Four state-owned hotels to be retendered

YANGON, 14 Oct—Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has planned to invite open tender for leasing its four hotels in the first week of November, according to Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

“We are planning to invite open tender for the four hotels and will announce the tender in the state-run dailies,” an official of the ministry told the Global New Light of Myanmar.

After the previous tender winners failed to abide by the agreements of the contracts signed with the ministry, the four hotels have returned the ministry.

The number of hotels and guesthouses has increased from 677 with 22373 rooms in 2011 to 1,055 hotels and guesthouses with 40,826 rooms, according to the ministry.

The number of tourist arrivals has also increased year by year, reaching 0.79 million in 2010, 1.06 million in 2012 and 2.04 million in 2013.

Three million are expected this year.

Investment by Myanmar nationals in the hotels and tourism sector has reached nearly US$690 million, making up 14 per cent of the total investment in the 11 industrial categories of the country, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).—GNLM

Kalaw Hotel in Shan State to be retendered to private entrepreneurs. Photo: joshkhin. blogsPot.com

Joint Bank-Fund Development Committee calls on members to implement bold policies to foster growth with resilience

WASHINGTON, D.C, 12 Oct—The World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) committed to work together with members in the implementation of bold measures for ensuring growth with resilience at the joint Bank-IMF Development Committee meeting on Saturday. At the closing press conference by Development Committee Chair Marek Belka, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim and IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde of 2014 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C, they elaborated on steps to promote shared prosperity, to develop private investment opportunities and investment in infrastructure and to address climate change.

According to the communiqué of the development committee, the WBG and IMF are encouraged to support countries to deliver efficient, (See page 3)

World Bank’s Jim Yong Kim with Chair Marek Belka and IMF’s Christine Lagarde: Development Committee focused on promoting shared prosperity and underlined the importance of private sector development for investment, job creation and inclusive economic growth.

Photo: Ye Myint

BY YE MYINT

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met U Khin Maung Lay, Vice Chairman of the Myanmar Press Council (Interim) in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday, sources said.

They exchanged view on strengthening of mutual cooperation between the armed forces and the media for speedy flow of correct information and building of mutual trust and understanding.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing elaborated on the army’s stance on stability, peace, unity and development, stressing the role of the defence services in multiparty democratic process.

At the meeting, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was accompanied by senior military officers, with U Khin Maung Lay, the secretary, the joint-secretary and members of the Myanmar Press Council (Interim). Myawady

Photo: Ye Myint
Pyithu Hluttaw convenes 16th day meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct — Pyithu Hluttaw held its 16th day meeting on Tuesday, answering seven questions by representatives on seven issues.

U Thinn Tun Oo, representative of Amarapura township constituency, asked if the government would soften its condition that civilians who suffer from severe disability would be compensated by K200,000 to K600,000. According to the Ministry of Health, a family of deceased military personnel, asked if there were plans to provide support to war-affected people.

Moreover, an ailing Lwin, representative of Pyay/hwe township constituency, asked whether public-related laws would be printed in state-owned media.

U Hkay Kay Hlaing, deputy minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, said the government is protecting the rights of disabled persons, to reduce discrimination against disabled persons, to promote their dignity, capability and efficiency.

She also said that a bill for the rights of disabled persons has been drafted with the contribution of disabled associations and the process is now progressing. After enacting this law, a fund will be set up to protect the rights of disabled persons.

U Tin Maung Oo, representative of Shwepyitha constituency, asked if the 16th day meeting on Tuesday’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw dealt with a question enquiring the process of the government’s arrangements for the construction of houses in Yangon districts.

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U Soe Tint, Deputy Minister for Construction, said that the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development (DHSHD) undertook the construction of infrastructure such as roads and drainage systems and transferred the task of land management to the Yangon City Development Committee.

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Plan underway to implement pilot research for MDR-TB in 2015: MOH

By Khing Thu Hlaing

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct — The Ministry of Health (MOH) is planning to implement a pilot research project for a shorter course regimen (lasting 10 months) with 200 patients diagnosed with multi-drug resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB) with the assistance of the three Millennium Development Funds (MDF), Dr Tin Mi Mi Khaing from the Aung San TB Hospital in Yangon, told the Global New Light of Myanmar.

The MDR-TB programme using short regimens is scheduled to start in May, 2015, following international standards and under independent monitoring by the World Health Organization (WHO), she added.

The shorter drug therapy is a popular treatment among the countries. If, successful, would significantly reduce time on treatment as compared to the current 20-month regimen, according to the 3MDG. The 3MDG signed a US$11.5 million agreement with the ministry this week to treat about 2,000 patients with MDR-TB in 56 townships in Yangon and Mandalay regions to provide support in national responses for TB, the agency said.

The number of people with drug-resistant strains of TB is growing at an alarming rate. According to the WHO survey, Myanmar is one of the highest burdens of Tuberculosis across the world with, an estimated 180,000 new cases of TB every year, more than 40,000 of them in children. It is estimated that over 20,000 people die from TB each year when about 9,000 people diagnose with multi-drug resistant TB.

To fight against multi-drug resistant TB, the Ministry of Health and 3MDG at exchanging notes for US$11.5 million agreement. — MNA

Staff housing comes under discussion at Upper House

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Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint. — MNA

Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Daw Su Su Hlaing.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw

By Khaing Thu Hlaing

Told the Global New Light of Myanmar.
Four-year plans for production, services sectors discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—The targets and the working plans of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years for production and services under the national planning sector are discussed at the head office of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here on Tuesday.

Union Minister U Soe Thane said that the five-year term of national development project was enacted on the basis of people-centred development programme, and now is the fourth year of this term.

He also suggested the union ministers are responsible for drawing sector-wise development project, including targets, policies and strategies.

U Soe Thane urged the government ministries should cooperate with government agencies and non-government agencies in this processes.

The union minister also said that the procedural rules must be effective together with human resource development programmes.

Union Minister U Hla Tun said that the government has adopted plans of short and long term for harmonious development with systematic use of budgets.

The deputy ministers, as well as the ministers of states and regions submitted the proposals for 2015-2016 fiscal years, followed by the discussions of union ministers.

Cash award of President U Thein Sein presented to martial arts organization

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—The skill demonstration of Myanmar Cakkabyuha Main Martial Arts Organization took place at Ohbo Village of Monyo Township in Bago Region on Monday, attended by Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Than Htay together with local people.

Members of the martial arts organization showed off their immunity skills and extraordinary powers in the demonstration with the use of arms.

The organization has trained about 100,000 trainees and organized about 3,000 members.

Due to outstanding performances, President U Thein Sein provided K50 million and Union Minister U Than Htay, sports gear and exhibition equipment, cash assistance to the martial arts organization.

Control of AIDS infection under local laws discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Mr Prasada Rao, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for AIDS, called on Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin at his office in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Tun said that the government discussed drawing the rules and laws. Union Minister U Than Htay together with the union ministers discussed drawing the rules and laws.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein presented K 50 million to Myanmar Cakkabyuha Main Martial Arts Organization.

Chairman of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee Acting Director-General U Hsan Myint of Central Statistical Organization extended greetings.

Senior officers of the ASEAN countries discussed their respective work processes.

The meeting will last up to 16 October.

Drawing for rules and related laws of National Education Law discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A coordination meeting on drawing of rules and related laws took place at the Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein stressed the need to draw the rules and related laws with the discussions of all strata in the designated period after the National Education Law has been enacted.

Union Minister for Education Dr Daw Khin San Yi said that the National Education Commission and the Universities Coordination Committee are to be formed for drawing the necessary rules and laws.

The participants together with the union ministers discussed drawing the rules and laws. Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein urged the respective work groups to compile the proposals to be sent to the law compilation committee.

The meeting was concluded at 6 p.m. with the conclusion of Dr Kan Zaw.

4th Session of ACSS Committee Meeting, EU-ASEAN Compass Program commence

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—The 4th Session of ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee Meeting and the EU-ASEAN Compass Program kicked off at Thangha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Lei Lei Thein said that EU-ASEAN Compass Program was launched in June 2014 with the aim of enhancing the work capacity between ASEAN and EU with contribution to implementation of ASEAN integration. She stressed the need for emergence of the qualified ACSS in the ASEAN region.

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Facility, a step to launch a platform that will facilitate the mobilization of private capital for infrastructure projects and the IMF’s commitment to provide support in its areas of special expertise, including the design of tax policies and fiscal reforms.

The meeting ended with the presentation of President U Thein Sein’s cash award of President U Thein Sein received K 50 million to Myanmar Cakkabyuha Main Martial Arts Organization.

Mr Prasada Rao, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for AIDS, called on Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin at the attorney-general’s office in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday. The Attorney-General of the Union explained that there are some laws including the drugs law of the nation supports control of AIDS infection.
Sky Net sets, TVs provided to village libraries

KhinU, 14 Oct—As part of efforts to develop the rural areas and alleviate poverty rate in 2014-15 fiscal year, Sagaing Region government donated two Sky Net sets and two TVs to four village libraries at the township Information and Public Relations Department in KhinU of Sagaing Region in the early October.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Kyi Hsan explained the purpose of providing TVs and Sky Net sets to the libraries. Officials presented one set each of Sky Net to Myakynnltha library in Kyunle Village and Bawa Alinyaung library of Ywath Village and one 32-inch TV each to Thuta Alinn Library in Thayebinhoo Village and Atwaythit Library in Wetthe Village.

Village administrators and library committee officials accepted the donations.

KhinU Soe Wai

ILBC (Mandalay) students, teachers on tour of Australia

Mandalay, 14 Oct—Jointly organized by Education Queensland International of Australia and International Language and Business Centre (ILBC), teachers and students of ILBC (Mandalay) made a trip to Australia under the Australia Study Tour Program to visit high schools in Australia.

It was for the first time of visit from the ILBC to Australia. A 63-member delegation led by three teachers of ILBC plans to visit Cleveland State High School, Whites Hill State College and the Gap State High School in Queensland and Brisbane of Australia.

The trip is aimed at enabling the students and teachers to study academic matters in Australia, enjoy panoramic views of forest, hills and seas and observe culture and customs.

The delegation left Mandalay International Airport for Australia on 11 October evening.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Palethwe paddy harvested on model plot

Mongphyat, 14 Oct—The harvesting of Palethwe hybrid monsoon paddy was held on the model plot in Hona Village of Mongphyat Township in eastern Shan State on 13 October.

The three-acre model plot of paddy produced 190.02 baskets per acre.

Head of Township Agriculture Department U Than Htut Lwin explained systematic cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy and use of inputs.

The ceremony was attended by Township Management Committee Chairman Township Administrator U Aung Myint Kyaw and officials and local farmers.

Township IPRD

Refresher course improves skills of firefighters

Natogyi, 14 Oct—The refresher course for firefighters concluded at the hall of Natogyi Township in Mandalay Region recently.

Township Administrator U Kyaw Naing and Commanding Officer of Auxiliary Fire Battalion Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Soe Win made speeches.

Officials presented certificates to 50 trainees.

It was the first batch for auxiliary fire brigade members of the township. Fifty of 1,345 firefighters of the brigade attended the training course.

Khin Zar Mon Myint (Law)

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Ancient Pyu manuscripts and Myanmar stone inscriptions course kicks off

Mandalay, 14 Oct—The Department of Archaeology and National Museum under the Ministry of Culture opened the ancient Pyu manuscripts and Myanmar stone inscriptions course No 2/2014 at its training hall in Champhathezi Township of Mandalay on Monday.

Director of Mandalay Branch U Zaw Oo Han made a speech. Retired deputy director-general U Sein Win of Department of Archaeology and National Museum explained matters related to the training course.

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On-job training course enhances capacity of court staff

Dawei, 14 Oct—The on-job training course for court staff was held at the hall of Taninthayi Region High Court in Dawei on Monday.

Chief Justice of the region high court said that court officials and staff are making all-out efforts for improvement of judicial affairs so as to win the trust of the people. Thus, he said that courts staff are to try hard to improve their capacity. Assistant Director U Zaw Min of the Region High Court explained the arrangements for the training course.

 Altogether 28 court staff of courts in the region are attending the training course from 13 to 24 October.

Po Shwe Thun (Dawei)

Solo biker arrives in Dawei in honour of World Teachers’ Day

Dawei, 14 Oct—In commemoration of the World Teachers’ Day and presentation of Candidma education high school, Dawei Township officials warmly welcome solo biker U Aye Kyu on his arrival in Dawei.

The cyclist was welcomed by Mayor of Dawei Township U Soe Moe Naing of Department of Sports and Physical Education Department of Ministry of Education, he proceeded to Dawei and regional development, he proceeded to Maungmagan Beach of Dawei and regional development, he proceeded to Dawei and regional development. He spent nights in Kyakto, Paung, Thanbyuzayat, Ye and Kalitaungr.

After spending two nights in Dawei to observe Maungmagan Beach of Dawei and regional development, he proceeded to Kawkhtongh by bicycle on 12 October morning.

Po Shwe Thun (Dawei)

New executive committee elected in Taninthayi Region

Dawei, 14 Oct—Taninthayi Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Kyaw Oo opened an address at the election of Myanmar Hoteliers Association (Taninthayi Region) at Diamond Crown Hotel in Myaiky-wa Ward of Dawei on Monday.

Head of Office of the central association U Aung Win explained election process.

The participants at the ceremony elected 16 executives including U Kyaw Win as Chairman and U Aung Soe as Secretary.

New Chairman U Kyaw Win extended greetings.

Po Shwe Thun Dawei

Firefighters under training of refresher course in Kangyidaunt Tsp

Kangyidaunt, 14 Oct—Kangyidaunt Township Fire Services Department conducted the refresher course for firefighters in the township of Ayeyawady Region recently.

A total of 100 auxiliary fire brigade members from wards and villages are attending the training course. Trainers gave basic military course, firefighting and rescue courses to the trainees.

At the opening ceremony, Township Administration, Assistant Director U Zaw Min of the Region High Court said that courts staff are to try hard to improve their capacity. Assistant Director U Zaw Min of the Region High Court explained the arrangements for the training course.

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Monsoon paddy harvested in Monghsat

Monghsat, 14 Oct—The monsoon paddy harvesting on model plot for 2014-15 fiscal year was held at the paddy field of Monghsat station in eastern Shan State on 13 October.

Brig-Gen Aung Zaw Aye of the local station made an opening address.

Head of District Agriculture Department U Win Htein explained cultivation of paddy through good agricultural patterns, use of inputs and pesticides, and harvesting of paddy on model plot. After harvesting, the paddy plantation produced 135.27 baskets per acre.

Than Zaw (IPRD)

A scholar gives lectures on important role of ancient manuscripts at ancient Pyu manuscripts and Myanmar stone inscriptions course.

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Po Shwe Thun (Dawei)
One soldier killed, three hurt in N Philippine clash

MANILA, 14 Oct — A soldier was killed while three others were wounded in a clash with suspected members of the leftist rebel group New People’s Army (NPA) in northern Philippines on Tuesday morning, a military official said.

Lieutenant General Felicito Virgilio M. Trinidad, Jr., commander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines’ North Luzon Command, said government troops clashed with around 25 NPA guerrillas in Camangad village, Asipulo town in Ifugao province.

Trinidad said military forces launched combat operations in the area after receiving information about the presence of leftist rebels. Some of the soldiers were fired upon by NPA guerrillas when approaching the area.

He said military forces are conducting pursuit operations against the leftist rebels in Camangad village.

The 4,000-strong NPA, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is fighting a guerrilla war against the Armed Forces of the Philippines, is fighting a Communist Party of the Philippines, is fighting a guerrilla war against the Armed Forces of the Philippines.
Putin to receive Chinese Prime Minister in Moscow

MOSCOW, 14 Oct — Russia’s President Vladimir Putin is expect- ed to receive in Moscow the visiting Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang on Tuesday.

On Monday, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and Li Keqiang held the 19th regular meet- ing of the heads of government of Russia and China that was crowned with the signing of a package of 38 documents.

The package includes a joint communiqué, an intergovernmental agreement on cooperation in the energy sector and on supplies of natural gas along the so-called eastern route, as well as agreements on avoiding double taxation, on anti-monopoly regulations, on customs cooperation, and on collaboration in the field of satellite navigation sys- tems.

In the format of the talks between the two Prime Ministers, a range of commercial agreements was signed. One of them is an agreement on expanding cooperation between the Russian natural gas producer Gazprom and the government-controlled oil company Rosneft, on the one hand, and China’s Na- tional Petroleum Corporation, on the other.

In the financial sector, agreements were signed by the largest Russian and Chinese banks like VEB, VTB, Rosselkhozbank, China’s Exim Bank, the State Development Bank of China, and the crucial fi-nancial organizations of the two countries.

China’s Deputy Prime Minister Wang Yang said earlier in Sochi, where a Russian-Chinese commis- sion in charge of preparing prime-ministerial talks was holding its 18th session, that Beijing was strong- ly opposed to the West’s sanctions against Russia and found their imposition to be erroneous.

The beautiful city of Sochi reflects in some way the viability of the entire Russia, he said. Western countries introduced the sanctions by mistake, while the Chinese government was confident that in spite of unstable external factors the people of Russia would show resolve in clearing away the current difficul- ties.

Russia and China have intensified bilateral contacts in recent months. Vladimir Putin and Chi- nese President Xi Jinping have held a range of talks since the beginning of the year to allow a buildup of mutual assistance, to ex- pand bilateral openness, to put up resistance to exter- nal risks, and to grant loans to each other.

Officials in Beijing say that Russia and China should concentrate of pro-moting mutually beneficial strategic cooperation at a time when the US and the EU are striving to breed ‘colour revolutions’ on the territories of opponent states.—Itar-Tass

Belgrade, 14 Oct — Serbia’s Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said on Sunday that the economic recovery of the country was based on political stability, so a nationally responsible and balanced foreign policy was very important. Serbia’s position is clean—Serbia is moving towards the EU, and that is its strategic goal, but it has not imposed sanctions on Russia for a number of reasons, with the economic reasons posing as the more important ones, he told TV Pink.

Commenting on Rus- sian President Vladimir Putin’s visit to Belgrade scheduled for 16 October, he stated that President Tomislav Nikolic and he were careful about the kind of signals they would send to the world during the visit. Yugoslavia Partisans and the Red Army liberated Belgrade from German Nazi occupation 70 years ago, so it is important that Serbia show respect at the anniversary ceremony for all those who helped liber- ate Belgrade, Vucic noted.

Responding to criti- cism concerning Putin’s arrival, the Serbian prime minister said officials from other countries would also visit Belgrade after Putin. “The important thing is that Serbia is a place everybody visits and we are proud of that,” he remarked.

Putin is welcome, EU remains strategic goal

Hong Kong police start clearance in city centre

Hong Kong, 14 Oct — Hong Kong’s police began removing blockades on all lanes Tuesday morn- ing in Admiralty, the city’s business district, as the student-led occupation of main roads in the heart of the city entered its third week.

Hundreds of police, some carrying chainsaws, participated in the action. The police say they plan to reopen both tram lanes. Dozens of police person- nel with shields stood by, when others rapidly dis- mantled barricades thrown up overnight by protesters after clashes on Monday.

The police also used a truck-mounted crane to re- move bamboo scaffolding from the road. The protesters had reinforced their defenses there following clashes on Monday with groups op- posing their movement.

Fred Tsui, senior su- perintendent, said the new structures were extremely dangerous and would block the passage of emer- gency vehicles. He said the operation wasn’t aimed at removing protesters, but if they tried to resist with force, they could face ar- rest. There were few pro- testers seen during the po- lice action.—Xinhua

Kim Jong Un gives field guidance to newly built Wisong Scientists Residential District

PYONGYANG, 14 Oct — Kim Jong Un, first secre- tary of the Workers’ Par- ty of Korea, first chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and supreme command- er of the Korean People’s Army, gave field guidance to the newly built Wisong Scientists Residential Dis- trict.

The residential dis- trict consists of multi-sto- reyed apartment houses of 24 blocks, schools, hospi- tal, nursery, kindergarten, public buildings including various welfare service fa- cilities and parks.

After being briefed on the district before a map showing its bird’s-eye view, he overlooked it. Watching the exteri- or of the apartment houses and public buildings nice- ly decorated with diverse color tiles, he was very pleased to see them. He said they looked very at- tractive, presenting fantas- tic scenery.

He learned in detail about the construction of the district, looking round various places of the dis- trict including apartment houses, primary school, junior secondary school, pharmacy, polyclinic, the Wisong Health Complex and solar heated green- house.

He noted that not only the flats looked cozy and convenient for settlers but they are fitted with com- plete sets of quality furni- ture and fixtures, adding that scientists would not need to bring in anything for living if all flats would have color TV sets, quilts and household articles pro- vided by the party.

On the same day he also visited the newly built Natural Energy Institute of the State Academy of Sciences.

Going round various places of the institute, he praised the builders for constructing it qualitatively as intended by the party.

He was accompanied by Hwang Pyong So, Choe Thae Bok, Choe Ryong Hae, Han Kwang Sang and Kim Jong Gwan.

Kim Jong Un, first secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, first chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People’s Army(R).

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It is time to suppress the resurrection of modern slavery dubbed human trafficking

By Kyaw Thura

It would be totally wrong if it is assumed that slavery has become a thing of the past since the 19th century. The practice has assumed a new form in every country of the world. This nasty practice still blights the whole world out there.

News fill pages of newspapers of women being forced into prostitution, children and into farm and domestic work or cafes, and girls into marrying older men. According to a recent survey conducted by the International Labour Organization (ILO), there are close to 21 million men, women and children around the world engaged in a form of slavery of modern day.

Modern-day slavery comes in various forms, affecting people regardless of age, gender, nationality and religion. This inhuman practice has now become known as human trafficking, which can be defined as the exploitation of human beings for sexuality, forced labour and domestic servitude.

The United Nations has figured out that more than 800,000 people are trafficked annually. Unfortunately, this modern-day slavery is hard to tackle because of its fluidity and reach of trafficking networks worldwide.

Bit by bit, modern slavery or human trafficking has become a lucrative organized criminal activity because it turns out to be a source of huge profits for traffickers and crime syndicates. The ILO has estimated that modern slavery generates around US$32 billion a year.

The time has come to give serious consideration to the horrors of modern slavery by accelerating campaigns for public education and awareness. Lack of public understanding and awareness of the problem is what has failed all attempts to eliminate this horrible practice.

LIGHT

By Kyi Mun

Let there be light.

- The Bible
- Strive, man, to win that glory, Toil, man, to gain that light.
- Bernard of Cluny

The lantern of the Shepherd is the light of the flock.

ST. GREGORY of NAZIANZEN

Where there is darkness, let me sow LIGHT.

ST. FRANCIS

The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

- Proverbs 4:18

LIGHT MEANS:

L for Love
I for Integrity
G for Goodness
H for Humility
T for Trust

LOVE

... love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love is not provoked by evil; do not account evil; do not rejoice in evil; but rejoice with the truth; love is patient and kind; love is not haughty or conceited; be not be suspicious nor jealous; love is not provoked by evil.

- St. Paul’s hymn to love.

Love thy neighbor as thyself.

- Jesus Christ

To live is to fight, to suffer and to love.

- Elizabeth Leseur

I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.

- Jeremiah 31:3

It is the nature of love to work in a thousand different ways.

- St. Teresa of Aosta

Love communicates an immense value to our smallest actions.

- August Saudreau

He who evidently desires to love will soon love with ardor.

- St. Francis DE SALES

O Love, unchanging Love, make thou Thy cloister in my heart.

- Author unknown

Those that love in simplicity are always young.

- Dame Julian of Norwich

For failing of love on our part, there is all our travail.

- Dame Julian of Norwich

As the love increases in you, so the loneliness increases, for love is itself the loneliness of the soul.

- ST. AUGUSTINE

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

- Elizabeth Browning?

To love is to want to give and above all give oneself; a perfect love is the perfect gift of oneself without thought of reward or return.

- R.H.J. STEUART

Where there is no love, put love in, and you will draw out love.

- ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

INTEGRITY

Integrity means: The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Another meaning is the state of being whole and not divided. Synonym is Unity.

- Oxford Dictionary

Integrity means: You are integrated around principles and natural laws that ultimately govern the consequences of our behavior. Honesty is the principle of telling the truth. Integrity is keeping promises made to self and/or others. Integrity is being true to one’s highest values and conscience. The opposite of integrity is duplicity/hypocrisy.

GOODNESS

Goodness means: High Quality, Pleasant, Sensible, Strong, Favorable, Skillful, Morally Right, Following Rules, Kind, Healthy, Suitable, Useful, Helpful, Showing Approval, Thorough, Amusing.

HUMILITY

Humility means: The quality of not thinking that you are better than other people; the quality of being humble, meaning that you do not think that you are as important as other people; synonym is modest.

Humility, it is said, has four daughters: obedience, meekness, patience and self-denial. But don’t think that humility is wishy-washy, spineless, that it takes life yelling down. Rather it is a virtue packed with potentialities.

TRUST

Trust means: The belief that somebody/something is good, sincere, honest, etc. and will not try to harm or trick you. It also means: you depend on somebody/something: you rely on somebody/something; you count on somebody/something, and you believe on somebody.

These words all mean to believe that somebody/something will do what you hope or expect of them or that what they tell you is correct or true.

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U Kyi Mun residing in Yangon is a consultant of NAING Group Capital Co., Ltd.

GOLD PRICE, FE RATE

(14-10-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K655,100 per tical: Selling K656,100
Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K654,800 per tical: Selling K655,800

FE RATE

USD Buying K990: Selling K995
SGD Buying K777: Selling K785
Euro Buying K1,245: Selling K1,265

HUMILITY

Humility means: The quality of not thinking that you are better than other people; the quality of being humble, meaning that you do not think that you are as important as other people; synonym is modest.

Humility, it is said, has four daughters: obedience, meekness, patience and self-denial. But don’t think that humility is wishy-washy, spineless, that it takes life yelling down. Rather it is a virtue packed with potentialities.

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Aid to be given to socio-economic development tasks: Union minister

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct — At a coordination meeting held at the Rakhine State government on Monday, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win explained formation of the Rakhine State Peace and Stability and Development Central Committee chaired by the Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and duty and functions of six works committees led by Union ministers, implementation of the Action Plan for Rakhine State Peace and Stability and Comprehensive Development Strategic Plan and clarification on matters related to the action plan at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

On behalf of the Rakhine State Chief Minister, State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Htein Lin and officials reported on security, peace and stability tasks, regional development and progress of socio-economic tasks. The Union minister stressed the need to spend the aid on development of socio-economic sector.

In meeting with members of the Union level emergency coordination centre, UN agencies that participate in rehabilitation and development of Rakhine State and INGOs, the Union minister fulfilled the requirements of food assistance, education, health, water and sanitation and regional development.

Union Agriculture and Irrigation Minister inspects Palethwe paddy fields in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Thai delegates led by Dr Mongkol from Big-M Co., visited in agriculture farms here on Tuesday, inspecting development of marketable fruits farms and paddy fields.

U Myint Hlaing urged the officials to present Koshikikari rice free to Japanese Embassy and companies in Myanmar to introduce it to the Japan’s market.

He also urged them to increase private sector investment in Palethwe hybrid paddy seed production for a growing population, adding that distribution of modern plant breeding technology to local farmers plays a vital role in developing the country’s agriculture sector to keep abreast with agricultural producing countries.

In his inspection tours in Nay Pyi Taw, the Union Minister inspected the development of marketable fruits farms near the old Yangon-Mandalay highways, 400-acre of Palethwe paddy plantation in Ahlino Village and 100-acre of Palethwe paddy field in western part of Kyarku Village where U Myint Hlaing presented food and gifts to agriculturalists and local growers.

Project for community-based mental health service to begin next year in Hlainethaya Tsp

BY KHAING THANDA LWIN

The WHO estimated that depression will stand 1st for global burden of mental disorders in 2030.

The earlier self-reliant pilot project for community-based health care services has been implemented in Kyauktan Township in Yangon since two years ago and it produces successful outcomes, Prof Dr Win Aung Myint, Department of Mental Health, University of Medicine-1, said.

He added that the mobile medical teams of the hospital are now providing its continuous medical treatment to about 500 patients with chronic mental illness in Hlainethaya and Kawkhin township twice a month, planning to increase its services in Thongwa and Hmawby townships, the outside areas of Yangon City.

In order to reduce treatment gap in the country, the Mental Health Hospital is holding discussions with the World Mental Health Survey Consortium to make a nationwide mental-related survey in Myanmar.

The WHO survey said that the huge mental health treatment gap is in both developed and developing countries. There are 70 to 80 per cent of people with mental disorders in developing countries.

According to the small scale survey in Yangon, more than 80 patients out of 1,000 have mental health problems in Myanmar in which only 10 per cent of patients under mental health treatment, the professor said.

He also urged the families who have mental patients not to be shy to bring the patients to the hospital and not to discriminate against them.
Mideast violence spreads as Turkey bombs Kurdish militants

ISTANBUL/SURUC (Turkey), 14 Oct — War against Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq threatened to spill into Turkey on Tuesday, where reports emerged that the air force had bombed Kurdish fighters furious at Ankara’s refusal to help protect their kin in Syria.

At least 35 people were killed in riots last week when members of Turkey’s 15-million-strong Kurdish minority rose up in anger at the government for refusing to help defend the Syrian border town of Kobani from an Islamic State assault.

The jailed leader of Turkey’s banned Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) has threatened to call off talks to end a decades-old insurgency in Turkey if no progress is made by Wednesday.

Hurriyet newspaper’s website said Turkish warplanes had hit PKK targets in Turkey on Sunday, the first such strikes since a peace process began in Turkey two years ago. The strikes were also reported by media sympathetic to the PKK.

A US-led coalition is launching air strikes against Islamic State fighters who control swathes of Syria and seized much of northern Iraq in recent months. The turmoil in Turkey shows the danger of spillover from two complex multi-sided civil wars in which every country in the Middle East has a stake.

Ankara, which refused to join the US-led military coalition against Islamic State unless it also confronts Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. On Monday it denied US assertions that it was massacring Kurdish positions, as it had agreed to let American planes take off from its air bases.

Meanwhile, Islamic State fighters have been fighting their way into the mainly Kurdish Syrian border town of Kobani, where the United Nations says thousands could be massacred within full view of Turkish tanks that have done nothing to intervene.

The fate of Kobani could wreak efforts by the Turkish government to end a three decades long insurgency by PKK militants, a conflict that killed 40,000 people but largely ended with the start of a peace process in 2012.

There was no immediate comment from the military on air reports that bombed Kurdish positions, once a regular occurrence in southeast Turkey but something that had not taken place for two years.

Hurriyet said the air strikes on Sunday caused “major damage” to the PKK. They were launched after three days of PKK attacks on a military outpost in Hakkari province near the Iraq border, it added.

And Hurriyet said the PKK had attacked the outpost for three days with heavy machine guns and rocket launchers. The general staff said in a statement it had “opened fire immediately in retaliation in the strongest terms”.

Obama, foreign military chiefs, to thrash out Islamic State plans

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — President Barack Obama will host a strategy meeting to counter Islamic State on Tuesday with military leaders from some 20 countries including the US-led coalition to do more to stop the militants’ advance.

One week before US congressional elections viewed largely as a referendum on Obama’s leadership, the president will aim to show the US public and allies abroad that he is committed to a plan to “degrade” and “destroy” the group that has taken over large swathes of Iraq and Syria.

Obama will attend a meeting led by General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with foreign defense chiefs at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington at 3 pm EDT to discuss the coalition’s work.

“It is part of ongoing efforts to build the coalition and integrate the capabilities of each country into the broader strategy,” said Alistair Baskey, spokesman for the White House National Security Council.

The strategy is being called into question. Republican Senator John McCain, a frequent Obama critic, said on Sunday that “they’re winning and we’re not,” referring to Islamic State. The United Nations said Monday that fighting in Iraq’s western Anbar province had forced up to 180,000 people to flee after Islamic State, also known as ISIS, captured the city of Hit.

“Hit is a long campaign. It hasn’t gone badly, but it certainly hasn’t gone well,” said Anthony Cordesman, national security analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

“It is very important, quite aside from trying to show Americans that he’s leading, that he shows other countries he’s committed,” Cordesman said, adding that the defense officials from abroad were in many cases more involved in setting policy than their US military counterparts.

Representatives from Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates were expected to attend.

Colonel Ed Thomas, Dempsey’s spokesman, said no major policy decisions were expected at the meeting, adding: “It’s about coming together in person to discuss the vision, the challenges, the way ahead.”

Having Turkey at the table will be key. Ankara has come under some pressure to send its own ground troops into Syria against Islamic State forces. The country could announce after the meeting that it will join Saudi Arabia in training Syrian rebel groups, Cordesman said.

Turkey has not reached a new agreement to let the United States use its Incirlik air base in the fight against Islamic State but reached an agreement with Washington on training Syrian rebels, sources at the Turkish prime minister’s office told reporters on Monday, without saying who would train the insurgents or where.

Pakistan Taliban spokesman, five area commanders declare allegiance to IS

ISLAMABAD, 14 Oct — The spokesman of the Pakistani Taliban said on Tuesday he and five commanders of the militant Islamic group have declared their allegiance to the top leader of the Islamic State militants.

“I completely accept allegiance to theイスラム国leader,” Shahidullah Shahid, the Pakistani Taliban spokesman, said in a statement, adding that five Pakistani Taliban area commanders have also declared allegiance to IS leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi.

The Pakistani Taliban, or Tehreek Taliban Pakistan, is an umbrella organization of various Islamic militant groups based in the tribal areas of northernwestern Pakistan.

Shahidullah said in the statement that he was actually an Arab by blood and his real name is Abu Umar Maqbool Al-Kharsani.

He declared he will abide by every command of the IS leader “whether I like it or not.” Reports have frequently appeared in the Pakistani media about IS’s efforts to recruit fighters from Pakistan but this is probably the first time that the TTP spokesman has acknowledged that IS emissaries have been in contact with the Pakistani Taliban.

Shahidullah said two IS emissaries have visited Pakistan and he also declared his allegiance through IS emissaries.

Kyodo News

A policeman inspects a car smashed at the site of a bomb attack in the south of Kirkuk, northern Iraq on 13 Oct, 2014. One person was killed and 16 others wounded, including 6 policemen in bomb attacks in Iraq on Monday, police said.

Kirkuk
EU, Vietnam eye early conclusion of free trade agreement

Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Tan Dung (L) and EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso attend a joint news conference after a meeting at EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, 13 Oct, 2014.  XINHUA

BRUSSELS, 14 Oct — European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and visiting Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung on Monday reaffirmed the importance of an early conclusion of a free trade agreement between the two sides.

According to a joint statement after the two leaders met at the European Commission, the two sides treated the agreement, to be concluded in 2015, as “a key instrument to further deepen the bilateral comprehensive partnership and strengthen the flourishing trade and investment relations on the basis of mutual benefits.”

The EU and Vietnam intend this agreement to be a modern, comprehensive and balanced agreement that supports the two sides’ economies in “meeting today’s and future challenges, and an essential building block in strengthening the relationship between Europe and South East Asia,” said the statement.

It said the two sides instructed negotiators to intensify and complete their work “with a view to concluding negotiations in the next few months.”

Rupee hits highest in three weeks after record low retail inflation

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct — The rupee hits 60.90 in opening trade, its highest since 23 September. The pair is trading at 60.9697 versus Monday’s 61.0950/1050.

India’s retail inflation in September hits record low, but rate cuts still unlikely. The pair will move in 60.90 to 61.20 range.

Traders expect caution to prevail ahead of the Maharashtra state election on Wednesday.

Most Asian currencies are trading stronger compared to the dollar.

Nifty .NSEI is trading 0.5 percent higher and will be watched for clues on foreign fund flows.—Reuters

US needs to rethink Ebola infection controls, says CDC chief

A customer counts currency inside a currency exchange shop in Kolkata on 29 Aug, 2013.—Reuters

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct — Medical experts need to rethink how highly infectious diseases are handled in the United States, a US health official said on Monday, after a Dallas nurse contracted Ebola despite wearing protective gear while caring for a dying Liberian patient.

As an outbreak of the deadly virus spread beyond West Africa, hospitals and nursing associations across the United States were taking a closer look at how prepared they were to handle such infections.

“We have to rethink the way we address Ebola infection control. Even a single infection is unacceptable,” Dr Thomas Frieden, director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told reporters. “The care of Ebola is hard. We’re working to make it safer and easier.”

Frieden said health authorities are still investigating how the nurse became infected while caring for Thomas Eric Duncan in an isolation ward at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital. Duncan died last week and the nurse is the first person to contract the virus on US soil, taking concerns about containing its spread to new heights.

The infected nurse is Nina Pham, 26, according to a Sunday school teacher at the church where her family worships and through a public records check of her address. The attempts to reach her family were not immediately successful. The family was in shock, when it learned the young woman had contracted Ebola, said Tom Ha, a close friend of the Pham family who is also a Bible studies teacher at the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Fort Worth.

“They were in shock, very upset,” he told Reuters.

The Dallas nurse is “clinically stable,” Frieden said, and the CDC is monitoring others involved in Duncan’s care in case they develop symptoms of the virus.

Pham has received a blood transfusion from a person who has survived an Ebola infection, Dallas broadcasters WFAA and others reported, citing Father Jim Klo, who is Pham’s priest.

Reuters

Conjoined twin Texas babies to take first step to separation surgery

Conjoined twins Knataly Hope Mata (front) and Adeline Faith Mata are pictured at Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston in this 25 July, 2014 handout photo obtained by Reuters 9 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

HOUSTON, 14 Oct — Conjoined 6-month-old twin girls will begin undergoing tissue expansion this month to stretch skin that will be used to cover patches of their bodies when they are separated in a surgery planned for December.

The tissue expansion for Knataly Hope Mata and Adeline Faith Mata is expected to take six to eight weeks. The girls are joined at the abdomen and share a liver, diaphragm, pelvis, intestines and the lining of the heart.

“When I think about December I get that sick feeling in my stomach. I don’t want to know how much pain they are going to feel after. What is it going to be like for them?” said their mother, Elyssa Mata.

“They are where they should be developmentally. They reach up for toys, they reach out for us when we get close and talk to them,” said the girls were born via cesarean section at nearly eight months’ gestation and will be separated at Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston by a team of surgeons in a long and arduous procedure.

“The intestines appear to be intermingled but there appears to be enough intestines for both children,” said Dr Darrell Cass, pediatric surgeon and co-director of Texas Children’s Hospital Fetal Centre.

The surgery will occur in two shifts with teams of pediatric, urological, plastic, orthopedic, cardiac and gynecological surgeons. The separation team will start and the reconstruction team will complete the process.

Surgeons at Texas Children’s Hospital in 1992 successfully separated Tiesha and Leisha Turner, who were 1 year old and shared a sternum, liver, entwined intestines and fused organs.

Conjoined twins occur once every 200,000 births and most do not survive. Approximately 40 to 60 percent of conjoined twins arrive stillborn, and about 35 percent live only one day, according to the University of Maryland Medical Centre.

Reuters

A member of the CG Environmental HazMat team disinfects the entrance to the residence of a health worker at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital who has contracted Ebola in Dallas, Texas, on 12 Oct, 2014. REUTERS

Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Tan Dung (L) and President Jose Manuel Barroso attend a joint news conference after a meeting at EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, 13 Oct, 2014. XINHUA

Wednesday, 15 October, 2014
Police arrest at least 50 protesting shootings of blacks in St Louis area

Ferguson, 14 Oct — More than 50 people were arrested in a series of peaceful rolling protests in the St Louis area on Monday staged to draw attention to police violence more than two months after a white officer killed an unarmed black teenager in a local suburb.

Several dozen protesters — many of them ministers and members of the community-born downtown — were arrested in the pouring rain in civil disobedience acts in Ferguson, the suburb where Michael Brown, 18, was shot dead.

Throughout the day, other groups occupied St Louis city hall, shut down two Walmarts, chanted outside a fundraiser for a local politician, and unfurled banners reading “black lives matter” at a St Louis Rams football game.

One person was arrested at St Louis city hall, police said, and a Reuters witness saw three more people arrested as 150 protesters chanted at the Walmart in the small inner suburb of Maplewood.

“This is a historic day,” said Mervyn Marciano, a spokesman for “Ferguson October,” four days of protests culminating on what organizers call “Moral Monday.”

Over the weekend there were marches, rallies, vigils and teach-ins in Ferguson and St Louis and organizers livestreamed events to show that there was no violence or looting.

Drenched in a deluge of rain, protesters chanted “Wade in the Water” and other spirituals and civil rights anthems as ministers of different faiths knelt on the wet pavement before a line of state troopers in Ferguson. In a carefully choreographed demonstration the activists slowly broke the police line and forced police to arrest them.

“I’m taking a step forward, I’m not resisting arrest, I’m going to step forward. I demand to meet with Ferguson authorities. I want to demand justice for Mike Brown,” said Communist Party representative Carl Dix as he breached the line and got arrested. He was released later in the day.

Other activists and ministers prayed and preached to the troopers.

Demonstrator Aaron Burnett, 45, said he saw two troopers get emotional during the civil disobedience act. “We had a couple police officers crying. You’ve got pastors in front of you and people saying and they were feeling that,” said Burnett, from the Organization for Black Struggle.

Apart from some brief moments of pushing, the police were restrained and even chatty, and they did not face a barrage of insults and thrown objects on Monday as they have in other protests in Ferguson.

Local and national clergy, civil rights groups, activists and community organizers were helping lead the demonstrations, which they said were aimed at drawing attention to what they say is police mistreatment of blacks, and building momentum for a national movement against police violence.

Numerous protests have been held since the 9 August killing of Brown, by white police officer Darren Wilson. Tensions escalated last week after a white officer in St Louis shot and killed another 18-year-old black man, Vanderrit Myers Jr, last Wednesday. Police say Myers fired at the off-duty officer and that he has recovered a weapon for the scene.

A grand jury is considering charges against Wilson, who has been placed on administrative leave. Protesters want Wilson arrested immediately and have called for the appointment of a special prosecutor. The US Justice Department has launched a civil rights investigation into Brown’s death.

“The weekend has been incredible to help re-energize those of us that are here,” said Ferguson Democratic Committee teewoman Patricia Bynes. “The message is getting out there.”

People of many races and backgrounds participated in the protests.

“I believe in my black brothers and sisters and the fact they feel they are threatened by the police and that racial profiling is going on,” said Brenden Graczak, a 22-year-old white man from St Louis who joined the demonstration at the police department.

Activist Cornel West (2nd R) is detained by police during a protest at the Ferguson Police Department in Ferguson, Missouri on 13 Oct, 2014.—Reuters

“Abenomics” needed for Japan to vie with China: US research firm head

Tokyo, 14 Oct — The head of the world’s leading research and consulting firm for political risks said on Tuesday that the “Abenomics” policy mix needs to be bettered if the country wishes to compete with China, which is expanding its influence in the Asia-Pacific region.

“I do believe ‘Abenomics’ is necessary” as “Japan does need to be more robust” given that China is set to become the world’s biggest economy, Ian Bremmer, president of Eurasia Group, said at the Foreign Correspondents’ Club of Japan in Tokyo.

Bremmer, also founder of the US-based think tank, emphasized that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s government has to strike a deal for the US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade initiative to promote Japan’s economic reform policy — centering on drastic monetary easing, massive fiscal spending and a growth strategy.

“I think it’s very important for Japan to be integrated more tightly with a bunch of like-minded economies in the world together with 40 percent of the world’s GDP (gross domestic product),” as “China-Japan relations are so uncertain over the long term,” Bremmer said.

Bremmer added Abe should make more effort to increase female participation in the labour force to boost Japan’s economic growth.

Former WWII airport re-assigned to cloud seeding

Changsha, 14 Oct — An old airport from World War II has been renovated to be used as a base for cloud seeding in central China’s Hunan Province.

Cloud-seeding aircraft have successfully landed at the Zhijiang Airport, also known as Changsha’s Zhuhuzhuang field, in a trial operation on 30 September, Fan Zhichao, a senior engineer with the provincial weather modification office, told Xinhua on Tuesday. He said the airport’s new mission is an important part of the efforts in Hunan, China’s largest rice producer, to fight severe droughts in recent years.

Built in 1936, the airport was once home to the American Volunteer Group known as the Flying Tigers and played a key role in China’s fight against invading Japanese.

“The Zhijiang Airport still needs to fix some facilities for its new service, but we are happy to have it as our new base anyway,” said Fan. Xinhua

Zhijiang airport joins another airport in Changsha, the provincial capital, as a base of operations for artificial precipitation.

“It’s far more than enough considering the droughts worsening in recent years. Plus, the need of cloud seeding is mounting because of smog,” said Fan.

Despite nearly 2,000 artificial rainfall operations, Hunan saw the worst drought in decades in 2013, which led more than 3 million people experience water supply shortages and a direct economic loss of more than 11 billion yuan (1.79 billion US dollars), according to the provincial government.

Bangkok, 14 Oct — Thailand has decided to deport Russian citizen Ruslan Valiyev, who was put on an international wanted list in 2012 after fleeing from justice in Russia, a commission of Thai Immigration Sakda Cheupakdee said on Tuesday.

Valiyev, 31, a suspect in a fatal traffic accident in Russia’s Ural city of Chelyabinsk, who has been re-energized people in 2012. The suspect was apprehended in Thailand, the issue of deportation has been solved in the shortest possible time,” said Vladimir Nosov, who heads the consular section at the Russian Embassy in Thailand.

Valiyev is expected to be taken back to Chelyabinsk.

Local prosecutors sayValiyev crashed into an oncoming car, killing three people in 2012. The suspect managed to run away from hospital where he had been taken shortly after the crash.

Bolivian President Evo Morales (L) shakes hands with a journalist before an interview at the Government Palace in La Paz on 13 Oct, 2014.—Xinhua

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Invitation for Expression of Interest

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Telecommunications Sector Reform Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Ministry of Communications and Information Technology now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interests to provide hands on provision of Consulting Services to MCIT and its Posts and Telecommunications Department for following assignments:

1. Assignment Title: Financial Management Specialists
2. Assignment Title: Spectrum Management and Implementation Support

(Technical and procurement)

All submissions of the EOI are requested to deliver the documents (including CV/resume) to the address below by November 3, 2014.

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The Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) and Terms of Reference (TOR) for each assignment title are available at http://www.mcit.gov.mm/news

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MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (7017R)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (7017R) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.10.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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.

SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM LINE
Phone No: 2301185

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A giant yellow rubber duck created by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman floats on the Seokchon lake in Seoul, South Korea, on 14 Oct, 2014. The 16-metre-high rubber duck will be exhibited in Seoul from 14 Oct to 14 Nov. —Xinhua

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Energy
Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
(Invitation for Open Tender)

(19/2014)

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Tender Closing Date & Time - 12-11-2014, 16:30 Hr
Tender closing date shall be during office hours commencing from 15th October, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
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Rapper Iggy Azalea leads American Music Award nominations

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Cameron Diaz: I was terrified of Annie role

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct — Actress Cameron Diaz has revealed that she was terrified of her role in ‘Annie’. The 42-year-old actress said she had to overcome her fear of singing in front of people.

“I’ve jumped out of airplanes and scaled sides of cliffs—not to get over my fears, but to address something that needed to be addressed. I cried uncontrollably. Everybody was so supportive and having fun with it because I was so pathetic, but the only way to get through scary things is to have a sense of humour about it,” she said.— PTI

It doesn’t bother me when people tell me I’m crazy: Miley Cyrus

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct — Former ‘Hannah Montana’ star Miley Cyrus says criticism does not bother her.

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T’Pau: ‘Paddington’ film brings 1950s bear to 21st century London

LONDON, 14 Oct — He may be among the world’s best beloved bears, but he is also one of the most endangered in the new movie “Paddington’, in which Nicole Kidman co-stars as a taxidermist looking to complete her collection of rare animals.

Due for release later this year, the live-action feature film based on the marmalade-loving bear from darkest Peru, has been a long time coming.

Created by author Michael Bond in the 1950s, some 30 million books following the bear’s various adventures have been sold worldwide.

Turned into a popular television series, Paddington, with his distinctive Wellington boots, old hat and duffle coat, was portrayed by a stop-motion puppet. A 1976 movie was made with conventional animation.

The new film, though, bristles with the latest technology, including a computer-generated Paddington who, for the cast that also includes Salma Hayek (“Blue Jasmine”), Hugh Bonneville (“Downton Abbey”) and Julie Walters (“Harry Potter”), was represented during filming by a stick.

“We had the good fortune of spending a few weeks in rehearsal together... so we were able to get used to the ‘spirit of the bear’,” Bonneville said at a press screening of excerpts from the movie, which will be released in Britain on 28 November and in the United States on Christmas Day.

Reuters

Australian recording artist Iggy Azalea performs during the 2014 iHeartRadio Music Festival in Las Vegas September 20, 2014. —Reuters

New York, 14 Oct — Australian rapper Iggy Azalea scored the Most American Music Award nominations with six nods, including the coveted artist of the year and favourite single and hip hop album, according to an announcement on Monday.

Singers John Legend and Pharrell Williams and pop star Katy Perry were not far behind with five nominations, followed by New Zealander’s Lorde with four.

English pop star Charli XCX and singer Jason Derulo announced the nominations in five categories on the ABC early news show “Good Morning America.”

Charli XCX will also perform at the three-hour awards ceremony for the first time. The 23 November show will be broadcast live from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

The American Music Awards nominees and winners are chosen by the public, who vote online and via Twitter.

Azalea will vie with Perry, Williams, Lorde, Legend and Beyonce for artist of the year, a category that has been increased from five to 10 nominees this year.

Country singer Luke Bryan, rapper Eminem, alternative rock group Imagine Dragons and British boy band One Direction also received nods in the category. The 10 artist of the year nominees will be whittled down to five based on fan votes received through 13 November, with the winner selected from the total number of ballots submitted during the voting period.

Azalea’s “Fancy,” featuring Charli XCX, is up for single of the year, a category whose nominees have increased from three to five this year, along with Legend’s “All of Me,” Perry’s “Dark Horse,” featuring Juicy J, Williams’ “Happy,” and “Rude” by the group Magic.

Perry is also pitted against Azalea and Lorde for favorite female artist in pop/rock, while Legend will battle Williams and English singer Sam Smith for favorite male artist in the same category.— Reuters

Models display creations designed by Yu Amatsu during the 2015 Spring/Summer Collection at the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Tokyo, Japan, on 13 Oct, 2014. —Xinhua

Kendall Jenner, Justin Bieber are just friends

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Venezuela music project helps low-income kids even before birth

CARACAS, 14 Oct — When Adan Bello was born in Caracas, he barely cried.

Then the Venezuelan baby’s blinking eyes turned towards the calm melody of a duo of harps playing Brahms’ “Cradle Song” from the corner of a public hospital’s maternity wing.

Minutes later, his mother received a certificate signing Adan up for Venezuela’s hugely successful classical music programme, known as “El Sistema” (The System). Adan was one of 2.5 million young- ers who have been trained in music to inspire new music-lovers even before birth.

It was Jose Antonio Abreu, a Venezuelan economist and musician, who founded The System four decades ago to help children and teens escape crime in the slums.

The programme has had a huge positive impact in Venezuela, and also been copied in South American nations like Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, and further afield in places from Scotland to Sweden as well US cities like Los Angeles.

Seven out of 10 children who go into The System come from poor households in a country where almost a third of the population remain in poverty despite its huge oil reserves.

The “New Members” programme, which began in December 2012, was conceived when Mendez had an epiphany: his 3-year-old daughter could not sleep so he began putting on a CD of classical music and a few minutes later, she would nod off. Realizing music helps relax kids and quicken cognit- ive development, he used that hook to attract pregnant and mothers with young children, and enrol them into the project.

“Why wait that long if we can engage children from the moment of birth?” the 42-year-old professional trumpeter asked.

Experts say the ear is the one of the most highly developed organs in a child. They can hear three months before birth, said Fatima Fernandez, a professor of “musical gymnastics” for pregnant mothers at The System.

“It’s amazing how you can hear the baby reacting according to the different rhythms,” one mother, Abigail Vazquez, said, putting her eight-month paunch at a recent class. “Music is joy, happiness and that gives you happier children”, said Mendez.

Universal Studios to launch first China theme park in Beijing

BEIJING, 14 Oct — Universal Studios said on Monday it had sealed an agreement to open a $3.3 billion theme park in Beijing, the culmination of a 13-year effort to enter China’s fast-growing entertainment market.

US theme park operators are rushing to build in China, which has few high quality parks but where park revenues have been growing rapidly as city dwellers spend more on entertainment and travel.

The Beijing Universal theme park, to be developed with the state firm Beijing Tourism Group Co, will have China-themed attractions in addition to well known ones based on Western brands like the Harry Potter series.

Tom Williams, chief executive of Universal Parks and Resorts, told a news conference in Beijing that the park would also aim to draw visitors from outside China, while Hollywood director Steven Spielberg said on video that he would be participating in its design.

“There is Disneyland in Hong Kong, but there isn’t really anything of equivalent quality of a tourist attraction on the mainland yet,” said James Roy, associate principle of China Market Research Group. “It has a chance to be very successful.”

It will compete against rival Walt Disney Co, which is constructing a $5.4 billion theme park set to be com- pleted next year, as well as a $3.1 billion entertainment complex that DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc and Chinese partners are working to finish by 2016. Both of those parks will be located in Shanghai.

Universal declined to comment on an opening date but a local newspaper said the opening was slated for 2019.

Universal Studios is part of NBCUniversal, a media and entertainment unit of Comcast Corp, the largest cable company in the United States. It operates four theme parks — in Los Angeles, Orlando, Osaka and Singapore. Comcast reported $1 billion in total theme park income in 2013.

Universal and Beijing Tourism Group (BTG) will create two joint-venture companies to build and manage the project. BTG will hold 70 percent of the construction firm, while Universal will hold 30 percent of the operating company.

Man City fans take Lamprard to their hearts

LONDON, 14 Oct — Former Chelsea stalwart Frank Lampard has been voted Player of the Month for September by fans of Premier League champions Manchester City after an impressive start to his loan spell at the club.

The 36-year-old, who joined the Blues in 2001, scored against Sheffield Wednesday in the League Cup and showed his eye for goal again in City’s 4-2 win at Hull City.

Lampard’s impact has vindicated the surprise move by City manager Ma- nuel Pellegrini to offer him a six-month loan deal after he left Chelsea following 13 trophy-laden years to join New York City FC.

Lampard endeared himself to City fans with a dramatic late equaliser in the Premier League clash against his old club, struck against Sheffield Wednes- day in the League Cup and showed his eye for goal again in City’s 4-2 win at Hull City.

Lampard is due to join City’s affiliate club New York in January but there is already speculation that his stay in north-west England could be extended by a month.

“Lampard has been a lot said about when the season starts, but the only thing that can decide my future is how well I am playing. They will be kicking me out in January if I don’t play very well!” Lampard told the Daily Mail.

“I am just looking game to game and trying to play as well as I can,” — Reuters.
Resting Sterling not my responsibility - Hodgson

London, 14 Oct — The club versus country row which has dogged England in the past reared its ugly head once again with manager Roy Hodgson saying he should not be solely responsible for resting “tired” Liverpool forward Raheem Sterling. The 19-year-old Sterling asked to “sit out” the Euro 2016 qualifying victory in Estonia on Sunday before coming off the bench in the second half to earn the free kick from which Wayne Rooney scored to secure a 1-0 win.

Hodgson indicated that Liverpool should also shoulder the responsibility for resting Sterling.

“He (Sterling) said, ‘I’m feeling tired. I’d rather sit this one out.’” Hodgson, a former Liverpool manager, told BBC Radio.

Debutant Pelle hands Italy win over 10-man Malta

Rome, 14 Oct — Italy striker Graziano Pelle scored on his debut to earn a 1-0 away win over 10-man Malta with the visitors having hit the woodwork four times in their Euro 2016 qualifier on Monday.

The Southampton striker, one of four changes made by Antonio Conte after Friday’s laboured 2-1 home win over Azerbaijan in Group H, struck from close range midway through the first half.

Malta fought bravely, especially after captain Michael Mifsud was dismissed in the first half, while the Italians also finished with 10 men as Leonardo Bonucci was shown a straight red card late on for impeding the advancing Andre Schurrle. Italy have a perfect three wins while Malta, who lost 3-0 at home to Norway on Friday, are still looking for their first point. The Italians are level at the top on nine points with Croatia, who beat bottom side Azerbaijan 6-0 on Monday.

“We played against a team whose intention was not to let us play,” said Italy coach Conte. “Having said that, we created a lot of chances and hit the woodwork four times.

“Our next games are against Croatia and Bulgaria, two teams who will be looking for the points. A proper evaluation of our strength will be made after these two qualifiers.”

Malta coach Pietro Ghedin was encouraged by his side’s performance against one of Europe’s strongest teams.

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Garcia criticises FIFA for secrecy in ethics probe

London, 14 Oct — Michael Garcia, the lead investigator into alleged corruption surrounding the 2018 and 2022 World Cups bidding process, has criticised football’s global governing body FIFA for not conducting its ethics investigations in an open manner.

Garcia submitted his long-awaited report to German judge Hans-Joachim Eckert last month and called for it to be made public in line with “the goals of the reform process.”

A number of FIFA executive committee members have backed his publication, but President Sepp Blatter has sidestepped the issue and the governing body’s legal director linked the report’s confidentiality with the protection of witnesses.

“The investigation and adjudication process should not be solely responsible for giving the player a little bit of a break fall on me.

“He broke into the Liverpool team, had a fantastic season and then went to the World Cup. He is only a 19-year-old. It is not as simple as the training you are having may be taking a bit of juice from your legs.

“There is an awful lot going on in your head as well, so perhaps it is quite simply that the season has not started as well for Liverpool, and he is in the spotlight for England and Liverpool. Maybe that has had some effect. I don’t know. It’s a theory.

“Having Sterling up your sleeve can be a very, very important factor. There’s nothing wrong with him. I’m sure when he goes back to Liverpool he’ll be fine” the 67-year-old added.

Hodgson also questioned Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers’s claim that some players need two days to recover after matches and indicated it

England’s Graziano Pelle (17) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal against Malta during their Euro 2016 Group H qualifying soccer match at the National Stadium in Ta’ Qali, outside Valletta, on 13 Oct, 2014.—Reuters

It’s unfair if all the expectations to give the player a little bit of a break fall on me.

“That’s a kind of system which might be appropriate for an intelligence agency but not for an ethics compliance process in an international sports institution that serves the public and is the subject of intense public scrutiny.”

Garcia, a former United States attorney, is investigating whether there was any corruption in the turbulent bidding process four years ago which ended in the 2018 World Cup being awarded to Russia and the

2022 tournament to Qatar. FIFA and Qatar World Cup organisers have fended off corruption allegations ever since the Gulf state was awarded the tournament. Qatar has denied the allegations.

Last month, long-serving president Blatter restated his intention to run for a fifth term in next May’s election and will vie with French candidate Jerome Champagne, who has called for Garcia’s report to be made public.

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England’s Raheem Sterling controls the ball during a training session at the St George’s Park training complex near Burton-upon-Trent, central England, on 5 Sept, 2014.—Reuters

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