President U Thein Sein calls for accelerating efforts for stronger cooperation among BIMSTEC members

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 March—President U Thein Sein called on BIMSTEC member countries to step up efforts for a stronger cooperation to be able to sustain the momentum of BIMSTEC.

In his address at the 3rd BIMSTEC Summit in Nay Pyi Taw on 4th March, the president has urged the member countries to combine their strengths and resources under the banner of BIMSTEC to engage with other international bodies in addressing the new threats of non-traditional and transnational challenges of climate change, natural disasters, energy and food security.

He also called for accelerating economic growth and social progress in the sub-region through the collective endeavours and in a spirit of equality and partnership.

The seven-member Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is working together in 14 sectors namely trade and investment, technology, energy, transport and communication, tourism, fisheries, agriculture, cultural cooperation, environment and disaster management, public health, people-to-people contact, poverty alleviation, counter-terrorism and transnational crime, and climate change.

In his address, the president also expressed his thanks to Thailand for its constant support through Bangkok BIMSTEC Working Group.

The BIMSTEC has given priority to alleviation of poverty in the region and improvement of the quality of life and well-being of peoples in the region among the 14 sectors.

BIMSTEC express concern for threats posed by climate change

We, the Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Prime Minister of Nepal, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand met in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 4 March 2014 for the Third BIMSTEC Summit Meeting;

Reaffirming the aims and purposes of BIMSTEC as contained in the 1997 Bangkok Declaration,

Recalling the BIMSTEC Summit Declaration (Bangkok, 31 July 2004) and the Second Summit Declaration (New Delhi, 13 November 2008),

Recognizing the close relationship and deepening engagements among the BIMSTEC Member States given the geographical proximity as well as the rich historical linkages and cultural heritage,

Convinced that BIMSTEC Member States, endowed with abundant natural and human resources, have considerable potential for economic and social development through mutually beneficial cooperation in identified priority areas,

Recognizing that globalization and regional cooperation continue to generate increased linkages and inter-dependence within the economies and societies in the BIMSTEC Member States and provide greater opportunity to further leverage regional cooperation and respond to new and emerging challenges,

Recognizing the threats posed by climate change on the lives and livelihoods of peoples across the Member States,

Reiterating commitment to BIMSTEC as a regional cooperation group,

Do hereby:

Resolve to commit increased efforts in accomplishing the founding aims and purposes of BIMSTEC.

Decide to move forward towards finalization of the draft Agreement on Trade in Goods with agreed General Rules of Origin and Product Specific Rules, and also to signing of the Agreement on Dispute Settlement Procedures, and the Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters under the framework Agreement on the BIMSTEC Free Trade Area.

Direct the BIMSTEC Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) to expedite its work for the conclusion of the Agreement on Trade in Goods by the end of 2014, and to continue its efforts for early finalization of the Agreement on Services and Investments.

Agree to enhance cooperation in expanding skill and technology base of Member States through collaborations and partnerships targeted towards micro, small and medium scale enterprises and decide to accelerate efforts for the early finalization of the Memorandum of Association on the Establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility.

3rd BIMSTEC Summit
4 March 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

Third BIMSTEC Summit Declaration

President U Thein Sein speaking at 3rd BIMSTEC Summit.

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Families boost income through weaving industry

MEIKTILA, 4 March—“Htanaungkan village lies in Kantha Tract 10 miles from Meiktila. With 245 households and home to 1200 villagers, most of them are engaging in weaving industry. Whenever there occurs power outage they have to rush to Meiktila industrial zone to run their business. But now the village has enjoyed electricity supply and weaving machines are mushrooming in the village with 35 machines and 70 spinning wheel plus over 20 sewing machines.” Said a villager who runs the business.

The villagers buy raw materials from Mandalay and distribute their products in Mandalay, Magway and Yangon in addition to selling at brokerages in Meiktila industrial zone. As all of them engaging in the business have been earning a handsome income it is one of the tools to reach the goal to poverty alleviation and rural development.

Thein Myint Kyaw (Meiktila)

Second longest bridge on Myanmar-India friendship road under construction

KALAY, 4 March—With the permission of the State to spent 500 million Kyat on building of a heavy bridge on Kalewa-Kyikon-Tamu Road, Bridge Construction Special Group (11) under the Public Works is now engaging in building the bridge starting on 1 October 2013.

With the length of 190 feet and 29 feet in width, the bridge will have 24 feet wide motorway. The construction tasks will be completed at the end of this month said an official.

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Knowledge on Consumer Protection given

MANDALAY, 4 March—Organized by Ministry of Commerce and Mandalay Region Computer Entrepreneurs’ Association, talks on consumer protection were given on 2 March at Yadanabon Market in Mandalay.

On the occasion, the Adviser to the Minister of Commerce clarified matters on opening border trade centres, assignment of economic attaches in EU countries, trade promotion and easing regulations in export and import business. Officials also explained about procedures of Consumers Affairs Department; dos and don’ts to be followed by sellers and buyers in production, distribution, selling, buying, and consuming; purpose of enacting Consumer Protection Law; the importance of cooperation among government departments, NGOs, entrepreneurs and the people to enforce consumer protection regulations.

Thaiba Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Nat Garden Dam rebuilt

KALAY, 4 March—Dammimg water from Nattaga Creek near Minhla village, Pyindaw-U village tract in Kalay Township, Nat Garden Dam supplied water to nearly 10,000 acres of land in the region. But the dam was damaged due to flood during the last rain. Under the supervision of Sagaing Region Government, the dam was repaired. With 9 million Kyat contributed by locals reconstruction works are now underway. After completion, the dam will benefit over 129,000 people in the region.

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Tourists observes photos on Sri Kitstra Ancient City in Pyay

PYAY, 4 March—Sri Kitstra Heritage Conservation Group and photographers in Pyay organized Photo Shows at ShweUdaung Pagoda. The show started on 1 March up to 31 displayed 42 works of 12 photographers. Sri Kitstra Culture Heritage Area is located 5 miles to the south of Pyay, 180 miles from Yangon. Ancient Pyu cities flourished during 4 to 9 A.D. The old city with nearly 9 miles in length and 5 miles in width is neither in circular- nor oval-shaped. Arrangements are underway to put Sri Kitstra City into a World Heritage List.

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Be Quick To Repair: Photo taken on 2 March 2014 shows damaging of the fence of a transformer installed at the top of ShweUdaung street in Insein Township. Urgent measure is needed to be taken otherwise it is much exposed to danger.—KHIN MAUNG AYE (INSEIN)
Thai protesters aim at overcharging

BANGKOK, 4 March — A state of emergency in Bangkok could be extended until anti-government protests end completely, Thailand’s foreign minister said on Tuesday, adding that he feared more violence even though the protests had subsided.

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UNESCO listing sought for ex-Japanese POWs records

KYOTO, 4 March — A city on the Sea of Japan coast said on Tuesday it will recommend memorials and records it kept of the return home of Japanese prisoners of war detained in the Soviet Union after World War II for entry on UNESCO’s Memory of the World Register.

The city of Maizuru in Kyoto Prefecture was one of a number of ports through which Japanese, both POWs and civilians, were repatriated after the war. It says it aims to have 570 items, including memoirs and drawings composed by the former inmates of Siberian labour camps and the lists of those repatriated abroad. Japan-bound ships for Maizuru, recognized by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 2015.

The exhibits at the Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum chronicle the arrival of the former POWs and other Japanese repatriates from overseas between 1945 and 1956. According to the museum, about 660,000 Japanese nationals, including 455,000 ex-POWs from Siberia, were repatriated via Maizuru port between 1945 and 1958. Others came from such areas as China, the Korean Peninsula and islands in the southern Pacific. The Japanese government estimates about 600,000 Japanese soldiers were detained in labour camps in Siberia and Mongolia in the wake of the country’s defeat in August 1945. Of them, about 55,000 died due to forced labor, severe living conditions and malnutrition.

Aside from Maizuru, the Japanese central government and the city of Minamikyushu in Kagoshima Prefecture have also made recommendations for listings on the UNESCO register. The government has sought recognition for old documents kept at Toji, a Kyoto Buddhist temple, while Minamikyushu has put forward letters written by World War II kamikaze pilots heading for suicide attacks kept at Chiran Peace Museum.

The Memory of the World programme aims to preserve historical archives and other precious items put around the world. Among items already on its roster are the 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen issued during the French Revolution and the diaries of Anne Frank from World War II, submitted by the Netherlands.

Britain urges “clear message” by EU to support Ukraine

LONDON, 4 March — Britain wanted the EU to send a “very clear message of support” through technical and economic assistance to Ukraine, British Minister of State for Europe David Lidington said ahead of an EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting on Monday.

“I hope that we will be able to send a very clear message that the way forward is for there to be direct contact between the governments of Russia and Ukraine,” Lidington said in a statement on arrival at the EU body in Brussels.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague on Monday labeled the current situation in Ukraine as the “biggest crisis” in Europe in this century during his visit to Kiev for talks with the new Ukrainian government.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told US President Barack Obama over the phone on Saturday that Russia reserves the right to protect its interests and Russian speakers living in Ukraine if violence spreads in eastern Ukrainian regions and Crimea.

Japan, Russia cannot make rapid progress on territorial row

TOKYO, 4 March — Diplomatic negotiations on a long-standing territorial dispute between Japan and Russia are unlikely to move forward swiftly, despite Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s efforts to resolve it, Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso said on Tuesday.

“I don’t think we are in a situation where we can make rapid progress on the territorial issue,” Aso said at a press conference, noting that the state of ties is such that the two countries have not been able to conclude a peace treaty since World War II. Abe has expressed strong eagerness to settle the dispute over the Russian-held islands off Hokkaido, called the Northern Territories in Japan and the Southern Kurils in Russia.

Japan has joined other Group of Seven countries in condemning Russian military intervention in Ukraine.

Tokyo’s reaction to Moscow’s actions may make it more difficult for Japan to pursue negotiations over the territorial row, some experts say.

No need to use military force in Ukraine for now: Putin

MOSCOW/KIEV, (Ukraine), 4 March — President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday that Russia saw no need to use military force in the Crimea region of Ukraine for now, in remarks apparently intended to ease East-West tension over fears of war in the former Soviet republic.

The use of force by Russia in Ukraine would be a choice of last resort, Putin said, and sanctions being considered against Moscow by the West would be counter-productive.

Putin told a news conference at his state residence outside Moscow there had been an “unconstitutional coup” in Ukraine and ousted leader Viktor Yanukovych, an ally of Russia, was still the legitimate leader of the country despite giving up all power.

Earlier on Tuesday, Putin ordered troopers involved in a military exercise in western Russia, close to the border with Ukraine, back to their bases.

Russian financial markets rebounded after sharp falls on Monday, and the euro and dollar rose in Japan, though Moscow’s forces remained in control of Ukraine’s Crimea region, seized bloodlessly after Yanukovych was ousted last month.

Russia paid a heavy financial price on Monday for its military intervention in Ukraine, with stocks, bonds and the ruble plunging as Putin’s forces tightened their grip in Crimea, whose population is mainly ethnic Russian.

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Russian military armoured personnel carriers (APC) drive on the road from Sevastopol to Simferopol on 4 March. 2014. — Reuters
**High tide inundates Marshall Islands capital, hundreds displaced**

**N Korea fires seven projectiles from east coast**

**Dance tradition keeps disaster memory alive for tsunami-hit district**

**Egypt bans Hamas activities in Egypt**
**Japan-EU FTA top priority for Denmark: Thorning-Schmidt**

**Tokyo, 4 March —** Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt called on Tuesday for prompt conclusion of a free trade agreement between Japan and the European Union at a meeting in Tokyo with Japanese policymakers.

"Trade and cooperation have thrived for many years but it still holds tremendous potential. I believe that one of the best ways to fulfill this potential is to finalize the free trade agreement between Japan and the European Union," Thorning-Schmidt said at the meeting to commemorate re-launching of the Japan-Denmark Parliamentary Friendship League.

The league includes some 40 members of the Japanese parliament, including former Prime Minister Naoto Kan and New Komeito party leader Natsuo Yamaguchi. LDP lower house member Taro Kono chairs the group.

"This league is a testimony of the excellent relations between our two nations," Thorning-Schmidt said, expressing her expectations that the group will support the deepening of economic, political and people-to-people ties.

Thorning-Schmidt is slated to meet Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in the afternoon and announce a new strategic partnership aimed at enhancing cooperation between the two sides in such areas as energy, agriculture and life science.—Kyodo News

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**Bin Laden son-in-law goes on trial in US on terrorism charges**

**New York, 4 March —** Suleiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, went on trial in New York on Monday, becoming one of the highest-profile defendants to face terrorism charges in the United States.

Prosecutors have accused the Kuwaiti-born Abu Ghaith, 48, of recording videos in Afghanistan on behalf of al-Qaeda immediately following the attacks of 11 Sept, 2001, on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, threatening further violence against Americans.

Defence lawyers argue that the government cannot prove that Abu Ghaith had any involvement in or knowledge of plots to kill US citizens.

Jury selection began on Monday and should be completed by Wednesday, with opening statements from both sides expected to take place later that day or soon after. The trial is expected to last around a month.

The bearded Abu Ghaith, who could receive life in prison if convicted, sat quietly during the morning, wearing a beige suit and listening to an interpreter translate the proceedings into Arabic.

Nearly 50 prospective jurors gathered in a Manhattan courtroom, where the newly constructed One World Trade Centre was visible through one of the windows.

As in several other terrorism trials in the United States, the jury will remain anonymous.

During questioning from US District Judge Lewis Kaplan, potential jurors were asked to refrain from revealing any identifying information, such as their names or employers.

Kaplan asked a series of questions about al-Qaeda, potential witnesses and other issues, seeking to determine whether any of them had biases that would affect their ability to remain impartial.

The prospective jurors had already provided answers to written questions before arriving at court on Monday, including whether they had strong feelings about terrorism that would make it hard for them to be fair.

In the afternoon, one candidate, a 56-year-old lawyer, said he had represented several detainees at the US prison for terrorism suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and was concerned he would not be able to put those experiences out of his mind when assessing the credibility of any potential witnesses from Guantanamo.—Reuters

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**British gov’t goes ‘power devolution’ recommendations from Wales**

**London, 4 March —** British government on Monday welcomed the publication of a report aimed at giving more autonomous powers to Britain’s western region of Wales, according to the British Prime Minister’s Office.

The 219-page report, penned by the Commission on Devolution in Wales, examined the powers of the National Assembly for Wales and made 61 recommendations to devolve more legislative powers from Westminster to the local government in Wales.

The recommended changes in the report cover a wide array of areas ranging from intergovernmental relations, economy, transport, natural resources, broadcasting, policing and justice to health and social security. "I am proud of (British) Government’s record in delivering for Wales and bringing further devolution,” British Prime Minister David Cameron said, adding that the recommendations “propose a new course for the future.”

"The tax and borrowing powers we are devolving will give the Welsh Assembly and Welsh Government additional means to help generate economic growth,” Cameron added, promising to “give careful thought” to each of the recommendations.—Xinhua

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**Iran stresses “peaceful” nature of nuclear activities**

**Thehran, 4 March —** Iran stressed the peaceful nature of the country’s nuclear activities ahead of another round of talks with world powers to pave way for a comprehensive agreement on its controversial nuclear drive.

Iran’s nuclear program is undoubtedly peaceful and the West knows about it, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani was quoted as saying by Iran Daily on Monday.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) conducted thousands of hours of inspections in Iran’s nuclear program and found no indication of diversion to weapons-grade activities, Rouhani said.

“All of them (Western powers) have no doubt that the nuclear science in this country follows a peaceful course,” Rouhani said ahead of an expert-level meeting on the country’s nuclear program.

On Monday, it was announced here that expert-level nuclear talks to discuss the details of a possible comprehensive agreement on Iran’s nuclear issue will start in the Austrian capital Vienna on Wednesday.

The talks, which follow a senior-level meeting in February, will last for three days until Friday, said Hamid Baedinejad, the director general for political and international affairs at Iran’s Foreign Ministry, who also heads Iran’s expert-level nuclear negotiating team. —Xinhua
CNABERRA, 4 March — Astronomers searching for clues about dark energy, the mysterious force that is speeding up the expansion of the Universe, have uncovered new evidence about the nature of supernovae, finding many are lighter than scientists had expected, the Australian National University (ANU) reported on Tuesday. The findings, from an international team from the Nearby Supernova Factory project, overturn previous understanding of white dwarf stars and raise new questions about how these stars explode.

“White dwarfs are dead stars, the corpses of stars that were once like our Sun. They won’t explode on their own — they need another star to help blow them up,” said ANU astronomer Dr Richard Scalzo, who led the latest research. “We now know it’s much easier to blow them up than we used to think.” A supernova is a star that explodes and shines much more brilliantly as it reaches the end of its life.

By studying “nearby” Type Ia (1a) supernovae, within a billion light years from earth, astronomers can then compare them with older and fainter supernovae even further out in space, allowing them to measure distances in the universe.

Scalzo said most of the supernovae his team studied had blown up well before dinosaurs walked on Earth. He said astronomers had previously believed white dwarfs needed to be around 1.4 times the mass of the Sun before they could explode. Using the University of Hawaii’s 2.2-metre telescope, his team studied 19 Type Ia supernovae. By carefully watching how quickly the supernovae faded away after their brightest point, and comparing to calculations made by computer, the team could then “weigh” each explosion to figure out the white dwarf’s mass.

They were surprised to find that as many as half were well below the previously-assumed tipping point for an explosion. That meant the life the dying stars led and the cause of their violent deaths, also had to be totally different from what scientists once thought. Scalzo said the ultimate aim of the research was to better understand dark energy, for which the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to ANU professor Brian Schmidt, Adam Riess from Johns Hopkins University, and Saul Perlmutter from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

“Brian Schmidt used type Ia supernovae to discover that dark energy exists,” he said. “We’re now trying to understand what it is. This new information about how white dwarfs explode is a huge step forward towards that goal.”

Cosmologist Greg Aldering, who leads the international Nearby Supernova Factory in Berkeley, said“This is a significant advance in furthering Type Ia supernovae as cosmological probes for the study of dark energy.”

Scalzo was previously based in the Nearby Supernova Factory headquarters at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California, and is a member of the Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics. The ARC Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics (CAASTRO) is a collaboration between The Australian National University and a number of Australian universities. The latest findings are published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. —Xinhua

Cybercrime hits financial firms hardest

LONDON, 4 March — Cybercrime is the second most common crime reported by financial firms, more than double the level across other industries, as criminals turn increasingly to technology as their main weapon against banks, a survey showed.

Some 39 percent of financial services companies that suffered from economic crime last year said they had been hit by cybercrime, compared to 17 percent in other industries, according to the survey by consultancy PwC. Banks in Europe and the United States are being told by regulators to toughen their defences against cyber attacks, which have grown more frequent and severe as criminals and “hacktivists” become more sophisticated. Banks are often targeted financially, but sometimes it is to disrupt business.

Hundreds of bank- ers took part in simulated “cyber attacks” last year in New York and London to test their resilience to such threats. PwC said its survey even appeared to under- estimate the scale of attacks, saying its experience showed a clear majority of financial firms had suffered cybercrime last year.

“Cybercrime is growing and the methods are constantly evolving. We see an emphasis in attacks on banks’ infrastructure,” said Andrew Clark, a partner in PwC’s forensics practice. Some 45 percent of financial firms were victims of fraud last year, PwC’s 2014 global economic crime survey showed. The survey, based on responses from 1,330 companies in 79 countries, showed theft was responsible for the highest share of economic crime, followed by cybercrime, money laundering, accounting fraud and bribery and corruption.

External fraudsters are behind most of the economic crime. The survey said most internal frauds were committed by junior staff or middle managers. The profile of the typical internal fraudster is a male aged 31-50, with a university education. —Reuters

Government spying tools will worsen Internet security

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 March — Electronic spying tools used by the US government could end up in the hands of organized criminals and hackers, further eroding Internet security, warned industry leaders who called for new restrictions and oversight of government activity.

It is a big worry” that the methods will spread, said Andrew France, former deputy director of the UK’s NSA equivalent, GCHQ, and now chief executive of security startup Darktrace.

The government habit of purchasing information about undisclosed holes in software is also “really troublesome,” said former White House cyber security advisor Howard Schmidt. “There’s collateral damage.”

Both France and Schmidt spoke to Reuters at the annual RSA Conference, the world’s largest cyber security gathering, in San Francisco last week. RSA is the security division of electronic storage maker of EMC Corp.

Security researchers say that secret state tools tend to fall into the hands of mobsters and eventually lone hackers. That trend could worsen after former spy contractor Edward Snowden disclosed US National Security Agency capabilities for breaking into Cisco Systems Inc routers, Dell Inc computer servers and all kinds of personal computers and smartphones, industry leaders and experts warned at the RSA conference and two smaller gatherings in San Francisco convened partly to discuss RSA’s government deals.

Australia’s mean temperature warms almost 1℃ since 1910

CNABERRA, 4 March — Temperatures across Australia were on average 1℃ warmer than they were a century ago, a latest report of Australia’s climate change showed on Tuesday. The latest State of the Climate in 2014 by Australian national science agency CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology is a snapshot of how Australia’s climate has changed over the last two years. It is the third report in a series and follows earlier reports in 2010 and 2012. According to its findings, Australia’s mean temperature has warmed by 0.3℃ since 1910. And seven of the 10 warmest years on record in Australia have occurred since 1998.

When scientists compared the past 15 years to the period 1951 to 1980, they found that the frequency of very warm months has increased five-fold and the frequency of very cool months has decreased by around a third. “The frequency and intensity of heatwaves have increased across large parts of Australia since 1950,” Bureau Chief Executive Dr. Rob Vertessy said in a statement. “Extreme fire weather risk has increased, and the fire season has lengthened across large parts of Australia since the 1970s,” Rob added.

And CSIRO Chief Executive Dr. Megan Clark also confirmed Australia has warmed in every state and territory and in every season. “Australia has one of the most variable climates in the world. Against this backdrop, across the decades, we’re continuing to see increasing temperatures, warmer oceans, changes to when and where rain falls and higher sea levels,” Dr Clark said on Tuesday. —Xinhua

A National Security Agency (NSA) data gathering facility is seen in Bluffdale, about 25 miles (40 km) south of Salt Lake City, Utah, on 16 Dec, 2013. —Reuters
Leaders from BIMSTEC member countries meet at MI CC

Press conference on holding Myanmar Golf Tour 2014

YANGON, 4 March—A press conference on holding Myanmar Golf Tour 2014 that will be jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar Professional Golfers Association (MPGA) and sponsored by Ayeyawady Bank, Asia Green Development Bank, United Myanmar Bank, Ayesar Association (MPGA) and Myanmar Professional Golf Federation and Myawady and will be held at Royal Myanmar Golf Club in Nay Pyi Taw from 13 to 16 March, at Yangon Golf Course in Yangon from 6 to 9 May, at PyinOoLwin Golf Club in PyinOoLwin from 19 to 22 June, at Shwemantaung Golf Club in Mandalay from 7 to 10 August, at Bagan Golf Course in Bagan from 16 to 19 October and at Royal Myanmar Golf Club in Nay Pyi Taw from 27 to 30 November. It is learnt that transportation for the participants has been arranged in order to take part in the golf events conveniently.

Globetrotter Bus arrives Mandalay through Asian Highways

MANDALAY, 4 March—Globetrotter Bus passed Muse through Chinese border gate along Asian Road and arrived in Mandalay on 1 March. After visiting around downtown of Mandalay, they left for Monywa on 3 March. The globetrotter bus led by Mr Farias, Juan from Italy and members arrived in Myanmar on 26 February. The tourists will visit Muse, Hsipaw, PyinOoLwin, Mandalay, Monywa, Bagan, Kalaw, Inlay, Bago, Yangon, Kyaukhto, Mawlamyine, Hpa-an and Myawady and will leave for Thailand on 16 March. “On arrival at Mandalay, they will visit Myanmar handcrafts shops and they viewed sun set on U Bein Bridge”, said U Than Zaw, tour guide who was accompanied them. As Mandalay is a focal point of Asian Highways, one can travel from Chian to Mandalay, Mandalay to India, from Macoe of Thailand to Mandalay passing through Myawady Border Gate and then to India and China. —002

Discussion on development of responsible investments held

YANGON, 4 March—The discussion on local and foreign reviews relating to development of responsible investments was held at Traders Hotel in Yangon on Tuesday morning. At the discussion, reviews on Myanmar Investment Policy of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development-OECD, rules and regulation and preliminary task for the development of responsible investments practices, experience on international responsible investments, implementation of OECD for international investments and prospects for future cooperation were discussed. The officials of Investment and Companies Administration, OECD members, Foreign Embassies to Myanmar, UMFCCI and local and foreign investment partners attended the discussion. —MNA

A slight earthquake hits inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—A slight earthquake of magnitude 2.8 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about 155 miles south of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 07 hrs 46 mn 40 sec MST today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Nissan passes Honda in Feb US sales, winter weather hits Toyota

NEW YORK, 4 March—Amid harsh winter weather, Japan’s biggest automaker in the United States posted a second month of decreasing sales while Nissan Motor Co surpassed Honda Motor Co to become the fifth largest manufacturer in the US in February, figures released on Monday by Autodata Corp showed. Overall sales in the US remained relatively flat and continued to be hampered by severe snowstorms with the extreme cold keeping customers away from showrooms in major East Coast and Midwest markets. Dealers sold 1,193,872 passenger cars and light trucks in the month, 293 less than a year earlier. The total translates into annualized sales of 15.34 million units, staying above the 15 million threshold for the 16th month in a row. Among Japanese automakers, Toyota Motor Corp. sold 159,284 vehicles, down 4.3 percent, making it the third biggest player in the US. The company said weather-related production and delivery disruptions and a 20 percent reduction in fleet sales dragged down sales.

“The unusually harsh winter continues to have an effect on some of the economic activity in general and it certainly had an impact on auto sales in February,” Toyota group vice president Bill Fay said on Monday during a monthly sales call. —Reuters
**President U Thein Sein receives Sri Lankan counterpart, Nepalese PM**

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—**President U Thein Sein received Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 2 pm on Tuesday.

During the meeting, they discussed promotion of bilateral cooperation in BIMSTEC, further cementing relations between the two peoples, launching of flights between the two countries and cooperation in agriculture.

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Since 2007, India’s National Tsunami Early Warning Centre is providing early warnings to Indian Ocean Rim countries on a regular basis. Meanwhile, the BIMSTEC would establish its Permanent Secretariat in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and start functions in May.

Sheikh Hasina also expressed her confidence that the BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat would generate the momentum necessary for the implementation of all decisions of BIMSTEC and would receive all support from all member countries.

BIMSTEC includes Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, and Bhutan.

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Nepalese Prime Minister Mr. Sushil Koirala and party.—MNA

They also exchanged experience on resolving conflicts. Diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Sri Lanka were established in 1949. Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa has visited Myanmar two times in 2004 and in 2009. Now is the third time.

Likewise, President U Thein Sein held talks with Nepalese Prime Minister Mr. Sushil Koirala and party at the same venue at 4 pm on Tuesday.

The meeting focused on greening and development of Lumbani Garden, the birthplace of Lord Buddha, tourism industry development and promotion of relations between the two peoples.

They, as well, concentrated on potentials to create direct flights between the two countries. Besides, they exchanged experience on hydropower generation and peace-building process.

**Climate change is very urgent for everyone: Mr Salman Khurshid**

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—Media persons of the News and Periodicals Enterprise yesterday interviewed Indian External Affairs Minister Mr. Salman Khurshid on BIMSTEC. The following is the questions and answer of the interview. Ed

Q: How the BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate which will be established in India can contribute to the region and Myanmar?
A: There have been set up (the BIMSTEC Centre) for Weather and Climate. This is the collective project. The climate change is very urgent for everyone, for agriculture, for climate, for disaster management. This is very important and critical project we have been working together.

Q: How much the annual expenditure of the permanent secretariat?
A: I don’t know what the budget. We (India) have agreed to provide the 32% of the budget.

**Public announcement for remonstration**

1. Kayin People’s Party headquarters at No 632 (d/16) on Arzarni Street at No. 4 Junction in Ward 5 in Shwepyitha Township in Yangon Region, registered by Union Election Commission as a political party under the Article 9 of Political Parties Registration Law, submitted its applications to change its flag and seal with the flag and seal described hereunder on 5-3-2014.

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

Flag of Kayin People’s Party

Seal of Kayin People’s Party

Union Election Commission
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves Development Fund Bill, Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill, Media Bill

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 March — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved Development Fund Bill, Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill and Media Bill at its session on Tuesday.

Joint Bill Committee submitted its report on Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s Development Fund Bill that was sent back by the President with comments to the parliament. The report recommended the Bill to be approved in accord with the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as the Bill focusing on the interests of the country and its people is in conformity with the Constitution.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw-approved bill will be sent back to the President.

Approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on the two bills—the Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill and Media Bill—that raised disputes between Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw was sought in the parliament.

Regarding the Bills amending the Income Tax Law and Commercial Tax Law and 2014 Union Taxation Bill, members of the Joint Bill Committee presented the committee’s findings to the parliament.

Inspection and registration procedures for the vessels with engines that are not more than the capacity of 20 HP have already been announced and rules and regulations for them will be set after the enactment of Inland Vessel Law which is underway, said Deputy Minister for Transport U Zin Zaw at the today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session.

The report submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Government’s guarantees, pledges and undertakings vetting committee suggested that damage happens to some development facilities such as roads and bridges and dams before their durability periods are over due to violation of prescribed rules and regulations by some locals. The report called on media to play a constructive role in informing the people of the development projects in a transparent way.

At the today’s Amyotha Hluttaw session, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung responded to the question on construction of a pulp factory near Namtsowam creek in Lashio that instructions had already been given to the factory owner to stop construction works. According to Shan State Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department that paid an inspection tour on 13 February, 2014, construction had been suspended and only a guard was found at the abandoned site.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung submitted Bills to amend the Civil Aviation Law and the International Interests Law and the Hluttaw approved to discuss the two Bills.

Before Amyotha Hluttaw National Planning and Development Project Affairs Committee’s report on work progress in the third quarter of FY 2013-2014 was approved at the today’s session, Daw Khin Wine Kyi discussed the report, highlighting the importance of strict adherence to rules and regulations of extractive industries and the need for acquisition of capital and technological assistance from the government.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets chiefs of armed forces from ASEAN countries

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 March — Command-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met the chiefs of armed forces and delegations from Brunei, Cambodia, the Philippines and Singapore who will attend 11th ASEAN Chief of Defence Forces Informal Meeting (ACDFIM) and 4th ASEAN Military Informal Meeting (AMIM) on 3 March.

Both sides discussed matters on promoting friendship and relations between the two armed forces and strengthening cooperation in ASEAN.

The chiefs of armed forces from ASEAN countries held separate talks at the same venue in the evening.

A ceremony to host dinner to the delegations from ASEAN countries who will attend 11th ASEAN Military Intelligence Information Meeting (AMIM) and 4th ASEAN Military Operations Informal Meeting (AMOIM) took place Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 March.

3rd BIMSTEC Summit...

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Underline the need for enhancing regional cooperation in the energy sector, welcome the holding of the Third BIMSTEC Energy Ministerial Meeting in Nepal in 2014 and also the Fourth BIMSTEC Energy Ministerial Meeting in Bhutan in 2015, and recognize the role of the BIMSTEC Energy Centre in Bengaluru, India, in this context.

Express satisfaction at the continuing work on developing physical connectivity in BIMSTEC region and the progress made in updating the BTLIS supported by the Asian Development Bank for enhancement of inter-regional connectivity, transport infrastructure and logistics, and welcome efforts to identify concrete projects for implementation.

Express satisfaction at the progress made in implementing tourism cooperation programmes and in following up the Plan of Action on Tourism; and encourage the Member States realize the enormous tourism potential of the region by enhancing cooperation in this field, particularly through facilitating engagements among the private sector in the Member States.

Resolve to continue cooperation in the area of fisheries, including inland fisheries, and conservation and management and sustainable use of marine resources in the Bay of Bengal.

Reiterate our commitment to continue and enhance cooperation in the field of agriculture, including crops, livestock and horticulture; and decide to intensify cooperative efforts by materializing short and long term joint research programmes towards increased productivity and yields of agricultural produce in the region.

Resolve to enhance cooperation in environmental protection and sustainable development and promote capacity building in the area of disaster management.

Recognize that deepening of cultural cooperation among the Member States can also contribute towards the promotion of socio-economic development of the region driven by cultural industries.

Agree to enhance cooperation in the health sector, including on traditional medicine, and to intensify our efforts to promote activities of the BIMSTEC Network of National Centres of Coordination in traditional medic- icine.

Reiterate our commitment to expand efforts to further promote people-to-people exchanges and linkages, at various levels among the BIMSTEC Member States, including facilitating travels through the BIMSTEC Business Visa Scheme and the BIMSTEC Visa Exemption Scheme.

Welcome the setting up of the BIMSTEC Network of Policy Think Tanks and agree to cooperate and coordinate for organizing short-term activities such as workshops, seminars, and exchange programmes, including audio visual programmes, on building public awareness on BIMSTEC.

Agree to implement the BIMSTEC Poverty Plan of Action adopted at the second BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Alleviation held in January 2012 in Nepal, and welcome the offer by Sri Lanka to host the Third Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Alleviation during the first half of 2014.

Express satisfaction at the close cooperation between law enforcement agencies of Member States in combating terrorism and transnational crimes, call for expediting the ratification for entry into force of the BIMSTEC Convention on Cooperation on Combating International Terrorism, Transnational organized Crime and Illicit Drug Traffic-ficking and also for the early signing of the BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.

Agree to explore collaborative initiatives amongst the Member States towards addressing the adverse impacts of climate change in the BIMSTEC region.

Agree to intensify efforts to deepen cooperation in all areas of activities within the framework of BIMSTEC, including strengthening institutional mechanisms.

Welcome the signing of the following BIMSTEC Instruments:

a. Memorandum of Association on the Establishment of the BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat.

b. Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Commission (BCIC) and BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory (BCIO)

c. Memorandum of Association Among BIMSTEC Member Countries Concerning Establishment of a BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate.

Convey appreciation to the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for providing the premises for the BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka and also express satisfaction at the progress made towards the operation- alization of the Secretariat.

Welcome the appointment of Mr. Sumith Nakan-dala of Sri Lanka as the first Secretary General of BIM- STEC.

Convey deep appreciation to Myanmar for the able stewardship of BIMSTEC from 2009, and welcome Ne- pal as the new Chair of BIMSTEC.

We, the leaders from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the special envoy of the Prime Minister of Thailand, express our sincere appreciation to the Government of the Republic of the Union of My- anmar for the warm hospitality and for the excellent ar- rangement made for the Summit.

4 March 2014 Nay Pyi Taw.
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Nepal tells Mt Everest climbers to bring down 8 kg of waste each

KATHMANDU, 4 March — Nepal has launched a new campaign to clear Mt Everest’s image as the “world’s highest garbage dump,” requiring all climbers to take at least 8 kilograms of garbage on their descent.

“From this spring, every individual who goes above Mt Everest Base Camp must bring down 8 kilograms or more of garbage,” Madhu Sudan Budhakoti, head of the Tourism Industry Division of the Tourism Ministry, told Kyodo News.

Upon descent, climbers and support staff are required to hand over the garbage to a pollution control unit at the Base Camp, which will destroy biodegradable waste there and transport non-biodegradable waste to Kathmandu for disposal.

Hundreds of climbers climb the 8,848-meter peak every year and leave behind cooking gas cylinders, plastic wrappers, empty food cans, ropes, ladders, ice pits, tent poles, and other climbing paraphernalia.

In the six decades since Edmund Hillary of New Zealand became the first person to climb the world’s tallest mountain, it is believed about 50 tons of garbage have been left on the mountain. Around 4,000 people have tried to scale the peak.

“Although climbers were asked to bring down garbage from the mountain in the past, a compulsory minimum had not been set and monitoring was poor,” said Ang Tshering Sherpa, honorary member of International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation.

“The new rule will ensure the mountain is kept clean,” he added.

According to government estimates, climbers moving above the Base Camp produce an average of 7 to 8 kg of garbage each.

With the new rule in place, the government expects 7.2 tons of garbage to be brought down to the Base Camp this year alone. For 2013, based on an estimate that 900 people will climb above the Base Camp this year.

Kyodo News

S.Korea to offer talks with DPRK for regular family reunion

SEOUL, 4 March — South Korean President Park Geun-hye on Tuesday instructed officials to begin talks with the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) to hold family reunions regularly, heralding Seoul’s offer for such dialogue in the near future.

Park said during a cabinet meeting that the Unification Ministry and the Red Cross should start consulting with their DPRK counterparts to schedule regular family reunions, exchange of letters, video reunions and confirmation of life and death between families separated by the Korean War. The president said that time is running out for the separated families due to old age, noting that at least 6,000 people should be allowed to meet their relatives per year to let the war-divided families meet their relatives at least once before they die.

Millions of Koreans have been separated since the three-year Korean War ended in armistice, not peace treaty, in 1953. Around 22,000 Koreans met their long-lost relatives at 19 rounds of family reunions from 1985 to 2014.

The 19th round of the six-day family reunion ended on 25 Feb in the DPRK’s scenic resort of Mount Kumgang. Hundreds of Koreans met their long-lost relatives for the first time in six decades as they have been banned from exchanging letters and phone calls since 1953.

According to the government data, more than 70,000 South Koreans have been on the waiting list for the family reunion since 1988, with all the applicants expected to pass away within 20 years from now due to old age.

Park proposed last Saturday to the DPRK regularizing face-to-face reunions at a ceremony marking the 1919 nationwide uprising against the 1910-45 Japanese colonial rule.

Indonesian volunteers help displaced persons in Syria

JAKARTA, 4 March — In an effort to provide relief for those displaced by the long and weary war in the Middle East, Indonesia has offered food and necessities to Syrian people in refugee camps.

The effort has been made by volunteers of Indonesian humanitarian organization of Rapid Response Action (ACT) operating in Babussalamah refugee camp in A’zaz near Syria’s border with Turkey. ACT volunteer Yussuriyah Sirin who has been in the camp in the past month said that the camp was packed with at least 8,000 children. The ACT has sent large amounts of food and clothing to Syrian people in refugee camps.

Monday. He said that the donation was used to buy food, blankets, and medical supplies. The ACt has not provided any updates on the progress of the donation.

Philippine gov’t urges Filipino workers in Ukraine to avoid going to public places

MANILA, 4 March — The Philippine Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) advised Monday overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Ukraine to stay calm and stay home, and not to make any unnecessary visit or detours to public places where marches or protests are being held.

DOLE Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz made the advice while the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has not recommended yet any voluntary or mandatory repatriation of OFWs from the said country.

She said her office is “in close contact” with the DFA in monitoring the situation in Ukraine.

DFA has strongly advised all Filipinos in Ukraine to communicate with the Philippine Embassy in Moscow and inform the embassy of their whereabouts and current condition. The Philippines has no embassy in Kiev, Ukraine’s capital, but has an honorary consulate there.

Xinhua

All Nippon Airways Co. pilot Michihiko Tanaka sits in the cockpit of a Boeing 747 at Tokyo’s Hanneda airport on 18 Dec, 2013. The Japanese airline plans to withdraw the jumbo jets from its domestic service at the end of March 2014 in Tokyo.—KYODO NEWS

Xinhua

Students of Nantong Tibetan Ethnic Middle School perform Tibetan folk dance in Nantong City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 2 March, 2014. Youth of Tibetan ethnic group in Nantong celebrated the Tibetan New Year on Sunday. The Tibetan New Year, which falls on Sunday this year according to the Tibetan calendar, is the most important festival for Tibetans.—XINHUA

Xinhua

A newborn spotted seal cub is seen at the Dongpoat Scenic Area in Yantai, east China’s Shandong Province, on 2 March, 2014. Two spotted seal cubs were born here on 21 and 25 Feb respectively.—XINHUA

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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
**MV GUNKUL 1 VOY NO ( )**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GUNKUL 1 VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.3.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) 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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Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 3rd March, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph: +95 67 - 411097/411206

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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
**MV BANGLA RAKAKOLI VOY NO (108B)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGLA RAKAKOLI VOY NO (108B) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.2.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(7) 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/B BAY LINE**

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ENERGY**
**MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE**

(5/2014)

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 - 31-3-2014, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 3rd March, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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### Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika is seen in car when heading for candidacy registration at the Constitutional Council in Algiers, Algeria, on 3 March, 2014. Abdelaziz Bouteflika on Monday submitted to the Constitutional Council his application for contesting presidency in the 17 April elections, seeking a fourth term in office. Xinhua
Oscars telecast scores highest audience in a decade

Los Angeles, 4 March—Sunday’s Oscar telecast drew 43 million viewers in the United States, delivering the biggest audience for the Academy Awards in a decade, but divided critics, who mostly liked host Ellen DeGeneres but thought the show ran too long.

Nielsen ratings data on Monday showed the audience that watched slavery drama “12 Years a Slave” capture the best picture honor grew 6.4 percent from last year.

That is a positive sign for broadcaster ABC, which has signed on to host Hollywood’s biggest night through 2020.

The Oscars attract the biggest non-sports TV audience in the United States each year, and the show drew its largest viewership since 2004, when 43.6 million tuned in. Producers’ middle-of-the-road approach to the show with DeGeneres hosting gave the Walt Disney Co-owned network similar results among younger viewers compared with last year, when they gambled with edgier comedian Seth MacFarlane as host.

Sony to release new DVD/CD of legendary Bob Dylan tribute concert

New York, 4 March—In the fall of 1992, a group of music industry legends converged on New York City to pay tribute to Bob Dylan by performing his songs at a concert that has come to be seen as one of the most exciting in rock history. This week, Sony Music Entertainment will release “Bob Dylan — The 30th Anniversary Concert Celebration,” a new, high-definition DVD/CD edition of the concert at Madison Square Garden. The show marked Dylan’s 30-year recording career with Columbia Records, now a division of Sony. PBS will begin airing the new version beginning on 4 March.

The lineup that night included Beatle George Harrison, Rolling Stone Ronnie Wood, Eric Clapton, Neil Young, Johnny Cash, Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers and members of The Band and Pearl Jam. Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Lou Reed, Richie Havens, John Mellencamp, Tracy Chapman, The Clancy Brothers, Booker T and the MGs, and G E Smith also performed.

“It was incredible,” Smith, a former Saturday Night Live bandleader, recalled last week. “I’ve done a lot of things but never anything like that, with so many great people in the same place. Because it was for Bob Dylan, it felt like it really meant something to everyone there.” Smith said the artists’ competitive spirits and reverential respect for Dylan produced some of the most remarkable performances he had ever seen. “It was surreal,” he recalled. “Every two minutes something magical happened.” —Reuters

Oscars 2014: It’s not easy being front runner, says Cate Blanchett

Los Angeles, 4 March—Winning acting honours at other major awards shows didn’t make the Oscars ceremony any easier for Cate Blanchett.

The night figured to be a coronation for the actress, who’d won best actress honours at the Screen Actors Guild, Golden Globe Awards and other shows for her role in Blue Jasmine. Instead, the prospect of waiting until nearly the end of the ceremony proved stressful for the two-time Oscar winner.

“It was an intense, unbearable pressure which I’m so glad is over,” Cate said after her win. “It has been every year.” Cate, who has been nominated for acting Oscars five times, took a hiatus from films in recent years to focus on theatre work. She won a best supporting actress Oscar in 2005 for The Aviator. “Every year I watch this thing remotely and every year there are five, six, 10, 12 or 20 performances by women that I’m gobsmacked by and inspired by,” she said. “And it gets whittled down to five. To be in conversation with those women by proxy, that’s the privilege and the rest is just chocolate.” —PTI
Agassi would like to solve Isner riddle, but in no rush to become a coach

LONDON, 4 March — As a player Andre Agassi relied as much on a razor-sharp tennis brain as brute force to collect eight major titles and join a select band of players to complete a career grand slam. Here was nothing he relished more, it seemed, than out-witting the heavy hitters with his lightning fast reflexes, early-structured returns and superior strategies. Times he appeared to be playing a high-speed game of chess on a tennis court, constantly one or two moves ahead of the man on the other side of the net.

No wonder then that the 43-year-old’s eyes lit up at the prospect of following the likes of Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker into coaching. 10th American men’s tennis experienc...
Bjoerndalen delays retirement for 2016 worlds bid

OLSO, 4 March — Norwegian biathlete Ole Einar Bjorndalen, who won a record 13th Winter Olympics medal in Sochi last month just weeks after his 40th birthday, has delayed plans to retire and will compete for another two years, he told tabloid VG on Tuesday.

Bjorndalen, who won two golds in Russia, including the individual 10 kilometer sprint, said it would be a mistake to quit when he was in top form and wanted a shot at another world title on home soil when the 2016 event takes place in Oslo.

“It feels right to continue, I cannot stop now,” Bjorndalen told VG. “I have more to give and I really want this.”

Bjorndalen had not won an individual race for two years when he arrived in Sochi but his ruthless training regime, which included living in a secluded trailer next to his training grounds, paid off.

Bjorndalen, who owns a record-equaling eight Winter Olympic golds, also has 19 world titles.
Myanmar takes a leading role in energy and agricultural sectors in BIMSTEC: President

The 3rd BIMSTEC Summit concludes

Press conference on 3rd BIMSTEC Summit in progress at Myanmar International Convention Center.

Leaders from BIMSTEC member countries meet at MICC

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves Development Fund Bill, Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill, Media Bill

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets chiefs of armed forces from ASEAN countries