President U Thein Sein receives Chair of EITI Board

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec**—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Ms Clare Short, Chair of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Board, and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

During the meeting, they discussed Myanmar’s preparations to join EITI, cooperation between Myanmar and EITI, drawing a suitable work plan among natural gas, oil, mining, forestry and fishery sectors, and providing training courses for sharing experience and expertise to Myanmar.

It was also attended by Union Ministers U Soe Thane, U Win Shein and Dr Myint Aung, and officials concerned.

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1. On the International Human Rights Day, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) joins the international community in celebrating this auspicious day.

2. The International Human Rights Day is especially significant for the Commission. The Commission was able to distribute for the first time the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Myanmar language to certain important sectors of the Government, the Parliament and the Public in 2013. The Commission will continue to distribute this important document on a wider scale so that the Myanmar community will become fully aware of what their inalienable rights are.

3. During 2013, the Commission was able to intensify its activities to promote and protect human rights by conducting certain outreach activities for the first time such as visits to Taikkyi and Okkan townships in Yangon Region, Okpo, Gyobingauk, Zigon and Nattalin townships in Bago Region, Mandalay, Wundwin, Pyawbwe and Meiktila townships in Mandalay Region, Thingangyun Township, here, today.

Wrestling of 27th SEA Games keep on

**YANGON, 10 Dec**—Wrestling of the 27th SEA Games continued at the National Thuwunna National Indoor Stadium (1) on Waizayantar Road in Thingangyun Township, here, today.

Wrestlers from Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines competed in the second-day events.

After the final events, Indonesia secured gold, Thailand, silver, and Vietnam, bronze, in men’s greco-74 Kg event while Cambodia won gold, the Philippines, silver, and Thailand, bronze, in men’s greco-84 Kg.

In women’s free style-55 kg event, Vietnam clinched gold medal, Thailand, silver, and Myanmar, bronze, while in women’s free style-59 kg event, Vietnam won gold, Thailand, silver, and Indonesia, bronze.

While Myanmar secured gold, Laos, silver, and Cambodia, bronze, in men’s greco (96 kg) event, Cambodia won gold, Laos, silver, and Myanmar, bronze, in women’s free style (63 kg) event.

Myanmar Wrestling Federation President U Kyaw Kyaw Linn and officials concerned awarded the winners.

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**Myanmar welcomes participants to 2013 SEA Games equestrian event**

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec**—A ceremony of welcoming participants to the equestrian event at the 27th SEA Games took place at Wunna Theikdi equestrian centre, here, this evening.

First, Myanmar Equestrian Federation President U Pyone Maung Maung gave a welcome speech. Next, Dressage technical delegate Mrs. Susan Hoevenaar of FEI spoke on the occasion.

Then, Vice-President of Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Resettlement Committee Dr Khin Shwe and party greeted participants to the event.

Before the end of the ceremony, Myanmar traditional riding skills were presented to those present.

More than 60 participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand and host Myanmar are taking part in dressage, show jumping and endurance contests of 2013 SEA Games equestrian event.— YM (NLM)
Chartered flight Cessna Grand Caravan 208 B launched

MANDALAY, 10 Dec—A ceremony to launch the US-made Cessna Grand Caravan 208 B of Myanma Airways of Ministry of Transport was held at Chanmyathazi Airport in Mandalay on 8 December.

It was attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Nyo Saw, Managing Director U Than Tun of Myanma Airways and departmental officials.

US Ambassador, EU Ambassador visit Shan State

TACHILEK, 10 Dec—Police Col Myant Aung of Central Committee for Drug Abuse mitrol (International), US Ambassador Mr Derek J Mitchell, EU Ambassador Mr Roland Kobia, UNODC Country Manager Mr Jason Eligh and Mr Jochen Wiese and party on 5 December visited Mongpan, Mongton, Monghsat townships of Shan State (East). They met local authorities and discussed peace and stability, development of the region, health, education, transport and market economy development.

The local people reported on their requirements.

The ambassadors and party together with local authorities visited rubber farm in Nantkyan Village of Monghsat Township.

In Loidawkhham Village of Tachilek Township, they discussed implementation of narcotic drug plans.

After visiting Talot Market, they left Tachilek by flight.

MMAL-Myintmo (Tachilek)

Myanma Airways launches new daily flight services

Myanma Airways (MA) under the Ministry of Transport will launch the following daily flight schedule by Caravan 208 B aircraft based on the Mandalay Chanmyathazi Airport as of 12 December. In addition, it will operate the flight schedules to Magway, Kyaukhtu and Namhsan.

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From Chanmyathazi Airport in Mandalay as a centre, the flights will be run to Nyaung, Tanai, Lonkhin, Momeik, Kukai, Tangyan, Monggaw, Mongping, MaungU, Manau, Pyay, Papun, Ha-an, Ye and Pearl Island.—MMAL-Tin Maung: Photo Aung Thura (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

National Sports

Artistes join football match to raise fund of Kawthoung Home for the Aged

KAWTHOUNG, 10 Dec—Artists football team and local football team held a friendly matches at the 6th-Mile Station Football ground in Kawthoung on 7 December.

It was aimed at raising the fund of the Home for the Aged.

The matches were sponsored by Bacchus soft drink produced by Korea.

In the first match, artistes team was formed with Yazar Nay Win, Moe Yan Zun, Moe Aung Yin, Zarni, Thu Htoo San, Aung Ye Yint, Aung Thu, Zaw Lin Tun, Po Chit and others.

The Actor FC played a friendly match with Kawthoung FC.

In the second match, Actor FC played against Kawthoung FC.

The matches were cheered by crowded with local people.—MMAL-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

Farming right certificates issued

NGAPHE, 10 Dec—A ceremony to present farming right certificates to local farmers was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Ngaphe Township on 5 December. Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Myint Thu presented certificates to farmers through officials of 31 village-tracts. —MMAL-Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)

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OSLO, 10 Dec — Ichiro Akiyama, a former Ground Self-Defense Force officer who served in the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, spoke on Monday about Japan’s contribution to the watchdog ahead of the awarding of this year’s Nobel Peace Prize to the group.

The first director of the Inspectors Division at the OPCW, said, “Japanese personnel have worked together to produce results (in their work with the OPCW).

I am very happy to be able to attend (the ceremony) as their representative. One of the things I have noticed is that a variety of Japanese have worked in the OPCW since its 1997 founding. They include personnel dispatched from the GSDF and the Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry and also inspectors sent from the private sector. “Japan can make international contributions in various fields. It should actively make proposals for contributions in the future by combining human, material and financial resources,” he told Kyodo News and other media outlets ahead of the award ceremony in Oslo.

“Given many of its duties such as military base inspections are bound by confidentiality, it is an organization that should not come under the spotlight normally,” he said. “But its achievements have finally been recognized, which I believe was helped by the Syrian issue.”

Kyodo News

Former officer notes Japan’s contribution to chemical arms watchdog

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec— Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said the Iranian nuclear deal would be dead if the US Congress imposes new sanctions, even if they do not take effect for six months, Time Magazine said on Monday.

In a transcript of the interview, which was conducted on Saturday and posted online on Monday, Time said it asked Zarif what would happen if Congress imposed new sanctions, even if they did not go into effect for six months.

“The entire deal is dead,” replied Zarif. He was referring to a 24 November interim agreement with six world powers under which Tehran would curb its nuclear programme in exchange for limited relief from economic sanctions over the next six months.

The Iranian foreign minister’s comments had little apparent effect on US senators who are preparing legislation to impose new sanctions on Iran in six months if the deal reached in Geneva goes nowhere.

Robert Menendez, the Democrat who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Republican Senator Mark Kirk are near agreement on legislation that would target Iran’s remaining oil exports, foreign exchange reserves and strategic industries, congressional aides said on Monday.

The legislation faces an uphill battle amid opposition from the White House. It would seek to limit US President Barack Obama’s ability to waive sanctions on Iran and also reimpose sanctions if Tehran reneges on the Geneva agreement. Zarif said Iran would not be pressured.

“We do not like to negotiate under duress,” he told Time Magazine. “If Congress adopts sanctions, it shows lack of seriousness and lack of a desire to achieve a resolution on the part of the United States.”

Reuters

Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks to the media during a news conference following the E3/EU+3-Iran talks in Geneva on 24 Nov, 2013.

Palestinians say Kerry appeasing Israel over Iran at their expense

JERUSALEM, 10 Dec — A senior Palestinian official said the United States was asking Palestinians to make security concessions in peace talks with Israel in order to silence the Jewish state’s criticism of world power diplomacy over Iran’s nuclear programme.

The accusations by Yasser Abed Rabbo, who joined Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in a meeting with US Secretary of State John Kerry last week, further clouded hopes of achieving a negotiated accord by an April target date.

Kerry, who will return to Israel and the Palestinian territories this week, presented both sides with suggestions on Thursday about how Israel might fend off future threats from a Palestinian state envisaged in West Bank land it now occupies. Israel has long demanded that under any eventual accord it retain swaths of Jewish settlement in the West Bank, as well as military control of the territory’s eastern Jordan Valley — effectively, the prospective Palestine’s border with Jordan.

But Abed Rabbo told Voice of Palestine radio that Kerry had plunged the process into crisis by seeking “to appease Israel through agreeing to its expansion demands in the (Jordan) Valley under the pretext of security.”

US acquiescence to Israel’s security demands was aimed at “silencing the Israelis over the deal with Iran and achieving a fake progress in the Palestinian-Israeli track at our expense”, he said.

—Reuters

Anti-government protesters attend a demonstration near the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 9 Dec, 2013.—Xinhua

Thai caretaker PM vows to continue to perform duties

BANGKOK, 10 Dec— Thai caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Tuesday morning pledged to continue to perform caretaking duties in accordance with the constitution until a new prime minister is elected.

In a statement made after a special cabinet meeting, Yingluck pleaded with the public to protect democracy, and urged protesters to stop the rally, and all to start preparing for the next general election slated for 2 Feb, 2014.

Yingluck said she had made every compromise possible, and wished to be treated fairly.

On Monday night, anti-government protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban asked Yingluck and cabinet ministers to resign as caretakers within 24 hours.

Suthep also urged protesters to last for another three days.

Protesters have demanded the incumbent government be replaced by an unelected “people’s council” and an interim administration formed by non-politicians.

As they have envisioned, the council and administration will be dissolved after implementing a political reform for about 1-1.5 years and then a general election will be called.

Hundreds of thousands of protestors marched in various provinces to besiege the Government House on Monday. No conflicts were reported between the police and protesters.

Xinhua

India’s ruling Congress party wins assembly polls in NE state of Mizoram

NEW DELHI, 10 Dec— India’s ruling Congress party has secured a majority in the assembly elections in the northeastern state of Mizoram.

The Congress is all set to form the next state government as it retained majority in Mizoram assembly, winning at least 28 seats in the 40-member legislative house, for the second five-year term in a row.

The party’s Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla contested from two seats and won both of them.

This is for the fifth time that Congress won Mizoram assembly elections since independence.

The party has, however, been wiped out in assembly polls in four crucial states — the Indian capital, the northern state of Rajasthan and the central states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

The November-December assembly polls are seen as an indicator of how the electorate will vote in the general elections slated for May 2014. —Xinhua

Xinhua
India puts off decision on Vodafone plan to fully own local unit

NEW DELHI, 10 Dec — India’s competition regulator deferred a decision on Vodafone Group Plc’s proposal to take full ownership of its Indian unit. Vodafone, which entered India in 2007 by buying Hutchison Whampoa’s local cellular assets in a $11 billion deal, directly and indirectly owns a combined 48.5 percent of Vodafone India, the country’s No 2 telecoms company by users. Vodafone directly owns 24.5 percent of the India unit. The regulator deferred the decision without a hearing. Both the officials refused to be named as they were not authorized to speak to media.

In August, India relaxed rules on foreign holdings in the sector to allow companies such as Vodafone to own 100 percent of their Indian businesses. Before the rule change, foreign companies were limited to direct stakes of no more than 74 percent in Indian carriers.

Qualcomm plans smartphone chips with 64-bit technology

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Dec — Qualcomm Inc said on Monday it will make smartphone chips with 64-bit features typically found in personal computers, following Apple Inc and opening the way to more efficient mobile gadgets. Qualcomm said its new Snapdragon 810 component will also include 4G cellphone connectivity technology and be aimed at the fast-growing Chinese market, where it should start appearing in low-cost smartphones in the second half of 2014. Along with 4G, 64-bit technology will become standard across Qualcomm’s products, said Michelle Leyden Li, a Qualcomm senior director in charge of marketing its Snapdragon line. Led by Apple’s iPhones, the smartphone industry’s evolution toward 64-bit chips reduces the gap between low-power mobile processors and punchier chips used in laptops, desktop PCs and servers. Samsung Electronics Co Ltd has also said it plans to use 64-bit processors in its smartphones.

Processors with 64-bit features can take advantage of more memory than 32-bit processors now found in most mobile devices, potentially letting them work faster and more efficiently. Current smartphones don’t have enough memory to give 64-bit processors an advantage of 32-bit chips, but future phones probably will include enough memory to give the 64-bit processors a performance boost. Taking advantage of 64-bit processors also requires changes to software originally designed for 32-bit processors. “It’s a little bit chicken and the egg,” Leyden Li said. “We see this transition happening and we want to be there to help enable the ecosystem.” In September, Apple unveiled its first iPhone made with a 64-bit processor, leading to speculation the company plans to merge its iOS mobile platform with the operating system used for its Mac laptop and desktop personal computers.

China’s supercomputer technology used to monitor smog

BEIJING, 10 Dec — A computer model capable of more accurately forecasting and analyzing the cause of smoggy days is expected to be put into operation in the following three to five years. The simulation model will be developed using the technology of Tianhe-1A, which ranked as the world’s fastest supercomputer from November 2010 to June 2011, and the model’s data will be revised in light of actual observation data from other monitors, said Meng Xiangfei, a researcher with the National Supercomputer Centre (NSC) in Tianjin. The model is also expected to forecast weather conditions farther in advance compared with current air quality monitors in operation, according to Meng. Chinese environmental authorities have set up 688 monitoring spots in 114 cities and have released the data daily online and through traditional media. The formation of smog is related in different regions, and atmospheric, physical, chemical and biological factors are involved in the process,” Meng added. Remarkable achievement has been made in the fields of aerospace, weather forecasts, climate prediction and ocean environment simulation since the Tianhe-1A was put into operation three years ago. The project, which is a collaboration between the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences, the National Meteorological Center, Tsinghua University and the NSC in Tianjin, will also provide a reference for decisions about regional planning.

NASA Mars rover finds evidence of life-friendly ancient lake

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Dec — Scientists have found evidence of an ancient freshwater lake on Mars well suited to support microbial life, the researchers said on Monday. The lake, located inside Gale Crater where the rover landed in August 2012, likely covered an area of 31 miles long and 3 miles wide, though its size varied over time. Analysis of clay minerals drilled out from two rock samples in the area known as Yellowknife Bay show the freshwater lake existed at a time when other parts of Mars were dried up or dotted with shallow, acidic, salty pools ill-suited for life.
McDonald’s November sales miss as US weakness persists

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec — McDonald’s Corp (MCD.N) on Monday reported another sluggish month of sales at established restaurants, results that suggest the famed hamburger chain is losing US market share to rivals. The fast-food chain, the world’s largest by revenue, has struggled for more than a year to significantly increase those monthly sales, hindered by slack demand and intense competition for the business of budget-conscious diners. November’s biggest disappointment came from the United States, where monthly sales at restaurants open at least 13 months fell 0.8 percent, versus the 0.3 percent gain expected, on average, by 14 analysts polled by Consensus Metrix.

“McDonald’s US trends imply a rapid period of share losses,” RBC Capital Markets analyst David Palmer said in a client note. Wall Street initially expected the chain’s fortunes to turn this past spring because its results would be compared with weak monthly numbers starting in the spring of 2012. But McDonald’s executives recently signaled that weakness would continue in the fourth quarter amid stiff competition and halting global economic growth. Chief Executive Don Thompson, at the helm of McDonald’s for more than a year, has switched top management and shaken up menus to boost sales and profits. Still, analysts say the chain appears to be losing ground at all meal times except breakfast — where it has long been a leader.

Some analysts worry that the company’s woes are the result of poor execution rather than external factors. In particular, they say, new menu items such as lattes, smoothies, salads and wraps have slowed McDonald’s service in a business where hyper-competitive drive-throughs are measured in the seconds.

US tech companies call for more controls on surveillance

LONDON, 10 Dec — Eight major US web companies, including Apple, Google and Facebook, made a joint call on Monday for tighter controls on how governments collect personal data, intensifying the furor over online surveillance.

One in four children in poverty in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 10 Dec — A new report suggests a quarter of New Zealand children are living in poverty and 10 percent are in severe poverty. The first Child Poverty Monitor, released on Monday, aims to measure the progress of poverty indicators annually to reduce hardship and raise awareness.

According to the report, the percentage of children in poverty has nearly doubled in the past three decades, from 14 percent in 1982 to 25 percent today. It found 265,000 children are now in poverty, meaning their families live off less than 60 percent of the median household income.

Of those, 180,000 are missing out on basic necessities like a good bed, doctors visits, heating, meat and fresh fruit and vegetables.

The report said 10 percent of children are in severe poverty, which means they are going without the things they need and their low family income means they don’t have any opportunity of changing this.

The Child Poverty Monitor is a joint project by the JR McKenzie Trust, Otago University and the New Zealand Children’s Commissioner.

Children’s Commissioner Russell Wills told Radio New Zealand the most effective way to reduce child poverty in this country is to have a plan enshrined in legislation. “It needs to hold future ministers and chief executives accountable and we need to set targets. Then, what we’ll see, like the road toll and drink driving, is that child poverty will decrease slowly over time,” said Wills.

The Twitter symbol is displayed at the post where the stock is traded on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 15 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

McDonald’s November sales miss as US weakness persists

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — Nicotine replacement gums and patches or popular drugs prescribed to help people quit smoking such as Chantix may not harm the heart in users, according to a study published on Monday in the American Heart Association journal circulation.

In recent years, there has been concerns that some smoking cessation products may have serious cardiovascular risks. But in the largest increased life expectancy, improved quality of life and reduced healthcare costs for smoking-associated conditions.

“Undoubtedly, the benefits of quitting smoking outweigh any potential risks from smoking cessation therapies,” said Edward Mills, study co-author and associate professor of medicine at Stanford University and Canada Research Chair at the University of Ottawa.

Although nicotine replacement therapy via patch or gum was linked to a risk of a rapid or irregular heartbeat, the researchers said the heart symptoms were minor and temporary.

“These more minor risks are well known to clinicians and usually pass with time,” Mills said. “They occur most often when people are taking nicotine replacement therapy and smoking at the same time, which is a bad idea.”—Xinhua

Twitter shares soar, near all-time high

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Dec — Twitter shares soared more than 9 percent on Monday to their highest level since the company’s initial public offering, after a spate of product announcements that could boost its revenue prospects.

Shares rose to $59 in midday trading, up 9.2 percent.

Twitter has mostly traded in the low-$40 range in recent weeks since 7 November, when shares briefly topped $50 in the hours following its highly anticipated IPO. Twitter on Thursday officially began allowing marketers to show individually-tailored ads on Twitter, based on websites

Analysis of side effects of three major smoking cessation products, serious heart events didn’t increase with nicotine replacement gums and patches, the nicotine addiction treatment Chantix, and the antidepressant Wellbutrin, the researchers said.

The new study looked at 63 clinical trials, which comprised 30,508 people, and found that overall, smoking cessation is associated with improved cardiovascular health.

The user has previously visited. The cookie-based targeted ads, as they are known, are expected to fetch higher ad prices.

The company also said it would launch a text-only version of the service that would be available to people with entry-level mobile phones that cannot access the Internet. Apple Inc announced last week it would acquire Topsy, an analytics company that mines Twitter data, for $250 million, according to media reports. Although the iPhone maker withheld any information about how it planned to integrate Topsy, analysts said the deal was served as the latest affirmation that the flood of data produced daily on Twitter holds value for businesses.—Reuters

One in four children in poverty in New Zealand
Myanmar’s canoeing and Kayak rowers pose for photos together with U Chit Khaing, Chairman of Myanmar Rowers Federation and coaches of rowing teams.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Myanmar’s canoeing rower Win Htike celebrates after accepting gold medal for men’s canoeing 1000 meter race (C1). PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

A performing troupes of Intha tribe from Inlay Lake performs as they support Myanmar rowers during canoeing and Kayak events. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Fans dance and sing songs as they celebrate after Myanmar rowers win gold in canoeing and Kayak events. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Rowers of Men’s Canoeing team of Myanmar celebrate after crossing finishing line in the double canoeing 1000-meter event (C2). PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE
**Vice-President U Nyan Tun awards winners in Hoop Takraw event.** —MNA

**Patrons of MWSF donate cash to Myanmar women athletes**

Daw Khin Aye Myint, wife of Vice-President U Nyan Tun, K 500,000, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Daw Mar Mar Wai, wife of General Hla Htay Win K 3 million donated by families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air), wives of Union ministers of six Union Ministries at President Office K 1 million each, Union ministries K 33 million, Myanmar Women’s and Children Development Minister U Khin Aye, silver medal to Singapore team, Minister U Khin Maung Nyein, bronze medal to Thailand team.

**Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Dec.**—Patron of the Lead- ing Committee for Organ- izing the 27th SEA Games Vice-President U Nyan Tun, together with Chairman of the Organ- izing Committee Union Minister U Tint Hsan awarded first prize to My- anmar, second to Laos and third to Cambodia teams in women’s hoop Takraw event after the competitions at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium.

After winning three gold medals in four events of rowing on the first day, Myanmar rowers have gained confidence to put more strokes on the rowy picture of their history.

“We hoped to win at least two gold in six events in canoeing,” says U Thura Han, the assistant coach of Myanmar team. “But, now we feel confi- dence to secure at five gold in six events.”

According to U Thura Han, Myanmar players could take a good advantage of the wind that is blowing across the dam which his canoe bagged one gold medal with 760 points.

**Smash shots, accuracy put Myanmar badminton through to quarterfinals**

Host Myanmar badminton players make a perfect start, winning against their counterparts in the men’s singles badminton competi- tion at the 27th SEA Games, and advanced to quarterfi- nals.

Main draw of the bad- minton kicked off today at Building (C) of Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium, as its hopes to claim gold for Myanmar badminton.

Today was a good day for Myanmar badminton as its hopes to claim gold through badminton at the biggest regional sporting event started with two sold wins in the Round 1. Both players’ two-set wins over opponents in respective games put them through to the next stage, quarterfinal.

Myo Min Tun is scheduled to play against the qualifier of the Round 1 match between the players of Singapore and Thailand while Aung Kyi Min will face Indonesian counterpart on Thursday’s quarter- final.
Health awareness

Health is wealth, there goes a Myanmar saying. Health awareness is of utmost importance for everyone to live a long life. But in the modern age, people tend to exchange health for wealth, pursuing their dream of fame and fortune at the expense of their health.

Anyone, regardless of race, religion, sex and age can easily fall prey to diseases although there are a series of medical breakthroughs. Good health has something to do with previous Kamma (deeds), citta, weather and nutrition. As blood used to clot in the winter, everyone should go walking as physical activities for better blood circulation that can lead to good health. Myanmar people tend to give little attention to health and many of them usually do not do exercise on a regular basis. Stress is also a driving factor that could degenerate the condition of health.

The unhealthy lifestyle of modern life is also attributed to increased risks of developing diseases, particularly hypertension and dia-betes. Obesity can often lead to high blood pressure, heart diseases and diabetes. Having much of foods enriched with cholesterol and physical inactivity also lead to obesity. Moreover taking the excessively salty and sweet foods can develop the above-mentioned diseases. For children, soft drinks and ready-made food that are largely adulterated with chemicals are dangerous.

Health education programmes are to be launched across the country through possible means that can draw public attention. It is every important to make the public realize that prevention is better than cure. And we should bear in mind that losing health is greater than losing wealth and economic growth and sustainable development can be created only by healthy people.

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4. On the promotion of human rights, the Commission held several workshops in Myanmar on some important human rights themes in cooperation with the office of the High Commissioner Human Rights (OHCHR), Regional Office in Bangkok and the Raouf Wallenberg institute of Sweden. The themes covered in these workshops in- cluded such important subjects as Business and Human Rights and the Media. These workshops also included two workshops on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the Interna- tional Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) for the specific object of training the relevant Minis- ters’ Officials for their future role in implementing these two Conventions when Myanmar becomes State party to them. Worth special mentioning is the Workshop on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) jointly organized in Nay Pyi Taw by the MNHRC and OHCHR, Bangkok. The active participation of Parliamentarians, Government Officials, Civil Society representatives and the Commission Mem- bers will certainly contribute to the UPR process and the preparation of the UPR Report of Myanmar to the Human Rights Council due in 2015.

5. In its promotion work, the commission actively partici- pated in the workshops organized for civil society in Yangon and Mandalay by OHCHR. Civil Society representa- tives were also invited to the commission to brief them on its experiences during the field investigation trips by the commissioners and to seek their views on the enabling law of the Commission, which is expected to be adopted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The engagement with the civil society will continue to feature as priority area in the future activities of the Commission.

6. Regarding the protection of human rights, the Commission has received a total of 1,599 complaints from 1 January to 31 October 2013, out of which 1,200 complaints have been examined by the Commission and the relevant complaints have been forwarded to the Government for necessary ac- tions and remedies. While the flow of complaints remains persistent and the Commission appreciates the coopera- tion of the relevant Departments of the Government, the responses still indicate that there remains much to be done to improve the complaint handling mechanism as a whole. The commission is planning to take effective measures such as more active conciliation between the concerned parties and more verification and investigation trips to the scenes of violations.

7. The MNHRC cooperation at the regional level remains as strong as last year by active participation of the Commission Members in all regional meetings on human rights and by en- gaging with regional level human rights organizations such as Southeast Asian National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANIF) and the Asia Pacific Forum (APF). Through its co-opera- tion with the APF, the Commission has already formu- lated a Strategic Plan for 2014 to 2016 for the promotion and protection of human rights under which many activities are planned at domestic, regional and international levels.

8. On this Human Rights Day, the commission fervently hopes that it will receive the cooperation from all the relevant stakeholders in the country in fulfillment of its mandate of promotion and protection of human rights in Myanmar, without which the vision of a Myanmar Soci- ety where human rights are respected, promoted, protected and fulfilled will not be realized.
China to grant 10 million yuan for Myanmar’s ASEAN Chair

Deputy Minister Dr Daw Khin San Yi and the Chinese Ambassador sign a 50 million yuan grant aids agreement in front of Vice-President U Nyun Tun and Chinese Vice Premier Mme Liu Yandong at Myat Tawwin Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. MNA

27th SEA Games flame…

Kachin Democratic Party applies for registration as political party

Laotian President, wife and party arrive in Mandalay

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Nay Pyi Taw Announcement No. 36/2013

8th Waxing of Nadaw, 1375 ME (10th December, 2013)

Kachin State Democracy Party gets green light

By order, Myint Naing Member Union Election Commission continues allowing the use of sports gears in Para Sports festival in January, 2014 in Myanmar.

After that, the Vice-President hosted a dinner to the Chinese delegation. Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Ministers U Tint Hsan, U Hlay Aung, U Aye Myint Kyu and Dr Pe Thet Khin, deputy ministers U Thant Kyaw and Dr San Lwin. The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Yang Houlan and high-ranking officers. MNA

10 Dec—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as a political party. Kachin Democratic Party applied for registration as a political party to the UEC today. MNA

By order, Myint Naing Member Union Election Commission

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Laotian President, wife and party arrive in Mandalay

President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Mrs Keosaychay Sayasone visit Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace.—MNA

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In the evening, they visited golden monastery (Shwekyauk) in Aungmyethazan Township and temples and pagodas on Mandalay hills. They enjoyed sunset view of Mandalay on the hill.

In the late evening, the Region Chief Minister and wife hosted a dinner to the Laotian President and wife and party.

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Kachin Democratic Party headquartered at No. 12 (5th Floor A) on Myawady road in Myaynigone (North) Ward, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Region, on 10-12-2013 submitted applications to register as a political party under the Article 5 of Political Parties registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

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

Union Election Commission Flag of the Kachin Democratic Party

Seal of the Kachin Democratic Party

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Vice-President U Nyun Tun met a goodwill delegation led by Vice President Mme Liu Yandong of member of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China at Myat Tawwinnmar men’s scores in Pencak Silat

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Pencak Silat Tanding (fighting) competitions continued on men’s and seven women’s events for the second day at Zeyathiri Sports Complex, here, this morning.

Myanmar fighter Kyaw Swa Win competed in 65-70 kilos men’s event and Thin Myat Aye, in 70-75 kilos women’s event. Both Myanmar athletes met with Indonesian players. Myanmarnyar male fighter won over Indonesian. Kyaw Swa Win got injured at his face in the match but it was not in critical conditions and he is ready to compete in semi-final, according to a source.

Now, Myanmar won three of five matches. Myanmar winners Zeyar, Ye Kyaw Thu, Kyaw Naing Htun and Kyaw Swa Win will compete in semi-final on 12 December.

Singles, doubles and team events of Seni (performance) event will be held on 13 December in conjunction with prize presenting ceremony.

Khaing Thanda Lwin (NLM)

Pencak Silat Tanding competitions continued on Wednesday. 

Khaing Thanda Lwin (NLM)

Khaing Thanda Lwin (NLM)
Regional development tasks inspected in “Kokang”, “Wa”

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—**
Union Ministers U Hla Tun, Lt-Gen Thein Nyunt Win, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, deputy ministers and officials concerned arrived in Laukkai via Lashio of Shan State on yesterday.

Union Minister U Hla Tun called for close relations with local people and cooperation between region/state governments and self-administrated zone for development of the country.

Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton planting thriving in Meiktila

**MEIKTILA, 10 Dec—**
Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantations are thriving in Kantaung Village of Meiktila Township, Meiktila District in Mandalay Region.

**Cultivation of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton through good agricultural patterns will boost production more than that of ordinary cultivation. Weeding work can benefit increasing per-acre yield. It not, the plantation can produce 650 viss/per-acre of 1000 viss. If the plantation is not weeded from start of cultivation to harvest, the production will down to 110 viss from 1000. So, GAP system can benefit per-acre yield. Thanks to contributions of staff from Cotton and Industrial Crops Department of the region, the local farmers can enjoy boosting production of cotton this yea.

Monastic education schools meet in Sagaing Region

**SAGAING, 10 Dec—**
Member Sayadaws of Monastic Education Development Committee of Sagaing Region met with headmaster Sayadaws and teachers at Shwe Thamar Monastic Education School in Shwethamar Ward of Sagaing on 8 December.

Vice-Chairman of Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Pannasiri and Region Monastic Education School Supervisory Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kosallabhivamsa made speeches.

Director U Tun Zaw Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Chairman of Sagaing District Management Committee U Myint Wai and the Township Education Officer supplicated on religious affairs.

Next, Dr Kari Dorning (Burnet Institute) explained educational plans. Chairman Sayadaw of MEDC Mandalay Phaungdaw U Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nayaka explained the purpose of cultivation to harvest, Laukka Region.

After the ceremony, Union Minister U Hla Tun and party looked into Yanlonkyai Border Inspection Camp and the site chosen for construction of industrial ward near the Border Post No.125.

In the afternoon, they met local people at “Saw Maha” Basic Education High School in Kyuanggone in Hopang in “Wa” Self-Administrated Division.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Hla Tun urged those present to join hands in people-centered development tasks and make collaboration in regional development tasks.

Later, Secretary of “Wa” Self-Administrated Division and chairmen from Township Management, Development Supporting Committee and Development Affairs Committee presented reports on regional development. Union Minister U Hla Tun presented gifts to local people and donated cash assistance for “Wa” Literature and Culture Association.—MNA

**People join mass walk activity of December**

**MAWLAMYINE, 10 Dec—**
The mass walk activity of December was held for the first week in Maunglamyine of Mon State on 7 December morning.

It was participated by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint and state ministers, state, district and township level departmental personnel, students and local people totalling about 3000.

They started in front of the Mon State government office on Baho Road in Sitkekon Ward of Maunglamyine and walked along Dawei Road, Strand Road and finished at Yamanya Sports Ground.

While at the ground, they performed exercises. Likewise, the mass walk activities were held in townships of Mon State.

**Kyemon-Phyit Taing Htauang**

**Foreign tourists visit Taungthaman Lake, U Bein Bridge during SEA Games period**

**AMARAPURA, 10 Dec—**
During the SEA Games period, a larger number of globetrotters visit Taungthaman Lake and U Bein Bridge daily.

The site attracts from 500 to 600 tourists daily. At about 5 pm, they arrive there with the use of tour buses and chartered taxis.

“Tai enjoy scenic beauty of sun set from the Taungthaman Lake and U Bein Bridge. The tourists are both from Asia and Europe. Some of them took photos from the bridge and some, on board the boat. Boatmen rely on tourists for earning income for their business,” said a shopkeeper near the bridge.

“One officer and five other ranks of Tourist Police Force are assigned near the lake and bridge for providing assistance to the tourists. As the tourists visit there up to evening, the police discharge security duty. So, there was no problem,” said a policeman from the bridge.

**Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin**

The Sayadaws and officials also participated in the discussions.

The Sayadaws of the schools discussed CCA and uplift of capacity building for teachers in the teachership courses.

A total of 125 monastic education primary schools, 54 post-primary schools and 13 middle schools totalling 192 are opened in 35 townships of Sagaing Region.

The meeting was attended by headmaster Sayadaws and teachers from the schools.

**Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin**

**Electrification**

Old lamp-posts substituted with concrete ones

**DALA, 10 Dec—**
Under the leadership of Dala Township Manager U Aung Kyaw Tun of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board, engineers and electricians substituted the old power lines with new ones and wooden lamp-posts with concrete ones day and night for safety of local people.

On 8 December, the electricity service media and conducted the wall magazine and photo show.

**Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)**

**HRD**

Public educative works performed in field trips

**THATON, 10 Dec—**
Staff of Thaton District Information and Public Relations Department made field trips to Inshre Village-tract of Thaton Township on 7 December.

At the Dhammayon, they gave talks on facts about population and households, process of taking national census to be held from 30 March to 10 April 2014, prevention against trafficking in persons and service of mobile library to the local people.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Thaza Aung explained the purpose of holding the talks and urged the local people to participate in the national census taking process.

During their trip, the staff gave services of the mobile library as public service media and conducted the wall magazine and photo show.

**Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)**

**New Light of Myanmar**

**Wednesday, 11 December, 2013**

**LOCAL NEWS**
**Winter bonus for public servants remains lowest in decade**

**Tokyo, 10 Dec — Japan’s national public servants received their winter bonuses on Tuesday, with the average amount remaining close to the lowest level since fiscal 2003.**

The bonuses for non-managerial positions were equivalent to 1.8 months of salary, unchanged from last year. The amount averaged ¥571,800 yen, up ¥6,500 yen from the previous year.

National public servants in all positions had had special pay cuts since fiscal 2012 to finance the reconstruction of areas hit by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The bonus payment is expected to increase next year upon the expiry of the cut period.

The president of the House of Councillors and the speaker of the House of Representatives received ¥3.09 million yen and ¥2.33 million yen, respectively.

**Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Supreme Court Chief Justice Hironobu Takesaki followed with ¥3.71 million yen, while Cabinet members and Diet members receiving ¥3.09 million yen and ¥2.33 million yen each respectively.**

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**Indonesia train crashes into fuel truck, killing 10 in ball of fire**

**Jakarta, 10 Dec — A crowded commuter train crashed into a fuel tanker on the outskirts of the Indonesian capital on Monday, killing at least 10 people in a huge explosion and injuring scores. Investigations were under way after the accident.**

A worker from India was knocked down by a private bus at Little India, a district known for its distinctively Indian culture.

The police have classified the traffic accident as a “hit-and-run” incident involving the driver of the private bus, who may face a jail term of up to two years. The driver is out on bail now, pending further investigations.

The subsequent incident was classified as Rioting with Dangerous Weapons. The 24 persons are expected to be charged with rioting and vandalism.

Early investigation showed that the deceased 33-year-old construction worker, named Sakthivel Kumaravelu, had boarded the private bus, which was ferrying foreign workers to their dormitory.

According to the police, the deceased worker was then drunk and causing trouble when he was on the private bus. Since the bus was full, the bus driver asked for assistance from a Singaporean woman who was responsible for checking the arrival and departure times of the buses.

The woman managed to get Sakthivel off. When the driver was making a left turn, he heard a loud bang on the left side of his bus. Sakthivel was then knocked down underneath the bus. **Sanitation workers clean up the Race Course Road in Singapore on 9 Dec, 2013. Ethnic neighbourhood, Little India, returned to peace on Monday. Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on early Monday that the riot in a local district involving hundreds of foreign workers on Sunday evening was “a very grave incident.”**

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**Philippines to investigate alleged stealing of relief goods**

**Manila, 10 Dec — The Philippines government has turned up on Monday those who have specific knowledge on alleged pilferage of relief goods from foreign donors to come forward so that the police could take proper action.**

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr made the call following a report from British newspaper, The Daily Mail, alleging that emergency supplies delivered by military helicopters from the United Kingdom have turned up on the shelves of shops in Makati City in Metro Manila instead of its intended recipients in typhoon Haiyan-hit areas in central Philippines.

Coloma said that relief goods from the UK have been channeled through both the British government and other entities such as the United Nations, the Red Cross and non-governmental organizations.

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**Australia suspends uranium mine operation after incident**

**Canberra, 10 Dec — Australia has suspended processing operations at the Ranger Uranium Mine in the Northern Territory following an incident involving the failure of a leach tank last Saturday, Minister for Industry Ian Macfarlane said.**

Macfarlane received a full briefing from Andrea Sutton, CEO of Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) shortly after notification of the incident, including on the strategy for clean-up.

A tank at the Ranger Uranium Mine holding more than a million litres of radioactive slurry burst on 7 December. The accident prompted traditional land owners to describe the Ranger uranium mine as a “hillbilly operation” with too little regulation. The mine has a history of safety breaches and unions have raised concerns about maintenance standards at the 33-year-old operation.

Macfarlane highlighted the seriousness with which this matter would be dealt with. **I have told ERA today that they cannot resume processing at Ranger until the company demonstrates the integrity of the processing plant to the satisfaction of the regulatory authorities.”** ERA must also demonstrate that Kakadu National Park and human safety remain protected. I understand the concerns of traditional owners and local residents and can assure them that Governments will continue to ensure the mine operates to the highest standards.”  

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**Vietnamese PM to pay official visit to Japan**

**Hanoi, 10 Dec — Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung will pay an official visit to Japan from Thursday to Saturday and attend the ASEM-Japan Commemorative Summit to mark the 40th anniversary of the ASEM-Japan dialogue relations, Vietnam’s Foreign Ministry announced on Monday.**

The Vietnamese premier will also attend the fifth Mekong-Japan Summit in Tokyo. **“Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung’s visit to Japan this time coincides with the celebration of the 40th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two countries.”**

The visit is expected to deepen the Vietnam-Japan strategic partnership, primarily in economy, trade, investment, and development aid, as well as their coordination at regional and international forums, the state-run radio Voice of Vietnam said.

Vietnam and Japan established diplomatic ties in 1973. In 2002, both countries agreed to build their relations towards reliable, stable and long-term partnership.

During a visit to Japan in 2009 by General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Nong Duc Manh, Vietnam and Japan began to lift their relations to the strategic partnership.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe selected Vietnam as his first stop for an overseas trip in January 2013 after he took office.
Wednesday, 11 December, 2013

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (563)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAM-PAN VOY NO (563) are hereby notified that the ves-sel will be arriving on 11.12.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MOROTAI VOY NO (223)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (223) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.12.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMAR OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INITIATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(15/2013)

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

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- Tender Closing Date & Time: 6-1-2014, 16:30 Hrs
- Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 9 th December, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Taleban fighters attend a surrender ceremony in Kandahar Province of southern Afghanistan on 7 Dec, 2013. A total of 30 Taleban militants gave up fighting and handed over their weapons to the local authorities in the southern Kandahar Province on Monday.  

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Four terrorists killed in US drone strike in southeast Yemen

ADEN, 10 Dec.—At least four al-Qaeda members were killed when two missiles fired from a US drone bombarded their car in Yemen’s southeastern province of Hadramout on Monday, a military source told Xinhua.

“Up to four terrorists were in the charred vehi-cle, which burst into flames shortly after a huge explosion of their small pick-up truck in the Qatan valley in Hadramout,” the local mili-tary source said on condition of anonymity. The drone fired two missiles against the al-Qaeda-linked car which was traveling on a main road in the Qatan valley, the source said. Residents near the scene confirmed to Xinhua that there were casual-ties from the drone strike on the vehicle, which was carrying al-Qaeda militants including senior members of the terrorist group when it was hit. The identities of the dead militants were unclear, according to the local secu-rity and military officials.

The Yemen-based al-Qaeda offshoot claimed re-sponsibility for Thursday’s attacks on Yemen’s defence ministry, which left 52 people dead and more than 167 injured.—Xinhua

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Kenya aims to become hub for green technologies

NAIROBI, 10 Dec.—Kenya’s dream of becom-ing a regional hub for green technologies and innovations has gone over drive as the east African nation seeks home grown solution to climate risks.

Kenya’s Cabinet Secre-tary for Environment, Water and Natural Resourc-es, Professor Judi Wakhungu on Monday reaffirmed the government’s commit-ment to support innovations that promote low carbon transition.

“Kenya supports initiatives that encourage sharing of technical know-how to build resilience to costly natural disasters. We have adopted an integrated approach to advance eco-nomic, social and environ-mental objectives simulta-neously,” Wakhungu said during a Green Technolo-gies Symposium in Nairobi.

The exhibition was hosted by Strathmore Uni-versity’s Kenya Climate Change Innovation Centre to showcase 30 pioneer-ing green technologies that have made an impact across the country.  

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LONDON, 10 Dec — English singer Lily Allen rose back to the top of Brit- ain’s singles chart on Sun- day as competition for the coveted Christmas number one spot heated up. Allen’s version of “Somewhere only we know”, which fea- tures in a popular Christ- mas advertising campaign, first topped the chart two weeks ago but was beaten last week by Scottish sing- er Calvin Harris and Swed- ish DJ Alesso.

This week “Some- where only we know”, a song originally released in 2004 by British band Keane, won back the top spot by outselling second- placed “Story of my life” by boyband One Direc- tion, Harris and DJ Alesso.

Los Angeles, 10 Dec — Existential outer-space thriller “Gravity,” corrup- tion tale “American Hus- tle” and independent drama “Fruitvale Station” are among the 10 best films of the year announced by the American Film Institute (AFI) on Monday, kicking off a key week in Holly- wood’s awards season. The annual AFI list also picked Somali piracy thriller “Captain Phillips,” slavery drama “12 Years a Slave,” comedy-drama “Nebraska,” futuristic romance “Her,” Disney-history drama “Saving Mr. Banks,” folk mu- sic-comedy-drama “Inside Llewyn Davis” and Martin Scorsese’s “The Wolf of Wall Street” as the year’s top films. “American Hustle,” “Her,” and “Gravity” have been chosen as best picture by three top critics’ groups in the last week, while “12 Years a Slave” won the top award at the Toronto In- ternational Film Festival in September. “Fruitvale Station,” the debut feature film from 27-year-old Ryan Coogler that touches on race and the real-life shooting death of a young black man in Oakland, Calif., has won universal critical acclaim and a small but meaty role in Hollywood, but she could not do it be- cause of her commitments to the makers of Ram-Leela. “I don’t regret it. I had to work out things for Ram-Leela here, I couldn’t have left the process midway, I had given my commitment here first. Looking at the way the film (Ram-Leela) has got response, I feel good as my hard work has paid off,” Deepika told PTI in an interview here.

Though the actress could not make her entry into Hollywood, she is still open to doing films whenever the right offer comes up. “I would love to do a Holly- wood film. The reason for me to do a Hollywood film is same as what I do here in Bollywood,” she said. When asked if she would be ok doing a small role in a Hollywood film, Deepika said, “There is nothing like a small role. The role has to be of impact, this is what matters, the length of it (role) doesn’t. A good ac- tor can make a presence felt even in a short time.”

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Honours
Halladay retires after signing one-day deal with Toronto

New York, 10 Dec — Two-time Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay announced his retirement from Major League Baseball (MLB) on Monday after signing a ceremonial one-day contract with the Toronto Blue Jays, his first big league team. The former Blue Jays ace, one of only five MLB pitchers to win the Cy Young Award as the season’s top pitcher in both the American League and National League, began his 16-year career with Toronto and compiled a 203-105 record. The eight-time All-Star won the Cy Young with Toronto in 2003 and then with the Philadelphia Phillies in 2010 to join Gaylord Perry, Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson and Roger Clemens as a winner in both leagues.

“I was very lucky to have a lot of people in (the Toronto) organization really develop and help me become the player I was able to become,” Halladay, who was traded to the Phillies ahead of the 2010 MLB season, told a news conference at MLB’s Winter Meetings in Orlando. “(I wouldn’t have succeeded) without the organization’s support and the people in the organization, it really turned my career around and it made a big difference in my career. At the same time, I want to reach out to the Phillies and say how much I appreciate them and everything they’ve done.”

The 36-year-old Halladay was plagued by shoulder injuries the past two seasons with Philadelphia, making only 13 starts in 2013 with a 6.82 earned run average leading to his decision to retire. After 12 seasons with Toronto, Halladay was keen to move on and join the Phillies, who won the 2008 World Series, to improve his chances of capturing a championship ring. He did his part, going 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA in his first season in Philadelphia, including the 20th perfect game ever thrown, and showed his mettle in the postseason. In his post-season debut, Halladay pitched a no-hitter in the opening game of the 2010 NL Division Series against Cincinnati, registering only the second no-hitter in MLB postseason history.

The next season, Halladay went 19-6 with a 2.35 ERA to finish second in Cy Young voting before fading due to injury. Halladay ranks second on the Blue Jays’ all-time list in wins (148), strikeouts (1,495) and shutouts (15), and rates third in ERA (3.43), starts (287), complete games (49) and innings pitched (2,046.2). The Colorado native was Toronto’s first-round selection in the 1995 MLB Draft (17th overall). “Roy is one of the most professional and dominant pitchers of his generation and the Toronto Blue Jays are very proud and honoured that he will retire as a member of our organization,” Blue Jays president Paul Beeston said in a statement. — Reuters

F1 to award double points for final race

London, 10 Dec — Formula One is to award double points for the last race of the season in a controversial attempt to keep championships undecided to the very end after four years of Red Bull domination.

The novelty, immediately dismissed by some angry fans as a needless gimmick, was the most eye-catching of several rule changes announced by the governing International Automobile Federation (FIA) on Monday.

The FIA said double points would “maximize focus on the championship until the end of the campaign” and had been unanimously approved at a meeting in Paris of teams in the F1 Strategy Group and Formula One Commission.

Next year’s season-ender is the day-to-night race in Abu Dhabi on 23 November. With the points haul on offer, that often processional event becomes worth twice as much as Monza or Monaco — the glamour highlight of the season — and the same in scoring terms as classics like Spa and Suzuka combined. Fans were quick to express dismay and anger on social media, with a snap poll of 100 members on the F1fanatic.com website showing 92 percent opposed to the idea.

Others pointed out that bad luck in the final race would have a far greater impact on the title outcome than at any other point in the season. Vettel, 26, won the last nine races and wrapped up his fourth title in a row with three rounds to spare this year but he would not have been champion in 2012 had double points been awarded in the last race. Neither would Britain’s Lewis Hamilton have been champion with McLaren in 2008 nor Michael Schumacher for Ferrari in 2003, when Brasilian Felipe Massa and Finland’s Kimi Raikkonen would have taken the title instead.

The FIA also announced that the principle of a global cost cap had been unanimously approved, with the aim of introducing it from January 2015. The Paris-based body said a working group, made up of the FIA, commercial rights holder and team representatives, would be established so that regulations could be approved by the end of June next year.

The future of our planet depends on our ability to embrace fuel-efficient, clean-energy vehicles,” the 39-year-old ‘Great Gatsby’ and ‘Titanic’ actor, known for his environmental activism, said in a statement on Monday. “Venturi Grand Prix has shown tremendous foresight in their decision to create an environmentally friendly racing team, and I am happy to be a part of this effort.” Formula E races, sanctioned by the International Automobile Federation, will be staged in city centers around the world and backers hope the series will increase the market for battery-powered vehicles and advance the technology behind them. — Reuters

ZURICH, 10 Dec — The world soccer governing body FIFA and France Football magazine announced on Monday the three-man shortlist for this year’s Ballon d’Or with Lionel Messi, Franck Ribery and Cristiano Ronaldo to vie for the award.

New York, 10 Dec — Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio will be involved in the new Formula E electric racing series as a co-founder of the Monaco-based Venturi team that has secured the 10th and final entry. The 10 city championship is due to start up next year, with the first race in Beijing in September. — Reuters

DiCaprio involved with Formula E team

Messi, Ribery and Ronaldo shortlisted for Ballon d’Or

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio poses at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) 2013 Art+Film Gala in Los Angeles, California on 2 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

Ronaldo

Messi

Ribery

Real Madrid.

Ribery of France was already named Europe’s best player for helping Bayern Munich win the Champions League, Bundesliga and German Cup last season. The Ballon d’Or will be presented in Zurich on 13 January.— Reuters

Sports — "New Light of Myanmar"
Nairobi, 10 Dec — Kenya’s fatal attraction with the English Premier League saw a young Manchester United fan jump to his death following the team’s defeat to Newcastle on Saturday. According to Nairobi County Police commander, Benson Kibui, John Macharia, 28, plunged to his death from the seventh floor of an apartment block in Pipeline Estate in Nairobi minutes after his favourite team lost 1-0 to the Magpies at Old Trafford on Saturday night. Eyewitnesses said the United supporter could not take a second successive home defeat as David Moyes’ side plunged 13 points behind leaders Arsenal. The Gunners’ misfortunes also led another ardent Kenyan fan, Saleiman Alphonsso Omondi, 29, to commit suicide in 2009 when his favourites ironically crashed to the English league titleholders in the UEFA Champions League semi-final. Police who have launched investigations into the latest incident connected to the two most widely supported foreign clubs in the country said that Macharia died instantly after hitting the ground with his head. “I confirm that we received the news of a young man who could not stand to see his Manchester United team lose, and instead decided he can die for the sake of a team that is miles far away in Europe.” “We are treating this matter as a case and since this is not the first time we have received such cases, I wish to advice football fans in our country to rather support Harambee Stars than those teams in England who does not recognize them,” Kibui said when confirming the Saturday incident a day later. In 2009, Omondi hung himself with an Arsenal jersey in his house after watching United complete a 4-1 aggregate rout over the Gunners in their Champions League semi in May that year.—Xinhua

MADRID, 10 Dec — Some 100 Spanish companies plan to create more than 32,000 direct job opportunities next year thanks to the improvement of Spain’s economic situation, local media reported on Monday.

Thousands of indirect jobs will also be created, according to the economic newspaper Expansion.

Spain is suffering from high unemployment — over 4.8 million people were unemployed in November according to the government, while around 50 percent of the youth are without a job.

The report said the new job creation will focus on sectors such as consumer goods, new technologies and the automotive industry, thanks to new models of cars assigned to Spanish plants for manufacturing.

Renault will create about 1,300 jobs within three years in Spain, while Nissan will hire 1,000 workers for its plant in Barcelona.

Companies like Inditex, whose most famous brand is Zara, will open a center in Guadalajara where it aims to create 500 jobs. A further 400 will be created in Arteixo in the northwest of Spain after Zara and Zara Home’s enlargements.

Growth in private consumption will help IKEA and supermarkets such as Carrefour or Mercadona increase their workforces.

Mercadona expects to create 1,000 jobs after the opening of 26 supermarkets within six years in the Basque region, while IKEA plans to create about 400 direct and 500 indirect jobs in Valencia, after establishing a new store.

Carrefour will create about 1,500 jobs for young people, while Nestle will also bet on youth employment, creating 1,250 jobs for the youth in the next three years as part of a program that aims to create 20,000 jobs for young people throughout Europe.

The Spanish economy grew by 0.1 percent in the third quarter of this year and the government expects to consolidate this recovery in 2014.

The Spanish Minister of Finance Cristobal Montoro said on Monday at the Spanish parliament that Spain could grow by more than 0.7 percent next year.

100 Spanish companies to create more than 32,000 jobs in 2014

People pose with cartoon sculptures at the Harbour City Shopping Mall in Hong Kong, south China, on 9 Dec, 2013. With the coming of Christmas, shopping centers in Hong Kong started to put on festive decorations to attract customers. — Xinhua

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Shallow quake jolts Bengkulu, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 Dec — A shallow undersea-quake with magnitude of 5.5 struck off Bengkulu province of Sumatra island in western parts of Indonesia on Tuesday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake hit at 11:27 am Jakarta Time (0427 GMT) with epicentre at 162 southwest Seluma of Bengkulu province and with a depth at 10 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told Xinhua by phone. Indonesia is prone to quake as it lies on a vulnerable quake-hit zone known as “the Pacific Ring of Fire.”—Xinhua

An artist makes Arab sand sculpture at the Darling Harbour in Sydney, Australia, on 8 Dec, 2013. The Arab feature performances were displayed on Sunday at the Darling Harbour in Sydney of Australia, displaying Arab sand sculpting, Arab music, dance, and etc. — Xinhua

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Generating more incomes from farm sector is first step towards economic development

Vice-President U Nyan Tun views organic fruit and vegetables at the exhibition near Koethabyagon village in Pobbatheir Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. — MNA

27th SEA Games flame lighting held

YANGON, 10 Dec—Flag-hosting and flame lighting for the 27th SEA Games took place at National Indoor Stadium No.1 (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township here this evening.

Thailand men and women secure victory in basketball

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Basketball event of 27th SEA Games continued for the third day in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Indoor Stadiuhm (A) today with one women’s event and three men’s events.

At the today’s match, Thailand beat the Phil-ippines with 75-36 points in women’s event while the Philippines thershed Cambodia with 107-55 points.

Flame lighting was held in the front of Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association at Thuwunna junction.

Yangon Region Development Affairs Minisster Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint started lighting the flame and Myanmar former athletes U Aung Naing bore the torch. And then Chairman of Organizing Committee (Yangon Zone) for the 27th SEA Games Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received the torch and lit the cauldron of the flame.

Later, Chief Minister U Myint Swe extended a greeting to sports persons at NIS (1) (Thuwunna) and presented gifts to the team managers from ASEAN countries.

Kayak rowers from ASEAN countries participate in Men’s Kayak 1000-meter (K-4) race of the 27th SEA Games at Ngalaik Dam in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 Dec. 2013. Thailand won gold in the Men’s Kayak 1000-meter event.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

SEA Games flame lighting held

Sponsoring Myanmar’s 27th SEA Games under the theme “Clean, Green and Friendship” is expected to fill the country with pride.

For the golden age of Myanmar sports fans will enjoy SEA GAMES events encouraging the historic GAMES of great moment.

For a great honour for our country make every endeavour to repeat the history.

For the third time on Myanmar soil.

With the aim of unity and happiness raising men of physical courage with readiness.

Participant in the GAMES with all might.

To portray the national spirit and pride.

Will represent us a chance to restore.

Eyes firmly fixed on collecting gold medals.

Entire Myanmar people watch to chant BRAVO! Wishing you all success more and more!!

Maung Swe Ngae

Four objectives of 66th Anniversary Independence Day

- All the national people to live together in the Union forever in weal or woe;
- All the national people to strive together for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- All the national people to participate in efforts for ceasing armed conflicts and gaining genuine peace;
- All the national people to work hard in building a developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

27th SEA GAMES—AN EVENTFUL MILESTONE

- Myanmar has hosted the 27th SEA GAMES.
- The regional sports gala with reputed fame of Forty-four years is rather long time.
- For the third time on Myanmar soil.

- With the aim of unity and happiness raising men of physical courage with readiness.
- To portray the national spirit and pride Participate in the GAMES with all might.
- To host 27th SEA GAMES with objectives Of the theme “Clean, Green and Friendship”.
- Our people feel greatly satisfied and honoured Sound and undaunted spirit to be fostered.
- For a great honour for our country make every endeavour to repeat the history.
- Sports fans will enjoy SEA GAMES events.
- Encourage the historic GAMES of great moment.
- Myanmar holds the GAMES as a host.
- For the golden age of Myanmar sports.
- Clinching victories in sports events is crucial.
- Eyes firmly fixed on collecting gold medals.
- Myanmar sports teams coming out with gold.
- Will represent us a chance to restore.
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