President U Thein Sein felicitates Bhutanese King, PM

By: Ye Myint

Myanmar men’s hockey team achieve victory in round-robin matches

Yangon, 16 Dec—Myanmar men’s hockey team today won over Vietnam 8-1 in the round-robin match.

Myanmar won only today’s match of the three round-robin matches. In the men’s hockey third-day match, Malaysia and Thailand played a goalless draw and Malaysia tore up Singapore 8-1.

The fourth day event of women’s hockey match continues at Theinbyu turf hockey pitch at 11 am tomorrow and the men’s hockey match at 1 pm on 18 December.—MNA

Myanmar delegation attends seminars on energy in ROK


Aung Ngeain: Queen of SEA Games’ compound archery

Wunna Theikdi Archery Field was filled with an atmosphere of hopes for winning first gold of Myanmar archery team today. It was an emotive time for Aung Ngeain and Myanmar archery fans as Myanmar’s hope for compound archery gold rested on her.

Everyone in the stand sprang to their feet when Aung Ngeain aimed at the target 1 to start five sets of three arrows in today’s Women’s Compound Individual gold match. It was enough for her, the strongest archer of Myanmar archery team, to put pressure on the Indonesian rival to a certain extent by five points higher than the latter in the first set. Although Indonesian finalist mustered more points than ones she scored in the first set in order to narrow the point deficit against Myanmar archer, Aung Ngeain was able to keep her impressive performance till the final set, leading eight points to her opponent.

Loud cheers from the crowds came out when she finished the last arrow of final set, reaching the score points at 138. She finally brought first gold for Myanmar archery team at the SEA Games 27 and the 27thgold of her career started 11 years ago.

“Self-confidence played a decisive role to claim today’s victory. I managed well to start the game with more points than my rival. I had no worries about the game because I was determined to succeed”, said the gold medalist Myanmar archer.

Aung Ngeain has won three gold at 2011 SEA Games, each in individual compound, team compound and mix-team compound. Entering her senior year, she developed into the top player of Myanmar, earning gold medals in international archery competitions. Before the SEA Games, Aung Ngeain announced that she had decided to quit the sports completing this games.

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Agriculture

Harvested crops kept under shelter in Lewe

Lewe, 16 Dec—Under the supervision of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Head of Lewe Township No.47 Agricultural Mechanization Station U Win Thant and staff help the local people harvest the crops with the use of two combine harvesters and 10 paddy threshers daily for keeping crops under the shelter.

Likewise, the staff of the department harvested monsoon paddy with the use of five combine harvesters on 3000 acres of farmlands in Dekkhinathiri Township. Local farmer U Hse Byar of Nyaunggon Village in the township said, “Now, labour for farmlands are shortage, and the department help the local farmers in harvesting crops with the use of agricultural machinery. We thank the department and staff for their contributions to us.”

Electricity

Full supply of electricity undertaken

Yangon, 16 Dec—Mayangon Township Electrical Engineer’s Office of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board is striving for supply of electricity to the local people at full capacity. As voltage of electricity declines on Konmyint Yeiktha Street and Win Hlaing Street, one 500 KVA transformer was installed there from 9 to 11 December for system improvement. Likewise, permissions have been given to install one transformer each in Ward 2, 5 and Ward 9 for better electrification in the areas.

Foreigners offer meals to members of the Sangha

Bagan, 16 Dec—About 500 members of the Sangha are residing at Kyakhatwaing Monastery in Bago Region. The number of globetrotters increased in visiting the monastery this year.

Fire Prevention

Fire drill practised in Namtu

Namtu, 16 Dec—A fire drill was practised at Namtu Myoma Market Township of the township on 10 December as part of efforts for taking fire preventive measures. The fire drill was practised in Namtu Myoma Market Township. It was organized by Township Development Affairs Committee U Hsan Lwin, Executive Officer U Tin Shein, Staff Officer U Win Thaung of Township Fire Services Department and members of market committee.

Educative talks on prevention of girls against violence shared

Nyaungu, 16 Dec—The educative talks on prevention of girls against violence were held at the hall of Basic Education High School Branch (Myoma) in Nyaungu. It was organized by Nyaungu District Women’s Affairs Organization. Secretary of the District WAO Daw Myint Myint Than, District Judge Daw Yu Yu Hlaing explained prevention of girls against violence.

Local News

Stake driven for Mohnyin District Education Office

Mohnyin, 16 Dec—A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Mohnyin District Education Office was held at the designated place in Mohnyin in Mohnyin District of Kachin State on 13 December.

School library opened, reading habit risen

Mohnyin District Education Officer Deputy Director U Lar Rwe and officials drove stakes for the storey facility. Officially opened the ceremony followed.

Stationery, school uniforms provided

Toungoo, 16 Dec—An 11-member team comprising Patron of Toungoo Township Education Network U San Tin (retired region education officer), Patron U Hla Tun and Secretary U Nanda donated stationery and school uniforms worth K 600,000 to over 600 students from one Post-Primary School on eastern hilly area of Toungoo, one monastic education school and four Basic Education Primary Schools in Township on 13 December. These schools were Htonbogyi Basic Education Post-Primary School, Mongon BEPS, Htoewachaung BEPS, Nant hagon BEPS, Ywandashte BEPS and 4th-Mile No 2 Monastic Education School.

They donated six exercise books, three pencils and one ruler to each students and 40 school uniforms to needy students.

Electrification

Officials formally open school library at Zayatgyi Basic Education High School in Htantabin Township.

Htantabin, 16 Dec—Under the arrangements of Myanmar Libraries Foundation, the ceremony to launch the development of school libraries and raising reading habit was held Zayatgyi Basic Education High School in Htantabin Township of Toungoo District in Bago Region on 12 December morning.

The Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department, the Township Administrator, the headmistress of Zayatgyi Basic Education High School and a person of Township Writers Association formally opened the ceremony.

Next, Myanmar Libraries Foundation, Township IPRD and the Township Writers Association donated books to the school library. The open recitation ceremony followed.

On 13 December, the extempore talks was held. On 15 and 16 December, the essay contests were held at the designated schools. On 19 December, the prize presentation ceremony will be held at Htantabin Basic Education High School.

Fire Prevention

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Agriculture

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LOCAL NEWS

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Shanghai, 16 Dec—China’s northern city of Tianjin will restrict issuance of new car licences, the latest city to clamp down on car ownership in a bid to ease traffic congestion and combat air pollution. The city government will issue new plates via auction and lottery from Monday, it said in a notice posted on its website on Sunday. It will also introduce a quota system similar to Beijing’s traffic restriction scheme, which allows cars access to the city on certain days depending on the last digit of their plates, the official Xinhua news agency quoted Miao Hongwei, head of the city’s traffic management bureau, as saying.

The capital Beijing, infamous for its choking smog, announced last month it will slash the city’s new car sales quota by almost 40 percent next year. Other major cities such as Shanghai and Guangzhou have also implemented measures to restrict car ownership.

Tianjin becomes latest Chinese city to restrict car ownership

Beirut, 16 Dec—Seventy-six people, including 28 children, were killed on Sunday when Syrian army helicopters dropped “barrel bombs” on the northern city of Aleppo, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Monday. Barrel bombs are explosive-filled cylinders or oil barrels, often rolled out of the back of helicopters with little attempt at striking a particular target but capable of causing widespread casualties and significant damage. The Britain-based Observatory said that rebel groups in Aleppo issued a statement asking civilians in government-held parts of the city to move away from state security buildings, which they said would be targeted in retaliation for the bombings.

President Bashar al-Assad’s forces, battling rebels in a 2-1/2 year conflict that has killed more than 100,000 people, frequently deploy air power and artillery against rebel-held districts across the country. They have been unable to capture central and eastern parts of Aleppo, which rebels stormed in the summer of 2012 but they have driven rebel fighters back from towns to the southeastern outskirts of the city in recent weeks. The conflict has seen sectarian, with majority Sunni rebels battling Assad’s own Alawite sect and Shi’ite militiamen. The Observatory—which has a network of opposition, pro-government and medical sources—also said on Monday that rebels in northern Aleppo province were threatening to strike two Shi’ite villages they have surrounded with missiles if barrel bombs were used again by the army.

Residents look for survivors at a damaged site after what activists said was an air strike from forces loyal to Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad in Takeek Al-Bab area of Aleppo, on 15 Dec, 2013.—Reuters

Iran committed to continuing nuclear talks: foreign minister

DUBAI, 16 Dec—Iran will continue nuclear negotiations with world powers despite “unsuitable actions” which led to it halting technical talks in Vienna, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Sunday. The United States on Thursday blacklisted additional companies and people under existing sanctions intended to prevent Iran from obtaining the capability to make nuclear weapons. Iran says its nuclear programme is for electricity generation and medical purposes only. Iran’s negotiators on Friday interrupted talks in Vienna on how to implement a nuclear agreement because, its officials said, the US decision was against the spirit of the deal.

“[The US] has highlighted potential obstacles negotiators face in pressing ahead with efforts to resolve a decade-old dispute between the Islamic Republic and the West,” said a statement.

“In the last few days unsuitable actions have been taken on the part of Americans which we have responded to in an appropriate manner,” Zarif said in a posting on his Facebook page. “We will continue with negotiations in Geneva with seriousness and we will certainly show a correct, measured and targeted response to any unsuitable action,” he said.

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Anti-government protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban (C) leaves The Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters in Bangkok on 14 Dec, 2013.—Reuters

Thai opposition debates whether to run in February election

Bangkok, 16 Dec—Thailand’s main opposition party opened a meeting on Monday to decide whether to take part in a snap election called by the government to defuse street protests but one senior member said reforms demanded by the protesters should be implemented first.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra called the election after weeks of protests against her and her brother, ousted ex-prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, and his influence on Thailand’s political system. The protesters, backed by Bangkok’s elite, have rejected the election and want to set up a “people’s council” that would eradicate the influence of the “Thaksin regime” and introduce reforms following a decade of election wins by Thaksin or his allies with support from the urban and rural poor. The protests have also been supported by the main opposition Democrat Party, Thailand’s oldest party. All Democrat lawmakers resigned from parliament this month and some joined the protests, including leader Abhisit Vejjajiva, who was prime minister from late 2008 until 2011. But the party has yet to announce its stand on the 2 February election. A boycott by the Democrats would rob the vote of much of its legitimacy and prolong political uncertainty.

US seeks Okinawa’s unconditional OK for base replacement landfill

Washington, 16 Dec—Washington has told Tokyo that the Okinawa prefectural government should unconditionally allow work to begin on reclaiming land needed to relocate a US military base within the prefecture as planned, Japan-US relations sources said on Sunday.

The move appears aimed at putting more pressure on Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima, who will decide within this month whether to approve the application from the central government for the landfill work needed to relocate the Marine Futenma Air Station from the densely populated Ginowan to the less populated coastal Henoko area in Nago. A senior US official conveyed the view on the long-stalled issue as Washington is worried the stalemate might persist if Nakaima attaches conditions in approving the work, the sources said.

Kyodo News

Frequent attacks cause heavy casualties in Libya

Tripoli, 16 Dec—A Libyan army colonel was killed and three soldiers were injured on Sunday in two separate attacks in the eastern city of Benghazi, security and medical sources told Xinhua.

A medical source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity that Saad Masood Ostal Jamal, an army colonel, was shot by unknown assailants in Humada near Me-shual al-Huaida in Benghazi as he was taking his son to school.

Spokesperson of Jalaan Hospital in Benghazi confirmed that Jamal was hit by seven bullets, including five in his head.

Also in a separate attack on Sunday afternoon, three soldiers belonging to Libyan Special Forces’ 319 Brigade and Thunderbolt were injured after an improvised explosive device targeted them while they were participating in a campaign to clean up Benghazi streets after garbage collectors went on strike over salary complaints. A security officer said that three soldiers were injured by fragments after the explosive device was thrown at them by unknown assailants in the Laithi area. The eyewitness added that a man driving a Mitsubishi car stopped in front of a garbage collection point and threw a bag on top of the stack, leaving the bag to explode shortly after his departure. Al-Barghati said the victims Mohamed Salem Warfali, Abdallah Faraj Alakora and Ali Ambar Awami were injured by shrapnel from the explosive device. She added that three soldiers are currently recovering in Jalaan Hospital’s intensive care unit.—Xinhua

Death toll in Syrian bombing raid on Aleppo rises to 76

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Non-Light of Myanmar
Google removes privacy feature from Android mobile software

Iran says it sends second monkey into space, brings it back safely

Amazon pressed on gun accessory sales, a year after Newtown

Twitter backtracks on block feature after users revolt

BlackBerry extends deadline to boost capital increase
Healthy eating costs an extra $1.50 per day

NEW YORK, 16 Dec — That healthy foods cost more has become conventional wisdom, but a new study is the most thorough yet in calculating how much more: about a dollar and a half.

“Before now, we’ve seen studies looking at prices of one or a few foods or diets, in one city and from one store,” said Mayuree Rao. “And the results have been mixed, with some studies finding that the healthier options cost more and some studies finding they don’t.”

Rao is a junior research fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health and a medical student at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. She led the study that was published in BMJ Open.

The research team identified 27 previous studies from 10 countries that met their inclusion criteria and reviewed each of them. Fourteen studies were conducted in the US, two in Canada, six in Europe and five in other countries including South Africa, New Zealand, Japan and Brazil.

Twelve of the studies were market surveys that evaluated the prices of anywhere from two to 133 foods each and included up to 1,230 stores.

Fifteen studies were dietary surveys that ranged from 30 participants to more than 78,000.

The researchers compared the costs of the healthiest eating patterns with the least healthful and found that the healthiest diets cost on average $1.47 more per day based on actual food intake, or about $1.54 more per day for every 2,000 calories consumed.

The majority of Chinese investors, who seem to love speculation, know little about the mechanisms surrounding the currency. They can’t hold one in their hands nor use bitcoin in their normal daily lives. Therefore, it seems like the right time to damp down the heated bitcoin trade in China, which had accounted for more than half of the currency’s global trading volume.

“It’s a game of speculation (in China), and few people know or care what’s behind it,” said James Li, head of BTC360.com, a bitcoin trading platform which he founded this year.

Bitcoin was introduced in 2009 by a programmer, or group of programmers, under the name of Satoshi Nakamoto. It was designed to become an alternative to government-backed currencies.

There are 12.1 million bitcoins in virtual circulation, and their supply is strictly governed by rules embedded in complicated software.

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Photo: Aye Min Soe

School children line up outside Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium for billiard and snooker.

Photo: Aye Min Soe

Fans gather to enjoy a cycling event in Nay Pyi Taw.

Photo: Aye Min Soe

Fans line up to get on free shuttle buses outside Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium.

Photo: Aye Min Soe

A girl poses for photo with 27th SEA Games mascot at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw.

Photo: Aye Min Soe
**XXVII SEA GAMES SPECIAL**

**27th SEA Games**

**Myanmar runners satisfied with silver medals**

Ying Ren Mok of Singapore holds the State Flag of Singapore after crossing finishing line during the men’s marathon Event.—PHOTOS: AYE MIN SOE

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**Indonesian men, women secure victory in volleyball event**

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The volleyball events of the 27th SEA Games continued for the fourth day at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (B), here, this morning.

Altogether 172 players from Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are participating in the events from 13 to 21 December.

At today’s matches, Thailand beat Vietnam with 3-0 points and Indonesia won over Myanmar with 3-1 in women’s play off events while Indonesia beat Laos with 3-0 in men’s preliminary-B event.

Malaysia will meet Vietnam tomorrow in women’s play off event and Malaysia will vie with Cambodia and Thailand will play against Myanmar in men’s preliminary-A events.

**Photo shows women’s volleyball match between Myanmar and Indonesia at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (B).—KTL (NLM)**

Myanmar seize five medals in weightlifting event

YANGON, 16 Dec—At today’s final matches, Gold medal went to Thailand, silver to Myanmar, and bronze to Malaysia, in women’s (69 kilo) event while Thailand secured gold, Vietnam, silver and Malaysia, bronze in men’s (94 kilo) event.

Eleven men’s and women’s events took place and 33 medals were awarded the weightlifting event of the 27th SEA Games.

In eleven events, Thailand took six gold, Indonesia, three and Myanmar and Vietnam one each. Myanmar secured five medals—one gold by Aye Thanda Lwin, two silver by Kyaw Moe Win and Le Le Win and two bronze by Pyae Phyo and Myint Kyi.—MNA

**Photo shows women’s basketball match between Myanmar and the Philippines at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (A).—KTL (NLM)**

**Philippine men, Thai women Snatch gold in basketball event**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Dec—The final matches of basketball event of the 27th SEA Games took place at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (A), here, this noon with two women’s events and one men’s event.

Altogether 189 players from Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Cambodia took part in the basketball events from 8 to 16 December.

At today’s events, Thailand beat Indonesia and the Philippines won over Myanmar in women’s basketball events while Thailand defeated Myanmar in men’s basketball event.

The Philippines secured gold, Thailand, silver and Singapore, bronze in men’s event while Thailand took gold, the Philippines, silver and Malaysia, bronze in women’s event.

**Photo shows women’s basketball match between Myanmar and the Philippines at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (A).—KTL (NLM)**

**Soccer fans watch the match between Myanmar and Indonesia at a teashop in Thabyaychaung village.**

Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

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Khaing Thanda Lwin (NLM)
**New Light of Myanmar**

**NATIONAL**

**Five civil miscellaneous applications (writ) heard**

**Deputy Commander-in-Chief and party arrive in Kolkata**

**Preserving Myanmar women’s lineage inheritance discussed**

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

**Ministry of Electric Power**

**Invitation to the private investors who are willing to generate the electricity by implementing hydropower projects and coal-fired thermal power projects**

1. The private companies which are willing to generate the electricity by implementing hydropower projects and coal-fired thermal power projects, are invited to participate in developing power sector in Myanmar so as to fulfill the state power demands.

2. The local and foreign companies who are willing to invest in power sector had been officially invited by the government newspapers issued on 1st June 2012 and the discussion on invitation to the local and foreign investors in power sector had been also observed in Ministry of Electric Power on 21st September 2012.

3. Private investors who are willing to invest in the power projects must completely mention the types of power projects, projects locations (Town, Township, District, State/Region) to be implemented by the private investors as well as companies profiles in the projects proposals and then could make discussion with the Ministry of Electric Power (MOEP).

4. Private investors must conduct the environmental and social impact assessments caused by project implementation works as per the criteria and due to the findings on the assessments, only private companies which could follow the procedures that are to be in line with acceptable plans, will be granted to implement the power projects. In this connection, private investors should seriously follow the above mentioned guidelines and submit the projects proposals to MOEP.

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**Football Results on 16-12-2013**

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Myanmar Engineering Council Office opened

YANGON, 16 Dec—A ceremony to launch the establishment of Myanmar Engineering Council (MEC) was held at Myanmar Engineering Council’s Office in Human Settlement and Housing Development Department here this morning.

Union Ministers U Kyaw Lwin and U Aye Myint, Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint and Region Minister U Nyan Tun Oo cut the ribbon to open it.

Later, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann pressed the button to unveil the signboard and looked round the office.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint delivered addresses on the occasion.

It was also attended by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Planning and Financial Development Committee U Soe Tha, region ministers, patrons of MEC, chairman and members and departmental officials.—MNA

Myanmar delegation attends... in Seoul of the Republic of Korea on 10-12 December.

The representatives from Korea, United States, India, Italy, France, Canada, Argentina, Mexico, Hungary, Malaysia, Vietnam and Saudi Arabia attended the meetings. The meeting discussed Korea’s efforts for technological advancement in nuclear energy sector, human resources development, endeavors for public trust on nuclear energy, taking lessons from Fukushima nuclear reactor explosion and transplanting technology.

Myanmar delegation also attended 3rd International Energy Cooperation Symposium and discussed matters on development of natural resource policies, oil and gas, petrochemical and renewable energy sectors on 11 December. They gave explanation on strides for development of energy sector in Myanmar, policy, investment opportunities and investments of Korean companies in Myanmar’s energy sector.

They observed POSCO LNG Combined Cycle & Cell Power Plants, Yeon-heung Energy Park, KOGAS LNG Production Plant, Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Okpo Shipyard and SK Petrochemical Complex.—MNA

Union Ministers U Zeyar Aung and Dr Ko Ko Oo attend 3rd International Energy Cooperation Symposium in ROK.—ENERGY

Public announcement for taking action of relevant ministries on suggestions sent to Rural Area Development Subcommittee through Public Services Capacity Assessment Committee

Undertaking of Ministry of Rail Transportation on suggestion for application of 12x12 ft land plot for construction of (315) KVA Transformer in Aung Kat Kyaw and No 13 Wards in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region

The Ministry of Rail Transportation has allowed the application of 12x12 ft land plot for construction of (315) KVA Transformer in Aung Kat Kyaw and (13) Wards in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region on 25-11-2013. Mandalay Region Electrical Engineer’s Office surveyed the land plot on 29-11-2013 and carried out digging for the poles starting from 1-12-2013 and erecting of poles on 7-12-2013.

Amarapura Township Electrical Engineer’s Office will undertake installation of (11) KV power line, 40 volt power line and (315) KVA Transformer.

It is hereby announced that complaints and enquiry on taking action of the relevant ministries are to be sent and informed to Rural Area Development Subcommittee.

Deputy Information Minister attends photo contests prize presentation ceremony

YANGON, 16 Dec—Or- ganized by Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information, photo contests in commemoration of 66th Anniversary Independence Day was held in conjunction with prize awarding ceremony at Traders Hotel this morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htwe made an opening speech and presented first prize to Kyaw Kyaw Win, second prize to Myo Zaw Oo and third prize...
MYANMAR OIL DEALERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS AGM, WORKSHOP

YANGON, 16 Dec—The 21st Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Oil Dealers Association was held at the hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, here, on 14 December morning.

At first, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and guests visited the booth of the oil dealers.

At the annual general meeting, Chairman of the Association U Thein Han made a speech.

Union Minister U Win Myint and Vice-President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win explained matters related to the works.

Chairman of the election commission U Maung Maung announced the list of new executive committee for 2013-15 fiscal years.

Responsible persons presented certificates of honour to those who contributed to the tasks of the annual general meeting of the association.

Later, the workshop was held. Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan presided over the workshop.

Kyemon-Than Win

(A Thanlyin)

AUNG CHANThA MICRO-CREDIT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

LOILEM, 16 Dec—Aung Chantha Basic Education Primary School in Ward 2 of Sagu in Mubu Township of Magway Region on 14 December, with an address by Magway Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Tin.

Staff Officer U Kyaw Soe of Township Immigration and National Registration Department, Assistant Head of Department U Thant Tin and Staff Officer U Than Htay of District Information and Public Relations Department gave lectures on raising reading habit of the people, taking census process and development tasks. They replied to queries raised by local people.

Staff members of the Township INRD Daw San Shwe and Daw Thein Thein Myint distributed pamphlets to the local people.

Knowledge about census taking process shared to people in Sagu

MINBU, 16 Dec—A talk on taking census process and housing matters, rural development and raising reading habit was held at Aung Chantha Basic Education Primary School in Ward 2 of Sagu in Mubu Township of Magway Region on 14 December, with an address by Magway Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Tin.

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Next, Township Administrator U Hla Win delivered speeches.

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Aung Chantha Micro-credit Cooperative Society holds meeting

KYEMON, 16 Dec—Aung Chantha Micro-credit Cooperative Society of Loilem was held at the hall of Township Information and Public Relations Department in Loilem on 14 December afternoon.

Meeting chair Daw Khin Khin Soe (retired Township Education Officer) made a speech.

Next, Township Administrator U Hla Win delivered speeches.

Moe Han and Head of Township Cooperative Department U Zaw Min delivered speeches.

The meeting continued reading of work report of the board of directors for 2012-13 fiscal year, financial report, discussions of members and approval of future. Next, the BODs replied to queries raised by members of the society.

Officials presented prizes to outstanding staff.

Likewise, the Government Employees Cooperative held its meeting at the same venue.

Kyemon-Moe Lwin Oo

(Loilem)

KENGUTUNG, 16 Dec—Heavy rains hit Kengtung of Shan State (East) from 13 to 15 December. Some parts of the township suffered floods in the heavy rains.

The untimely rains destroyed vegetable plantations in the alluvial lands beside the creeks and rivers.

The low-lying areas such as Khwanyo Market of Lenglek Ward, Ward 3 and Ward 4 were inundated.

On 14 December evening, one generator of Mongkhun hydropower station was struck by lightning. In the incident, the power line cut off, said a staff of the department.

Kengtung Township has formed the disaster prevention and relief committee that will carry out relief and rescue works in time.

Kyemon-513

LIBRARY OPENED IN MYITKYINA

MYITKYINA, 16 Dec—The library YaungchiOo contributed by K 500,000 by Myanmar Libraries Federation and K 1.5 million by local people, was put into service in Yuzanamyaing Village of Myitkyina Township on 14 December morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Khaung Lan Dee of Myitkyina District, Staff Officer U Baung Yein of Myitkyina District Information and Public Relations Department and local authorities formally opened the library.

Myanmar Libraries Foundation and wellwishers donated books and furniture for the library.

A local spoke words of thanks. Thanks to the library, the local people will have easy access to reading facilities for gaining general knowledge.

Kyemon-District IPRD

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;
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Natural Disaster

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On 14 December evening, one generator of Mongkhun hydropower station was struck by lightning. In the incident, the power line cut off, said a staff of the department.

Kengtung Township has formed the disaster prevention and relief committee that will carry out relief and rescue works in time.

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Japan, Cambodia to upgrade ties to “strategic partnership”

Tokyo, 16 Dec — Japan and Cambodia agreed on Sunday to advance defense cooperation and to consider negotiating further bilateral agreements. The two countries have a long history of close ties, with Japan's military presence in Cambodia dating back to the Vietnam War.

Philippines needs 3 bln USD for rebuilding in typhoon-hit areas

Manila, 16 Dec — The Philippine government needs a total of 130 billion pesos (about 2.95 billion US dollars) to rebuild the communities devastated by typhoon Haiyan, the president said after he returned from Japan where he attended the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit.

Australian troops completely withdraw from Afghanistan

Canberra, 15 Dec — The main Australian base in Uruzgan Province in Afghanistan has officially closed, with the last Australian troops leaving Uruzgan province, Defence Minister David Johnston and Prime Minister Tony Abbott confirmed in a joint press conference on Monday.

Bombs, suicide attacks in Iraq kill at least 21: police, medics

The deadliest attack took place in Baiji, 280 km (175 miles) north of Baghdad, where four bombers wearing explosive belts took over a police station after detonating a parked car bomb outside the building, police sources said.

Japan, China, S Korea agree to work together on environmental pollution

Beijing, 16 Dec — Chinese, Japanese and South Korean government officials and environmental experts wound up a two-day symposium in the central China province of Hebei on Sunday and agreed the three countries should work together on environmental pollution problems. Japan, China’s official media said.

The conflict, which began in 2001 as a mission to hunt down al Qaida, instead of the drawdown after Australia's decision to lease the station, the sources said.

A government-sponsored meeting is held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 15 Dec, 2013, in an effort to resolve the political conflict that has led to prolonged antigovernment demonstrations.

At least 21 killed in bus fall-off in Philippine capital region

Manila, 16 Dec — At least 21 people were killed and scores were wounded when a passenger bus fell from an elevated Skyway in Taguig City, Metro Manila, and allegedly landed into a van under the highway early Monday morning, a senior government official said.

A civil society volunteer distributes flowers to a migrant worker in Singapore’s Little India area, on 15 Dec, 2013. Some civil society activists distribute flowers to people as a symbol of peace in Singapore’s Little India area on Sunday.

A man stands at the scene of a car bomb attack in the Risala district in Baghdad on 15 Dec, 2013.

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Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board Chairman Winston Ginez said in a television interview that a Don Mariano Transit Bus fell from the south bound lane of the highway while on its way to Alabang, Muntinlupa City, at around 6:30 am local time.

The driver of the van was reportedly one of those killed while the driver of the bus was one of the survivors, he said. Ginez said the bus driver would undergo drug and alcohol test as investigators were yet to determine if the cause of accident was “human error, negligence or mechanical error.”

The families of those who died in the accident would receive 75,000 pesos (1,697 US dollars) each while those injured would receive 15,000 pesos (339 dollars) each, he said.

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David Johnston confirmed that the last troops left Uruzgan on Sunday. They left the base at Tarin Kot and are currently en route back home to Australia. In addition, Abbott also said he believed Afghan forces were up to the job of maintaining security.

“The Afghan National Army has performed with considerable distinction over the last fighting season. Certainly our soldiers are very happy with the progress of the Afghan brigade they have been mentoring over the last few years,” he said.

The 12-year mission saw 40 Australians killed and more than 250 seriously wounded. “We know that they’ve paid a high price, 40 dead, 261 seriously wounded,” Abbott said.

The conflict, which began in 2001 as a mission to hunt down al Qaida, instead became a protracted fight against Taliban insurgents.
Italy to provide port for Syrian chemical weapons transfer

Reuters, 16 Dec — Italy has agreed to provide a port for use in the transfer of Syria’s chemical weapons arsenal between ships on the way to its destruction at sea, its Foreign Ministry said on Sunday.

Syria is due to hand over deadly toxins which can be used to make sarin, VX gas and other lethal agents under an international agreement forged in the wake of an attack on the outskirts of Damascus which killed hundreds last August. Danish and Norwegian ships will collect the toxic arsenal from the Syrian port city of Latakia. The chemicals will be destroyed at sea on board a specially adapted US ship because they are too dangerous to import into a country.

Until now, it was not clear how the containers of chemicals could be transferred from the Scandinavian ships onto the US vessel. An Italian Foreign Ministry official said the use of the port was the maximum role Italy was prepared to serve in the operation, and that the chemicals would not touch Italian territory at any point.

The official would not identify which port would be used. Syria’s 2-1/2-year civil war has killed at least 125,835 people, according to Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, and over 2 million refugees have fled, often overwhelming neighbouring countries. **Reuters**

**Ministry of Electric Power**

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**MV KOTA RAJIN VOY NO (829)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAJIN VOY NO (829) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.12.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**

**MINISTRY OF ENERGY**

**MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE**

**(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)**

**(16/2013)**

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

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**- Tender Closing Date & Time -**

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing on 16th December, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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**INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER**

**MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER**

Invitation to the private investors who are willing to generate the electricity by implementing hydropower projects and coal-fired thermal power projects

1. The private companies which are willing to generate the electricity by implementing hydropower projects and coal-fired thermal power projects, are invited to participate in developing power sector in Myanmar so as to fulfill the state power demands.
2. The local and foreign companies who are willing to invest in power sector had been officially invited by the government newspapers issued on 1st June 2012 and the discussion on invitation for the local and foreign investors in power sector had been also observed in Ministry of Electric Power on 21st September 2012.
3. Private investors who are willing to invest the power projects must completely mention the types of power projects, projects locations (Town, Township, District, State/Region) to be implemented by the private investors as well as companies profiles in the projects proposals and than could discuss with the Ministry of Electric Power (MOEP).
4. Private Investors must conduct the environmental and social impact assessments caused by project implementation works as per the criteria and due to the findings on the assessments, only private company which could be able to follow the procedures that are to be in line with acceptable plans, will be granted to implement the power projects. In this connection, private investors should seriously follow the above mentioned guidelines and submit the projects proposals to MOEP.
Oscar-winning actress Joan Fontaine dead at 96

LOS ANGELES, 16 Dec—Oscar-winning actress Joan Fontaine, whose film career was marked by a long-running rivalry with her sister, Olivia de Havilland, died on Sunday at age 96 at her home in Carmel, California. Hollywood’s two trade publications reported.

The Hollywood Reporter said Fontaine’s death from natural causes was confirmed by her assistant, Susan Pfeiffer.

Fontaine’s most memorable films was the Alfred Hitchcock picture “Suspicion,” co-starring Cary Grant, for which she won an Academy Award in 1942, beating out her older sister in the competition.

The honour gave Fontaine the distinction of being the only performer, actor or actress, ever to win an Academy Award for a starring role in one of Hitchcock’s many movies.

She was nominated that year for “Hold Back the Dawn,” went on to win two Oscars of her own for leading roles in the 1946 film “To Each His Own” and the 1949 picture “The Heiress.”

Fontaine also earned Oscar nominations for her star turns in Hitchcock’s 1940 thriller “Rebecca,” co-starring Laurence Olivier, and the 1943 romantic drama “The Constant Nymph,” opposite Charles Boyer.

Lily Allen retains top spot in UK chart, eyes Christmas prize

LONDON, 16 Dec—English singer Lily Allen retained the number one spot in Britain’s single charts for a second week running on Sunday, putting her in a strong position to dominate the charts at Christmas.

Allen’s version of “Somewhere only we know” — a song originally released in 2004 by British band Keane — features on a holiday compilation and amid performances of holiday favourites by the Backstreet Boys, singers Sheryl Crow and Janelle Monae, and actress Anna Kendrick. —Reuters

Madhuri Dixit: I was confident about the makers of Dedh Ishqiya

MUMBAI, 16 Dec — Actress Madhuri Dixit, who will be seen on the big screen after the 2007 film Aaja Nachle, says she chose to be part of Dedh Ishqiya because she has faith in the makers of the film — Vishal Bhardwaj and Abhishek Chaubey.

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British singer Lily Allen poses as she arrives for the British premiere of Tamara Drewe in Leicester Square, central London on 6 Sept, 2010.—Reuters

Three ‘Avatar’ sequels to be made in New Zealand: government

WELLINGTON, 16 Dec — US film companies 20th Century Fox and Lightstorm Entertainment will make the next three movies in the science fiction “Avatar” series in New Zealand, spending NZ$500 million ($413 million) on live action and visual effects.

The agreement comes after the New Zealand government hired film industry tax rebates to up to 25 percent from the current 15 percent.

“The Avatar sequels will provide hundreds of jobs and thousands of hours of work directly in the screen sector as well as jobs right across the economy,” Economic Development Minister Steven Joyce said in a statement.

New Zealand will also host one “red carpet” premiere, with the producers also agreeing to promote the country as a tourist destination, and film making venue.

The original “Avatar”, which was nominated for nine Oscars and won three in 2010, was partly made in New Zealand, with special effects done at Weta Digital, which also worked on the Lord of the Rings trilogy, and the Hobbit series.

“The Avatar” director James Cameron has a farm in New Zealand. —Reuters

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“That was one of the reasons I didn’t do anything, but when I decided to come to India and settle here, that time I decided to read scripts and Dedh Ishqiya was offered. I was confident that Vishal and Abhishek team makes good films and I would love to be part of it,” she added.

Dedh Ishqiya also features Naseeruddin Shah, Huma Qureshi and Arshad Warsi. — PTI

Oscar-winning actress Joan Fontaine

A prototype Internet tablet plays an “Avatar” movie trailer being streamed in 1080p high definition over a 4G LTE wireless network at the 2010 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 7 Jan, 2010. —Reuters

WASHINGTON, 16 Dec — President Barack Obama mixed the Christmas spirit and the X-Men movies on Sunday at a taping of a holiday show that included performances from a host of stars from Sheryl Crow to the Backstreet Boys.

Obama, his wife Michelle and daughteres Sasha and Malia attended the taping of “Christmas in Washington,” an annual concert that benefits the Children’s National Medical Centre. The show is to air on television network TNT on 20 December.

With Hugh Jackman playing the host of the programme, Obama could not resist connecting the actor to the Wolverine character he has played in the X-Men movies.

“I want to thank our host Hugh Jackman for keeping our safety in mind by leaving Wolverine’s claws at home,” he said.

“It can’t be easy to wrap presents with those things: good for carving up roast beast though,” Obama said. The show’s lineup included performances of holiday favourites by the Backstreet Boys, singers Sheryl Crow and Janelle Monae, and actress Anna Kendrick. —Reuters

Oscar-winning actress Joan Fontaine

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Garcia takes his first title of the year in Thailand

Welbeck, recalled in place of injured Robin van Persie, struck twice in three minutes for United who moved up one spot to eighth, 10 points behind leaders Arsenal. United had suffered successive home defeats by Everton and Newcastle United that followed away draws with Cardiff City and Tottenham Hotspur but outclass­ed the hosts and had the game safe when Tom Cleverley struck on 52 min­utes.

Before kickoff Welbeck had scored as many goals for England — three this season as he had for United but he was in the right place to make the breakthrough on 15 min­utes, poking home the re­bound after Adnan Januzaj headed against the foot of the left hand upright.

His first Premier League goal since his first day of the season double against Swansea was fol­lowed swiftly by a second when he linked up with the impressive Antonio Valen­cia, feeding the Ecuadorian and then sprinting into the box to get on the end of his return cross.

Welbeck was inches away from a hat-trick when he slid a shot past the far post from a tight angle and also went close after the break when his chip over a stranded Brad Guzan was just too high.

Cleverley said earlier this week that some of his performances had been ‘av­erage’ this season, but wore a broad smile after running on to Wayne Rooney’s pass to beat Guzan with a low shot at his near post.

“It was a good job from us. The players did well and the only thing I would criti­cize is that we didn’t score more goals,” United man­ager David Moyes told Sky Sports.

“We were a bit sloppy in the first five minutes but after that played really well.”

United received an­other boost when Scotland interna­tional midfielder Darren Fletcher, battling a chronic bowel condition, came off the bench for his first match appearance since late December last year.

The cheers from Unit­ed fans for Fletcher were part-drowned out by the boos from the home end that greeted former Villa forward Ashley Young.

Villa, who began brightly but carried little threat once they had fallen behind, have won just one of their last 36 Premier League games against United.

Nathan Dyer scored for Swansea City but suf­fered a suspected fractured right ankle in the 1-1 draw at Norwich City.

Dyer flicked past John Ruddy on 12 min­utes but was carried off on a stretcher late in the first half after a challenge with Sebastien Bassong.

“We have to wait a couple of days for an X-ray and a scan, and we all cross our fingers to hope it is not that bad,” said Swansea manager Michael Laudrup.

“That will overshadow everything else. It is just a game of football.”

Norwich earned a point thanks to Gary Hoope­r’s spectacular volley in first-half stoppage time. Tottenham host Liverpool in a later kickoff (1600). A victory for the visitors would lift them back up to second spot.—Reuters

Ski jumping-Olympic champion Morgenstern crashes in Germany

BERLIN, 16 Dec — Austria’s three-time Olymp­ic ski jump gold medal­ist Thomas Morgenstern crashed during a World Cup event in Germany on Sunday and was rushed to hospital with facial injuries.

Morgenstern, who won two gold medals at the 2006 Turin Olympics and one more at the Vancou­ver Games four years later, crashed at the venue in Tit­isee-Neustadt after landing and losing one ski.

He slid down, hitting his head in the process be­fore briefly managing to stand up and falling back down. He was treated nearby before being taken to hospital in Freiburg. An

“Thomas Morgenstern of Austria competes during the FIS World Cup ski jumping mixed team competition in Lillehammer, on 6 Dec, 2013.—Reuters

Austrian skiing federation official told reporters the 27-year-old was conscious and able to move. On Saturday Morgen­

stem had clinched his first World Cup win of the sea­son at the German venue to move into third place in the overall standings.—Reuters

Klose stops Lazio rot with brace

ROME, 16 Dec — Two goals from striker Miroslav Klose on his return from in­jury helped Lazio to a 2-0 win over Livorno in Serie A on Sunday.

Fiorentina closed in on the Champions League places with a 3-0 home win against Bologna with Gi­useppe Rossi scoring his 13th goal of the season.

Germany striker Klose struck twice in the space of seven first half minutes, relieving the pressure on coach Vladimir Petkovic who had been facing the sack after six league games without a win.

Lazio moved up to eighth place on 20 points. Vincenzo Montella’s Fiorentina strolled past sec­ond-bottom Bologna and went fourth on 30 points, only two behind Napoli in third.

Inter Milan will go back into fourth and close the gap on Napoli if they beat Rafael Benitez’s side in Sunday’s late game (1945 GMT).

Leaders Juventus play at home to Sassuolo later (1730).

Reuters
**GENERAL**

**Mourinho plays down Chelsea trophy chances**

**London**, 16 Dec — Jose Mourinho has played down Chelsea's chances of winning silverware this season, because they lack a killer “selfish” striker. The London side missed a series of scoring chances in their 2-1 win over strugglers Crystal Palace on Saturday but still moved within two points of Premier League leaders Arsenal, whom they meet on 23 December.

“I don’t think we are the big contenders of any competition,” Mourinho told BBC radio. “We don’t have the striker who is going to score 30 goals in the league.” Chelsea’s 50 million pound ($81.39 million) striker Fernando Torres scored his second league goal of the season on Saturday. He and fellow strikers Demba Ba and Samuel Eto’o have contributed only five of Chelsea’s 32 Premier League goals so far.

Belgian attacking midfielder Eden Hazard is top league scorer with six. “We don’t have that striker we used to call the killer, the selfish one, the one that gives the last touch,” Mourinho said. On Friday Mourinho said his strikers’ hard work helped the attacking midfielders to get on the scoresheet but he and they were frustrated by their lack of finish.

“The number of goals is quite frustrating not just for me but also for them,” he had said after training. “Do I expect a little bit more? Yes. Do we want them to do a little more? Yes.”

Mourinho repeated after Saturday’s game that he did not expect to buy a striker in the January transfer window as there were unlikely to be any good ones available.

“They are in the big clubs, they are in the clubs with big ambitions and big clubs with big ambitions don’t sell their top selfish ones,” he said.

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**Wild elephants terrorizing people in Nepal**

KATMANDU, 16 Dec — Wild elephants have been creating havoc in the southern and eastern parts of Nepal that share borders with India, local media reported on Sunday. People in the border districts of Rautahat, Bara and Jhapa have been living in a state of terror, fearing possible attacks by wild elephants, which have claimed the lives of dozens of people, Nepal’s state news agency RSS reported. Wild elephants also destroy the local people’s houses and properties.

Though the locals have deployed mahouts to capture the elephants, no progress has been made so far. According to the RSS, newly elected Constituent Assembly member from the CPN-UML party, Rabindra Koirala, has said that the problem of elephant terror in Jhapa district would be solved after holding talks with the Bengal government of India. Koirala said attention of Bengal chief minister would be drawn to minimize the elephant menace.

A task force would be formed to this regard very soon, he assured people.

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**High fives as Suarez and Liverpool run riot at Spurs**

**London**, 16 Dec — Luis Suarez continued his prolific form with a double in Liverpool’s impressive 5-0 Premier League demolition of Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on Sunday that lifted Brendan Rodgers’ side back up to second place.

The Uruguayan got the 16th and 17th goals of his late-starting season — more than powerhouse Spurs have managed as a team. Jordan Henderson, Jon Flanagan and Raheem Sterling also scored as Spurs, who had Brazilian midfielder Paulinho sent off for a high challenge on Suarez after 63 minutes, capitulated.

Liverpool moved above Chelsea on goal difference, two points behind leaders Arsenal who have 35 points from 16 games.

England striker Danny Welbeck made the most of a rare start for Manchester United with a first-half double in a 3-0 win at Aston Villa as the champions ended a run of four Premier League games without victory.

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**Miss Angola 2014 vows to focus on fight against HIV/AIDS**

LUANDA, 16 Dec — Newly crowned Miss Angola 2014 Zuleica Wilson vowed to focus during her mandate on awareness campaigns against HIV/AIDS and on the value of education. “A healthy population performs better the work of economic development and growth,” Wilson told reporters as she emerged victorious as the most beautiful Angolan woman after Saturday’s Miss Angola 2014 contest held in the Belas Convention Center in the capital Luanda.

The 20-year-old beauty said she was aware of the responsibilities she now takes up and pledged to represent Angola with dignity in the Miss Universe beauty contest.

“My dream is to win the (Miss Universe) title” while also finishing the business and management courses at school, she said. During the same gala, Cecilia Curizenba was elected Miss Friendly, Leonella Moniz as Miss Photogenic and Leonor Saide won the prize of Wearing the Best Typical Angolan Costume. The Miss Angola 2014 contest was attended by 19 candidates who represented the Angolan provinces and the Angolan communities abroad, including Angola and the United States. —Xinhua

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**Palestinians eat their lunch inside a school after being evacuated from their houses which are flooded with rainwater, on a stormy day in Gaza City on 15 Dec, 2013.**

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**Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho puts the ball to Branislav Ivanovic during their English Premier League soccer match against Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge, London, on 14 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS**

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**Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker leaves for Indonesia, Cambodia**

Yangon, 16 Dec—At the invitation of Mr. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Indonesia and Mr. Sambodch Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN, President of National Assembly of Cambodia, a Myanmar delegation led by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann left here by air for Indonesia and Cambodia this morning.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Hluttaw representatives, the Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar, the Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker was accompanied by Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Sports, (See page 9). MNA

**Union Sports Minister awards winners of marathon, archery events**

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 Dec—Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoyed marathon, archery and billiard events at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, here, this morning.

In men’s marathon event, gold medal went to Singapore, silver to Myanmar and bronze to the Philippines while Vietnam secured gold, Myanmar, silver and bronze in women’s marathon event.

In women’s archery event, Myanmar beat Indonesia with 138:130 while Vietnam won over Thailand with 138:136 in men’s archery event.

After the matches, the Union minister and the chairman of Myanmar Archery Federation awarded gold medal to Myanmar, silver to Indonesia and bronze to Malaysia in archery women’s compound event; gold to Vietnam, silver to Thailand and bronze to Singapore in men’s archery compound event and the winners in men’s and women’s individual play off match.

Aung Htay and Nay Thway Oo won over Singapore 3-0 in billiard semi-final.—MNA

**Yachting events go on at Ngwehsaung Beach**

Ngwehsaung, 16 Dec—Yachting’s second day events of the 27th SEA Games continue at Ngwehsaung Beach today.

Among the six participating countries in twelve categories, Myanmar is standing first in double Half Rater (Open) event; second in RS One (Boy) event; third in RS One (Girl) event; third in Optimist (Boy) event; fourth in Optimist (Girl) event and fifth in RS One (Open) event.

Sithu Moe Myint and Phone Kyaw Moe Myint stood first in men’s double Half Rater (Open) event. Moe Khant Tha Din Hla Myint and Thurein Tun Oo stood fourth in INT’L 420 (Boys) event while Mohammad Faizal Norizar and Ahmad Syukri Abdul Aziz of Malaysia stood first. In INT’L 420 (Girls) event, Kimberly Lim Min and Savannah Siew Kiah Hui of Singapore stood first followed by Wai Pwint Wah Bo and Theinzi Win Shwe. Richardly Arquino Magsanay and Ridgely Balladares of the Philippines stood first in INT’L 470 (Men) event while Aung Myin Thu and Zayar Hlang stood fifth. In INT’L 470 (Woman) event, Cedilla Low and Rui Qi stood first followed by Su Myat Soe and Nan Khim Say.

Team event aged 15 years and under 15 (Optimist Team) and December Half Rater (Open) double events will be held tomorrow.—MNA

**Medal Tally**

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**Deputy Minister for Culture attends PNC Annual Conference and Joint Meeting**

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 Dec—Deputy Minister U Than Swe of Ministry of Culture attended the Pacific Neighbourhood Consortium (PNC) Annual Conference and Joint Meeting at Tokyo University in Japan where he read a paper entitled Establishing of Monarchial System in Myanmar during Japanese Age.

**Union FM felicitates Bhutanese counterpart**

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Dec—On the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Bhutan which falls on 17th December 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr. Rinzin Dorji, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bhutan. MNA