could manage to give birth to quadruplets.

Kymon-Min Zaw Oo (Yeji)

World Cup goes on a victory tour in Myanmar

YANGON, 20 Nov—FIFA World Cup which is the most valuable prize in the football world will be shown in Myanmar for the first time. The trophy is 14.5 inches high, made of solid 18 carat (75%) gold and weighs 6.175 kg (13.6 lb). Only the champion teams in FIFA World Cup can hold the trophy.

FIFA, MFF and Cocaca have made arrangements to show World Cup in Myanmar. The trophy with ceremonial occasions starts its journey from Rio de Janeiro of Brazil and goes in a victory tour around 50 countries in the world. After 2006 and 2010, this is the third time to show the trophy around the world which is jointly organized by Cocaca and FIFA.

FIFA World Cup will be kept in Thawmung YTC in Yangon on 27 December. Those interested in football will have a chance to enjoy it.—Kymon-Myat Sandi Thinn Zaw

Express trains arranged for Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon-Mandalay direct route during SEA Games

YANGON, 20 Nov—Arrangements are being made for express trains to ply Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon-Mandalay route. The two express trains will be arranged to go through Nay Pyi Taw via Yangon and Mandalay.

Kymon (Htet Khaing-Sangyoung)

Media men for SEA Games news by JX Express free of charge

YANGON, 20 Nov—Arrangements are being made for media persons to take vehicles free of charge while covering news in the SEA Games, according to JX Express bus line. Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon-Mandalay bus route schedules have been arranged for media person convenience. The suggestions are invited to arrange the schedules to be better and seats are limited for prior engagements, said one of the official persons from JX Express. The special vehicles are used for this bus route schedule. In case the amount of media persons will exceed, another vehicle will be arranged.

Kymon

Combine harvester demonstration in Yebyu

Chairman of CB Bank U Khin Maung Aye presents K 5 million and trophy to leader Dr Ba Swe of the team representing Ward 14 in Kyemon-Shwe Inntha Khin Maung Win

Myanmar Men’s Futsal Team hopes of victory in SEA Games

Myanmar Men’s Futsal Team is lack of experience compared with its ASEAN counterparts. Myanmar futsal team lagged far behind Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia. Thai- land futsal team competed even in the Futsal World Cup.

Myanmar Men’s Futsal Team is receiving intensive training to clinch victory in the 27th SEA Games. Myanmar is to compete with Indonesia and Malaysia in a tight Group (A), Indonesia and Malaysia have better skills than Myanmar.

It is believed that Myanmar Men’s Futsal Team has got practical skills from the joint-training with Thailand and from the friendly futsal matches with Thailand and UAE. Myanmar futsal team participated in the Pre SEA Games Futsal Test Match held in Nay Pyi Taw from 29 September to 3 October. Besides, Myanmar team competed in ASEAN Futsal Championship-2013 in October. But, Myanmar missed taste of victory. Myanmar Team with 20 tentatively selected players hopes of victory in the 27th SEA Games.—Chit Ko Ko; Photo: Shine Htet Zaw

Combination of harvest with Ceremony of pathein district in ayeyawady region on 18 November evening.

Daw Htay Htay Nyunt and Daw Khin Nilar.

Government ordered two more Combine harvesters had been bought in Taninhtayi region. The region government ordered to buy two more combine harvesters.—Kymon-District IPRD

Kaymon-Than Htike (YeU)

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In his speech, the region chief minister said the demonstration was to show the capability of the combine harvester to the farmers and enable them to observe thriving Palethwe paddy plantation. A total of five combine harvesters had been bought in Taninhtayi region. The region government ordered to buy two more combine harvesters.—Kymon-District IPRD

Kymon-Min Zaw Oo (Yeji)
Regulators call for radiation dose management on individual basis

Tokyo, 20 Nov — The Nuclear Regulation Authority on Wednesday decided to propose to a government task force that the management of radiation doses on an individual basis is vital to working out measures to protect people seeking to return to their homes after the 2011 Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster.

The proposal is expected to bring about a change in the government’s policy of using “cumulative” personal doses, calculated from air dose levels measured by radiation monitoring posts and other sources, when setting evacuation zones and other protective steps.

But as radiation exposure measured by individual dosimeters tends to be lower than estimated doses, the latest move could effectively mean a relaxation of the rules, making it easier for the government to achieve its long-term goal of reducing exposure doses to 1 millisievert per year in contaminated areas. Estimated doses are calculated on the assumption that an individual remains eight hours outdoors and 16 hours indoors.

NRA Chairman Shunichi Tanaka said at a news conference that grasping individual doses is “essential” when evacuees return home, because each person’s lifestyle is different.

“Individual doses differ, and that could affect health,” he said.

The proposal also called on the government to present a road map showing the timeline for measures it will implement to help people decide whether to return to their homes as well as to support those who decide to do so, which an evacuation order has been lifted.

Kyodo News

South Africa building site collapses, one dead, dozens feared trapped

TONGAAT, (S Africa), 20 Nov — At least one person was killed and dozens were feared trapped under rubble on Tuesday after a soccer pitch-sized section of a shopping mall under construction collapsed near the South African city of Durban, emergency services and police said. Witness Fiona Mooneal, who lives across a railway line from the construction site, was standing in her kitchen washing up teacups when the three-storey building collapsed as though it had been dynamited.

“It was just after 4.30 (1430 GMT). Suddenly about 200 metres of concrete slab just collapsed all at the same time. The screams of the guys, above all of that mad noise, you could still hear them,” she told Reuters. “It was like when you blow up a building, a bomb. That sound — it was terrible.”

It was not yet clear what caused the three-storied building in the town of Tongaat, 30 km (20 miles) north of Durban, to collapse although Deputy Mayor Nontutholi Nqalane said local authorities had tried to halt construction a month ago.

“Fingers are being cast at the authorities and they did not follow in terms of building of this infrastructure,” Shabahala told broadcaster ENCA. “We were not aware that they were continuing building.”

Reuters

Natural disasters cost world $4 tril over last 3 decades

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov — The world has lost more than 2.5 million people and almost $4 trillion to natural disasters over the last 30 years, the World Bank said in the latest report.

“Total reported losses from disasters are estimated at $1.3 trillion in this period with 74 percent due to extreme weather,” according to the report released during the 19th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP19) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

One of the main topics at the conference is to create an international framework, in which developed countries take the initiative in helping developing ones in the event of natural disasters caused by global warming. “Typhoon Hayyan, the most powerful typhoon ever to hit the Philippines, has brought into sharp focus how climate change is intensifying the severity of extreme weather events, which hurts the poor the most,” said World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim.

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Reuters

World powers, Iran make new attempt to clinch nuclear deal

GENEVA, 20 Nov — World powers aim to clinch a preliminary deal to curb Iran’s nuclear programme in politically charged talks starting Wednesday to end a long standoff and head off the risk of a wider Middle East war.

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GROWING up in the EU parliament: Italy’s Member of the European Parliament Lucia Ronzulli (C) takes part with her daughter Vittoria (L) in a voting session at the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 19 Nov, 2013.

Reuter
**NASA puts out call for commercial space taxis**

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 20 Nov — Despite budget uncertainties, NASA on Tuesday issued a solicitation for a commercially operated space taxi to ferry astronauts to the International Space Station, an attempt to break Russia’s monopoly on crew transport by 2017. The United States has been without a human space transportation system since 2011 when NASA retired its three-ship shuttle fleet due to high operating costs and fundamental safety questions. NASA’s so-called Commercial Crew programme is intended to address both cost and safety concerns, as well as return the capability to fly people to space from US soil.

The agency wants to be able to purchase rides on a commercial basis before 2017 to fly four crewmembers to and from the station about every six months. The new solicitation asks for proposals for final design, development, test, evaluation and certification of a human space transportation system, including ground operations, launch, orbital operations, return to Earth and landing. Rather than designing a replacement space shuttle and hiring contractors to build it, NASA decided to partner with industry, offering money, technical advice and oversight. A precursor programme for cargo ships spawned two new supply lines to the International Space Station, a $1 billion research outpost that flies about 250 miles above Earth. So far, privately owned Space Exploration Technologies, or SpaceX, has made one test flight and two cargo runs to the station. Orbital Sciences Corp completed its test flight in September and is preparing its first resupply mission in December. — Reuters

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**Young Saudis getting creative on YouTube**

DUBAI, 20 Nov — Turn on a Saudi television and you’ll usually get a diet of religious programming and uncontroversial imported fare. But there’s much more to a “night in” for the average Saudi — they’re also the world’s most avid viewers of YouTube. The programmes of Jeddah-based UTURN, from drama to reality shows, are typical.

“3AL says,” “On the Fly,” is a Saudi version of “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.” “ElyJLybe” is a lightheartedly weekly review of Arab online videos.

As of mid-September, UTURN had 286 million views on YouTube and 8 million followers on social media such as Facebook and Twitter, most of them Saudis, said Abdullah Mando, 27, who set up the company in 2010 with two university friends. The secret of UTURN’s success is simple, but in a Saudi context, rather revolutionary: give the audience what it wants.

“These kinds of shows are useful and entertaining, and because they are made by young people, they are close to the heart,” said Marwa Gaily, 16, a student in Riyadh.

Addressing serious social issues through humor makes it easier to reach the audience, she said. “The public wants to watch what makes them laugh.”

The Internet’s challenge to traditional media is not unique to Saudi Arabia. YouTube has helped fund hundreds of new channels on its platform, and 25 attract more than 2 million views per week as of February, according to the most recent data provided by the company.

A visitor is seen at the YouTube stand during the annual MIPTV television programme market in Cannes, southeastern France, on 3 October, 2011. — Reuters

**US, Chinese scientists’ discovery may help find new superconductors**

HOUSTON, 20 Nov — A group of US and Chinese scientists have made a new discovery on iron-based compounds, which may help find new superconductors that can be used in power generation, transportation and other fields, Rice University said on Monday. The university, based in Houston, the US state of Texas, made the announcement in a published statement on Monday, saying that the effort to create practical superconductors has moved a step forward with the finding, which appeared online in a new Nature Communications paper.

A team led by Rice physicist Qimiao Si found two distinctly different iron-based compounds share common mechanisms for moving electrons. Understanding that mechanism may help researchers find even better superconductors, Si said. The work by Si and his team showed how the interactions between electron spins in the iron-based compounds drive superconductivity. This interaction is the strongest when the electronic system is close to the Mott transition, which

was described as the point where electrons teeter on the edge of free movement or being stuck in place.

“Ironically, this regime of electron correlation produces poor electrical conduction above the superconducting transition temperature, so the optimized superconductivity arises out of a bad metal,” said Rong Yu, the co-author of the paper who was a postdoctoral fellow at Rice until this summer, when he became an associate professor at Renmin University in Beijing. Part of the success of the work is to explain how superconductivity peaks of the two doped iron compounds have comparable transition temperatures, as has been observed experimentally.

“The chalcogenides in many regards, are different from the pnictides but have a superconductive transition temperature just as high. That was a major surprise in the field,” Si said.

The pursuit of superconductivity, the ability of electrons to travel through a material with no resistance and producing no heat — has been a great challenge. — Xinhua

**BMW launches fuel-efficient, ‘still cheeky’, new Mini**

OXFORD, 20 Nov — BMW (BMW.DE) unveiled a more fuel efficient, third-generation version of its iconic Mini on Monday, as the world’s biggest luxury carmaker looks to retain its leadership in the lucrative premium compact car market. The launch of the three-door hatchback took place at the Mini’s production plant in Cowley, Oxford, on the 107th anniversary of the birth of the Mini’s founding father Alex Issigonis. Prices will start at about 13,500 pounds ($21,700).

“It’s a brand new car under the skin and it retains that go-kart feel to drive,” said BMW board member Peter Schwarzenbauer, who was on duty to stage the music of British band Blur in a Mini adorned with the Union Jack flag. Describing the new Mini as “original and still cheeky,” he said it would appeal to “young people with their finger on the pulse” and older Mini fans. The previous Mini generation was launched in 2007. Production of the new Mini will start later this week and it will go on sale in Britain early next year. It will be based on a brand new BMW-engineered platform called UKL.1

The small, and fast, and affordable original Mini was hugely popular when it first went on sale in 1959 and

has been a big success story for BMW since it revived the brand in 2001, growing sales volumes by 21 percent to more than 285,000 cars last year. It has also seen an influx of competitors into the high-end compact car sector in recent years such as Fiat’s (F1A.MI) 500 and Opel’s (GM.N) Adam, which are courting environmentally-conscious city dwellers in want of easy-to-park vehicles. — Reuters

**Icahn says would ‘never’ push Apple to buy Nuance**

NEW YORK, 20 Nov — Activist investor Carl Icahn reiterated on Monday that he would not push technology giant Apple Inc to buy Nuance Communications Inc, maker of the software that runs the Siri feature on Apple’s iPhones. “That is something I would never micromanage and never even think of telling Tim Cook,” Icahn said at the Reuters Global Investment Outlook Summit in reference to Apple’s chief executive. “It has zero to do with the fact that I’m involved with Apple,” he said. Icahn owns 3.88 million shares of Apple as of 30 September and a 16.9 percent stake in Nuance as of 28 August, regulatory filings show.

“I don’t have the expertise or the presumption to say I have the expertise to tell him to do that,” Icahn said at the Summit, held at the Reuters office in New York. Icahn, who has pushed Apple’s Cook since August to agree to a $150 billion buyback, said in a letter to Cook made public on 24 October that he increased his stake to 4.7 million shares. Nuance appointed Icahn’s son Brett and his investment partner, David Schechter, to its board of directors, the company said on 8 October.

Icahn opened a 9.27 percent stake in Nuance on April 1, according to regulatory filings. When he raised his stake to 16.03 percent in August, Nuance adopted a stockholder rights plan — or poison pill — to reduce the chance of any investor gaining control. — Reuters

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China foreign investment keeps steady growth in January-October

BEIJING, 20 Nov — China’s foreign direct investment inflows rose 5.8 percent in the first 10 months of 2013 from a year ago, extending gains since March and underlining a recovering appetite from global investors as the world’s second-largest economy gained traction. The Commerce Ministry said on Tuesday that China drew $97 billion in foreign direct investment between January and October, with October’s inflow up 1.2 percent on year earlier at $8.4 billion. FDI from the top 10 Asian economies, including Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore, rose 7.2 percent to $83.6 billion for the ten months.

“We can see that foreign investment from Asian countries, the European Union and the US all kept relatively fast growth in the first 10 months,” Commerce Ministry spokesman Shen Danyang told a regular monthly briefing. Investment from the European Union rose 23.3 percent year-on-year in the first 10 months, while inflows from the United States rose 12.4 percent.

FDI is an important gauge of the health of the external economy, to which China’s vast factory sector is oriented, but it is a small contributor to overall capital flows compared with exports, which were worth about $2 trillion in 2012.

The logo of German carmaker Volkswagen is seen at a VW dealership in Hamburg, on 25 Oct, 2013. Volkswagen is due to present company results on Wednesday. Reuters

Volkswagen to set investment plans, may tighten belt

BERLIN, 20 Nov — Volkswagen’s (VOWG.P.DE) supervisory board should approve a five-year spending plan on Friday that aims to make the German carmaker the world’s biggest while also trimming investment as revenues get tighter. An official from the firm’s workforce, which is represented on the 20-member body, told Reuters the supervisory board would meet at the Wolfsburg headquarters on 22 Novem-

Drinks’ red face linked to higher risk of hypertension

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Patterns of alcohol consumption in Australia unhealthy

Canberra, 20 Nov — The Australian National Council on Drugs report (ANCD) confirmed in a statement on Wednesday that levels and patterns of alcohol consumption in Australia are frequently risky or unhealthy and alcohol consumption among young people is “a significant concern.” the ANCD was established in 1998 as the principal advisory body to the prime minister and the federal government on drug and alcohol policy.

Alcohol consumption is a regular part of social life for many Australians. However, the ANCD confirmed that levels and patterns of consumption in Australia are frequently risky or un-

healthy. In 2010, per capita consumption of pure alcohol by Australians was estimated to be 10.25 liters, which is considered high by international standards. And alcohol consumption among young people is a significant concern. While many young people typically engage in fewer episodes of drinking overall, they are more likely to consume at higher risk levels each time, the ANCD said. It found young people were also more likely to specifically drink to become intoxicated, and more likely to experience acute alcohol-related injuries.

Almost two thirds of 18-29-year-olds said they drank “specifically to get drunk” and the hospitalization of one in five people under the age of 25 was the result of alcohol, according to the report. According to the report, in five Australian states the number of alcohol-related hospitalizations for self-harm increased 10 percent between 2002 and 2007. Alcohol-related hospitalizations for self-harm increased 18 percent between 2007 and 2010. The report also noted that from 1998 to 2007, the number of hospitalizations for self-harm increased 33 percent in the age group 15-24.

The medicine, which is called Breo, but only so far to treat COPD. The approval will trigger a $15 million payment to GSK from Theravance, a further $15.5 million due when the product is launched, GSK said on Monday.

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Nay Pyi Taw

At the invitation of His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj, President of Mongolia paid a state visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 19th to 21st November, 2013. The two Presidents held productive and in-depth discussions in a cordial and friendly atmosphere on Myanmar-Mongolia bilateral ties and exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The two Presidents underlined that the first ever visit by a head of State of Mongolia marked the opening of a new chapter in Myanmar-Mongolia relations and laid down solid foundation for further strengthening the traditionally friendly bilateral relationship and cooperation.

The Myanmar side commended Mongolia for its accomplishments in building a democratic society and private sector-led free market economy, as well as its achievement in socio-economic development. The President of Myanmar lauded Mongolia’s Chairmanship of the Community of Democracies in 2011-2013 and the successful organization of the VII Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies in Ulaanbaatar.

The Mongolia side also commended Myanmar’s continued efforts for political economic, administrative and private sector reforms and expressed its hope that sustained growth, peaceful and prosperous future would be achieved. The President of Mongolia expressed Mongolia’s willingness to support and assist Myanmar’s wide-ranging aspirations in the fields of democratization, rule of law and protection of human rights.

The Presidents noted the substantive role of a transparent governance, open society, free press, civil society and civil education in building democracy, protection human rights, promoting rule of law and agreed to exchange experiences and to foster cooperation between the two countries in these areas.

The Mongolia side expressed its readiness to use its International Cooperation Fund to support joint bilateral as well as multilateral activities and initiatives, to strengthen and advance democracy in the region and beyond.

The Mongolia side also congratulated Myanmar on its upcoming Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014 and expressed its hope that ASEAN-Mongolia cooperation, particularly in the framework of ASEAN Regional Forum “ARF”, will be strengthened during Myanmar’s Chairmanship.

Both sides expressed their interest to expand mutually beneficial cooperation in the fields of trade, mining, tourism, culture and economic sectors.

The Presidents underlined the importance of educational and cultural cooperation as an important foundation for bilateral contact, people-to-people ties, particularly amongst our young people.

The two Presidents agreed to promote the exchange of visits at all levels, particularly between heads of state, parliamentarians, government ministers and senior officials in order to identify potential areas of bilateral cooperation.

The two Presidents highlighted the importance of cooperation and exchanged of experience between the two countries with common goals and shared values of strengthening democracy and promoting high levels of growth based on their respective advantages.

The Presidents shared a view on the need for democracies to share and learn from each other and exchanged experiences on further advancing democratic practices.

The two Presidents also reaffirmed the importance of active bilateral cooperation at the international and regional levels, in particular within the United Nations and ASEAN. In accordance with the consensus principle of ASEAN, Myanmar will consider Mongolia’s interest to become a dialogue partner of ASEAN and to join the East Asia Summit.

The two Presidents witnessed the signing of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of Mongolia on the Exemption of Visa Requirements for holders of Diplomatic and Officials Passports, by His Excellency U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and His Excellency Mr. Lavsanovdained Bold, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia.

His Excellency President Mr. Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj extended an invitation to His Excellency President U Thein Sein to pay an official visit to Mongolia at a time of his convenience, and President U Thein Sein accepted the invitation with appreciation.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Committee to implement the recommendations of the report of Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission


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1. The committee to implement the recommendations of the report of Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission is taking measures to continue the mining project by drawing plans to make sure the State, local people and the younger generations receive real benefits from Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project, according to the recommendations of the Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission. The committee has formed four working groups to make sure the project causes no impact on environment, ecosystem, biodiversity, the quality of above-and underground resources, the quality of air and water, and socio-economic life and traditions and customs. The committee to implement the recommendations of the Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission here makes public its actions so far.

2. The committee has had the land confiscated for Letpadaungtaung copper mining measured in detail and returned a total area of 283.69 acres that are not required for the project to farmers and has issued farmland operation certificates for 244.21 out of 283.69 acres returned. It is working on issuing farmland operation certificates for the remaining farmlands.

3. The committee provided the compensation of K 405,492 million for farmland and crops for the first time in April, 2011 and has re-compensated for farmland, perennial crops and wells according to the report of the investigation commission beginning March, 2013. It awarded K 345,527.4 million for 3348.60 acres of farmland, K 18,465.1 million for perennial crops and K 2640.2 million for wells, totaling K 366,563.7 million in the second time compensation. The compensation given to farmers in the first and second times is K 772,130.7 million in total.

4. Lands are also being reclaimed and a total of 35 acres out of 145-acre vacant land in Bokesu Village in Salingyi Township could have been reclaimed and perennial crops have been planted on 16 acres of those lands.

5. Farmland Dispute Investigation Commission was formed as there were farmland disputes and complaints about compensation awarding when farmland compensations are provided to land owners. Compensations are being given to those whose cases have been settled.

6. Knight Pie’ sold Consulting Co and Myanmar- Wenbao Co Ltd have signed for implementation of environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in line with international norms. The working committee has already received ESIA report drawn up by Knight Pie’ sold Pty Ltd. Experts from Knight Pie’ sold Pty Ltd have submitted the construction environmental and social management system (CESMS) and a 14-member independent monitoring team (IMT) has been formed with experts from Pie’ sold Pty Ltd, representatives from departments/organizations concerned, and representatives from local villages to monitor whether the works stick to the requirements of CESMS.

7. Eucalyptus and other kinds of shady trees are being grown in three different zones for greening of the environment and to maintain the aesthetic value of the area. 32.09 acres of land has been designated as gold deer reserve with pools and trees.

8. Corporate social responsibility fund of USD 1.68 million has been set up for job creation for locals, education, health care, electricity supply, potable water supply and smooth transportation during the construction period and community society development plan is being carried out to ensure the effectiveness of welfare provisions. To improve the educational standards, schools were built and repaired in Kanok, Taungplu, Hanawgyi and Kyaw villages and primary schools were built in Wethmay-Kantaw and Sete-Zitaw villages. Libraries were set up in surrounding villages and publications and furnishings provided, and scholarships awarded at the expense of K 28,686 million, K 24,021 million was spent on health care, K 425 million on construction of a station hospital and hospital equipment, K 31,167.1 million on electrification of such villages surrounding the project as Watang, Leti, Tebinkan, Kyaukphyutayu, Shwehlay, Taungplu, Palaung and Kutokon villages, K 9993 million on supply of potable water to Moegyobyin (south, middle, north) villages and Kyaw Village, repair of rural orads in Watang, Tebinkan, Moegyobyin (north), Shwepankhaing, Thaedawgyi, Leit and Kyaw villages.

9. Job opportunities were also created for local people and a total of 1360 people have been employed for the construction works of the project. It is planned to employ 1900 persons within a year from the start of the project and 350 local graduates out of them are being provided with training.

10. The working committee to implement the recommendations of the report of Letpadaungtaung Investigation Commission is taking systematic measures step by step to make sure local suffer no losses. Therefore, local people are urged to solve any problem regarding their wishes and will within the legal framework for the sake of the rule of law and regional peace and stability.

Committee for Implementation of Letpadaungtaung Mining Project Investigation Commission’s Report
Project implemented to complete convocation hall of Mawlamyine University in 2013-14

Mawlamyine, 20 Nov—The convocation hall of Mawlamyine University has been built since 1996, but it has not been completed yet. Spending the fund of the Ministry of Education, the convocation hall will be built.

The building is 270 feet long, 164 feet wide and 43 feet high. It is renamed as multi-purpose building of the university. K 2191.83 million will be spent on the construction tasks, K 136.80 million on water supply tasks and K 221.37 million on electrification, totally amounting to K2550 million.

The construction tasks will be completed in March 2014.

National Sports

National Indoor Stadium-1, victorious land for Kampo, wrestling events

Yangon, 20 Nov—The XXVII SEA Games will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung Beach.

Apart from Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon will host the largest number of sports events at the existing sports facilities.

The SEA Games will be held with 33 sports events.

Yangon will host Kampo, wrestling, weightlifting, hockey, shooting, bodybuilding and group B matches of men’s football event.

The sports events will take place at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna, National Indoor Stadium-1, Theinbyu Gymnasium, Theinbyu Hockey Turf Pitch, North Dagon Shooting Range and MCC Hall.

The National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) will be a victorious land for Myanmar in Kampo and wrestling events.

Kampo is the first ever event for Myanmar.

National brethren give a helping hand to IDPs of Nantlinpa Camp

Bhamo, 20 Nov—The national brethren including leaders of national race Myanmar participated in Indonesian Games in 2011. That is why, National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) will be a victorious land for Myanmar in Kampo and wrestling events.

“Illlegal timber worth K 165.8 million seized in Mansi Township

Bhamo, 20 Nov—Commander of Bhamo District Police Force Police Lt-Col Win Myint Aung and policemen seized 17 vehicles with the load of illegal sawn timber and four more vehicles to be loaded with timber in Rikhunankan Village of Mansi Township on 11 November evening.

The seized timber were 65.665 tons of Tamalan timber worth K 46,775,200 from six vehicles on 12 November, 103.664 tons of Tamalan timber worth K 71,550,400 from seven vehicles on 13 November, 54.485 tons of teak and 12-wheeled vehicle, nine express buses, nine six-wheeled vehicle and other two vehicles totalling 16. Mansi Police Station opened files of lawsuit against U Thein Yaw under the law.

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Democratization and national reconciliation inseparable

Myanmar in its democratization is changing itself both in form and essence, while exploring every possible field in seeking ways that could best serve the people. The government is modernizing the infrastructure, laying groundwork for foreign investments, cutting the red tape and revamping its administrative, judicial and social systems. And all these would not have been possible without the support of the international partners.

At the dawn of the new millennium, history has made a momentous turning and what has existed for nearly half a century as a bipolar world was radically transformed into a multipolar world. At the same time there were equally profound forces of change and the world community now live in what is euphemistically called the age of Globalization.

This rapid change has brought about a profound transformation of the entire structure of the world economy and has propelled it to new heights of growth. The information and communication technology in particular has helped to accelerate it.

While there are many positive effects of globalization, it has also created an environment that has made it difficult for countries including Myanmar that are not yet economically viable enough to participate in its benefits and they find themselves marginalized and vulnerable.

The result is that small countries like ours in the region are more likely to acquiesce to the demands of stronger ones. The situation requires us to keep pace with the times and be more active in our democratization and national reconciliation that should be processed with wisdom and prudence. As democratization and national reconciliation that represent a formidable factor of regional integration are inseparable, it is necessary to realize the two tasks harmoniously for peace, security and national development.

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Dawei Nationalities Party headquartered (temporary) at No. 87 on Middle Street in Khonwindat Ward, Dawei Township, Taninthayi Region, on 20-11-2013 submitted applications to register as political party under the Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its own name, flag and seal described hereunder.

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

Union Election Commission Seal of the Dawei Nationalities Party

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as political parties. Dawei Nationalities Party applied for registration as a political party to the UEC today.—MNA

A moderate earthquake hits outside Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar, (Andaman Islands, India), about 310 miles south of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 16 hrs 39 min 24 sec M.S.T today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Meeting between Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and local people in Magway Region

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—It can be said that the role of the parliament and its undertakings won public recognition and trust as its activities have been recognized not only at home but also abroad. Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thu U Shwe Mann told the local people at a town hall in Magway yesterday.

In meeting with Magway dwellers, the Speaker reported on measures urging business entities for strict adherence to corporate social responsibility, Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung, works being carried out in accord with the investigation commission’s report.

Then, deputy ministers and those present presented their respective reports and the committee chairman coordinated the matters.

In his concluding address, the committee chairman said that a liaison office is being kept open for local people to present their grievances, peaceful protests have been allowed in accord with the law and negotiations and relaxations are undertaken in accord with rules and regulations. He called for collaborative efforts of the committee members to implement the tasks in accord with the laws serving the interest of the people and ensuring the rule of law and peace and stability and rules and regulations.—MNA

Committee for implementation of investigation commission’s report meets

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—A work coordination meeting of the Committee for Implementation of the Report of the Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project took place at the President’s Office, here, this afternoon.

In his address, Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun called on authorities concerned to ensure greater transparency in tackling the matters related to compensations for land grabs, environmental conservation and implementation of tasks for socio-economic development of local people.

Next, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye said the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Union Government will continue to perform the tasks that were left to be fulfilled by region Hluttaw and government.

He continued that the parliament is passing the laws serving the interests of the nation and its people for the sake of the country and its citizens, not for a person and an organization. He called on local people to speak out their desires and regional requirements.

After hearing reports on undertakings for regional development, the Speaker coordinated the matters with officials concerned and attended to the needs.—MNA
Third Myanmar Green ...

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Green Economy is one of the paramount important tools for achieving sustainable development and poverty reduction which was discussed as priority topic in Rio+20 in 2013. In seeking economic development through green economy, Myanmar has view that there should be different approaches and models based on each country’s national circumstances and priorities as no one sized fit all.

According to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (2013), our planet is changing into the warmer situation expressing, “Each of any preceding decade since 1850”. This is because of the past developmental trend of, “Growth first, Clean up later”. As a result, we are now facing with more frequent natural disasters such as storms, floods, drought, unusually rainfall posed by climate changes than ever before. These frequent natural disasters jeopardize our activities for poverty eradication, for hunger-free world.

Taking this opportunity, I am very pleased to say that Myanmar has been making great efforts in mitigation and adaptation measures in order to cope with ever changing climate such as enactment of Environmental Conservation Law in 2012, preparation of National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA) in 2013, restoration of watershed areas and extending Protected Forest System and conserving bio-diversity across the country.

Food, water and energy systems are actually intricately linked one another, and we therefore should not view these systems separately. If food, water and energy nexus becomes unbalanced, there will then be clear consequences for public health, our economy and the environment. If there is drought, for example, there will be no capability of producing food from the drier land, and it will finally lead to increasing food and wood-fuel prices.

As you all are aware, modern agriculture relies upon machinery that runs on gasoline and diesel fuel. Therefore, today, we are at the age where we need to develop renewable energy sources through geothermal, wind, solar power, and failing to do this will greatly threaten our survival.

Sustainable production and consumption is vitally important for long-term use of our natural resources and environment. We must recognize that these resources belong not only to present but also to future generations.

Here I would like to emphasize the importance of forests in seeking development. Forests can be considered as a centre of sustainable development because forests support varieties of ecosystem services including food, fresh water and energy which are under discussion in today’s forum. Forests regulate climatic system, protect biodiversity and soil, produce fresh air, sequester carbon dioxide, and we therefore need to protect forests at our utmost priority.

Nowadays, we have been inviting international investment in Myanmar for the sake of all round development of the country. Myanmar has been in the process of changing pathway for sustainable development through low carbon economy and green technologies. Myanmar firmly believes the green economy contributes to eradicating poverty as well as to sustained economic growth, enhancing social inclusion, improving human welfare and creating opportunities for employment and decent work for all, while maintaining the healthy functioning of the Earth’s Ecosystems.

Next, Union Minister U Win Tun, Chairman of Myanmar Green Economy Green Growth (Myanmar) U Thein Tun, Chairman of Indonesian President’s Advisory Council Indonesian Retired Minister Prof. Mr. Emil Salim and Ms. Julie M. Jacobsen Takahashi, charge d’affaires ai of Norwegain Embassy in Myanmar extended greetings. Then, the President and the Vice-President posed for documentary photos together with those present.

Afterwards, the third forum of green growth and green economy followed. The forum will be held on 21 and 22 November at Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yangon University.—MNA

Inclusive development helps...

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its first coordination meeting that laid down 12 points held on 18 September. Distribution of pamphlets about rural electrification and availability of drinking water and cost estimation for electrification through solar energy had been carried out.

It is planned to hold talks with development partners for acquisition of funds and to organize a workshop on National Electrification Plan in cooperation with World Bank and Asian Development Bank on 12 November. The committee will cooperate with international organizations in implementing the tasks of rural electrification and availability of drinking water, raising funds and inviting investments of private sector for the tasks. Currently, the committee is cooperating with international organizations like WB, ADB, JICA, BAI, UNICOPE and UN-HABITAT to realize the tasks.—MNA

Admiral Thura Thet Swe welcomes Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—A goodwill delegation led by Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Jaafar, Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy and wife arrived here by air via Yangon this morning.

Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Navy), extended a warm welcome to the Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy and wife and party in front of Zeyathiri Beikman.

Then, Admiral Thura Thet Swe received the Malaysian delegation at the hall of Zeyathiri Beikman.

At the call, they discussed further strengthening relations, holding of meetings and the matters of cooperation between the two armies.—MNA

Mongolian President speaks at Yangon University

YANGON, 20 Nov—
The visiting Mongolian President Mr. Tsakhiagiin Elbegdori spoke about Reform Experiences in Mongolia at the Convocation Hall of Yangon University today. He shared his experience in political, economic, social and administrative reforms in Mongolia, saying that great strides have been made in transforming the nation with the population of 2.9 million under the 70 years of communist rule to a democracy.

He said the rule of law, development and national unity are keys to nation-building task. For economic development, it is required to follow and respect the promulgated laws and to establish reliable economic enterprises that follow business ethics.

Mongolia will cooperate with Myanmar for regional peace and prosperity, he added.

Next, the Mongolian President answered the queries raised by attendees and stressed the importance of education including tertiary education, information and communication technology, realization of e-government, the role of women and their participation in reform processes, goodwill and anti-corruption in executive and judicial sectors, greater transparency and the role of media. It was attended by Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung, officials of Yangon Region government, rectors, professors, faculty members and students, interested persons and those from media.

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Hostels facilities for universities, degree colleges, colleges

YANGON, 20 Nov—
Plans are underway to open hostels for students who are going to attend the universities, degree colleges and colleges under the Ministry of Education.

Among first year students, those outside of the municipal area of Yangon City Development Committee are high on the list of priorities.

Yangon University, Mandalay University, Yangon Institute of Education, Sagaing Institute of Education and Myitkyina University have arranged to open hostels for all university students. But for the remaining universities, degree colleges and colleges, only first year students are served.

More hostels facilities with cheap accommodation and meals are being organized for university students across the country.

Besides, new hostels for next generation of university students would be implemented in collaboration between the Union Government and private entrepreneurs.

Efforts are being made to set university environment scales with high standards of discipline.

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**Business**

IKBZ Insurance Co Ltd opens Magway Region office

**Magway, 20 Nov—** IKBZ Insurance Co Ltd put its Magway Region office into service at No 15 at the corner of Kwanyo and Pyidaitha Streets in Yanway Ward of Magway on 19 November.

**Magway Region Minister for Finance U Kyi Min, Chairman of Insurance Supervisory Committee Managing Director U Aye Min Thein of Myanmar Insurance, Managing Director U Nyo Myint of IKBZ Insurance Co Ltd and Chairman of Magway Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Nay Lin Aung formally opened the region office.

Officials conducted a speech in Magway, Chairman of Insurance Supervisory Committee Managing Director U Aye Min Thein of Myanmar Insurance made a speech.

Managing Director U Nyo Myint of IKBZ reported on opening of the region office.

Also present on the occasion were entrepreneurs from Magway Region, insurance agents and guests, officials of State-owned and private-run banks.

IKBZ has launched its functions on 12 June in Yangon, opened its first branch as Upper Myanmar Region.

**Motorbike overturned due to excessive speed in Yangon-Mandalay Expressway**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—** According to the information about a cycle accident at mile post No 249/0-1 Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, the members of Payinlay Expressway Police Station rushed to the scene and made investigations.

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The authorities sent him to Nyaungdon Station Hospital to receive medical treatment.

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

**Stimulant tablets seized in Lashio**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—** Aye Kyaw, commander of Yankin Township Police Force, Yankin Township Law Officer U Nyunt Shwe and Dr Tun Thura, head of Yankin Township Health Department, also disseminated knowledge about respective sectors.

It was attended by Yankin Township Administrator U Win Aung, the school head, teachers and students totaling 300.

**Meethwe (NLM)**

**Interfaith friendship group offer alms to members of the Sangha**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—** Interfaith Friendship Group organized the communal Kathina robe offering and rice offering in Kyauk Township on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon.

**Maung Maung Nein Chan**

**Overturned vehicle leaves 19 injured**

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In the incident, 11 men including Win Soe, 23 of Zayatkyin Village of Thabeikkyin Township and eight women, totalling 19 sustained injuries.

Three injured were sent to Mandalay General Hospital and 16 to Singu People’s Hospital.

**Letpanha police station opened a file of lawsuit against reckless driver Tun Thaung under Sections 337/338 of Criminal Law.**

**Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)**

**Sanitation carried out: Workers of Sanitation Department under Development Affairs Committee of Hlinethaya Township of Yangon North District in Yangon Region clear the waste and garbage thrown by local people in the town.**

**Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)**

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**Payinlay Expressway Police Station filed a lawsuit against the reckless driver Sun Tun under the law.**

**Police arrested**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—** Police from Chanayethazan Township and Mandalay District Police Forces searched the house of Min Thu, 50 in Mawragwa Ward on 12 November and seized six game machines, related materials, K 296,500 together with tablets worth K 50,000 plus 25 pink stimulant tablets seized in the house of Ma Win Win Myint, 800,000.

The authorities made a further search at the house of Ma Nan Aye Shwe and seized 400 pink stimulant tablets worth K 800,000.

Lashio Myoma Police Station filed a lawsuit against Ma Win Win Myint and Ma Nan Aye Shwe under the Sections 15/19 (a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

**NLM**

**Talks on prevention against abuse of narcotic drugs, household medicines given**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Nov—** An educative talks on prevention against abuse of narcotic drugs and household medicines took place at BEHS No (1) in Yankin Township, Yangon Region, on 13 November.

Police Inspector Han Oo of No (41) Anti-Drug Squad gave talks on evil consequences of abuse of narcotic drugs and household medicines.

Next, Police Major Aye Kyaw, commander of Yankin Township Police Force, Yankin Township Law Officer U Nyunt Shwe and Dr Tun Thura, head of Yankin Township Health Department, also disseminated knowledge about respective sectors.

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**Meethwe (NLM)**
Climate, labour woes prey on India’s tea industry

JORHAT, (India), 20 Nov —For more than a century India’s northeastem state Assam has been renowned for its bright, brisk, strong tea. Helped by monsoon rains and “hothouse-like” temperatures, Assam is one of the world’s biggest tea-growing regions, but all is not well in the tea gardens on the state’s vast plains. Climate change is making the environment unwell, as even with shade cover from large trees, average temperatures are rising, annual rainfall sliding, production slipping and tea quality suffering.

RM Bhagat, deputy director of TOCKLAI, the Tea Research Association in Jorhat, said, “Rainfall has been reduced by 200 millimeters and minimum temperature has risen by 1.4 °C in the last decade. Droughts and floods have increased in last 30 years.” And, he expects, temperatures will keep rising 0.06 °C every year and tea production will be unstable. Already, annual yields per hectare are slipping. In 2000, the average hectare produced 1,693.11 kilograms of tea. In 2010 the average yield was 1,200 kg and it dropped another 200 kg last year.

Ajay Kichlu, director and tea taster at Chamong Tea Exports (P) Ltd, said, “Overall, the quality of tea is decreasing due to climate change; the whole production period is shifting. Win ters and summers are starting later than expected and lack of rainfall is another major factor.”

Chamong Tea, established 22 years ago, has about 1,100 hectares in plantation and produced about 2,250 tons of tea this year, despite their struggle with climate change.

Many planters have introduced new modern technology and are breeding new clones they hope will adapt better to the new climate realities, but the challenge is considerable. Reduced and more erratic rainfall means the plantations need not only expensive pumps to keep water levels stable, but also need expensive irrigation systems during droughts, both raising the cost of production for growers.

Sajay Kumar Singh, manager at Maud Tea Estate in Assam, said being organic helps to fetch better price in the international market, but that also means he must grow green, rehabilitation crops for two years at a time to refresh the nutrition cycle of tea plants to sustain the quality of the tea.

Excavating “nature’s” challenges, the planters are also facing a shortage of labour as new, more and better-paying jobs in India’s big cities attract youth away from the tough work.

Women pick tea leaves near Jorhat in India’s northeastern state of Assam in October 2013. Assam is one of the world’s biggest tea-growing regions.

Nine Chinese tourists treated in Indonesia’s Bali hospitals after fatal bus crash

DENPASAR, (Indonesia), 20 Nov—Nine Chinese tourists onboard the ill-fated bus that plunged into a ravine in Indonesia’s leisure island of Bali on Monday afternoon were treated in three different hospitals on the island.

Head of Bali state-in- surance firm Jasa Raharja, Ketut Sudiasa said on Tuesday that three of those injured in the crash were treated in three different hospitals on the island.

The accident claimed seven lives, among them two Indonesian citizens and four Chinese tourists. The bodies of the four Chinese tourists were now placed in Sanglah hospital.

The Chinese tourists died in the crash were Boasheng Liu,55, Ding Guo Zeng, 52, Qin Ping Zhao,56 and Jin Li Zhao, 50. All the tourists involved in the crash had contacts with their families in China. Sudiasa said that most of those perished suffered severe injuries in their heads and other parts of their bodies.

Jasa Raharja has paid a total of 150 million rupiah (about 12,935 US dollars) insurance funds to beneficiar i e s of those six killed in the crash.

The accident happened on Tuesday morning in east China’s Zhejiang Province, local authorities said.

The accident happened 19 minutes after midnight in the Beltun District of Ningbo City when the employed were carrying out tunneling work for water supply. The work was being done by Ningbo Industrial Water Supply Co Ltd, according to the district’s publicity department. The injured worker is in stable condition, it said.

The under-construction water supply route, measuring about 6.93 km long, is designed to have a daily water supply capacity of 150,000 tonnes upon completion.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is under way. —Xinhua

Construction accident kills five in E China

HANGZHOU, 20 Nov — Five workers died and another one was injured in a construction accident early Wednesday morning in east China’s Zhejiang Province, local authorities said.

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Ram-Leela released this Friday (15 Nov, 2013).—PTI

Deepika Padukone has a hat-trick of hits with Ram-Leela

MUMBAI, 20 Nov — Deepika Padukone has scored a hattrick with the success of Ram-Leela and the actress is receiving plaudits from all quarters. Her first big hit of the year was Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani and Chennai Express followed it. Now comes Ram-Leela. The three back-to-back hits boast of variety. From playing nerdy Naina to South Indian Meenamma and now a Gujarati girl in Ram-Leela, the 27-year-old has proved her versatility with the three movies.

Sarang Chandak of Shri Rang Films said that Deepika’s performance was “outstanding”. “I believe the film will have a very impressive run at the ticket windows. Deepika not only looks stunning in the film, she has also delivered an outstanding performance,” Chandak said. Rajesh Thadani of Multimedia Combines feels that Deepika has contributed to the success of Ram-Leela and added that the actress has emerged as a “sure-shot success at the box office this year”.

In Ram-Leela director Sanjay Leela Bhansali presented the fresh pair of Ranveer Singh and Deepika to narrate William Shakespeare’s ‘Romeo and Juliet’ in desi style with Gujarat as its backdrop. Said Debashish Dey of Aum Moviez, West Bengal: “Thanks to Deepika and her success with her previous releases, the response to afternoon shows improved. Expectations are at an all-time high.”

Deepika, daughter of veteran badminton player Prakash Padukone, made her Bollywood debut with Farah Khan-directed 2007 hit Om Shanti Om, where she played Shah Rukh Khan’s love interest. She then appeared in films like Bachna Ae Haseeno, Chandni Chowk To China, Love Aaj Kal, Housefull, Break Ke Baad, Aarakshan and Desi Boyz, but it was only after her bold character portrayal of Veronica in Cocktail that the industry realised her hidden potential. She will next be seen in Finding Fanny and Happy New Year.

Sharon Stone on doing a Bollywood movie, her love for Indian food

MUMBAI, 20 Nov — American actress-producer Sharon Stone, currently in Mumbai for a fund-raising event, says she would love to be in a Hindi movie.

“I’d love to be in one of the Hindi movies and, of course, I have seen many films. The language is different, but I like it,” Stone told reporters during the gala event organized by international organization amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, in Mumbai. Asked if she had learnt any Hindi, Stone said: “I have learnt to say Namaste.”

“I love Indian food, I love spicy food. It’s fantastic. I got up today morning at 4 and went for a walk, it’s a moment that you feel. It’s a whole different feeling — I went to a temple, it was great,” the actress said. Asked if she would visit again, she replied: “If you welcome us, we will be coming back. If you want us, we will be back.”—PTI
Italy to attack at World Cup, warns Prandelli

Romé, 20 Nov — Italy head coach Cesare Prandelli has warned that his side would adopt an attacking approach at next year’s World Cup. Prandelli said Italy were different from other teams as they were born to attack. “We must maintain the idea of quality football in midfield, but this Italy was born to attack. If we don’t, then we’re a team like any other,” he said.

He said he is also attack-minded and would like to see his side to implement his ideas at the World Cup. “For the World Cup I’d prefer a team that risks to the end rather than sit back and protect the goal,” he said. He dropped hints that Giuseppe Rossi and Mario Balotelli could be his first choices up front from Italy’s 2-2 draw with Nigeria on Monday. “Balotelli and Rossi were playing together for the first time really. They combined well and sought for the first time really. They were playing together for the first time really. They combined well and sought

Olympic downhill champion Vonn injured in training

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Ronaldo hat-trick fires Portugal to World Cup

Stockholm, 20 Nov — A sublime second-half hat-trick by Cristiano Ronaldo took Portugal to the World Cup finals with a 4-2 aggregate victory after they stunned battting Sweden in their playoff on Tuesday.

Striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice to put the home side 2-1 ahead in the second leg but the less Ronaldo hit back with two magnificent goals to secure a 3-2 win on the night and send his country to next year’s tournament in Brazil.

“I know Portugal needed me in these matches and I showed I am here,” the Real Madrid forward told Portuguese TV.

“I just did my work as I have been doing lately,” added Ronaldo, whose treble means he has equalled his country’s all-time scoring record of 47 goals held by Pauleta.

Portugal coach Paolo Bento paid tribute to the contribution of his team’s captain and talisman.

“When a player grabs a hat-trick in a match of this scale, naturally he had a huge impact,” Bento told a news conference.

In a tie billed as a monumental battle between the Portugal captain and Ibrahimovic, Ronaldo took all the plaudits. With Portugal leading 1-0 from the first leg in Lisbon, the Swedes dominated first-half possession but created little before Ronaldo tore them apart in the second half, getting in behind the defense three times to score.

Ibrahimovic gave his side hope at 1-0 down when he leveled from a corner and then blasted home a free kick, but two goals in three minutes from Ronaldo put the game out of reach and ended Swedish hopes of reaching the finals. The defeat was a particularly bitter one for the 32-year-old Ibrahimovic, who looks certain to end his career without a World Cup finals goal to his name.—Reuters

James, Beckham discuss bringing soccer team to Miami

Washington, 20 Nov — Miami Heat All-Star LeBron James had been in discussion with soccer star David Beckham to bring a new MLS soccer team to the South Beach, confirmed James. Beckham was considering owning a soccer franchise after his retirement last year, and that idea also interested James, who was a stake owner of the Liverpool team in the English Premier League.

Miami had an MLS team, the Miami Fusion, between 1998 and 2001, but the Fusion disbanded afterwards.
Israel denies involvement in Iran Embassy attacks in Beirut

Jerusalem, 20 Nov—Israeli officials denied their country was involved in the twin bombings on Tuesday morning outside the Iranian embassy in Beirut, which left 23 dead and 146 others injured. Following the explosions, Iranian embassy to Lebanon said it was “without any doubt” that the “Zionists” were behind the deadly attacks.

But the ambassador revised his statement shortly after, saying when he said “Zionists,” he meant “those who serve the Israeli interests.”

Tzachi Hanegbi, chairman of the Knesset’s (parliament) Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, said he completely denies Israel’s possible involvement in such an act.

“We are blamed for everything that happens in the Middle East. Sometimes there are things we take responsibility for, because they have to do with Israel’s security, ... but Israel’s security gains nothing from the bloodstream in Beirut,” the lawmaker from the Likud party said.

“This is a result of the tensions in Lebanon following the Hezbollah’s decision to participate in Assad’s efforts to survive in Syria,” he argued.

Another Israeli official who asked to remain anonymous reiterated his stance to Xinhua that “Israel is not behind these attacks and has nothing to do with it... We will never carry out such attacks in an Arab capital and when we do mark targets. They are weapons, not innocent civilians.”

Through-out Tuesday, an organization called “Abdullah Azam Battalions” claimed responsibility for the attacks, an organization affiliated with the terrorist network of Al-Qaeda.

Lebanese soldiers and policemen stand guard at the blast site in Beirut, Lebanon, on 19 Nov, 2013. Iranian Ambassador to Lebanon Ghanefar Roknabadi confirmed Tuesday the killing of the embassy’s cultural attaché Sheikh Ibrahim Al Ansari in the twin explosions that rocked the southern suburbs of Beirut Tuesday morning. Lebanese Caretaker health minister Ali Hassan Khalid said that the toll from the blast reached 23 killed and 146 others injured, but the toll could rise further.

Macau Grand Prix quenches thirst for speed, danger

AUSTIN, (Texas), 20 Nov — Lewis Hamilton calls it the world’s “coolest street circuit” and some of the greatest names in motorsport such as Ayton Senna and Michael Schumacher have savored its super-fast straights and treacherous corners, but for many the Macau Grand Prix is all about the danger.

Each year fans flock to the southern Chinese territory to see motorcycles and cars flit with barriers at breakneck speeds as they hustle around the 6.2-kilometer Guia street circuit.

The racing festival marked its diamond jubilee this month, with 13 races spread out over two weekends, and while there were plenty of spectacular spills on both two wheels and four, there were no fatalities.

It was a different story last year, however.

Hong Kong driver Phillip Yau crashed and died on the frighteningly fast Mandarin Bend, and Portuguese motorcycle rider Luis Filipe de Sousa Carreira was killed when he smashed into a wall at high speed during qualifying.

Adderly Fong, who clinched the 2013 Audi R8 LMS Cup title this year, was good friends with Yau. “I was speaking to him on the Monday, told him I was going to see him on Thursday, then decided to not go and watched from the hotel instead,” the 23-year-old told Reuters.

“I happened right underneath the hotel.”

Fong said thinking about the danger would hold drivers back.

“It’s like stepping into a coliseum with walls and grandstands. It’s a gamble each time, like walking into a casino - you’re taking chances and you don’t know what the consequences will be.”

“When you step into a racing car everyone should be prepared for the worst, but you have to put it in the back of your mind, because death is the only thing that causes fear and when you have fear, you can’t drive fast.”

Fong’s father said his son’s fate was out of his hands.

“God gave us our son and God will decide when to take him away,” he said.

Prior to last year, the last two fatalities on the track were in 1994 and 2005, while a spectator died in 2000 after a car left the track, prompting the installation of more safety fences, a far cry from the bamboo barriers used in the early days.

Macau Grand Prix race coordinator Joao Manuel Costa Antunes said the safety of drivers, riders and fans was paramount and that last year’s incidents could have happened anywhere.

“We cannot say the accidents happened because of the track or because of the safety of the track,” he said in a news conference ahead of the festival. “The two accidents could happen either in Macau or anywhere in the world,” he said, adding that safety “is always our first priority.”

Since its humble beginnings as a motorized treasure hunt in 1954, the festival has attracted some of the sport’s biggest names, with Formula 1 champions Senna, Schumacher, Sebastian Vettel and Jenson Button among those famous to race.

Racers talk about the importance of track knowledge on the challenging circuit, with its unique undulations, narrow, twisting turns and high-speed straights.

Carreira and Yau did not lack for experience, however.
Inclusive development helps entire people to have equitable access to development

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—‘‘The government’s drive to improve socio-economic status of the people is an inclusive development process enabling the entire people across the country to have equitable access to development,’’ Vice-President U Nyan Tun said at the second work coordination meeting of the committee for rural electrification and availability of drinking water at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, yesterday morning.

The Vice-President said only when rural people that make up 70 per cent of the total at 54.8 million in the country can enjoy the fruitful results of the development endeavours, will the mission be accomplished. In order to reach the target, only the rural development and poverty reduction scheme is a contribution force to translate the mission into a success.

He continued that rural electrification and potable water supply are primary services for fulfilling the basic needs of ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation. So, quality service is to be given.

Although various ways and means have been used for generating electricity in rural areas, rural electrification is still impossible in order to cover all villages. He highlighted a cost effective hybrid system with the use of solar energy, small-scale hydropower and biomass as remote areas are still far away from national power grid.

He also stressed the need to educate people to be able to use electricity efficiently and effectively and turn out skilled local people for electricity generation and distribution through a community-based approach that can contribute towards generating job creation and income.

It is required to invite local and foreign investments for the start of the process of rural electrification and availability of drinking water under Public Private Partnership (PPP) system and for its sustainability, he added saying that Collaborative efforts of all stakeholders are necessary for the success of the process.

He continued that availability of drinking water in rural areas has been carried out as a national requirement under a 10-year plan. He called for integrat ed water management system for effective utilization of water resources.

He stressed the importance of active participation of the people to realize the process which is vital for the country.

Next, Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt and U Ohn Myint, state chief ministers and ministers, responsible persons of local and international organizations and businessmen reported on work progress and follow-up tasks.

Then, the Vice-President coordinated the reports and made concluding remarks.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister for Laystock Breeding, Fisheries and Rural Development held discussions with officials concerned, stressing the need for timely completion of works.

The committee was formed on 9 September and (See page 9)

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Jaafar, Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon.

They focused on promotion of cooperation between armed forces on a wider scale, sectoral cooperation in army, navy and air through navy to navy talks, and coordination to solve problems on illegal entrance to the sea and fishery works and cooperation in prevention against natural disasters at the talks.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office, Malaysian senior naval officers and Malaysian Jawan Crying Lock.—Myawady

Mongolian delegation tours Yangon

YANGON, 20 Nov—Mr. Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj, President of Mongolia, and party visited Azarrm Mau soleum in Bahan Township here and laid a wreath and paid tributes at the mausoleum, at 3:40 pm today. Then, the delegation viewed round the New Art Gallery on Thanlwin Road at 4 pm.

In the evening, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe hosted a dinner to them at Chatrium Hotel.

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun delivers an address at second work coordination meeting of the committee for rural electrification and availability of drinking water.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Japanese entrepreneurs

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Vice-Chairman Mr Katsumata Bousho of Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) and Japanese entrepreneurs at Zabuthiri Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

They cordially greeted bilateral relations between Myanmar and Japan and cooperation in businesses.

Also present were Committee Chairmen U Htun Oo, U Thein Zaw, Thura U Aung Ko, U Hla Myint Oo and U Thurein Zaw and committee members.—MNA

Eight Myanmar divers to join SEA Games

YANGON, 20 Nov—Myanmar diving team allows its eight divers to take part in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar.

The eight-member team comprises five men and three women divers. Of them, some drivers have been trained for years and some were selected as new generations.

Myanmar male divers are Nawng Ja, Zee Thet Oo, Aung Myo Htet, Htet Nanda Lin and Htet Nanda Lin and female divers, Nay Chi Su Su Latt, Thun Hla Nanda and Thet Hnu Shwe Zin.

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