Myanmar, Brunei agree to cooperate in peace and stability in ASEAN region

NAVPYITAW, 25 March—President U Thein Sein rolled out the red carpet for the visit of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah, His Majesty King of Brunei, on the lawns of the Presidential Palace, in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

At a meeting held at the Credentials Hall, leaders of both countries discussed cooperation in energy and agriculture sectors between the two countries, prospects of Myanmar’s rice export to Brunei, and harmony in diverse societies in Myanmar.

At the talks, the leaders of both countries agreed to cooperate in peace and stability in ASEAN region.

The Sultan of Brunei expressed his attitude that current issues of Myanmar are its internal affairs.

Myanmar and Brunei established diplomatic relations on 21 September 1993. Being ASEAN member countries, both countries focus on strengthening friendly relations.

The Sultan of Brunei Darussalam paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar in 1998 for the first time, and now is the second time.

In the time of new government, President U Thein Sein paid his first goodwill visit to Brunei in 2012 and attended the ASEAN Summit held in Brunei in 2013.

**Development tasks in Letpadaungtaung Copper Mine area to be carried out in accordance with CSR**

NAVPYITAW, 25 March — The coordination meeting of Committee for implementation of the report of Investigation Commission on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project has pledged to continue to carry out regional development tasks in the mining area in accordance with the Social Corporate Responsibility.

The committee will systematically scrutinize the disputes over compensation and cash assistance issues in the copper mine, said U Hla Tun, the chairman of the committee and Union Minister said the committee at the coordination meeting of the committee in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

The committee has completed some tasks and will step up efforts for implementing the remaining tasks guided by the investigation report, he added.

Knight Pte’ sold Pty Ltd which is carrying out environmental conservation plans meeting international norms and standard in Letpadaungtaung copper mining area has clarified facts included in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment to local people in 29 villages in the mining area.

U Hla Tun also stressed the need for ensuring transparency in efforts for development of socio-economy in the area. He also stressed importance of giving rights to all employees of the mining project including local employees without hesitation.—MNA

**Media Accreditation for ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting on 5 April**

NAVPYITAW, 25 March — Local and foreign journalists have been informed to register for media accreditation from 5 to 25 March for the 18th ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting and related meetings which will be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 1 to 5 April.

The 18th ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting and the press conference will be held only on 5 April and accreditation cards will be issued to journalists before the morning session of the meeting on the same day. MNA
Union Hluttaw Speaker receives Mongolian Ambassador, basic education students

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Mongolian Ambassador Mr. Battumur Chimeddorj paid a courtesy call to Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) and Pyithu Hluttaw (People’s Parliament), in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday morning. At the hall of Union Parliament, the Speaker met 69 students from Basic Education High School and Middle School in Ahlon Township from Yangon Region and their parents who observed convening of the Union Parliament. —MNA

China: Yangon Region, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region sign MoU

YANGON, 25 March—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe met with Mr Peng Qinghua, Secretary of Communist Party Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China on Monday, discussing cementing relations and cooperation between Yangon Region and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Mr Peng Qinghua signed MoU on bilateral relations and cooperation between the two regions.

The Chief Minister hosted a dinner to the visiting secretary and party at Sedona Hotel in Yangon.

Laws on conversion, on balancing the increasing population to be drafted

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—The first coordination meeting on drafting a law on conversion and a bill on balancing the increasing population was held at the Union Attorney-General’s Office on Tuesday.

Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo said that the President Office, has formed the commission to draft new bills on conversion and on balancing the increasing population.

In line with the local laws and international laws including existing laws and traditions of all religions, the laws are to be drafted, he added. He disclosed that the laws must be fair and in conformity with social life of Myanmar people.

Next, the commission’s vice-chairmen and members participated in discussion about drafting the laws. —MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for documentary photo with Deputy Chair of London-based The Elders Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland and party. —MNA

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Myanmar, ROK discuss forestry sector development

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Lee Baek Soon at his office on Tuesday.

During the meeting, they discussed promotion of bilateral cooperation in implementing environmental conservation and forestry sectors, and expansion of mutual ties between the two countries.

The meeting also focused on plans for the 8th meeting of Korea-Myanmar Joint Committee to be held in April 2014. Future plans to open a forest school in Myanmar and to promote bilateral cooperation in carbon dioxide emission reducing activities, and to enhance human resources development and research development were also discussed. —MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, The Elders focus on ceasefire and peace-making process with armed ethnic groups

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with Deputy Chair of London-based The Elders Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland on Tuesday.

They discussed ceasefire and peace-making process with armed ethnic groups, issue of the constitution, cooperation in the affairs of UN Peacekeeping Troops and women’s duties including Defence Services Personnel MPs. —MNA

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President U Thein Sein felicitates Bangladeshi counterpart, PM

Brunei Sultan visits farms, Defence Services Museum

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—President U Thein Sein together with Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah and party visited model crop plantations in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday afternoon.

At the 500-acre model crops plantation in Pobbatiri Township, the President warmly welcomed the Brunei Sultan and party. At the farm, the President conducted the visiting Brunei Sultan and party round the thriving organic vegetables plantations. They also visited organic crops and fruits plantations and pineapple plantation on 900-acre Setejyo model plantation.

On arrival at the modern fruits cold storage and packaging plant on 500-acre mechanization plantation, the Brunei Sultan and party viewed display of fruits, samples of rice, sugarcane, beans and pulses and processing of fruits in the cold storage before sending them to the market. The President explained cultivation of fruits and crops in respective seasons through mixed and double cropping patterns, and transporting the fruits to the markets. The Brunei Sultan and party viewed round the thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation of local farmers near Alyintho Village. They also visited Defence Services Museum in Zeyathiri Township and enjoyed displays at the booths of Defence Services (Army), (Navy) and (Air).

MNA

Myanmar, Japan discuss wide range of bilateral relations

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—President U Thein Sein and a Japanese delegation led by Foreign Minister Mr Fumio Kishida discussed matters on assistance from Japan.

The meeting at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday focused on implementation of Thilawa Special Economic Zone, the survey of upgrading Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Railroad, expansion of the Mandalay International Airport, assistance for information and TV broadcasting sector, tasks being carried out in cooperation with Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA for human resource development, improvement of health and education sector, assistance for water supply system in Yangon and in regions and states, matters related to food security for farmers and launching survey of the Dawei Special Economic Zone.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tm Naing Thein, U Win Shein and Dr Kan Zaw while the Japanese was accompanied by the ambassador of Japan to Myanmar.—MNA

Mekong region countries discuss providing quality health care service to migrant workers

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—On the occasion of the 43rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh which falls on 26 March 2014, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Abdul Hamid, President of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.—MNA

Myanmar, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region discuss strengthening cooperation fields

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—President U Thein Sein held talks over further strengthening cooperation fields with Mr Peng Qinghua, Secretary of Communist Party Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of PRC.

Both sides discussed promoting opportunities of cooperation in multi-sector and trade, prospects of cooperation in maritime trade at ports in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China and Myanmar, transport sector and environmental conservation in the future.

MNA
Lecture halls under construction at Meiktila University

Meiktila, 25 March— Two lecture halls are being constructed at Meiktila University spending the fund of 2013-14 FY, officials said.

It is estimated that the cost will be K 561.6 million for 192 feet long, 38 feet wide and 42 feet high each building. Officials are striving for completion of the two buildings before the coming academic year.

Similarly, one gymnasium and one library are under construction on the campus so that students may take sports training with full sports facilities and broaden their horizon.

One boarding house for men and another one for women have been opened with facility of mess halls in the compound of the university for convenience of the students.

A total of over 15,000 students from Meiktila, Mahlaing, Thazi, Wundwin, Pyawbwe and Yamethin townships are pursuing high education at the university every academic year.

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Chick-pea plantations benefit farmers

Pathethyi, 25 March—Farmers in Pathethyi Township of Mandalay Region grow summer paddy, monsoon paddy and cold season crops. The yield of chick-pea which is a type of cold season crops has been more increasing than the previous year due to fine weather. As the chick-pea produces 20 baskets per acre yield, the farmers can earn more than K 300,000 per acre yield.—Aung Kyaw Tun (Pathethyi)

Longest culvert in Mahlaing Township to emerge soon

Mahlaing, 25 March—A culvert is being built between the Basic Education Primary School and the monastery at Ason Village in Kyatse village-tract which is six miles far from Mahlaing Township, Meiktila District of Mandalay Region.

Village administrator U Win Myint Thein said construction of the culvert started on 23rd January and it is of concrete type with nine feet high, 120 feet long and 10 feet wide. It will cost K 35 million to complete the whole project.

The culvert with the fund donated by the Pyithu Hluttaw representative of Mahlaing Township will emerge soon as the longest one in Mahlaing Township. It can contribute great benefit to local people.

The donor of the culvert Grandma Saw in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area spent K 50 million on construction of RC concrete type Withakha Dhammayon in the compound of Pwinttaw Monastery in Kyatse Village-tract in Mahlaing Township.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

One fire engine handed over to Pyu Fire Services Department

Pyu, 25 March—One of the six fire engines allocated for Toungoo District was handed over to Pyu Township Fire Services Department in Toungoo District, Bago Region recently.

At present, the department has been facilitated with three fire engines. As the fire engine holds 800 gallons of water, it is very useful to put out fire.

“There are 11 members of Fire Services Department, 23 water tanks that can store 2000 gallons of water and one tank, 20000 gallons of water in Pyu. We always fill them with water and take fire preventive measures,” said U Thein Win, head of township Fire Services Department.

Pyu Myint Oo

Thanyuzayat Township Forest Department of Mon State supervises nurturing of saplings at its nursery on Monday. Departmental personnel and members of Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association sow the seeds at the nursery.
Dawei District TB Control Squad to install gene X-pert machine

Dawei, 25 March—TB is posing a threat to the mankind till today, and free medical treatment is being provided to TB patients to heal their diseases in various townships of Taninthayi Region, said Chief Minister U Myat Ko of Taninthayi Region at the ceremony to mark the World TB Day in Dawei on Monday.

Mandalay to install modern Meteorological devices

Mandalay, 25 March—The 64th World Meteorological Day was observed in Mandalay on Sunday.

This year’s motto was adopted as “Weather and Climate: Engaging Youth”. Weather forecast should be issued regularly for the people. Mandalay Region can receive adequate rainfalls 31.91 inches in the late monsoon. With the assistance of Japanese government, the radar for weather forecast will be installed in Mandalay in 2015-16 fiscal year, said Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan. Director-General Dr Haryin Naingtiyan of Hydrology and Meteorology Department read the message of the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization.

Assistant Director U Hla Saw of the department (Mandalay Branch) submitted a research papers. The World Meteorological Day was held in Mandalay for the first time this year. Previous occasions took place in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon. This year, personnel of the department submitted 12 research papers to the ceremony.

MRCS starts distribution of family kits donated by China to families at relief camps

MYITKYINA, 25 March—Responsible persons of Myanmar Red Cross Society and Kachin State Red Cross Supervisory Committee distributed 5000 family kits donated by Chinese Red Cross Society to families of internally displaced persons at the relief camps in Kachin State. On 20 March, while loading the relief aid onto the vehicles in Myitkyina, Staff Officer Grade (II) U Myo Thant Oo and Acting A/Q Staff Officer (Grade III) U Soe Moe Aung reported on progress of tasks and plans for distribution to MP of Mansi Township Constituency and Kachin State Minister for Electric and Industry U Sai Maung Shwe and Joint Secretary U Gennes of Kachin State Red Cross Society.

The State minister gave necessary suggestions and attended to the needs of distribution works.

The relief aid convoy of MRCS will stop over in Bhamo passing Laiza and proceed to Mansi.

Over 68% electricity consumers no need to change payment rate in Thingangyun Tsp

YANGON, 25 March—Head of Yangon East District Electricity Supply Board U Phone Myint met local people of Ward 16/1 and Kyakksasan West Ward at the hall in Ward 16/1 in Thingangyun Township on Sunday.

He made clarifications on raising rate of electricity charge for the customers. The township official explained that there are 44327 households of electricity users in the township. Of them, the people using electricity from 1 to 100 units count for 40.92 per cent, from 101 to 200 units for 27.63 per cent and above 201 units for 30.45 per cent. That is why 68.55 per cent of consumer do not need to change rates of payment for meter bills.—Hinwe Hinwe (Thingangyun)

Traditional boat race shows strength of youths

PHAUNGPYIN, 25 March—A traditional boat race was organized in the creek of Posagon Village in Phaungpyin Township, Mawlaik District of Sagaing Region on 21 March. The opening ceremony of the race was held in the compound of Basic Education Middle School No 5 Branch in the village.

Responsible persons of the organizing committee explained the disciplines for the boat race.

A total of four women’s teams and 10 men’s teams are taking part in the race up to 27 March.

Han Tun (Phaungpyin)
World leaders gather for nuclear security summit for discussions on preventing nuclear terrorism

THE HAGUE, 25 March—The third Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) kicked off here on Monday, aimed at preventing nuclear terrorism around the globe. Leaders from more than 50 countries and international organizations have gathered here to assess past achievements in safeguarding global nuclear security and to seek more actions in preventing nuclear material falling into the wrong hands. On the first day of the event, participating countries presented their national statements on nuclear security, and then proceeded to discuss what they would do and how they would cooperate at the international level.

Search for debris linked to Flight MH370 halted due to poor weather

SYDNEY, 25 March—Australian authorities on Tuesday suspended the search for debris linked to missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 in the southern Indian Ocean due to poor weather conditions on Tuesday, after Malaysia announced overnight that experts have concluded that the Boeing 777 crashed into the sea in the remote area.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority said waves of up to two meters and an associated swell of up to four meters are expected in the search area, some 2,500 kilometers southwest of Perth, while strong gale force winds of up to 80 km per hour and periods of heavy rain are also forecast.

“Current weather conditions would make any air and sea search operations hazardous and pose a risk to crew. Therefore, AMSA has suspended all sea and air search operations for today due to these weather conditions,” the AMSA said in a statement.

It said search operations are expected to resume on Wednesday “if weather conditions permit.”

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak told a press conference Monday night that satellite data analysis experts have concluded that MH370 “ended in the southern Indian Ocean,” while the airline reportedly texted relatives of the victims to say it has to be assumed that nobody on board the flight survived.

Najib said British aircraft accident investigators and experts from Inmarsat, the British company that earlier provided satellite data indicating two possible flight corridors, concluded on the basis of new analysis that the last position of the Boeing 777-200 was a remote area in the middle of the Indian Ocean, far from any possible landing sites.

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UNITED STATES

US to pressure Israel to release Palestinian prisoners

RAMALLAH, 25 March—Top US officials have promised to pressure Israel to release 26 long-term Palestinian prisoners, an official Palestinian source said on Monday.

The promise was made to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as the US intensifies its efforts to avoid a collapse of the faltering peace talks.

In a telephone conversation on Monday, Abbas and US Secretary of State John Kerry discussed the issue of Palestinian prisoners and ways to revive the peace process.

Kerry’s phone call came during Abbas’ meeting with the US Special Envoy for Peace, Martin Indyk, in the Jordanian capital of Amman, the source told Xinhua.

“Abbas discussed with Kerry and Indyk the US proposals to push the peace process forward,” the official said.

Kerry and Indyk told Abbas the US would pressure Israel to release 26 long-term Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails who are supposed to be freed later this month.

According to the Palestinian official source, the US is now intensifying its efforts to avoid a collapse of the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks it has been mediating since last July. He added the US has proposed to extend the negotiations, which are set to end late in April.

When the peace talks between the two sides resumed in July, Israel originally agreed to release 104 prisoners chosen by an Israeli ministerial committee. Seventy-eight prisoners have been freed so far.

Israeli officials say if the Palestinians refuse to extend the peace negotiations, the remaining prisoners will not be released.

However, the Palestinians reject linking the prisoners’ release with the extension of the peace negotiations, and threaten to approach international organizations to sue Israel for not meeting its commitments.—Xinhua

Israeli troops fire at infiltrators on Egypt border, one injured

JERUSALEM, 25 March—An Israeli military patrol opened fire at two men who attempted to infiltrate the security barrier along Israel’s western border with Egypt on Monday, wounding one of them.

An army spokesman said the patrol spotted the suspects climbing the border fence and initially called them to turn back according to the rules of engagement. The troops opened fire at the men when their calls were ignored.

One suspect was hit in the leg and seen fleeing toward Sinai, while the other crossed into Israel, who was apprehended and handed over to security forces for questioning, the spokesman added.—Xinhua

G7 warns Russia of more sanctions if Ukraine crisis escalates

THE HAGUE/FRODISA, 25 March—US President Barack Obama and major industrialized allies warned Russia on Monday it faced damaging economic sanctions if President Vladimir Putin takes further action to destabilize Ukraine.

Following the seizure of Crimea, the Group of Seven nations, meeting without Russia, agreed to hold their own summit this year instead of attending a planned G8 meeting in the Russian Olympic venue of Sochi, along the Black Sea coast from Crimea, and to suspend their participation in the G8 until Russia changes course.

On a day when Kiev ordered its remaining troops to withdraw from Crimea and Russian forces captured a Ukrainian marine base and a landing ship in the region, leaders of the United States, Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Japan and Canada condemned what they called “Russia’s illegal attempt to annex Crimea in contravention of international law.”

They also agreed their energy ministers would work together to reduce dependence on Russian oil and gas and increase energy security.

“We remain ready to intensify actions including coordinated sectoral sanctions that will have an increasingly significant impact on the Russian economy, if Russia continues to escalate this situation,” the G7 said in a joint statement. The G7 leaders, who met on the sidelines of a nuclear security summit in The Hague, said they would convene again in Brussels in early June, the first time since Russia joined the G8 in 1998 that it will have been shut out of the annual summit of industrialized democracies.—Reuters

The Australian Mari

A woman is taken away on a stretcher from a hotel on Monday morning in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where at least one Malaysia Airlines executive was found dead.

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A woman is taken away on a stretcher from a hotel room in Beijing for family members of passengers aboard missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, after Washington Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak announced that satellite experts have concluded that the flight ended in the southern Indian Ocean, on 24 March, 2014. —Kyodo News
**WORLD**

**Abe, Park to meet in US-brokered trilateral summit**

**THE HAGUE, 25 March** — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Park Geun Hye will have their first formal encounter on Tuesday in a trilateral summit arranged with the help of US President Barack Obama.

The three-way summit was arranged in the hope that face-to-face talks between Abe and Park will help the two countries ease tensions and work together with the United States on dealing with regional problems such as North Korea’s nuclear ambitions.

North Korea in a rare move fired as many as 46 rockets into the Sea of Japan over the weekend despite repeated calls from other countries including the United States to cease provocative acts.

**20,000 affected by serious flooding in Brazil**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 March** — Some 20,000 people have been affected by devastating floods as the Madeira River in northern Brazil burst its banks, state media said on Monday.

The water level rose to a record high of 19.52 meters due to heavy rainfall, which caused monsoon floods that affected communities along the river, including several neighbourhoods in Porto Velho, capital of the state of Rondonia, Brazilian news agency Agencia Brasil reported.

In Porto Velho alone, 3,262 families have been displaced after various rivers and their tributaries, including the Mamore River along the Brazil-Bolivia border, burst their banks. The BR-364 federal highway, which is an overland route between Rondonia and the Atlantic coast, has been inundated, causing supply problems as trucks are unable to enter the flood-hit region.

**Syrian forces battle rebels near Turkey border crossing**

**BEIRUT, 25 March** — Syrian troops backed by war planes battled on Monday to dislodge Islamist rebels from a border crossing and northern town in the coastal province of Latakia, heartland of President Bashar al-Assad’s Alawite minority.

Fighters from the Islamist Front and al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front seized the Armenian Christian town of Kasab on Sunday after taking the nearby border crossing in an offensive which follows a string of recent rebel defeats further south.

Video footage released by activists showed fighters driving through the largely deserted Kasab, passing a municipal building and a shattered statue of Bashar’s father Hafez, who ruled Syria for 30 years until 2000. While the rebel advance has gained only a small pocket of territory, it has put Assad on the defensive and deprived him — at least for now — of the last border crossing from Turkey into government-held territory. It follows months of advances by Assad’s troops and Lebanese Hezbollah fighters near the capital Damascus and the Lebanese border, choking rebel supply lines and reasserting control of central Syria as the civil war enters a fourth year.

**US to help in ‘elimination’ of sensitive Japanese nuclear stockpile**

**THE HAGUE, 25 March** — Japan will turn over hundreds of kilograms (pounds) of sensitive nuclear material of potential use in bombs to the United States to be downgraded and disposed of, the two countries’ leaders said at a nuclear security summit began on Monday.

US President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said that all highly enriched uranium (HEU) and separated plutonium would be removed from the Fast Critical Assembly at the Japan Atomic Energy Agency, a facility used for studying the nuclear physics of so-called fast reactors. The announcement followed what the White House said were technological advances since the 1960s launch of this type of research plant that would allow it to be converted to run on fuel not potentially usable for bombs, unlike HEU or plutonium.

Japan, the world’s only target of atomic bombs, during the final stages of World War Two, does not have nuclear weapons and has long said it will not seek to obtain them.

Like uranium, plutonium is used to fuel nuclear power plants and for research purposes, but can also serve as the fissile material for the core of a nuclear bomb.

“Like uranium, plutonium will serve as the fissile material for the core of a nuclear bomb,” an aide to Abe said on Monday. The United States has said it would use its “unique expertise” to help dispose of the nuclear material.”

The announcement was made in The Hague shortly before leaders from 53 countries, including Obama and Abe, began a two-day summit aimed at agreeing steps to help prevent al-Qaeda-style militant groups from obtaining nuclear bombs.

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**Churchill Charm**

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One village one product

In addition to normal crops like paddy and other edible oil crops, growing other income-generating crops in a village or a region on an extensive scale contributes to emergence of a crop market as well as to ensuring local farmers to enjoy higher incomes.

According to the marketing principles, mass production can bring about the market development. Mass production of quality agricultural products helps develop the crops market. The market development can lead to mass production as well as high demand.

We can see booming crops market in the villages along Hsinbyukhaya river in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township. This region is exporting cauliflower, corn and cabbage to the four corners of the other regions in country. This is a special emphasis on one village one product system.

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Job–trainings at Industries

by H. Aung

In the present era, we are tempted to say that girls get the better of boys in the art of sitting for examination with proof that when results are out, girls’ marks are higher. More girls get admitted to favored universities. Number of women–Master Degree holders and doctorates are on the rise. It is a good indicator that, as women force, the social persons are powerful in developing nation. But, women cannot be in such a position that, after passing entrance examination for public service work sponsored by Union Civil Services Board, they just drive desk and push pen at the office. They must have well-preparedness, strengthening capacity mentally and physically. For that, this kind of field studies can be a good supporting means.

In terms of U.N. vocabularies, “empowerment” of women can be upgraded by this means. While serial meet–ings on education reform process are now going on, this is an activity that should not be overlooked. This will require inevitably coordination among education authorities, Industrial Zone Management Committees, UMFCCI, proprietors of industries, plants and companies followed by participation of students and staff of host industries concerned. Pertaining to this, if a question as to whether job–trainings are to be conducted only in summer days is raised, the answer is “Absolutely not.” It is not non-flexible and can be arranged at any time favorable, but with the aim of gaining tangible results, not in the name only.

Wishing all students higher Q.

Management

by Kyi Mun

Management is the act of running and controlling a business or similar organization. It is also the people who run and control a business or similar organization. It also means the act or skill of dealing with people or situations in a successful way. Oxford Dictionary

Management should start with managing oneself or self-management. Only after proper self-management, managing others or management of people should take place.

In self-management, there are three cardinal rules to observe: To be authentic, to be reliable and to be constructive. In managing others, the person who manages should use soft power, should have a protective heart and must have a firm mind.

The most fundamental requirements of management are: (i) to make the present business effective; (ii) to find and realize the business potential; and (iii) to focus on building the future or to be future-oriented.

The strategic responsibilities of management are: (i) to get direct results; (ii) to strengthen value commitment, and (iii) people development.

The basic functions of management include: (i) planning and organizing, (ii) staffing (iv) directing (v) aligning and co-ordinating (vi) controlling and (vii) reviving or self-renewing.

The fundamental job of management are: (i) to go places; (ii) to do things; (iii) to make things happen; and (iv) to get things done.

The field of management include 17 Ms, which are: Man, Money, Mission, Material, Machine, Market Research, Method, Manufacturing, Marketing, Modus operandi, Mode of communication, Moral, Morality, Meeting, Measuring, Materialization.


The following are the Perspectives of Management: People, Purpose, Proactivity, Passion, Planning, Preparations, Performance, Plotting, Painstaking, Perseverance, Prevailing, Profitability and Planet.

Management Abilities comprise of: Skills, Art, Judgment, Insight, and Wisdom.

Management Knowledge Factors are: Ideas, Concepts, Principles, and Neutral Laws.

If Management is the tail of business administration, Leadership is the head of it. Leadership will be discussed separately.

Ref: Managing for Results, and The Practice of Management by Peter F. Drucker

The Essentials of Management by Joseph L. Massie

Time is flying swiftly across mid-summer days, towards water festival coming soon in April. Kindergarten-kids are now under shelter of summer school for higher. Management training courses including religious-based cultural courses, to the like of parents. Matriculation students are now free from the yoke of exam-load and about to indulge themselves in what they have been bearing in mind during the whole academic year. Herein, the unique feature of today is, private industries, locally owned and F.D.I. based, are growing in number tremendously and outnumber the state-owned industries, indicative of wider-than–before–train–ground for interested trainees. Newly installed machineries at private industries can provide models, and mechan-ism whilst students can learn basic science and technology at old factories, mostly in state sector. For instance, a student who wants to see inside structure and know the function of an engine, he had better go to old locomotive workshop, like that in Insein, or Dala shipyard, where he can see engines of simple design and old model, read manuals and hand books, instead of going to computer-controlled engine mounted hybrid-car workshops. As these industries can be sources of job opportunities for the students after graduating from the college and they should avail themselves of the opportunities they have in hand to study the environment of industry in which their careers will have to be engrossed in future. Who dare says, one day, students of today cannot be successful and resourceful entrepreneurs and key developers of Myanmar SME sector, identified now as spring–board of industrial productive forces. The training program mentioned in title, can provide not only subject-wise know–how, but also note-worthy information such as, specification and sources of raw materials used in producing process and also as to locally available or import. As a matter of fact, factories and work-stations can be treated as big technical books. Seeing, touching every hand tool and power tool, machine, instrument; study of production process from start to end of producing a good; interview of technicians, chemists, engi-neers; listening to challenging- ties they encountered; rules of thumb and conventional methods old mechanics and filters used, and so on and so, are like reading technical books in a library.

Furthermore, this way of learning enables the students to put the facts into memory easily and sustain for long. Technical books, leave alone latest edition, are scarce, expensive in market, and in library are of only a few not meeting the needs of book–worms. Limited work-shop facilities at technical institutions are also incommensurate with what the students need to be trained practically according to prescribed sandwich course. What is being highlighted here is not to reveal weakness, but to fill up this blank. It will pay to do. Students are students as well as youths. They may be willing to have part of vacation as spare. However, on return to campus, new data and concept will follow them, being unconsciously stored in mind.
President U Thein Sien hosts dinner to Sultan of Brunei

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 March—President U Thein Sien hosted a dinner to Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah at the Presidential Palace on Tuesday. On the occasion, President U Thein Sien and the Sultan of Brunei toasted each other. Before and during the dinner, performers from the Fine Arts Department entertained them with songs and dances. After the dinner, the President and the Sultan of Brunei presented baskets of flowers to the artists and posed for documentary photo with them. Also present at the dinner were Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Maik Kham and U Nyan Tun and Union ministers and deputy ministers and the Ambassadors of Myanmar and Brunei Darussalam and officials concerned. MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw passes National Planning Bill, Union Budget Bill

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 March—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, (Union Parliament) session continued in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday, with members of Union level organizations responding to suggestions of parliamentarians on the National Planning Bill for 2014-2015 FY and the 2014 Union Budget Bill and the parliament approved the two bills.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Zin Yaw quoted an instruction of the President Office saying that the total cost of K 1000 million for construction of an airport in Chin State should be spent on other infrastructural developments as the project will cost about three times more than an estimated cost due to constraints of various factors including high transportation cost for construction materials and machinery.

He assured Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the ministry’s plans to build more airports within coming 30 years in accord with a Transport Master Plan being formulated in cooperation with Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Regarding the electricity-generating projects, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aung Than Oo gave an account of the projects to be implemented with the use of foreign loans during 2014-2015 FY and the upgrade of power lines and sub-power stations in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Regions and the systems of power distribution in 23 towns in Yangon. The targeted projects are construction of Upper Yeywa, Thatatya and Upper Kengtung hydropower projects, installation of 500 KV Toungoo-Kamata power grid, 230 KV Upper Yeywa-Shiwesayaw power line, 230 KV Athok-Pathem power grid, 230 KV Biluchaung (2)-Shwe Myot power line, 230 KV Hlaingthaya-Kyaiklat power line, 230 KV Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei power line, infrastructure development in Thilawa Area Japan ODA Phase-1, urgent rehabilitation and upgrade project Japan ODA Phase-1, Myitthar hydropower project and related infrastructure development, 285-mile long Bhamo-Nabar-Hngetpyaw Dong-Ondaw power line and sub-power station project, 120 MW Thaton power plant project that will be funded by World Bank and 50 MW Gas Turbine project in Kyaukgyu with the use of Chinese loan.

Upon completion of the projects, there will be betterment of distribution system and production of more electricity, thereby minimizing power losses and contributing towards increased productivity and higher living standard, he added.

After seeking approval of parliamentarians, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw passed the two bills.

During today’s session, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw documented matters related to adding one more ward to Monywa Township in Sagaing Region and formation of Indakaw town by combining Indaw village-tract in Bago Township of Bago Region and President’s message on matters related to allocation of special fund in accordance with 2013 Union Budget.

Before approving the President’s message on joining the UNESCO’s Convention for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu elaborated on benefits of signing the convention that there will be more technically and financially assistance of international community to develop the conservation of traditional livelihoods and cultural heritages of Myanmar. It can thereby contribute towards promotion of Myanmar’s tourism industry, improving the image of the country.

During today’s Q and A session of Pyithu Hluttaw, Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Hui assured that necessary assistance are being provided to host competitions in respective regions for emergence of younger generation in some sports that are not listed in SEA Games. He has spoken of summer sports courses and advanced courses to be conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and a plan to promote sports standard in basic education schools and universities.

Responding to a question about health sector, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung elaborated on measures being taken to provide primary health care to the people and mobile medical units giving health care services to workers at factories and industries. He continued that specialists from the people’s hospitals are making field trips to give free health care services to local people. He vowed to increase the number of mobile medical units through the pilot projects.

At the today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session, the Bill Committee presented a report on the Bill amending the Political Parties Registration Law (State Peace and Development Council Law 2/2010), — MNA

Correction
Please read “To commemorate World Water Day 23rd March 2014” instead of “To commemorate World Water Day 23rd March 2014” at the heading of article on page 9 of this daily issued on 25-3-2014. Error is regretted. — NLM
**Xi’s visit opens new chapter for China-France ties upon golden jubilee**

BEIJING, 25 March — At the annual Chinese Spring Festival gala on 30 January, French star Sophie Marceau, in an elegant red long dress, performed Edith Piaf’s La Vie En Rose with Chinese musician Liu Huan. The beautiful duet is a vivid embodiment of the blossoming China-France relationship.

Just three days before the show was the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic ties between the two countries. Fifty days after that, Chinese President Xi Jinping is now set to further consolidate bilateral amity by visiting the first major Western country that forged formal ties with the People’s Republic of China in 1964.

Indeed, the friendship between the two permanent members of the UN Security Council is an example of candid and constructive relations between Eastern and Western countries in the modern world. Frequent high-level visits, various people-to-people exchanges and prolific cooperation in such areas as nuclear energy, aviation and automobile manufacturing have bonded the two countries and peoples closer.

In a historical rari-
ty, France’s president and prime minister both visited China last year. In April, President Francois Hollande signed with China a major Airbus jets deal. Eight months later, Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault vowed in China to facilitate bilateral cooperation in civilian nuclear power and to simplify visa procedures for Chinese citizens travelling to France.

As Xi arrives in Lyon on Tuesday and kicks off a state visit to France, the China-France relationship is presented with a golden opportunity to move further forward.

In order to achieve a more friendly, fruitful and resilient relationship, the two sides need to bear in mind that mutual respect is an indispensable component of friendship.

China-France ties went astray when Paris decided to sell arms to Taiwan in the early 1990s, and when former French President Nicolas Sarkozy met the Dalai Lama in 2008 while his country chaired the European Union.

Fortunately, the overall development of the China-France relations has been kept in the right direction.

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**US sends black box locator, underwater vehicle to Australia**

WASHINGTON, 25 March — Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said on Monday the US has sent a towed pinger locator, an autonomous underwater vehicle and trained personnel to Australia in case the equipment is needed to search for the black box of the missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner.

A towed pinger locator and a Bluefin-21 autonomous underwater vehicle were flown out of JFK Airport in New York to Perth, Australia earlier this day, and expected to arrive there on Tuesday, Kirby confirmed at the Pentagon Press briefing. “There will be a small number of people going along with them,” he added. “I think there are two on the flight with the gear itself, and then another eight folks will be flying separately to Perth to prepare the equipment.”

The towed pinger locator could be used to locate the missing airliner’s black box, while the Bluefin-21 autonomous underwater vehicle has sophisticated sonars that could be used to locate wreckage, he said. The underwater unmanned vehicle can dive to 14,700 feet, and if needed, the vehicle will operate off an Australian commercial ship, he said.—Xinhua

**Italy watches nervously at French far-right forces’ advance, as next elections loom**

ROME, 25 March — Italian media and analysts paid a great deal of attention to the French local elections, the day after far-right forces showed a surprising good performance in anti-immigration and anti-European National Front, led by Marie Le Pen, achieved a significant result in the voting for 36,000 local councils on Sunday. It took the majority of votes in historical leftist stronghold, such as the city of Henin-Beaumont, and made gains in many other towns.

The news dominated the front pages of major Italian news outlets on Monday, and triggered much speculation by political analysts. French president Francois Hollande and his socialist party were seen as big losers of the contest, and the high rate of voter abstention was perceived as a sign of disillusionment especially towards Europe.

“The jump of Marie Le Pen, a signal for Europe,” headlined the Corriere della Sera leading newspaper. “National Front’s success is a message of populist exasperation, rejection of politics, and fear of Europe. The French ‘disease’ is severe and it may spread to other European societies,” analyst and Paris correspondent Massimo Nava elaborated.

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**Thai protesters hope vote for Senate will tee up PM’s impeachment**

BANGKOK, 25 March — Anti-government protesters marched in Bangkok on Tuesday to drum up support for a rally at the weekend, just before Thailand holds elections for the Senate, which will play a central role in their aim of removing Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

The demonstrators led by Suthep Thaugsuban disrupted a general election for the lower house in February, which was annulled by the Constitutional Court on Friday, but they have no problem with Sunday’s vote for the upper house.

“We will not block Sunday’s Senate election, because we need to reform the executive and legislative branches and the Senate is key to our reform plans,” Wittaya Kaewparadai, a protest leader, told Reuters.

Thailand has been in crisis since former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, Yingluck’s brother, was ousted in a 2006 coup. The conflict broadly pits the Bangkok-based middle class and royalist establishment against the mostly poorer, rural supporters of the Shinawatras.

The turmoil entered a fresh phase in November, when anti-government protesters first took to the streets, with 23 people killed during the political violence over the following months.

Sunday’s vote is to elect 77 senators for the 150-seat Senate. The rest are appointed, and a government attempt to make it a fully elected body was one of the sparks that set off the latest unrest in November.

The non-elected Senators are picked by judges and senior officials from agencies such as the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), members of an establishment whom government supporters see as viscerally anti-Thaksin.

The protesters appear confident that Sunday’s vote will deliver a Senate majority likely to impeach Yingluck after an investigation under way by the NACC.

Yingluck has until the end of the month to answer a charge of dereliction of duty over a rice-buying scheme that has run up huge losses and left hundreds of thousands of farmers unpaid. The prime minister is unlikely to attend the NACC hearing, and Yingluck’s lawyers will probably present her defence.—Reuters
Cyber fugitive Dotcom mocks authorities: “From 0 into a $210m company”

**ENERGY Week 2014 opens in Brunei**

Bandar Seri Begawan, 25 March—Brunei’s Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah launched on Monday the ENERGY Week 2014 at the BRIDEX Exhibition Center organized by the Energy Department at the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO). The five-day ENERGY Week 2014, with over 70 companies participating this year, carried the theme “Sustainable Energy for Brunei Darussalam’s Prosperity,” the event is aimed to promote the Energy White Paper Brunei Darussalam, as the Brunei Oil & Gas Book titled “You Can Make A Difference (Brunei Oil and Gas: Where Opportunities Await You).”

In conjunction with the event, Energy Department also launched the Energy Industry Competency Exhibition, Brunei Maritime Academy Exhibition, as well as an Energy Sector job and career fair where the Energy Week 2014 aims to promote awareness among the community about the importance of energy sources, and the need to conserve them. The event also involved students and youth in the energy industry allowing them to gain experience and social skills when interact with the public.

The Youth Energy Dialogue will also take place on 25 March, where youth will be provided the opportunity to discuss energy-related matters with the Minister of Energy at the PMO. Meanwhile, issues on the latest developments in business opportunities, technology, regulations and business initiatives will be discussed during the Local Business Development Forum, on 26 March.

Other activities lined up are the Brunei National Energy Research Institute (BNERI) Conference, during which international energy experts from several agencies have been invited to speak at the Royal Berkshire Polo and Riding Club on 25 March. A Local Business Development (LBD) Forum will also take place on March 26 at the BRIDEX Conference Hall to discuss issues on the latest developments in business opportunities, technology, regulations and business initiatives.

Luxottica, Google clinch Glass eyewear deal

**China’s President challenges Obama on telecoms spying report**

Washington, 25 March—China’s President Xi Jinping questioned his US counterpart Barack Obama about reports that Washington had secretly tapped Chinese telecoms giant Huawei for years, a top security aide said on Monday.

“President Xi did raise that recent report in the context of their discussions on cyber-security,” Ben Rhodes, Obama’s deputy national security adviser, told a press briefing. Obama “made clear” to Xi that “the United States does not engage in espionage to gain commercial advantage,” Rhodes said after the two leaders met on the sidelines of a major summit on nuclear security in The Hague.

The New York Times and Germany’s Der Spiegel said that the NSA had accessed Huawei’s email archive, communications between top company officials, and even the secret source code of some of its products.

At an official press briefing in Beijing earlier Monday, a foreign ministry spokesman said China was “seriously concerned” about the reports, which were based on documents provided by fugitive NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

Spokesman Hong Lei told reporters that Beijing had “many occasions” asked Washington for answers on reports of US surveillance activities in countries across the globe.

“We ask America to give a clear explanation and stop such behaviour,” he said.

Beijing itself has repeatedly been accused of large-scale cyber-espionage, which it vehemently denies.

The Chinese repri-mand came after a top Huawei official similarly denounced the NSA.

Rhodes said that both the US and China “engage in intelligence activities on matters of national security”. “But there’s a clear distinction in our view between intelligence activities that have a national security purpose and intelligence activities that have a commercial purpose,” he said.—Reuters
Australian PM aiming for free trade “trifecta” in north Asia tour

CANBERRA, 25 March — Australian Prime Minis ter Tony Abbott on Tuesday said he would be work ing for the “trifecta” of free trade with the country’s three biggest trading partners when he leads trade missions to Japan, the Rep ublic of Korea (ROK) and China next month.

“This will be my first official visit to north Asia and it’s happening very early in the new govern ment’s term,” Abbott said in a speech to the Asia So ciety in Canberra.

“Trade Ministry said on Friday, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

The bilateral talks had been suspended for around four years since May 2010 as South Korea sought the delay of liberalization in the agricultural sector, but the negotiations were resumed last month. The ministry said it will seek, at the upcoming talks, to reach a com promise on the lingering issues in the service, investment, rule of origin and customs.

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S Korea, New Zealand to hold talks on FTA

SEOUL, 25 March — South Korea and New Zea land will hold talks on the bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) this week to reach a compromise on remaining issues, Seoul’s Trade Ministry said on Tuesday.

The sixth round of FTA negotiations will be held in Seoul from Wednesday to Friday, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

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Fukushima fishermen OK dumping groundwater from Fukushima plant

FUKUSHIMA, (Japan), 25 March — A local fish erman organization on Tues day decided to allow Tokyo Electric Power Co to dump groundwater at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex into the sea on condition that the water is clean enough for release.

The measure is expected to slow the pace of in crease of toxic water at the plant, as groundwater will be pumped up before it gets mixed with highly radio active water accumulating at the basement of reactor buildings and will be di rected to the Pacific Ocean.

Amid concerns that the move could harm the marine environment, TEP CO said in February that it will set stringent safety cri teria for the water release. For example, the density of radioactive tritium in the water should not exceed one-fortieth of the legal limit.

But it is not clear whether the so-called groundwater bypass system will operate smoothly, with the plant plagued by vari ous problems linked to the toxic water management.

On Tuesday, the Fuk ushima Prefectural Federa tion of Fisheries Co-operative Associations handed a petition that calls on TEP CO and the government to make sure that the water released into the sea is below the required radiation levels.

Highly radioactive wa ter is increasing by about 400 tons daily at the plant because the same volume of groundwater is seep ing into the basement of reactor buildings and mixing with water used to cool the reactors that suffered meltdowns in the 2011 acci dent.

By operating the groundwater bypass sys tem, TEP CO says it can reduce the amount of wa ter seeping into the reactor buildings by about 100 tons per day.

TEPCO also plans to start building from June a huge underground ice wall around the reactor build ings to block the entry of groundwater.

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Tender invitation for the transfer of the activities related to waste collection and transportation of the collected waste to final disposal site currently performed by Yangon City Development Committee to private company

1. Within 33 townships of the area of Yangon City Development Committee, there are 4 districts of East, West, South and North and the activities for waste management have been established. In order to do so, there are 3 sectors: collection, transportation of the collected waste and disposing of the waste at final disposal site. Among them, the Committee has implemented Waste to Energy in relation to the final sector. It is now planning to transfer the following sections to private company:
   (a) Collection of the waste
   (b) Transportation of the collected waste

2. Local companies, the joint ventures of local and foreign companies and foreign countries which are willing to operate the above mentioned schemes will have to submit tender proposals to Pollution Control and Cleansing Department at No. 267, 9 Storey Building, 3rd Floor, Seikkan Thar Street (Upper Block), Kyauktada Township by 30.4.2014, fully mentioned the following facts:
   (a) Require companies’ letterheads in tender proposals.
   (b) Describe the proposed area such as the whole area of YCDC(or) one district (or) two districts. (not permit only for township)
   (c) Describe the address of company in details
   (d) Submit the tender proposal in both English and Myanmar
   (e) Not consider the proposals submitted after the due date of 30.4.2014.
   (f) Detailed information regarding to the tender are available at Pollution Control and Cleansing Department before the due date of 30-4-2014.
   (g) The companies will have to input 50 lakh of Insurance Premium for tender to the Yangon City Development Bank by 30.4.2014 and the company which fails to submit final full proposal by 3.10.2014 will not be able to take out the Insurance Premium.
   (h) Contact and query to the following phone numbers of PCCD, YCDC for detailed information before the due date of 30.4.2014.

3. The basic facts for tender proposal are as follows:
   (a) The period for the transfer of the activities to private company is 10 years.
   (b) No need tipping fees for disposal of the waste at specified final disposal site.
   (c) Not consider the proposals submitted after the due date of 30.4.2014.
   (d) Pollution Control and Cleansing Department will invite the proposed companies within 2nd week of May, 2014 in order to explain detailed facts and give necessary facts for final full proposal. The companies will have to do feasibility study from 2nd week of May, 2014 to 30th September 2014. Then they will have to submit final full proposal by 3.10.2014.
   (e) The period for the transfer of the project is 1.4.2015.
   (f) Collection and transportation of the collected waste to final disposal site
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China should facilitate inclusive, sustainable urbanization: WB

BEIJING, 25 March — While urbanization has been good for growth and economic transformation, China now needs a new model, World Bank Managing Director Sri Mulyani Indrawati, said here on Tuesday.

"China has avoided some of the common ills of urbanization, notably pov-
erty, unemployment and slums, but despite the suc-
cess, the strain is starting to show," she said at the Interna-
tional Conference on Urban China: Toward Ef-
cient, Inclusive and Sus-
tainable Urbanization.

"China’s growth has been driven by investment rather than productivity,
but investment has become less effective in generating growth both in cities and nationwide. Urbanization has re-
lieved on land conver-
sion and land financing,
which is causing urban sprawl and, on occasion, ghost towns and waste, she noted.

"Barriers to migration have kept China’s urbanization rate artificially low,
curbing economic oppor-
tunities and widening ur-
ban-rural income inequality. Citizens without urban house-
hold registration (unlike do not enjoy equal access to public services in cities,
another barrier to mobility, said Indrawati."

Through better allo-
cation of land, labor, and capital a new model of ur-
banization can help China share the benefits of urban-
ization more widely than in the past, and it can be environment-
ally sustainable while ensuring China’s food security, she said at the release of a joint report by the World Bank and the Development Research Center of the State Council.

Indonesia extends heartfelt condolences to MH370 plane tragedy

JAKARTA, 25 March — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Tuesday on behalf of the Indonesian people extended his heartfelt condolences to the accident of Malaysian airline plane MH370 that crashed into southern Indian Ocean and killed all 239 people on board. President Yudhoyono made the state-
tment on his twitter account following the announce-
ment by Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak on Monday night that the plane losing contact on March 8 crashed into the ocean with none of passengers and crew alive. “Indonesia is mourning on the tragedy of MH370 plane,” President Yudhoyono said on his twit-
ter account. “To the people of Malaysia and Prime Minister Najib Razak, we extend heartfelt condolence to this tragedy,” said Yud-
hyono.—Xinhua
‘Divergent’ teen warriors defeat ‘Muppets’ at box office

"Twilight" opened with $69.6 million in November 2008.

Lions Gate said Friday it was confident “Divergent” would become an important franchise for the company and it was moving ahead with the second film in the series, called “Insurgent,” which will reach theaters in March 2015.

Noting that the “Divergent” opening was shy of blockbusters “Hunger Games” and “Twilight,” Jeff Bock, senior box office analyst at Exhibitor Relations Co, said “$56 million is a great opening for any film, and virtually locked down the proposed trilogy.”

“This is something to build on for the series, and with the cast expected to be in high demand, the ‘Divergent’ legacy will continue to grow,” Bock added.

Richie Fay, the studio’s president of domestic distribution, said, “We’re very pleased with the outcome for the franchise launch.”

The movie’s A+ CinemaScore grade from the under-18 audience bodes well for the coming weeks as spring break and Easter school holidays approach, Fay said, noting, “The young adult audience has been underserved in the last couple of weeks.”

Japanese architect Shigeru Ban wins 2014 Pritzker prize

LOS ANGELES, 25 March — Japanese architect Shigeru Ban has won the 2014 Pritzker Architecture Prize, often considered the Nobel prize of architecture, the prize’s sponsor organization said on Monday.

“For twenty years Ban has traveled to sites of natural and manmade disasters around the world, to work with local citizens, volunteers and students, to design and construct simple, dignified, low-cost, recyclable shelters and community buildings for the disaster victims,” the Hyatt Foundation said. Ban, 56, is the seventh Japanese architect to become a Pritzker laureate. The first six include the late Kenzo Tange in 1987 and Tadao Ando in 1995.

Japanese architect Shigeru Ban

Angelina Jolie, Stella McCartney create Maleficent-inspired children’s clothing

LOS ANGELES, 25 March — Maleficent star Angelina Jolie collaborated with fashion designer Stella McCartney to create a children’s clothing range inspired by the Disney movie.

The collection, named after the movie, will include eight styles including sparkly princess dresses, bow-adorned sandals, dragon-print tees and cool sneakers for boys and girls aged 4 to 14, reported people.com.

“I’ve always been a huge fan of Disney growing up, as was my mother, and I grew up watching all the films like most kids did,” McCartney told WWD.

“When the opportunity presented itself and I was invited by Angelina Jolie to visit the film set, I jumped at the chance.”

Starting April end, the capsule collection, which will range from $75 to $145, will be available at Stella McCartney Kids stores worldwide, as well as Disney stores and online.

Angelina Jolie, Stella McCartney create Maleficent-inspired children’s clothing

Cast member Kate Winslet poses with fans at the premiere of “Divergent” in Los Angeles, on 18 March, 2014.

 Reuters

Julia Roberts: Kids come first, career second

LOS ANGELES, 25 March — Oscar-winning actress Julia Roberts says her children will always come before her career. The Pretty Woman star is a mother of nine-year-old twins Hazel and Phinnaeus and six-year-old Henry and only accepts one movie a year, so she can spend most of her time with her family, reports contactmusic.com.

“I make one film per year and that’s a good balance. My older kids have just turned nine and my son is six; they still need me. My family takes up a lot of my time and my creative energy, but I’m lucky to have worked enough already to allow myself to take time off,” said Julia Roberts, who made her acting debut in late 1980s.

“When I see my friends struggling to juggle both, I feel very privileged. I act less, but better; I’ve always been demanding (of a role), now I’m difficult,” she added.

Julia Roberts: Kids come first, career second

George Michael beats Kylie Minogue in British album chart battle

LONDON, 25 March — Singer George Michael racked up his seventh British number one album on Sunday as “Symphonica” took top spot in the charts, beating off competition from Australian pop diva Kylie Minogue, the Official Charts Company said.

Michael’s first new album in nearly 10 years outsold Minogue’s “Kiss Me Once” by 20,000 copies in a battle between two artists with a record of British chart success stretching back to the 1980s.

Last week’s number one album, Elbow’s “The Take Off And Landing of Everything”, drifted to fifth place, while Paloma Faith’s “A Perfect Contradiction” fell to fourth from second. Pharrell Williams’s “G I R L” held its place at number three.

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David Beckham unveils proposal for waterfront Miami soccer stadium

MIAMI, 25 March — A group led by English football star David Beckham unveiled plans on Monday to build a 25,000-seat football stadium on Miami’s waterfront for the Major League Soccer team he will own, but the proposal is already facing some opposition. The open-air stadium would be built in an area known as PortMiami, which hosts the world’s busiest cruise ship terminal. Long-term plans for the island port have never included the possibility of being home to a sports arena, port officials have said.

PortMiami Director Bill Johnson declined to comment on the stadium proposal. “The important part for us is getting everybody on side, getting everybody to realize why we want to bring the team here, and why we want to have the stadium in a certain place,” Beckham told reporters in Miami.

Royal Caribbean Cruises, whose headquar ters are located at the port, has expressed concern about the proposed stadium, citing traffic concerns and the arena seated in between Biscayne Bay and downtown Miami, Florida in this handout image released on 24 March, 2014. — Reuters

Ruthless Nadal continues Miami rampage

MIAMI, 25 March — World number one Rafa Nadal continued his ruthless rampage through the Sony Open on Monday, crushing Uzbekistan’s Denis Istomin 6-1, 6-0 to reach the fourth round at Crandon Park.

Also through to the next round is Australian Open champion Stanislas Wawrinka, who looked sharp in a no-nonsense 7-5, 6-4 win over Frenchman Edouard Roger-Vasselin. Nadal, who has reached the final three times but never lifted the Miami title, blew past Lleyton Hewitt in the second round before overwhelming Istomin in less than an hour in a centre court master class.

Next up for the Spaniard is a fourth round meeting on Tuesday with Italian 14th seed Fabio Fognini, who advanced with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 comeback win over Spain’s Roberto Bautista Agut.

Further down the road is a possible semi-final meeting with third seed Wawrinka, who beat the Spaniard in the final of the Australian Open to claim his first grand slam title. Nadal has shown no signs of losing focus, however, and broke Istomin twice to open the match and grab a 4-0 lead.

The 57th ranked Istomin finally held serve at 4-1 but that would be the only time as Nadal thundered through the next eight game to complete the rout.

“I played a very complete match,” said Nadal, who was given a warning for slow play. “No match is perfect but I did a lot of things very well. No mistakes, taking with good percentage, and playing a lot of winners.

“My movements were better than what I did last event events.

“That’s a very important thing for me.”

Wawrinka, who has admitted to suffering something of a grand slam hangover, has already matched his best effort in six visits to Miami, but he win set up after an 16 meeting with Ukraine’s Alexander Dolgopolov, a 3-6, 6-0, 7-6(5) winner over Serb Dusan Lajovic. — Reuters

Sydney, 25 March — Two water buffaloes startled residents of an inner-Sydney suburb on Tuesday morning, as they pelted 2 km (1.2 miles) down a city street past disbeliefing pedestrians, while car drivers scurried to get out of the way.

Eyewitnesses told local media the water buffaloes looked agitated, having escaped from a city park where an advertisement was being filmed.

“I was just waiting for the bus and instead of a bus, two random buffalo ran past,” Abril Felm, a student at the University of Sydney campus nearby, told Reuters by telephone.

Fiery-armed police rounded up the animals and live-tweeted the operation, saying they used ladders and firefighting gear to corral the animals into a makeshift pen, until handlers from the film set took them away. — Reuters

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Serena, Sharapova again on Miami collision course

Miami, 25 March—

World number one Serena Williams led a stampede from the top with Williams, six-time Miami champion, Australian Open Li Na, third seed Agnieszka Radwanska, five-time runner-up Maria Sharapova and fifth seed Angelique Kerber all moving into the last eight.

But Serena’s big sister Venus could not complete theWilliams family double falling 6-1, 5-7, 6-3 to Slovakian 10th seed Dominika Cibulkova just as the center court clock was about to strike midnight.

While Serena Williams and Sharapova clashed in last year’s Miami final there will be no championship rematch this Saturday with the American and Russian on the same side of the draw and closing in on a semi-final showdown.

After getting her title defense off to a slow start, Williams, who lives an hour’s drive from the Crandon Park Tennis Center and considers the event her home tournament, stepped it up a gear against Coco Vandeweghe, sweeping past the young American qualifier 6-3, 6-1 in 79 minutes.

“I was definitely happier today,” Williams told reporters. “I was really happy to be moving on but I knew I could only do better. That kind of helped out, too.”

Li was no less ruthless, the Chinese world number one and 12th seed Ana Ivanovic seemed headed for a quarter-final berth after comfortably taking the first set against eighth seed Czech Petra Kvitova but fell apart after that, committing 11 double faults and a selfies to a stunning 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 loss.—Reuters

Fourth seed Sharapova got a much-needed wake-up call after sleep-walking her way through the opening set before dispatching Belgian Kリストen Flipkens 6-4, 6-1 while Kerber also needed three sets to get past Russian Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Former world number one and 12th seed Ana Ivanovic was stunned at the WGC-Cadillac Invitational at Doral by her Japan’s Nozomi Okuhara 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 while Kerber also needed three sets to get past Russian Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

LONDON, 25 March—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger promised the club’s stunned supporters they would do everything they could to “respond in the right way” to Saturday’s 6-0 defeat at Chelsea when they play Swansea City at the Emirates on Tuesday.

Wenger, who only spoke to TV reporters at Stamford Bridge and did not hold his routine pre-match news conference before a game, said out his message in an email to supporters and later expanded on his thoughts in a written statement to the media.

Saturday’s defeat in his 1,000th match in charge of the club was Arsenal’s joint-worst defeat in the Premier League era and their heaviest defeat in London since a 6-0 loss at West Ham United in 1960.

Wenger, who described the day as “a nightmare” repeated that he took full responsibility for the result, adding: “We have to think deeply about it because it is not the first time it has happened in this kind of game.

“It all went wrong and we failed completely on Saturday because we did not turn up with a performance.” He continued: “We are intelligent enough and careful enough about the club to know that it is not the first time it has happened in this kind of game.

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Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger (R) and team coach Steve Bould react during their English Premier League soccer match against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in London on 22 March, 2014.—Reuters

Referee retained despite Arsenal red-card blunder

LONDON, 25 March—Referee Andre Marriner will remain a part of next weekend’s Premier League games despite his high-profile gaffe in sending off the wrong Arsenal player at Chelsea on Saturday.

Marriner will take charge of Southampton against Newcastle United on Saturday, the Premier League said.

The referee caused uproar when he awarded a penalty against Arsenal for Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain’s handball and then sent off Kieran Gibbs by mistake despite the real culprit owning up to the time.

Arsenal went on to lose 6-0 at Stamford Bridge but Marriner’s blunder was the talk of the afternoon, with the referee later expressing his “disappointment” to Arsenal.

Former World Cup referee Clive Thomas told BBC radio the referee had made a “disgusting, shocking decision” and suggested Marriner should be stood down for the rest of the Premier League season.

The visitors had been trailing 2-0 to early goals from Samuel Eto’o and Andre Schurrle when Marriner awarded the 15th-minute penalty after Oxlade-Chamberlain handled a shot from Eden Hazard on the goalline.

TV replays showed Oxlade-Chamberlain clearly mounding “it was me” during the aftermath but the referee, who took a long time before awarding the penalty, stuck to his original decision.

The controversial miserable afternoon for Arsene Wenger in his 1,000th match in charge of Arsenal.

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