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Myanmar President urges Asia and Europe to emphasize stronger monetary and investment regulations

President U Thein Sein with leaders of Asian and European countries at 10th Asia-Europe Meeting in Milan.—MNA

MILAN, 17 Oct- President U Thein Sein attended the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), which kicked off in Milan, Italy, on 16 October, following an informal meeting of leaders from the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, sources said.

At the informal meeting, President U Thein Sein reiterated that coordination meetings between the ASEAN and the EU took place in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw in Myanmar in September 2014 to discuss the establishment of the ASEAN Connectivity, which he said is vital to the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community.

President U Thein Sein appreciated EU's cooperation in the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, noting that ASEAN is the third biggest trade partner of the EU and vice versa and stressing the need to maintain the existing correlation.

The president also said that Myanmar was happy with the opportunity to work with the European Union.

At 2 pm, President U Thein Sein arrived in MiCo Conference Centre, where the 10th ASEM took place. On arrival, President U Thein Sein was welcomed by Italian Prime Minister Mr Matteo Renzi, President of the European Union Mr Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission Mr José Manuel Barroso.

EU President Mr Herman Van Rompuy, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Mongolian President Mr Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj, Italian Prime Minister Mr Matteo Renzi and Malaysian

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India is happy to see Myanmar opening up to the world and the world opening up to Myanmar: Indian Ambassador to Myanmar

By *Ye Myint*

YANGON, 16 Oct — Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, gave an interview on what India's contribution to Myanmar development to The Global New Light of Myanmar on Thursday. The Indian Ambassador elaborated on development projects including Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project being implemented by the two countries, benefits that will accrue not only to Myanmar but also to the region through the new Indian Prime Minister's 'Make In India' initiative, and future bilateral relations between Myanmar and India that are likely to be strengthened by development projects and trade and investment between the two countries.

Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, gives an interview on what India's development contribution to Myanmar to The Global New Light of Myanmar on Thursday.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

The GNLM: My first question is about India's development projects in Myanmar. Let me know what the Indian government is doing in Myanmar and what kind of development projects are taking place here.

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar: First of all, I would like to extend my greetings to the readers of the Global New Light of Myanmar daily. Our financial commitment to Myanmar that is expected to reach between US$1.5 billion to 2 billion in the future cover a number of capacity-building and connectivity projects. They include the construction of Kalay-Kalewa-Yargyi road segment which is the part

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Master Sports factory's dispute settled as workers receive salaries, compensation

By *Aye Min Soe*

YANGON, 17 Oct— Authorities gave salaries and compensation to over 750 workers on Friday who lost jobs after the Master Sports shoe factory where they were working shut down in June, settling the dispute between Korean employer and Myanmar workers.

The authorities paid the salaries and compensation stipulated by labour laws to 757 workers one day after the winner of the auction who bought all movable property inside the factory put the payment into the Myanma Economic Bank.

According to the estimation calculated by the ministry, the salary for June and total compensation for 757 workers for closure of

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Myanmar U-19 winning tickets UEFA U-20 World Cup

YANGON, 17 Oct— Host Myanmar U-19 beat UAE 1-0 to win the ticket to the semifinals League U-19 Asia 2014. This result means the U-19 Myanmar's gain has allowed it to participate in the League UEFA U-20 World Cup taking place in New Zealand in 2015.

Quarterfinal match between Myanmar and UAE was really exciting in the second half, especially after the Myanmar U-19 scored the opener at 52 minutes by Than Paing.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw raises questions on national human rights commission and food safety at schools

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Representatives raised questions about the National Human Rights Commission, motorcycle licenses, vaccination programmes and food safety at basic education schools at the Friday session of the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House).

Concerning the question whether the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is independent, Chairman U Win Mra of the commission said that the commission is an independent government-funded body formed in accordance with the law to protect the fundamental rights of the citizens stated in the state constitution and it implements the strategic plan and projects to promote and protect human rights by compiling human rights reports and helping answer questions at the United Nations Human Rights Council.

As for the motorcycle licenses, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Chan Maung said his ministry issued licenses for illegal motorcycles through one-stop service in 2014 for the last time and action will be taken against the owners of illegal motorcycle in accordance with the law.

For the question on price control for vaccines and vaccination programmes, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay said the ministry has no plan to control vaccine prices and free vaccination for babies and pregnant mothers is available at hospitals.

The deputy minister also responded to the question on food safety at schools. She said that supervisory committees for school canteens are formed for food safety at schools and the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, local authorities and school trusteeship committees are cooperating for food safety at schools. —*MNA*

Amyotha Hluttaw

Officials check plant pests at trade routes, airports: Deputy A&I Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw responded to the question of U Saw Maw Tun of Bago Region Constituency No 1 that prevention against crops germs and pests are disseminated to the farmers about 120 times through Radio Myanmar and MRTV programmes, farmers channel, Sky Net channel, Agri & Livestock channel, Cherry FM, Leyar Seepwar journal of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, New Technology journal and Myanmar farmers journals at Friday's session of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) in Nay Pyi Taw.

He continued to say that officials of the Agriculture Department made trips to the grassroots levels in regions and states for meeting farmers and gave educative talks to them about use of pesticides without harming environments and provided pest prevention courses to farmers 136 times up to August 2014.

In line with the Plant Pest Quarantine Law 1993, officials check new plant pest diseases and infection of pests and germs at nine trade routes, and 11 pests control camps at Yangon and Mandalay airports. At present, the pest/disease control law for export and import of plants and plant products is being drafted to improve the Plant Pest Quarantine Law 1993, he said.

The deputy minister submitted the proposal to discuss the bill amending the seeds law.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Kyaw Kyaw submitted the report of the committee on amending the seeds law.

Member of Bill Committee U Sai Tin Aung read the inland water transport bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments and the Hluttaw approved it.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets Belgium Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Belgium Ambassador Mr Marc Michielsen to Myanmar residing in Bangkok at the hall of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

They cordially exchanged views on legislative affairs in Myanmar and amendment of 2008 constitution.

Also present at the call were Joint Secretary of Constitution Amendment Committee and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Khin Zaw and U Aung Myint and officials.

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***Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Belgium Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Marc Michielsen.*—MNA**

Myanmar U-19 winning tickets UEFA U-20 . . .

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Goals themselves up of players U-19 Myanmar stems from situations of defensive uncertainty UAE players right. Myanmar rob a ball player before performing cross Than Paing flipped the ball to close the only goal of the match.

After the opening goal, the UAE players have put up their attacks to seek consolation and create a dangerous situation for the U-19 keepers Myanmar. However, the striker of the UAE are unable to take advantage of these opportunities to turn into goals and acceptable to lose the final 0-1.

Earlier, during the play of the half, both teams played cautiously so essentially rolling the ball in the midfield with less than drips dangerous situations.

Myanmar U-19 beat UAE 1-0 to gain presence semifinals and finished dream contribute in UEFA U-20 World Cup. This is success commensurate with what the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) has invested in the under - 19 countries during the past year.

Ending this match, Thuwunna YTC had no trouble clearing the field when hundreds of fans descended on the pitch Myanmar embrace the U-19 Myanmar players to share the joy.—*tuoitre.vn*

Master Sports factory's . . . .

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the factory guaranteed by the law is amounted to over K214 million.

The materials inside the Master Sports Factory, which has been closed after the Korean owner of the shoe factory returned to South Korea without paying salaries and compensation to more than 750 Myanmar workers, fetched more than K280 million at an auction on 9 October, according to the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security.

The remaining money will be given to the owner of the factory after being extracted for some costs including maintenance of the property inside the factory, according to the department.

A total of 13,133 items inside the factory were auctioned through the competitive bidding system.

Yangon Region Labour Tribunal Board made the decision last month that the factory owner must pay the salary for June to 757 workers as well as compensation stipulated by labour laws for closing the factory without giving prior notice.

The Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department urged the South Korean embassy to bring back factory owner Jeong Hae Un to settle the issue.

The ministry filed a lawsuit against Master Sports Factory on July 25 as it failed to pay the salaries for June and compensation to the workers after closing the facility on June 26, failing to comply with the regulations of the law.

Regarding the closure of the factory, which opened a year ago in the Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, Master Sports Myanmar Co Ltd issued an announcement at the beginning of July, saying the factory was experiencing financial problems due to the production of low-quality products that were not marketable, adding that agreements with potential buyers had to be revoked.

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***Staff of Master Sports Factory pay salary to workers at the factory in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone.*—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE**

President U Thein Sein cordially greets Prime Minister of ItalyMatteo Renzi at MiCo Conference Centre in Milan of Italy.—MNA

Myanmar President . . .

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Prime Minister Mr Dato' Sri Mohammad Najib Tun Razak delivered addresses at the summit.

The meeting discussed further strengthening of economic and financial cooperation between Asia and Europe.

President U Thein Sein called for the two regions to focus on stronger monetary and investment regulations and strive for the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises to improve the socioeconomic status of people.

The president extended invitations to European countries to invest in the Dawei deep-sea port project and the Kyaukphyu deep-sea port project.

The president also attended a dinner hosted by Italian President Giorgio Napolitano at the Palazzo Reale, in honour of the leaders from Asian and European countries.

Organized by Singapore, the first Asia-Europe Meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 1996. Asia and Europe host the ASEM alternatively every two years. The ASEM drew 30 European countries, 19 Asian countries, the European Union and the ASEAN Secretariat, all of which are members of the ASEM.—*MNA*

President U Thein Sein urges EU to end submission of reports on human rights situation in Myanmar at UN General Assembly

MILAN, 17 Oct — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein addressed the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting held at MiCo Conference Centre in Milan, Italy, on Friday.

In his address, President U Thein Sein said that the Government of Myanmar launched the reform three years ago, undergoing a peaceful transition from the military rule to the democratic system during the first wave of reform and establishing an all-inclusive political process through national reconciliation.

In the second wave, reform for political sector, economic sector, administrative sector and private sector development was carried out, the president added.

The president said that the government at present is implementing the third wave of reform to lay the sound foundation for the new democratic country and to fulfil the socioeconomic needs of the people, at the same time placing emphasis on development of small and medium enterprises and rural development that will contribute to socioeconomic development of the people. The president continued that reform means realizing the two main wishes of the people such as national stability and national development for which national reconciliation is essential.

The government has been able to reach ceasefire agreements with almost all armed ethnic groups and Myanmar is now very close to nationwide sustainable peace, the president said.

After the nationwide ceasefire agreement has been reached, efforts will be made to hold political dialogues, the president said.

Then, the president said plans are underway to carry out development tasks in the areas of the national races and the government will continue to make efforts until the peace process is successful.

As the democratic transition is delicate, Myanmar has to face difficult challenges as other countries in transition do but the government is committed to overcome the challenges and to continue the reform process without backtracking, the president pledged.

Regarding human rights, the president said that Myanmar is now taking comprehensive measures to protect human rights after restructuring the human rights commission, which was founded in 2011 and is now working independently.

A mechanism has also been established for the public to report if human rights abuses occurs in Myanmar, which is the fifth country that founded a human rights commission in the ASEAN, according to the president.

The president added that considerable progress in human rights protection has been made in Myanmar but the international community has not recognized the progress enough.

Myanmar, while taking comprehensive measures for protection of human rights at home, has high aims to become a member country of the United Nations Human Right Council, the president said.

In conclusion, the president urged the European Union to end submitting reports on human right situations in Myanmar at the third committee of the UN General Assembly every year saying that Myanmar is taking measures to sign human rights conventions, trade union conventions and conventions on women and children.

In the afternoon, the president attended the closing ceremony of the 10th ASEM.—*MNA*

President U Thein Sein meets Prime Ministers of Finland, Sweden, Vietnam, Norway

President U Thein Sein discusses cooperation in Myanmar's reform process with Finish Prime Minister Mr Alexander Stubb.—MNA

MILAN, 17 Oct — President U Thein Sein held talks with Finish Prime Minister Mr Alexander Stubb at MiCo Conference Centre in Milan on Friday.

They discussed further promotion of assistance for development of education and health sectors in Myanmar, cooperation in Myanmar's reform process, raising human rights status and peace-making process, and holding transparent, free and fair general elections in 2015, and to end annually submission of reports on human rights situations in Myanmar to the third committee of the UN General Assembly by the EU.

At a meeting, President U Thein Sein and Sweden Prime Minister Mr Stefan Löfven discussed assistance of Sweden for development of Myanmar under the five-year plan, prospects of cooperation in energy and communications sectors, investment opportunities in Myanmar, and assistance for development of women and ethnic minorities.

The president also held a meeting with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung which focused on processes for further strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation matters, cooperation in defence and security, regional issues of ASEAN, promotion of economic and investment between two countries, and prospects to reach US$ 500 million in bilateral trade in 2015 compared with US$ 315 million in 2013.

The president also held discussions with Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg on achievements in reform process in political, economic and administration sectors and challenges, peace-making process, cooperation in natural resources management including oil and natural gas, rural development and poverty alleviation process, assistance for holding free and fair general elections in 2015 and further cooperation in communication and energy sectors.

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President U Thein Sein and Sweden Prime Minister Mr Stefan Löfven talk about prospects of cooperation in energy and communications sectors.—MNA

Knowledge about electricity safety shared to students

YANGON, 17 Oct—Head of Kayan Township Electricity Supply Board U Tun Tun, Township Electrical Engineer U Kyaw Naing Ohn and Staff Officer of Township Fire Services Department U Myint Oo gave talks on preventive measures of fire and safety of electricity at the Basic Education High School Branch in Nyaungbinkwin Village of Kayan Township in Yangon Region on Thursday.

It was attended by the headmistress, teachers and students totalling over 300.

Head of the township board U Tun Tun distributed pamphlets on electricity safety to the students and teachers.

Staff Officer U Myint Oo of Township FSD lectured fire preventive measures.—*Ko Min (Kayan)*

Student contests hail International Day for Disaster Reduction 2014

TATKON, 17 Oct—The painting, essay, poster, article and map drawing contests in commemoration of the International Day for Disaster Reduction 2014 was organized at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Thursday.

Three students participated in the painting contest at basic education level, 12 in the essay contest at middle and high school levels and 10 in the map drawing contest, totalling 20.

The contestants are to send entries for the open poster and article contests to the committee, not later than at 4 pm on 18 October.

The prize presentation ceremony will take place at the Sasana Beikman on 21 October.—*Township IPRD*

Myanmar-Thai friendship Dawei Tazaungdine festival on 6 November

DAWEI, 17 Oct—Local authorities will organize the Myanmar-Thai friendship Dawei Tazaungdine festival in commemoration of Samanapala Day on 6 November.

Officials will offer meals to 3,000 members of the Sangha. At 7 am, local people will donate rice and dry rations to 3,000 monks including 100 from Thailand.

A total of 1,000 members of the Sangha will recite Samanapala Sutta on the platform of Shwetaungsar Pagoda. In the evening, the local people offered 10,000 oil lights to the pagoda and release 5,000 hot air lanterns.

Po Shwe Thun-Dawei

DAC workers clean Magway detour

MAGWAY, 17 Oct—As part of efforts to develop Magway, the city of Magway Region and generate job opportunities for the local people, a highway cargo terminal project is being implemented in Magway.

A detour was constructed for the use of trucks and lorries with the loads during the project period. On Friday morning, workers of Magway Township Development Affairs Committee carried out sanitation and cleaned bushes along both sides of the detour which is a main artery for local people of villages along its both sides and staff and students of University of Community Health.

The Township DAC use the vehicles and heavy machinery in cleaning the road with the efforts of workers as usual works of the committee, according to an official.

Zeyatu (Magway)

Myanaung Tsp to get new highway bus terminal

MYANAUNG, 17 Oct — Myanaung is located in northern part of Ayeyawady Region, facilitated with Ma Mya Dam, Kunchaung Dam, Ngapiseik river water pumping station, Kazunkhon river water pumping station and Myitkyo river water pumping station to irrigate cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy, beans and pulses, maize and sesame.

Myanaung, Shwepyitha oil fields and gas power plants are contributing towards development of the township.

As the township secures development in all sectors, township authorities opened 10 highway bus terminals in Myanaung in 2014 for convenience of public transport. Now, eight highway buses are run from Myanaung to Pyay, 14 to Yangon, one each to Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, PyinOoLwin and Pathein.

The present highway bus terminal is located on 0.27 acre of land to accommodate about 25 buses. As a result, the local authorities plan to build a new highway bus terminal on 3.45 acres of land beside Myanaung-Hinthada Road, said Chairman of the Township Bus Control Committee U Maung Win.

The bus terminal will comprise restaurants, vehicle services and passenger lounge.

Win Bo
(Township IPRD)

LOCAL NEWS

Painting, scripture works displayed at Mandalay Cultural Museum

MANDALAY, 17 Oct— The Art for All Painting and Sculpture Show kicked off at the hall of Mandalay Cultural Museum of Archaeology and National Museum under the Ministry of Culture at the corner of 80th and 24th streets in Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay on Thursday.

Arts and sculpture works of artist U Zaw Win and young artists are being displayed at the show which was held for the fifth time of its kind in Mandalay.

A total of 14 new generation artists showcase 130 water colour works, 10 oil colour work and five acrylic works.

The show is being held from 9 am to 5 pm up to 20 October.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Inntha nationals to hold fourth get-together

NYAUNGSHWE, 17 Oct — The fourth get-together of Inntha nationals will be held on the platform of Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda in Shan State on 23 October.

It is aimed at preserving literature, culture and traditions of Inntha nationals, conserving Inlay Lake and its environs and forging the Union spirit for national unity of the people, said Chairman of the Organizing Committee U Tin Aung Kyaw.

The Inntha nationals will take part in the rowing contest, communal Kathina, get-together, volleyball event, dancing and music, and workshop on conservation of Inlay Lake.

The first get-together was held at the Bungalow Guest House of the lake in 2011.—*Nay Myo Thurein*

Rural people get health care of traditional medicine free of charge

MYANAUNG, 17 Oct — A medical team led by Head of Township Traditional Medicine Department Daw Than Than Swe gave health care services to the local people free of charge at the clinic in Tadakwingyi Village of Inbin Village-tract in Myanaung Township on Friday.

Village-tract administrator and village elders provided necessary assistance for the medical team.

The traditional medicine practitioners gave health care to 45 people.

The medical team of the township provides health care to the rural people at the clinic once in every month.—*Win Bo (Myanaung IPRD)*

Talks about rural development given to people

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint made field trips for rural development in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

On 14 October, Deputy Director-General U Wai Lin Maung of Bee-keeping Department and officials of Rural Development Department, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Fisheries Department explained meat and fish sector, livestock breeding and establishment of emerald green villages.

The talk was attended by over 100 people from nine villages and those of the sugar mill.—*Ko Gyi Kyaw (Pyinmana)*

Yinmabin District to upgrade sports grounds

YINMABIN, 17 Oct— The Ministry of Sports allotted K161.1 million from the Union budget to upgrade the sports ground in Yinmabin District of Sagaing Region for 2014-15 fiscal year.

Yinmabin Township Management Committee Chairman U Soe Min Htet and township level departmental officials together with engineers inspected the construction tasks to meet the set standards on 14 October.

The grand stand will be 140 feet long and 24 feet wide RC facility. The construction tasks will include one officer house of 45 feet long and 30 feet wide, one 400 meters long track, fencing of inner fancy, construction of score board, sinking of 2-inch diameter tube-well and one 400-gallon-capacity water tank.

NTY Family Company Ltd is taking responsibility for construction of the sports ground and other facilities, said engineer-in-charge U Tin Maung Myint, adding that the company is building rural health centres in Kyunhla, Dabayin and Kalewa townships of Sagaing Region.

Former footballer U Hla Nyein of Ward 8 in Yinmabin said, "It is good news for upgrading the sports ground because the new generation players from Yinmabin, Kani, Salingyi and Pale townships need the training at a sports ground to be able to turn out the outstanding athletes."

Tun Ko Ko (Yinmabin)

China, Vietnam agree to properly handle maritime differences

MILAN, (Italy), 17 Oct — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and his Vietnamese counterpart, Nguyen Tan Dung, agreed here on Thursday to properly deal with bilateral maritime differences and keep bilateral ties on the right track.

Thanks to efforts from both sides, China-Vietnam relations have ridden out the recent rough patch and gradually recovered, Li said in the meeting, which took place on the sidelines of an Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit.

He expressed the hope that the two sides will implement the consensus reached by their leaders so as to secure healthy and stable growth of bilateral ties. The two neighbours, he said, should safeguard the overall direction of the development of their relations, and properly address and control maritime differences, so as to create necessary and favourable conditions for bilateral cooperation. He suggested that the two sides continue to push forward practical cooperation in maritime, overland and financial sectors, and make concerted efforts to advance bilateral ties and cooperation in a practical and flexible way.

*Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (R) meets with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung in Milan, Italy, on 16 Oct, 2014.—*XINHUA

For his part, Nguyen Tan Dung said his country is committed to cementing the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership with China.

Vietnam is willing to work with China to implement the consensus the two sides have reached and enhance high-level exchanges as well as mutual understanding and trust, he added. He also agreed that the two sides should properly deal with maritime differences, and meanwhile give full play to bilateral cooperation mechanisms to boost cooperation in infrastructure, finance and maritime exploration. This is the first time for the Chinese premier to attend an ASEM summit since he took office last year. Italy is the last stop of his ongoing three-nation tour, which has taken him to Germany and Russia.—*Xinhua*

Malaysia among 5 nonpermanent members elected to UN Security Council

NEW YORK, 17 Oct— Malaysia joined Angola, New Zealand, Spain and Venezuela as the newest nonpermanent members of the Security Council on Thursday after being elected by the General Assembly to begin their terms next year.

Malaysia, which will represent the Asia-Pacific region, will use its two-year term to focus on advocating for peace, promoting mediation and enhancing peacekeeping operations, Foreign Minister Anifah Aman said after the vote was cast. He also said Malaysia will highlight continuing discussions on reform of the Security Council among other things after it takes up the seat in January.

"2014 has been a year of terrible tragedy and heartbreak for Malaysia," he said, referring to the "twin tragedies" that brought its citizens together in the face of great loss after two airline disasters. One Malaysian passenger airliner disappeared and another jet was brought down over Eastern Ukraine, killing all aboard.

Angola and Venezuela were selected by the African and Latin American and Caribbean group respectively. New Zealand and Spain garnered the two spots available for the Western European and other group.—*Kyodo News*

Japan's Aso likely to meet China's Wang to pave way for summit

TOKYO, 17 Oct — Final arrangements are under way for Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso to hold talks with Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang in Beijing on the sidelines of an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation gathering next week, a senior government official said on Friday.

In the bilateral talks, Aso, doubling as finance minister, is expected to call for Wang's cooperation in setting a meeting between Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping during the APEC summit in November in Beijing.

Aso, who plans to attend the APEC finance ministers' gathering next Tuesday and Wednesday, is also seeking a meeting with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, the official said.

The Chinese side made a proposal for talks between Aso and Wang to Shotaro Yachi, the top bureaucrat in Japan's National Security Council and Abe's foreign-policy adviser, official said. Abe — who is trying to mend strained Tokyo-Beijing relations over a territorial conflict in the East China Sea and differing perceptions of wartime history — has already given approval for Aso to meet Wang, the official added.

Kyodo News

Indonesian president-elect Jokowi meets political rival Prabowo

JAKARTA, 17 Oct— Indonesian president-elect Joko Widodo met with his political rival Prabowo Subianto for the first time on Friday since the disputed 9 July presidential election, after which Prabowo had refused to concede defeat, raising hopes amid economic and political uncertainties in the country.

The president-elect, popularly known only as Jokowi, takes office on Monday, but there have been concerns over whether his government can be strong and effective, given that Prabowo's opposition coalition controls both houses of parliament.

The concerns have also affected the country's economy, with the Indonesian rupiah continuing to drop. It was traded on Thursday at 12,222 against the dollar.

Kyodo News

*Indonesia's President-elect Joko Widodo (R) gestures with Indonesia's losing presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto (L) as they share jokes after a meeting in Jakarta, on 17 Oct, 2014. —*KYODO NEWS

16 killed, 10 heavily injured in S Korean ventilation collapse

SEOUL, 17 Oct — Sixteen people have been confirmed dead, with 10 others heavily injured, in a South Korean accident in which a ventilation window at an outdoor theater collapsed, *Yonhap News Agency* reported on Friday citing the fire authorities.

The people were watching a K-Pop performance at an outdoor theater in Seongnam, just south of capital Seoul. They were standing above the ventilation grate for a better view.

The number of fatalities was feared to rise as the people fell from a 10-metre height to the fourth basement floor of the theater 's parking lot. The ventilation window collapsed at about 5:53 pm local time for unidentified reasons. About 700 people gathered at the outdoor theater for the evening concert of K-Pop stars.—*Xinhua*

Thailand's electoral body predicts general election in early 2016

BANGKOK, 17 Oct — Thailand's Election Commission (EC) on Friday forecast that the country's next general election could likely take place in January 2016, months behind the timeframe set in the junta's roadmap.

The election could be further postponed by two or three months if a referendum is to be held on a new constitution which is yet to be drafted, EC member Somchai Srisuthiyakorn was quoted by the *Nation* newspaper as saying.

Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam also said earlier that a general election might have to wait until early 2016.

According to the roadmap of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, who staged the 22 May coup, a permanent constitution is expected to be promulgated in July 2015, a new general election held around October 2015 and an elected government formed late next year.

Prior to the general election, a 250-member National Reform Council will spend about one year implementing reforms in all areas including politics, economy, society, environment, energy and the judicial system.

Prayut has recently failed to give a direct answer when asked about the time of a new election, but admitted that reform in certain areas might not be accomplished as planned in a one-year period. —*Xinhua*

Iran, US say some headway made in 'difficult' nuclear talks

Vienna, 17 Oct — Iran and the United States said they made some progress in high-level nuclear talks but much work remained to clinch a breakthrough deal by a late-November deadline.

Both sides said they still aimed to meet the self-imposed 24 November date, despite doubts among many experts that they can reach a full agreement to end a decade-old dispute over Teheran's nuclear programme with just a few weeks remaining.

US Secretary of State John Kerry left Vienna early on Thursday after six hours of talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton the previous day, but his officials remained to continue the talks through Thursday.

"It was very difficult, serious and intensive ... but instead of focusing on problems, we discussed solutions as well," Zarif told Iranian media on Thursday, sources who were present told *Reuters*. "There was progress in all the fields."

The US side also said progress was made.

Zarif said he would next meet Kerry and Ashton in three to four weeks' time though not in Vienna, Iranian state television reported. Ashton coordinates talks with Iran on behalf of the six other countries involved, including the United States.

Ashton and Zarif met on Thursday with senior officials from the six — the United States, France, Germany, China, Russia and Britain — before the Iranian foreign minister left Vienna.

The talks are in a "critical phase", Ashton's spokesman said.

"We are trying hard to make progress and remain fully engaged to achieve a comprehensive solution" by the deadline, Michael Mann said in a statement, adding that experts would meet in coming days to continue technical work.

Relations with the West have thawed since Hassan Rouhani was elected president last year seeking to end Iran's international isolation, and the talks are aimed at easing concerns about Teheran's atomic activities in exchange for lifting sanctions.

But Western officials say there are still gaps in the positions, especially over the future scope of Iran's production of enriched uranium, which can have civilian and military uses.

One of Iran's chief negotiators, Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi, last week raised the possibility the talks could be extended, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Tuesday that the deadline was not "sacred". But Zarif said none of the parties believed in extending the talks, IRIB said. A senior US official said an extension was not discussed, adding: "You never say never, but today we are focussed on 24 November and 24 November only."

(L-R) US Secretary of State John Kerry, European Union Foreign Policy Chief Catherine Ashton, and Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif are photographed as they participate in a trilateral meeting in Vienna on 15 Oct, 2014. —Reuters

Western governments want Iran to cut its uranium enrichment capacity so that it would take a long time to purify enough uranium for an atomic weapon. Teheran, which says all its nuclear work is for peaceful ends, has rejected demands to significantly reduce the number of enrichment centrifuges below the 19,000 it has now installed, of which roughly half are operating.

The US official said gaps in negotiating positions must be narrowed in a way that "ensures that all of the pathways for fissile material for a nuclear weapon are shut down."

Russia's chief negotiator, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, said three key areas — uranium enrichment, the future of Iran's Arak research reactor and how to lift sanctions — had not yet been resolved, *RIA Novosti* news agency reported.

Reuters

Putin, Poroshenko to discuss gas deal, peace moves in Italy

Ukraine's President-elect Petro Proshenko (L) walks past Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) during the commemoration ceremony for the 70th anniversary of D-Day at Sword beach in Ouistreham on 6 June, 2014. —Reuters

Moscow / Kiev, 17 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian leader Petro Poroshenko will look for ways to settle a dispute over natural gas supplies and end months of conflict in east Ukraine at talks in Italy this week.

The meeting in Milan on Friday, is an encouraging sign for Moscow, Kiev and Brussels, which fears Russia's decision to cut supplies to Ukraine because of unpaid bills could threaten disruptions in the gas flow to the rest of Europe this winter.

European leaders hope the presidents' third meeting since Poroshenko was elected in May can help the sides build on a much-violated ceasefire agreed by government forces and separatists in eastern Ukraine on 5 September.

"I think there are some positive signs. It seems like we are entering a more promising and positive chapter of the whole puzzle about the crisis in and around Ukraine," said Vygaudas Usackas, the European Union's ambassador to Russia.

But he told *Reuters* the 28-nation bloc wanted "sustainable efforts, and concrete outcomes and tangible results."

Although Putin announced this week that Russian troops near the border with Ukraine would be pulled back, Western officials want to see clear evidence that Moscow is withdrawing troops and military equipment from east Ukraine.

Moscow denies arming the rebels or sending troops, despite what the West says is overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

The Kremlin said Putin and Poroshenko had discussed peace moves in a phone call on Tuesday.

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi will host the meeting between Putin and Poroshenko during a summit of European and Asian leaders, Renzi's office said.

The meeting will also be attended by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande, British Prime Minister David Cameron as well as Herman Van Rompuy, the chairman of European Union leaders, and EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso.

A Putin aide, Yuri Ushakov, did not rule out the possibility of a separate one-on-one meeting afterwards and said Putin would also meet Merkel separately.

Poroshenko said "the whole world has high expectations" of his talks with Putin.—*Reuters*

India test fires nuke capable cruise missile

New Delhi, 17 Oct — India on Friday successfully test fired its home-made, nuclear capable sub-sonic cruise missile, Nirbhay, from a test range in the eastern state of Odisha, sources said.

"The test firing of the surface-to-surface missile from the integrated test range at Chandipur around 10 am (local time) has been successful," the sources said.

Local TV channels showed footage of the missile blasting off like a rocket, and then, unlike a missile, turning into an aircraft with wings and pronounced tail fins.

The missile, developed by the state-owned Defence Research and Development Organization can fly at tree-top level, making it undetectable on radar, the sources said.

With a strike range of 1,000 km, it can hit deep into enemy territory and it has a fire-and-forget system that cannot be jammed.

When India's own satellite navigation fleet is ready, cruise missiles can be controlled by signals from the country's space system, the sources added.—*Xinhua*

PERSPECTIVES

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A better education system alone does not work

By *Kyaw Thura*

So much of the debate on the national education bill has recently become the talk of the country. This means that people have awakened to the fact that educational might decide the future of the country.

The truth is that we are standing still gazing at others racing past. What really matters most is to learn the lessons from the success stories of other countries. In this respect, it is found that academically successful countries not only ensure that teachers concentrate on education but also encourage them to work with each other to improve.

It is however worth noting that a better education system alone does not work. No matter how best the education system is in practice, the quality of teachers is of the essence.

All qualified teachers are good at teaching. Good teaching in fact always comes through hard work, the sharpening of specific skills and a thorough grasp of the content being taught. In addition, an excellent example of good teachers is that they all the time find ways to improve themselves in the belief that there is always room for self-improvement, which is why they keep learning things about how to teach more effectively.

In this age of information, education has been awash with new ideas about learning and teaching. For the effectiveness of the education system in our country, it is no longer fashionable to ask teachers to use new curricula, new teaching methods and new assessments.

Example is better than precept, as a saying goes. With the learner-centred approach having been introduced in our country, all teachers and students should change their mindsets. Simply put, the new approach is making students active agents in their own learning. In fact, learning for both teachers and students is a process of active engagement.

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Collecting some Buzz words, Portmanteau words, Jargons and Collocation words in English Language

By: *Tommy Pauk*

The Eight parts of speech have been taught in elementary English grammar school. Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Conjunctions, Interjections and Prepositions are eight parts of speech and they are words. Basic English sentence pattern is Noun. Verb.Noun. A Sentence is composed with words in the correct grammatical order and it must have sense and meaning which are logical. Therefore, the choice of words is important in both spoken form and written form. A single English word has more than one meaning.

In this IT age, we must be alert to learn new English words for communicating with English speaking people worldwide. Even then we should be able to utilize and familiarize these new words in the respective academic studies properly. The English new words are increasing from time to time. They appear in the Information Technology and in other various fields of study. Some of them are coined for daily life events and expression etc. We should catch their meanings and implications so that we will be familiar with them. Later, we will be able to utilize these buzz words properly for suitable situations when we speak and write.

Generally, English vocabulary words are classified into the following groups.

- **Antonym** : Word having the opposite meaning of the another word
  Example words: the word 'old' has two possible antonyms: 'young' and 'new'.
- **Synonym**: Word which has the same or almost the same meaning as another
  Example words: 'Shut' and 'close', 'happy' and 'gay' are synonyms
- **Homonym**: Word that is identical in spelling and pronunciation to another word but has a different meaning.
  Example words: a. 'quail' (as a noun; means any species of small game bird from the genus Coturnix) b. 'quail (as a verb; means cringe) c. 'bear'(as a noun; means large mammal of family Ursidae) d. 'bear'(as a verb; endure)
  Example sentences: a. A female quail is looking after her chicks. b. The dog quailed at the sight of the whip. c. There is a bear in the garden. d. We cannot bear the intense heat of the sun shine.etc.
- **Acronym**: Word formed from the first initials of several words
  Example words: UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization), NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), etc.
- **Hypernym**: Word with an extensive meaning that forms a category under which more specific words fall. e.g. the word 'musical instrument' is a hypernym of 'piano'.
- **Collocation**: It is called word partners—a natural combination of words.
  Example word partners: 1. Start a family (Think about having a first child) 2. Start a car (turn on the engine) 3. vitally important 4. wide range 5.vast majority 6. formidable opponent (in sport) 7. strong accent 8. slight accent 9. chain smoker 10. Dry wine 11. Surf the internet 12. icy cold (weather condition) 13.utterly ridiculous 14.crystal clear 15. platonic relationships 16. sasual acquaintances 17. restore peace 18. disband an army (war and peace task) 19. fragile peace (a peace that could easily be destroyed) 20. wireless hotspots (in telecommunications) 21. Rampant inflation (in economy) 22.bustling centre (in a big city) 23.public health 24.sheer luxury 25. Gauge reaction (to test the response - usage in news media)26. excite speculation (cause rumors to circulate –used in news media) 27.Prime-time television (most popular time of day for watching TV) 28. Win a scholarship (Education) 29. Play truant (student who stays out of school without permission) 30.set texts (specific books which students must study), etc.
  Learning collocations helps you to speak and write English in a more natural and accurate way. It also helps you to increase your range of English vocabulary.
- **Jargons**: They are professional vocabulary or technical terms.
  Example jargons: supernumerary seat (An extra seat in an aircraft for flight officer), go-show ticket (a flight ticket at the airport if there is a vacant seat available on the plane), roustabouts and roughnecks (workers who work on the oil rig), invigilator (a teacher who watches student in the examination hall), Actuary (one who calculates insurance risks and premiums according to statistical probabilities), Landslide victory (political term), upstream (oil exploration and drilling stage), economic boom (thriving of the economy), waiter's friends (a small gadgets used by waiter while serving the guests for opening the cap of wine bottle or cutting food), remedial classes (In school, teachers usually explain the previous exercises and correct answers to the students in the class) etc.
- **Buzz words: New words or neologism**

1. Carbon-neutral (adjective); adopting measures to prevent polluting the atmosphere with carbon emissions
2. Food miles (noun. countable. usually plural); the distance that a food item travels from the place where it is produced to the place where it is eaten
3. staycation (noun); a holiday in which you stay at home visit places near to where you live
4. citizen journalism (noun) ; the gathering and reporting of news by ordinary people rather than professional reporters
5. meme (or) Internet meme (noun); a concept or idea that spreads very quickly via the Internet
6. WiFi / Wi-fi /Wifi /wifi (noun) = Wireless Fidelity; a networking system which enables a wireless connection between an electronic device and the internet
7. security mom (noun); in the USA, a woman with children who is particularly concerned about terrorism and security issues
8. hacktivist (noun); a person who changes or manipulates information on the internet in order to convey a political message
9. tweetup /tweet-up (noun); a meeting of two or more people who know each other through the Twitter short messaging service
10. OMG (Interjection) informal ; an abbreviation of 'Oh My God' : used to show surprise or excitement about something, especially in e-mails, text messages and social networking websites
11. green (verb) transitive; to make something more environmentally-friendly
12. quantitative easing (noun); when a central bank creates a supply of new money to put into a banking system which is in serious difficulty
13. m-learning / mobile learning (noun); learning methods and materials that involve the use of mobile phones or handheld computer
14. digital native (noun); a person who has grown up in a world with digital technology such as the internet and mobile phones
15. digital immigrant (noun); an antonym (opposite) of 'digital native'
16. facebook (verb) or Facebook (noun)
    a. to communicate with someone by using the Facebook website
    b. to search for information about someone by using the Facebook website
17. WAG or wag (noun) Informal ; the wife or girlfriend of a famous professional footballer
18. fat tax (noun) countable/uncountable ; a tax on foods which are considered to be unhealthy, especially fatty or sweet foods which can lead to obesity or other health problems

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India is happy to see Myanmar opening up to the world...

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of India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway and Kaladan Muti-modal Transit Transport Project for better connectivity with Myanmar and beyond. We are also upgrading 71 bridges on Tamu-Kalay-Kalewa road and plan to upgrade the Rhi-Tiddim road as part of our connectivity projects. Work on these projects are advanced, or begun. Capacity-building projects are also progressing in the areas of IT, entrepreneurship, language training and proficiency, industrial training and agricultural research. Implementation of more capacity-building projects in Myanmar is under discussion.

The GNLM: Is India's development assistance different from others?

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar: I do not know about that but we do not see our development cooperation as a donor relationship but, as neighbors and developing countries, as a partnership for mutual benefit, not one way, but two way.

The GNLM: What is the composition of this 'partnership'? In what areas are they?

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar: They are firstly in connectivity projects. Secondly, in capacity-building in Myanmar and India. Third, in Border Area Development projects in Chin state and Naga Self-Administered Zone of Sagaing Region for schools, primary health centers, and bridges. In addition to about US$ 750 million for connectivity, capacity-building and border area development projects funded directly, India has loaned about US$ 750 million to Myanmar as a soft, low interest, long-term loan that the Government of Myanmar can use according to its development priorities. Under our ITEC (Technical and Economic) program, over 500 Myanmar, mostly government servants, are being sent to India each year for short-term training programs besides a handful of students for regular education degrees. These could increase with the proposed reforms in the Myanmar education system.

The GNLM: How much benefit can Myanmar and India get from Kaladan Muti-modal Transit Transport Project which is projected to benefit not only Myanmar and India but also ASEAN?

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar: I am not sure about ASEAN. The project is basically meant to help to develop the least developed parts of India and Myanmar - the north-east of India and Chin and Rakhine States of Myanmar. On completion of Sittwe Port hopefully by the end of this year, an inland water terminal at Paletwa by the middle of next year, and the road from Paletwa to Indian border which will start next year, in 2-3 years time, there should be greater trade between the eastern seaports for India, particularly in the Bay of Bengal, increased coastal shipping, and greater opportunities for beans and pulses growers and traders in central Myanmar to export to India. We may expect to see greater trade with and investment in Rakhine state, and Chin State will get the benefit of access to sea thanks to the development of Sittwe port and the Kaladan river. Myanmar's port and trade capacities will grow. The whole area will also benefit from transit trade and access to markets. This is what I mean by a 'development partnership' for mutual benefit.

The GNLM: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched the 'Make in India' initiative. How can it benefit the region?

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar: Prime Minister Modi's vision is to transform India into a global manufacturing and industrial hub. The core of this vision is to improve ease of business, facilitate and scale up investment in industry and capacity-building, and connect India with its friendly neighbors through trade and investment in a number of industrial corridors. One such corridor, a new one and very much part of his 'Make in India' initiative, is the 'Northeast India-Myanmar industrial corridor. The idea behind this is not only to improve connectivity and increase investment in the north-east of India to realize its potential, but also promote trade and investment with Myanmar through our ongoing connectivity projects. The overall idea is to attract domestic and foreign investment in the manufacturing sector in India and promote trade and outward investment starting with our immediate neighbors amongst which Myanmar is specifically mentioned.

The GNLM: Do you think both countries could translate their impressive projected growth rates into promotion of bilateral relations in terms of trade and investment as the IMF said Myanmar is expected to pick up the growth rate of 8.5 percent this year and next while India's growth forecast is to be 5.6 percent in 2014 and 6.4 percent in 2015?

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar: Yes. This is a good convergence and message. India is a 1.8 trillion economy and a 1.2 billion market with a high growth and level of science, technology and industry as a developing country. Today, India is capable of delivering good quality and high technology, at a low cost as exemplified by the 'Nano' car and the Indian Mars Mission, and is poised to scale this up dramatically under the Prime Minister's new initiatives. Its economic reform under conditions similar to Myanmar's started a generation back, and is entering a new phase. Myanmar is a basically agricultural economy with a low level of industrial development but high social capital and a relatively unspoiled environment. It has opened up under the current government. Its needs at this point of time are capital, technology and capacity development, especially education, training and skills that are required for a modern economy.

Myanmar can benefit from the size and level of development of the Indian economy, its market, its broad-based experience in agriculture through the green revolution and co-operative movement, its industrial development through small and medium industries, its high technology industries, its education, health and IT amongst many other areas, and even from its mistakes. Myanmar is rich in natural resources and has a large agricultural base and a culturally disciplined society with a young and trainable population. From a low base it can become one of the fastest growing economies in the ASEAN. There are issues to be resolved regarding land, power, environment, rules and procedures, etc. but we see the government, civil society and international community highly engaged in these issues, and in spite of them, are encouraging our investors to explore business in Myanmar. Going by the Indian delegations visiting Myanmar these days, they are ready. Now is the time for Myanmar and India to rediscover economic potential and partnership. I expect we will reach these growth rates.

The GNLM: This is final question. Not a question, it is to know your message to Myanmar people.

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar: We appreciate the great opportunities opened up by the transition, growth, development and achievements of Myanmar over last three years and its promise for the future. India is a good neighbour for Myanmar. We have no real problems. We respect Myanmar's choices and sovereignty and the voices of the people. We are very happy to see Myanmar opens up to the world and the world has opened up to Myanmar. As a historical and geographical neighbour with very similar conditions and inherited problems at the time of independence from colonial rule, Myanmar can benefit a lot from India's experience of building a nation out of its human diversity, its democracy, its unity and degree of federalism, its genuinely national army, its broad based and comprehensive economic growth, its human resources and its national experience over the last 6-7 decades. Myanmar can draw from this experience and relationship for its own strength and better balance in its overall relations in Asia and the world. Perhaps, over the isolation, self-imposed and imposed, over the last many decades, and the variety of choices opened up by Myanmar's reforms and the interest it has evoked, this has not happened to the degree possible. My main message to the Myanmar people, especially the business, investment and decision-making communities is to look much more at India for economic ties and nation-building. —*GNLM*

Collecting some Buzz...

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19. wiki or Wiki (noun); a website where users can collectively add or modify text
20. phishing (noun); the criminal activity of persuading people to give personal information such as pass words and credit card details by directing them to a fake website which has been made to look exactly the same as the website of a legitimate bank or other organization etc.

- **Portmanteau word;** Word or morpheme formed from two other separate units or parts of two words. Example words;
  1. 'Smog', formed from 'smoke; and 'fog'.
  2. 'edutainment,' formed from 'education 'and 'entertainment'
  3. 'bedsit', formed from 'bedroom' and 'sitting-room'
  4. 'swatch', formed from 'swiss' and 'watch'
  5. 'hazchem', formed from 'hazardous' and 'chemicals'
  6. 'chunnel', formed from 'channel' and 'tunnel'
  7. 'vegeburger', formed from 'vegetarian' and '(ham) burger'
  8. 'fantabulous', formed from ' fantastic' and 'fabulous'
  9. 'brunch', formed from 'breakfast' and 'lunch'
  10. 'Oxbridge', formed from 'Oxford' and 'Cambridge'
  11. 'camcorder', formed from 'camera' and 'video recorder'
  12. 'shopaholic, formed from 'shopping' and 'alcoholic'
  14. 'ginormous', formed from' gigantic' and 'enormous'
  15. 'motel,'formed from ' motor' and 'hotel'
  16. 'interpol', formed from 'international' and 'police'
  17. 'Guesstimate', formed from 'guess' and 'estimate'
  18. 'ScotRail', formed from 'Scotland' and 'railway'
  19. 'Amex', formed from 'American' and 'express'
  20. 'oxfam', formed from 'Oxford' and 'famine'
  21. 'Eurovision', formed from 'Europe' and 'Television'
  22. 'fanzine', formed from 'fan-club' and 'magazine'
  23. 'ecotastrophe', formed from 'ecological' and 'catastrophe'
  24. 'docudrama', formed from 'documentary' and 'drama' etc.

When a learner or a user of language is rich in vocabulary, he or she can speak, write and read fluently. To be able to acquire fluency in English, the learner must expand his language exposure. Hopefully, this small collection of lexicon will enhance the learner's or the user's aptitude to some degree.

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Singapore Airlines rides to Tiger's rescue, could raise stake to 71 percent

A Tiger Airways plane is towed on the runway past Singapore Airlines and Tiger Airways planes sitting on the tarmac at Changi Airport in Singapore on 21 July, 2014.—REUTERS

SINGAPORE / SYDNEY, 17 Oct — Cash-rich Singapore Airlines Ltd (SIA) is injecting up to $110 million (68.40 million pounds) to take control of loss-making affiliate Tiger Airways Ltd, shoring up the budget carrier while scrapping its regional ambitions as competition rages. Announcing a record quarterly loss that sent its shares tumbling as much as 10 percent, Tiger said on Friday that SIA will raise its stake to about 55 percent from 40 percent by converting existing securities into shares.

Tiger then plans an up to S$234 million (114.33 million pounds) rights issue, with SIA buying up to S$140 million of new shares and possibly raising its stake to as much as 71 percent. The low-cost airline also agreed to sell its remaining 40 percent stake in its Australian unit to Virgin Australia Holdings for just A$1. Months after it shut down its Indonesian venture and sold its Philippine business, the sale clips Tiger's wings back to those of a Singapore-focused carrier but leaves questions on how it will secure growth.

"We need to now stem the losses arising from this joint venture and divert our resources back towards our Singapore-based airline in the execution of the turnaround plan," Lee Lik Hsin, Tiger's chief executive told reporters in a conference call. Lik Hsin, a 20-year veteran of SIA and a board member of Tiger, became the CEO of Tiger in May, in a sign that its largest shareholder would wield greater influence. Analysts said the shrinking of Tiger's operations meant that it had to carve out a new growth strategy. Low-cost regional rivals AirAsia Bhd and Lion Air have ordered hundreds of planes and expanded aggressively over the past few years.

Reuters

BOJ Kuroda stays upbeat on price outlook despite oil price falls

TOKYO, 17 Oct — Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda on Friday maintained his optimism on the price outlook, saying that improvements in the economy are allowing companies to pass on rising import costs to consumers.

Speaking in parliament, Kuroda acknowledged that annual core consumer inflation slowed in August from the previous month due largely to falling energy prices.

"But in a medium- to long-term perspective, prices are gradually rising reflecting improvements in the output gap and heightening inflation expectations," he told parliament.

Kuroda also stressed that the central bank will maintain its quantitative easing policy until its target of 2 percent inflation is achieved on a sustained basis.

Reuters

Chinese land prices slow further in Q3

BEIJING, 17 Oct — Growth in land prices in Chinese cities has slowed in the third quarter of 2014 along with a downturn in the property market.

Quarter-on-quarter growth in a comprehensive price index for 105 surveyed cities stood at 0.78 percent in the third quarter, down 0.58 percentage point from the second quarter, according to a report released on Thursday by the Ministry of Land and Resources. The report said that prices of land for residential buildings slowed most noticeably compared to land for commercial and industrial purposes.

The moderating land price growth came amid a cooling real estate market in 2014 after years of boom. Government data showed that out of 70 major Chinese cities, new homes in 68 saw month-on-month price declines in August, compared with 64 in July. September home price data are scheduled to be released on 24 October.

Xinhua

Int'l experts discuss antibacterial therapy in Russia

VLADIVOSTOK, 17 Oct —The fifth Far Eastern Conference on Antibacterial Therapy opened on Thursday in this Russian city, with more than 300 specialists from Belarus, Britain, China, Russia, Italy, and Sweden participating. The antimicrobial treatment of infections made a giant leap forward in the 20th century and has become one of the most effective therapeutic strategies, said Ekaterina Eliseeva, the alternate director of the public health care department in Russia's far eastern Primorsky Krai region.

However, Eliseeva said, the unreasonable use of antibacterial medications in this antibiotics era has also formed and spread the drug resistance.

"It is a disaster that the antibiotics are available for our general public to buy without prescriptions. Another big problem is that the national borders do not exist for the drug-resistant pathogenic microbes," Prof Roman Kozlov, director of the Institute of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy of Smolensk State Medical Academy, told *Xinhua*.

"That is why the experts from different nations are here today. ... The conference specifically aims at establishing international cooperation in restraining the drug resistance," Kozlov added. The two-day conference, organized by the territorial administration of Primorsky Krai and Vladivostok's Pacific State Medical University, will feature more than 20 reports from international experts covering the topics of the outlook for new vaccines development, the usage of antibiotics in critical care procedures, the issues of drug resistance and other issues.—*Xinhua*

Obama open to appointing Ebola 'czar,' opposes travel ban

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — President Barack Obama said he was considering appointing an Ebola "czar" to coordinate the fight against the virus in the United States, but he remained opposed to a ban on travel from West Africa. Obama's administration is facing sharp criticism from lawmakers over its efforts to contain the disease at home. Obama authorized calling up military reservists for the US fight against Ebola in West Africa on Thursday.

US concerns have intensified after two Texas nurses who cared for a dying Liberian patient contracted the virus that has killed nearly 4,500 people. Federal health officials said they were broadening their outreach to people who may have come into contact with one of the workers.

Spain is also grappling with the spread of the disease, with four new patients with suspected Ebola symptoms admitted to hospitals. The disease continues to spread in West Africa where the outbreak began in March, and reached the last remaining district in Sierra Leone that had not been affected by Ebola.

US lawmakers held a congressional hearing about the administration's handling of the Ebola outbreak in the United States. Some have called for a czar and a ban on travel from West Africa.

"It may be appropriate for me to appoint an additional person" to oversee efforts to contain Ebola, Obama told reporters after meeting aides involved in the fight against the disease. Obama said experts have told him "a flat-out travel ban is not the way to go" because current screening measures at airports are working. He said he had no philosophical objection to a travel ban but that some travelers might attempt to enter the United States by avoiding screening measures, which could lead to more Ebola cases, not fewer.—*Reuters*

Bystanders read headlines saying "Ebola 1: USA 0" at the Daily Talk, a street side chalkboard newspaper, in Monrovia on 16 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

US study finds tornadoes coming in swarms

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — Tornadoes in the United States are increasingly coming in swarms rather than as isolated twisters, according to a study by US government meteorologists published on Thursday that illustrates another trend toward extreme weather emerging in recent years.

Looking at tornado activity over the past six decades, the study in the journal *Science* found the total number of tornadoes annually remaining rather steady, averaging 495. Since the 1970s, there have been fewer days with tornadoes but plenty more days with many of them, sometimes dozens or more.

*A severe thunderstorm wall cloud is seen over the area of Canton, Mississippi in this 29 April, 2014.—*REUTERS

On the list of the 10 single days with the most tornadoes since 1954, eight have occurred since 1999, including five since 2011. That year alone had days with 115, 73, 53 and 52 twisters. The meteorologist who led the study, Harold Brooks of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma, said emergency management agencies and insurers should be prepared to deal more often with days with lots of tornado damage.

The study analyzed the official US tornado database for the six-decade period ending last year, excluding twisters below Category F1, with wind speeds of 73-112 mph (117-180 kph), on the Enhanced Fujita Tornado Intensity Scale. Some experts have blamed weather intensity seen in recent years on global climate change they attribute to human activities. This study did not, however, offer a conclusion as to a cause. "Knowing that the climate now has changed from that of the 1970s makes for a circumstantial argument in favor of a changing climate playing at least some role in the tornado changes," said meteorologist Patrick Marsh of NOAA's Storm Prediction Centre.

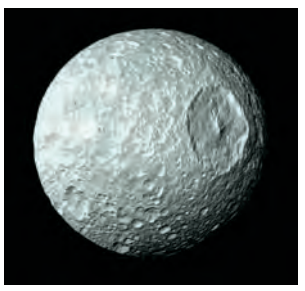
"There are indications that heavy rainfall events are occurring with greater frequency globally, and given a warmer climate, this makes sense," added Storm Prediction Centre meteorologist Greg Carbin.

But "any trend in tornado events is much more difficult to discern," Carbin added.

The average number of days annually with at least 20 tornadoes has more than doubled since the 1970s to upwards of five days per year in the past decade. For days with at least 30 tornadoes, there has been an average of three per year in the past decade, compared to 0.6 days per year in the 1970s.

Reuters

Saturn moon may have 'life-friendly' underground ocean



The Saturn moon Mimas

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Fla), 17 Oct — Saturn's battered moon Mimas may have a thin global ocean buried miles beneath its icy surface, raising the prospect of another "life-friendly" habitat in the solar system, scientists said on Thursday. An underground ocean is one of two explanations for why the 400-mile (250-km) diametre moon wobbles as it orbits around Saturn, scientists using data from NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft said. The other possibility is that Mimas has an oblong or rugby ball-shaped core. Follow-up measurements should provide more answers, the scientists said.

Either way, the findings point to a more complex and intriguing history for a moon best known for a large crater that dominates its surface, making it look like the "Death Star" from the movie "Star Wars."

"If Mimas does have an ocean, this would definitely be another interesting body in the solar system to be added to list of potential 'life-friendly' environments," Radwan Tajeddine, a research associate in Cornell University's astronomy department, wrote in an email to *Reuters*. "The ocean hypothesis sounds unlikely because ... Mimas' heavily cratered surface has shown no evidence of liquid water, thermal heating or geological activities," researchers wrote in an article published in this week's issue of the journal *Science*.

But a closer look at Mimas' eccentric orbit provides a clue. Gravitational tugging by Saturn as the moon circles closer and then farther away from the planet could cause enough frictional heating to melt ice and form an ocean.

"This ocean will sustain as long as the orbit is eccentric," Tajeddine, lead author of the article, wrote in the email to *Reuters*.

The other idea that Mimas has an elongated core raises a different set of questions about how the moon formed.

Reuters

Apple's new iPads sport modest upgrades but short on 'wow'

CUPERTINO, (California) 17 Oct — Apple Inc's (AAPL.O) faster, slimmer iPads come with modest improvements, such as a fingerprint sensor, but some analysts say it offers few other features to wow consumers ahead of a holiday shopping season expected to be swamped by mobile devices.

At a launch event on Thursday, Chief Executive Tim Cook called Apple's new line-up, which includes a new iMac computer with a "5K retina" or high-end display, the company's best ever. But analysts say Apple may struggle to arouse the same passion for its tablets as in past years among consumers faced with an abundance of hand-held, touch-screen devices. "I've got to be honest and say, the only impressive thing was the 5K retina display on the iMac," said Gartner analyst Van Baker, who attended the show at Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, California. "The other things we saw (included) just iterative improvements on the iPad."

*Apple CEO Tim Cook holds an iPad during a presentation at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, California on 16 Oct, 2014. —*REUTERS

Marketing chief Phil Schiller called the larger tablet the world's slimmest and described several new features such as an anti-reflective screen. He also confirmed the inclusion of the "Touch ID" sensor, already available on the latest iPhones.

Pre-orders start Friday for the larger iPad Air 2, priced at $499 (310.30 pounds) and up, with shipping beginning next week. The smaller iPad mini 3 will be about $100 cheaper.

The new iMac, which sports the new "Yosemite" operating system, will go for $2,499. Tablet sales are set to rise only 11 percent this year, according to tech research firm Gartner, compared to 55 percent last year, even as smartphone sales continue to soar and personal computer sales are waning.—*Reuters*

Twitter lets users stream music, audio via SoundCloud tie-up

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Oct — Twitter Inc will allow users to play podcasts, music and other audio clips direct from their timelines, or message feeds, via a new feature designed in partnership with Berlin-based audio-streaming service SoundCloud.

The online messaging service introduced on Thursday what it called "Audio Card," through which users can listen to a variety of content whilst browsing their timelines.

For starters, Twitter has promised audio from SoundCloud's partners, which include such diverse sources as NASA, the Washington Post, CNN, David Guetta, Coldplay and Warner Music.

But it's trying to snag more content partners in future, Twitter said in a blogpost on Thursday.

Twitter didn't say how Audio Card might evolve, except to stress that it offers musicians a chance to post exclusive clips.

"Many more musical artists and creators will be able to share exclusive, in-the-moment audio to millions of listeners on Twitter," the company added.

Twitter's new feature comes after rivals from Apple Inc to Google Inc have jumped into the business of music-streaming, considered the fastest-growing segment of a music market dominated by iTunes. Twitter had reportedly been in discussions to acquire audio-sharing website SoundCloud, which has been called the Youtube of music, as far back as June.—*Reuters*

Search teams withdraw from Mt Ontake

NAGANO, (Japan) 17 Oct — Search teams began withdrawing on Friday from Mt Ontake in central Japan, where a volcanic eruption last month claimed 56 lives, after local authorities decided the previous day to end search efforts for the remainder of the year due to deteriorating conditions.

While seven people are still listed as missing, snowfall and other difficulties in search efforts on the 3,067-metre peak led the Nagano prefectural government to call off the search.

At the foot of the volcano in Otaki Village, which served as the base for search operations, local government officials held a ceremony thanking the Ground Self-Defence Force and police for their work.

Self-Defence Forces personnel load boxes in the central Japan village of Otaki on 17 Oct, 2014, after search efforts for missing climbers on Mt Ontake were called off the previous day for the remainder of the year. Its eruption claimed 56 lives, while seven people are still listed as missing.—KYODO NEWS

"I'd like to thank (the search teams) from the bottom of my heart for going on with their operations amid such severe conditions," said Nagano Gov Shuichi Abe.

Volcanic activity, a thick layer of mud that developed as ash from the 27 September eruption absorbed rainwater, and toxic gas expelled by the volcano had also impeded search efforts. Most parts of the volcano have already been combed by a total of some 15,000 members of the GSDF, police and fire departments. On Thursday, around 960 personnel searched areas near the summit, reexamining mountain lodges and hiking paths, but were unable to find any of the missing.

The government hopes to resume searching next spring, if conditions allow.

"If there is anything we can do in the spring, we will cooperate," Defence Minister Akinori Eto told a Press conference on Friday.

Mt Ontake, which straddles Nagano and Gifu prefectures, erupted without prior warning around noon on 27 September, just as many hikers were reaching the summit. The volcano, which last experienced a major eruption in 1979 and a minor one in 1991, was popular for its autumn leaves.—*Kyodo News*

Philippine militants holding German hostages say may extend deadline

MANILA, 17 Oct — Islamist militants in the southern Philippines have said they are willing to extend Friday's deadline to execute one of two German hostages by two hours if they receive word that ransom will be paid. A senior military officer in the region said negotiations with the Abu Sayyaf militant group were on, but he did not know of any details. "What I can tell you is we are ready to conduct operations, specifically for law enforcement operations, not necessarily for rescue," Rear Admiral Reynaldo Yoma told *Reuters* by telephone. "If we plan to do a rescue, that might derail ongoing negotiations," he said. The Abu Sayyaf, which says it supports Islamic State fighters in the Middle East, had earlier threatened to kill one of the two hostages at 0700 GMT on Friday on the remote southern island of Jolo. They want a ransom of 250 million Philippine pesos ($5.56 million) and have demanded Germany stops supporting US-led air strikes in Iraq and Syria.

The group, which has a record of kidnappings, killings and bombings in the past, called a radio station in Zamboanga city to reiterate its demands as the Philippines stepped up army patrols on Jolo, a hotbed of Islamist militants in the mainly Catholic country. The Abu Sayyaf has long been based in the interior jungles of the island, which is about 960 km (600 miles) south of Manila in the Sulu Sea, midway between the Philippines and eastern Malaysia.—*Reuters*

Filipino soldiers with K9 sniffing dogs wait to board a military plane at the Villamor air base in Pasay city, metro Manila on 7 Oct, 2014, as they embark on a search operation for the hideout of Abu Sayyaf group, an al-Qaeda-linked terrorist group who are believed to be holding two German hostages in Jolo, Sulu, southern Philippines.—REUTERS

Biden's son discharged from US Navy reserve after drug test

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — The son of US Vice President Joe Biden was discharged from the US Navy reserve earlier this year after testing positive for cocaine, sources familiar with the matter said on Thursday.

The sources, who were not authorized to speak on the record, said Hunter Biden tested positive for cocaine in a drug test administered in June 2013.

Navy spokesman Commander Ryan Perry confirmed that Biden was discharged from the Navy reserve in February 2014 but said privacy laws prevented him from releasing any details.

Perry said Biden was selected for a direct commission in the Navy Reserve as a part-time ensign in 2012 and was assigned to a public affairs unit in Norfolk, Virginia in May 2013.

Biden, 44, a partner at an investment firm, said he regretted the incident.

US Vice President Joe Biden (L) waves as he walks out of Air Force Two with his granddaughter Finnegan Biden and son Hunter Biden at the airport in Beijing on 4 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

"It was the honour of my life to serve in the US Navy, and I deeply regret and am embarrassed that my actions led to my administrative discharge," Biden said in a statement provided by his lawyer. "I respect the Navy's decision. With the love and support of my family, I'm moving forward." The vice president's office referred all queries to Hunter Biden's attorney.

The vice president's other son, Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, served a year-long tour in Iraq as a captain in the Delaware Army National Guard. *Reuters*

Indonesia's Widodo to hike fuel prices by around 50 percent in November

JAKARTA, 17 Oct — Indonesia's President-elect Joko Widodo plans to raise the price of subsidized gasoline and diesel by around 50 percent within two weeks of taking office, a move that will save the government nearly $13 billion next year, an adviser to Widodo told *Reuters*.

Widodo, who will take over the presidency of Southeast Asia's largest nation on Monday, is under pressure to reduce a budget deficit inherited from the administration of the outgoing president, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

The aide said Widodo aims to raise the price of both gasoline and diesel by 3,000 rupiah ($0.25) per liter by November.

Indonesian fuel prices are among the cheapest in the region, with gasoline costing 6,500 rupiah a liter, and diesel costing 5,500 rupiah.

"The plan is 1 November...but it's safe to say they are likely to do it within the first two weeks of taking office," said the adviser, who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, adding. The adviser said Widodo could still decide to "change his mind" on the fuel price hike at the last minute.

Elected in July, Widodo had hoped a politically unpopular fuel price hike would be imposed before he took the reins, but President Yudhoyono denied the president-elect's request in August.

The incoming president lacks a parliamentary majority, making it harder for him to push through measures, but parliament's approval is not needed to increase administered fuel prices.—*Reuters*

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With seizures up, Indian gold smuggling loses its shine

Seized gold bars are kept on display by customs officers at the international airport in Kolkata in this 19 Nov, 2013 file photo.—Reuters

Mumbai, 17 Oct — Gold smuggling into India, the world's second-biggest consumer of the precious metal, is becoming more risky for couriers following a surge in seizures and less profitable for the gangs behind the practice.

After being caught off guard by a jump in smuggling on the back of a hike in import duty last year, government agencies have stepped up seizures to the extent that couriers are demanding more money to carry in gold, according to customs intelligence officials and an industry analyst.

At the same time, a drop in the gap between local and global prices also means there is less profit to be made by smuggling in gold, giving banks more business and higher revenue for a government struggling to rein in a fiscal deficit.

"Gold smuggling was highly profitable ... but now with the drop in premiums and tight security, legal imports are increasing," said Milind Lanjewar, additional commissioner of customs intelligence at Mumbai international airport.

Seizures at the airport, one of India's biggest hubs, jumped almost nine fold to 604 kg in the period running from April to September 2014 against 70 kg in the same period a year ago.

Customs and police have also got wise to some of the tricks used to bring in gold, such as adopting the methods used by drug smugglers by getting human mules to swallow nuggets or in one case hiding gold bars in dead cows.

"The risk of seizures has risen. Carriers are now demanding 287 rupees ($4.70) per 10 gram compared to 150 rupees last year," said Sudheesh Nambiath, a senior analyst at consultancy Thomson Reuters GFMS. Based on the estimate, a courier bringing in 1 kg of gold currently worth around $40,000 at world prices could earn $470 if not caught.

A customs official, who declined to be named, said smugglers risked a jail term of up to seven years, though he said such a penalty was rare and the main deterrent was confiscating gold.—*Reuters*

More than 200,000 people become Canadian citizens since start of 2014

Ottawa, 17 Oct — More than 200,000 people have become Canadian citizens since the start of 2014, according to Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Ministry on Thursday. The citizenship backlog has been reduced by 13 percent since last June to its lowest level since spring 2012. These achievements are among the direct results of the Canadian government's recent changes to citizenship processing, said Chris Alexander, Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Minister. Nearly 50,000 people have become Canadian citizens since a new decision-making process came into effect on 1 August this year. That is a 172 percent increase from the same period last year.

Recent changes allow decision-making officers to make progress on the backlog of so-called "non-routine" cases, including ones where residency questions persist. Almost half of all cases in which a residency questionnaire (RQ) was issued prior to November 2013 have been resolved with the applicants receiving their citizenship.

Thousands more applicants who have been issued residency questionnaires are about to write their tests. The files will be evaluated by a record number of decision makers with the onus on applicants to prove they meet the requirements. The ministry's statistics show Canada has enjoyed the highest sustained levels of immigration in its history since 2006, an average of 250,000 newcomers each year.

Xinhua

China, South Korea vow to advance free trade talks

Milan, 17 Oct — China and South Korea have pledged efforts to promote economic and trade cooperation with the focus on a free trade agreement.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said his country is willing to work with Seoul to build a comprehensive and high-level free trade area at an early date. Promoting free trade and investment facilitation can be a silver bullet for the slow global economic recovery, Li told South Korean President Park Geun-hye at a meeting on the sidelines of an Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit in Milan.

He said economic cooperation between China and South Korea will benefit not only the two sides, but also the development and prosperity of East Asia as a whole.

Noting that bilateral ties are in a period of rapid and all-around development, Li urged the two sides to strengthen cooperation in finance, new energy and advanced technology. China also stands ready to maintain close high-level exchanges, deepen pragmatic cooperation and strengthen people-to-people exchanges with South Korea, the Chinese premier said.

Park expressed the hope that talks on a free trade agreement could be finished by the end of the year, saying her country is willing to further expand cooperation with China in economics and trade, and finance.

Park also mentioned the goal of raising bilateral trade to 300 billion US dollars in 2015 to boost the competitiveness of the two countries and promote sustainable development of their economies. She hailed Li's speech at the ASEM summit, saying it will vigorously advance the cooperation between Asian and European nations. Li and Park also exchanged views on regional and global issues of common concern.—*Xinhua*

Hurricane Gonzalo regains strength on way to Bermuda

Hamilton, (Bermuda) 17 Oct — One of the most powerful hurricanes ever to menace Bermuda regained strength as it swirled toward the Atlantic island on Thursday, forecasters said, sending residents scrambling to prepare for the second major storm in a week.

Hurricane Gonzalo was churning far off the coast of Florida on Thursday afternoon, about 415 miles (665 km) south-southwest of the British territory, packing sustained winds of up 145 miles per hour (230 kph), the National Hurricane Centre in Miami reported.

The Category 4 storm is on track to hit Bermuda on Friday, with the hurricane's eye expected to pass within 60 miles (97 km) of the island, forecasters said.

Bermuda, a popular tourist destination and insurance industry hub off the North Carolina coast, was still recovering from Tropical Storm Fay, which swept over the island early on Sunday with near hurricane-force winds of 70 mph (110 kph).

Morris Moniz, manager of a Bermuda hardware store, said business was chaotic on Thursday, with demand running high for generators, water, flashlights, batteries and other supplies.

"We've had everybody working, we called everyone in," he said.

Residents lined up at a garbage dump to dispose of trash and storm debris from Fay to keep it from blowing around during Gonzalo. About 1,500 homes still lacked power on Thursday.—*Reuters*

Johnny Depp missed filming re-shoots for his new movie 'Mortdecai' this week after falling sick.
REUTERS

Johnny Depp skips filming of 'Mortdecai' due to illness

LONDON, 17 Oct — Hollywood superstar Johnny Depp missed filming re-shoots for his new movie 'Mortdecai' this week after falling sick.

The 51-year-old 'Pirates of the Caribbean' star was due at Pinewood Studios in England to shoot more scenes for the action comedy, but the production was cut short when the lead actor cancelled because of ill health, reported *Daily Mirror*.

"The re-shoot is only meant to last seven days, so missing a whole day is a big deal. Johnny must've been really under the weather (sic) not to arrive at all. Everyone will have to work extra hard now to get it done," a source said.

A spokesman for Depp said, "He was sick and (the) production was aware that he would not be working."

Depp stars as an art dealer searching for a stolen painting in 'Mortdecai', which is scheduled for release in January next year.—*PTI*

Neil Patrick Harris set to host Oscars 2015

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct — 'How I Met Your Mother' star Neil Patrick Harris will host the 87th Academy Awards in 2015. The 41-year-old actor, who has previously anchored the Tony Awards and the Emmys several times, will present the star-studded ceremony at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles on 22 February, reported *Variety*.

Harris announced the news on Twitter by posting a video clip of himself telling an unidentified person, "I'm in" during a phone call. In the video, the 'Gone Girl' actor, who recently married his long-term boyfriend David Burtka, with whom he has four-year-old twins, Harper and Gideon, is then seen consulting his bucket list, which includes having children, getting married and meeting the president, and circling the final item that reads 'host the Oscars' with a black pen. "It is truly an honour and a thrill to be asked to host this year's Academy Awards. I grew up watching the Oscars and was always in such awe of some of the greats who hosted the show," Harris added in a statement.—*PTI*

Neil Patrick Harris

Jennifer Lopez says I want to remain single for now

LONDON, 17 Oct — Singer Jennifer Lopez says she wants to remain single for the time being because the most important thing in her life right now is her children. Lopez, 45, does not want to find another boyfriend because she is concentrating on looking after her six-year-old twins Max and Emme from third husband Marc Anthony, reported the *Daily Mirror*.

"My friends are constantly trying to set me up but I'm just not there right now. It's not something that's a priority. I have gone from relationship to relationship but, at the end of the day, I am not ashamed of the path I have taken or the lessons I have learnt," said Lopez, who split from her Anthony in 2012. "Right now it feels good to just be on my own and have some 'I love Jennifer' time, which I haven't done a lot in my life. I am just spending time with myself and my kids. I still believe in love, of course, but the thing you think about most is who is good enough to come into the life of me and the kids?" she added. The 'Booty' hitmaker split from boyfriend Casper Smart in June following a two-and-a-half year romance.—*PTI*

Zoe Saldana expecting twin boys

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct — 'Avatar' star Zoe Saldana and her husband Marco Perego are reportedly expecting twin boys. The 36-year-old 'Guardians of the Galaxy' actress, who confirmed her pregnancy for the first time last month, is set to welcome two sons into the world with Perego in coming months, reported E! online. "It's twin boys and Zoe is thrilled! Zoe has always wanted a boy," a source said. Saldana announced she is pregnant with twins earlier this month when she was quizzed about on her plans for Halloween. Asked if she will be dressing up for the spooky celebration, which takes place on 31 October, she rubbed her growing baby bump and said, "I might. I might need three costumes. I might have to make some adjustments, but it would be nice." —*PTI*

Gal Gadot in talks to play Esther in 'Ben Hur' remake

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct — 'Wonder Woman' star Gal Gadot is in early talks for the female lead in the remake of 1959 classic 'Ben Hur'.

Timur Bekmambetov is directing the movie, which is both a remake of the Charlton Heston-starring 1959 movie that won 11 Oscars and an adaptation of the Lew Wallace novel 'Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ', published in 1880.

If the talks come through, Gadot will play Esther, a slave with whom Ben-Hur falls in love, said the *Hollywood Reporter*.

The script for the Paramount and MGM's retelling of old classic was written by Keith Clarke with a rewrite by John Ridley, said the *Hollywood Reporter*.

Jack Huston is starring as the Jewish prince who is betrayed into slavery by his onetime friend, Messala, played by Toby Kebbel. He fights his way to freedom and vengeance by winnng chariot-racing.

The film will shoot in Europe early next year and is eyeing a February 2016 release date. Gadot will play the role of Wonder Woman in the upcoming 'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice'.—*PTI*

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Klinsmann says not criticizing MLS, welcomes 'debate'

US coach Juergen Klinsmann tosses the ball into the air it rolls over the line for a throw in during their 2014 World Cup round of 16 game against Belgium at the Fonte Nova arena in Salvador on 1 July, 2014.
REUTERS

NEWPORT BEACH, (California) 17 Oct — United States coach Juergen Klinsmann said on Thursday that he was not criticizing or disparaging Major League Soccer by expressing regret that key players Clint Dempsey and Michael Bradley had switched to the MLS from two of Europe's top clubs.

Saying he welcomed a growing culture of impassioned debate over soccer issues in the United States such as the one that erupted this week over his comments, Klinsmann added the MLS had improved a lot in recent years and was clearly on the rise.

In an interview with *Reuters* near his adopted home, Klinsmann said he simply wanted to see the best American players compete in the pressure-packed atmosphere of the world's best leagues in Europe to be ready for the challenges of the next World Cup in 2018.

"It's great to see that we have debates and public discussions like this because that shows that more and more people care about soccer in this country," Klinsmann said when asked about criticism from MLS Commissioner Don Garber about his views.

"In Europe, in South America and in Mexico we're all used to this," Klinsmann said. "It's part of people's everyday lives — to have debates about different opinions. It's just starting now in the United States and I think it's pretty cool."

The World Cup in Brazil, where Klinsmann led his team into the round of 16 with a victory over Ghana and a thrilling draw against Portugal, was a watershed moment for US soccer, he said.

"The World Cup transferred a lot of energy to the game here. This creates a lot of different opinions and also some misunderstandings.—*Reuters*

Capello invited to meeting at Russian State Duma

Russia's national soccer team coach Fabio Capello attends a news conference at the Arena Baixada soccer stadium in Curitiba on 25 June, 2014.
REUTERS

MOSCOW, 17 Oct — Russia coach Fabio Capello has been invited to attend a parliament hearing at the Russian State Duma, the country's main legislative body, on 27 October.

"I invited Capello to speak with him about how the Russian national team is preparing for the 2018 World Cup," Igor Ananskikh, head of the Duma's Committee for Physical Culture and Sport, said in an interview with *ITAR-TASS* on Thursday. "I don't know if he will turn up for the session. As far as I am aware, Capello has left Moscow and will only return at the end of the week.

"Aside from talking about the national team's preparations at the parliamentary hearing, we will also talk about questions concerning the development of infrastructure and the construction of stadiums in the cities, which will host matches at the 2018 World Cup."— *Reuters*

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Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation grants $2 million for ocean conservation

NEW YORK, 17 Oct — Actor and environmental activist Leonardo DiCaprio's conservation foundation said on Thursday it has awarded a $2 million grant to establish marine reserves and to stop overfishing.

DiCaprio, who was named a Messenger of Peace by the United Nations last month to raise awareness about climate change, said the money provided to Oceans 5 will support marine conservation projects around the globe.

Ocean 5 is an international funders' collaborative that supports groups working on ocean conservation projects. "The sad truth is that less than two percent of our oceans are fully protected. We need to change that now," DiCaprio, 39, said in a statement.

US actor and UN Messenger of Peace Leonardo DiCaprio takes the podium to speak during the Climate Summit at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 23 Sept, 2014.
REUTERS

The Oscar-nominated star of "The Wolf of Wall Street" and "The Aviator" said the funds will support projects to create protected areas in the Pacific Islands and the Arctic, to improve enforcement of fishing regulations in Europe, the United States and Central America, and to protect threatened shark populations.

Reuters

London show holds up magnifying glass to Sherlock Holmes

LONDON, 17 Oct — How do you make an exhibition about a man who never existed?

The Museum of London show on Sherlock Holmes, which opens on 17 October after two years of preparation, acknowledges the conundrum with its title, "The Man Who Never Lived and Will Never Die".

Visitors enter the show through doors masquerading as bookshelves in a physical embodiment of the engaging blend of reality and fiction that characterises British author Arthur Conan Doyle's tales of the world-famous detective.

The displays include everything from the specially designed Belstaff coat worn by Benedict Cumberbatch in the recent BBC series to original manuscripts written in Conan Doyle's careful cursive.

The author, who aspired to be an eye doctor before turning to literature, can be seen in a 1930 clip of what is believed to be his only filmed interview.

In contrast, his creation has hogged the limelight for over a century. The show's curators say Holmes is the most-filmed character of all time, starring in over 200 adaptations. The earliest film on display is a French version from 1912.

"The only two characters I found that came close were Dracula and Frankenstein," curator Alex Werner said.

The museum traces the evolution of Holmes, from the arrival of the famous deerstalker hat in Sidney Paget's illustrations for the short stories that appeared in the *Strand Magazine*, to the curved pipe in the theatre performances of William Gillette as Holmes.

Gillette was so intent on impersonating Holmes to the hilt that he even injected himself with liquid cocaine on stage as part of his 1900 portrayal of the opium-loving detective.

Reuters

A pocket watch is displayed at the exhibition 'Sherlock Holmes: The Man Who Never Lived and Will Never Die' at the Museum of London in London on 16 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS

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Pochettino gives positive spin as Spurs head for Man City

London, 17 Oct — Tottenham Hotspur manager Mauricio Pochettino likes to erase bad memories and cherish good ones and it is a trait he hopes his players have acquired ahead of Saturday's clash at Premier League champions Manchester City.

The north London club, then managed by Andre Villas-Boas, were crushed 6-0 in the corresponding fixture last season and a few weeks later, with interim manager Tim Sherwood in charge, they collapsed to a 5-1 home defeat.

Many of the players involved in those beatings will be on duty again at The Etihad on Saturday lunchtime as sixth-placed Tottenham try to snap a run of four consecutive league defeats away to Manchester City.

Labelling that sequence mere "statistics" in his news conference at Tottenham's training ground on Thursday, Pochettino was busy accentuating the positives.

After all, in his first few weeks as Southampton manager in 2013 he orchestrated a 3-1 victory over City and last season his Southampton side gained a well-deserved 1-1 draw at home.

He did not mention a 4-1 away defeat.

Likewise, he played down a poor record when up against City boss Manuel Pellegrini when they were both managing in La Liga.

"In football you need to keep the good memories and the good feelings and get rid of the bad ones," he told reporters.

"You need to learn from the bad things but the past is the past and we are trying to build a future. This is a different season, a different manager and many different players.

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Tottenham Hotspur manager Mauricio Pochettino reacts during their English Premier League soccer match against Southampton at White Hart Lane in London, England on 5 Oct, 2014. —Reuters

Messi eyes fresh opportunity for La Liga goals record

Madrid, 17 Oct — Lionel Messi will have another chance to match or surpass Telmo Zarra's six-decade-old La Liga scoring record of 251 goals when Barcelona host promoted Eibar on Saturday.

The Argentina captain and four-times World Player of the Year has netted 249 times in the Spanish top flight since he played his first match exactly 10 years ago on a Thursday aged 17.

Messi's goals — he has 361 overall in 434 official games — have helped the Catalan club win 21 trophies during the past decade, including six La Liga titles and three Champions League crowns.

Widely considered one of the best players in soccer history, the 27-year-old has been showered with praises in the run up to the anniversary although his father Jorge insists his son is unaffected either by acclaim or criticism.

"There are times when there is too much praise and other moments when the criticism is excessive," Jorge Messi said in an interview with Spanish radio on Thursday.

"You have to stop somewhere in the middle and simply look forward," he added.

"He (Lionel) reads and listens to everyone and I don't know how he does it but he doesn't attach much importance to either the good or the bad.

"People don't know him. He is a very normal lad, like any other. He spends time with his family, he has fun, he tries to enjoy life. He isn't any different."

If Messi fails to equal or overtake Zarra's mark on Saturday, his next chance will be in the La Liga 'Clasico' at Real Madrid a week later.

The match falls the day after Luis Suarez's ban for biting an opponent at the World Cup expires and the Uruguay forward could make his official Barca debut at the Bernabeu.

Barcelona's Lionel Messi (2nd L) celebrates his goal against Granada FC goalkeeper Roberto during their Spanish first division soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 27 Sept, 2014. —Reuters

Barca are looking to bounce back this season after missing out on major silverware last season for the first time in six years.

They have made a solid start under new coach Luis Enrique and are two points clear of Valencia at the top of the standings after seven matches.

Messi has six goals in those seven outings and it is a measure of how high he has set the bar in recent years that his tally this term is considered a meagre one by his standards.

Cristiano Ronaldo, who ended Messi's four-year reign as World Player by winning the latest award, has a jaw-dropping 13 goals in six La Liga appearances for Real and will be gunning for more when they visit Levante on Saturday.

Real, who appear to have recovered from an early-season wobble, are four points behind Barca in fourth place, with Valencia, who play at Deportivo La Coruna on Sunday, in second and Sevilla, who are at Elche also on Sunday, third.

Champions Atletico Madrid are fifth, five points adrift of Barca, ahead of their game at home to Espanyol on Sunday.

Diego Simeone's side slipped to a 3-1 reverse at Valencia in their last match, their first defeat of the campaign.—*Reuters*

Inspired Stenson and Larrazabal light up London Club

Ash (England), 17 Oct — Henrik Stenson produced an inspired burst of scoring to earn his first victory at this week's World Match Play Championship while Pablo Larrazabal won after staging a Houdini-like recovery on Thursday.

Defending champion Graeme McDowell suffered his first defeat as he went down 2 & 1 to Finn Mikko Ilonen in a sizzling encounter featuring 12 birdies.

McDowell's Ryder Cup partner Victor Dubuisson recorded his second straight victory in the round-robin format by easing past Ireland's Shane Lowry 3 & 2 while South African George Coetzee defeated last year's runner-up Thongchai Jaidee 2 & 1.

Stenson, who finished all square with Coetzee on day one, was three down after four holes against Italian Francesco Molinari but the world number five turned the match around in spectacular fashion with six birdies and an eagle in the last nine holes.

The Swede is now level with Coetzee on three points, ahead of Thongchai (two) and Molinari (zero). The top two in each four-man group go through to Saturday's quarter-finals.

"I had a rocky start and gave away a couple of early gifts," Stenson told reporters at the London Club. "I didn't give up though and then I started playing better and better.

"I was eight-under from the ninth hole onwards... I'll take that. It was a good day especially considering I haven't touched a club for two weeks coming here."

Stephen Gallacher, who failed to win a point on his Ryder Cup debut last month, suffered a cruel fate in his match with Spaniard Larrazabal.

European Ryder Cup player Henrik Stenson walks in front of a scoreboard on the ninth green during the 40th Ryder Cup singles matches at Gleneagles in Scotland on 28 Sept, 2014. —Reuters

The odds on Gallacher securing his first win of the week were short when he was just off the green in two at the 18th while his opponent was lining up his fourth stroke from a hillock 30 yards from the putting surface.

Larrazabal then charged around the green like a man possessed after holing out for an unlikely birdie while Gallacher was unable to sink his putt for a matching four from 10 feet.

It was the second defeat in two days for the Scot and his hopes of qualifying for the knockout stages are over. Dubuisson leads the group on four points ahead of Lowry and Larrazabal who both have two.

"What happened at the last is typical match play golf," said Gallacher. "He won the hole without having been on the fairway — I'm gutted to lose like that.

"Was I expecting him to hole his fourth shot? You expect opponents to hole everything in these situations. I'm eight-under for my two rounds but will be going home after my match against Victor."

US Ryder Cup player Patrick Reed, 2006 World Match Play champion Paul Casey, Swede Jonas Blixt and European Ryder Cup hero Jamie Donaldson are locked together on two points in their group.

Reed was four-under for his round as he eclipsed Casey 2 & 1 while Donaldson beat Blixt 3 & 2 with a five-birdie effort.

Dutchman Joost Luiten tops his group on four points after a run of five birdies in seven holes helped him overcome Frenchman Alexander Levy 4 & 3.

Ilonen is level with McDowell on two points after the Finn put the squeeze on the Northern Irishman with a flawless seven-birdie show.

"Mikko was the better player today, hats off to him," said McDowell. "He played great and was tough to live with."—*Reuters*

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