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Japan will continue its efforts to further deepen its wide-ranging cooperative relationship with Myanmar

YANGON, 12 Nov—Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe gave interview to the Global New Light of Myanmar. The following is the full text of the interview. —Ed

GNLM: How are relations between Myanmar and Japan?

Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe: This year Japan and Myanmar celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. I am pleased to have this opportunity to visit Myanmar again in this memorable year after my official visit in May last year, which was the first visit for a Japanese Prime Minister for 36 years.

President U Thein Sein also visited Japan last December in order to attend the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit Meeting which I co-chaired. Relations between our two countries have become closer through the mutual visits of me and President U Thein Sein.

I personally feel a deep connection with Myanmar. This is because three generations of my family: my grandfather, former Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi; my father, former Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe; and myself have had the opportunities of visiting Myanmar and my wife, Akie, has been supporting child education in Myanmar as her research subject.

A large number of Japanese companies are now paying close attention to Myanmar. All-Japan initiatives, involving public and private sectors, are starting to make achievements in a wide range of areas, including infrastructure development in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and other locations, financial sector, communication sector and postal services.

Furthermore, the foundation of economic relations which enables our two countries to cooperate and grow together, has rapidly developed through the entry into force of the Japan-Myanmar Bilateral Investment Agreement, the granting of permission to the three Japanese banks to open branches in Myanmar by the Government of Myanmar, and the commencement of efforts aimed at the agreement of a tax convention.

Turning our attention to people-to-people exchanges, there are numerous admirers of Myanmar in Japan. Since last year, the Myanmar Festival has been held in Tokyo for the purpose of introducing Myanmar to Japanese people and expanding exchanges between the two countries. This year, approximately 59,000 people attended the festival.

Recently the TV dramas and animations (anime) from Japan started their broadcast in Myanmar. This reminds me that in 1935, approximately 80 years ago, the late film director Niyu Pu, who is known as the father of cinema in Myanmar, shot the film “Japan Yin Thwe” in Japan, which enjoyed great popularity in Myanmar for several years.

Sharing our cultural values, Japan-Myanmar relations have developed and evolved day by day. This year is important not only because we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of our diplomatic relations but also because Myanmar assumes the Chair of ASEAN.

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Pyithu Hluttaw continues 28th day session

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — At the 28th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) on Tuesday, U Kyaw Ni Naing from Laukkai Constituency raised a question whether there is a plan to open a checkpoint at Tyangantis jetty between Myanmar and China border and build a Thanlwin River bridge.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Oo Lwin responded to the question that plans are underway to open one checkpoint at Myanmar-China border post No 125 near Yanlonkyaing and build a river crossing in Tinglyanyu of Mawhtai Sub-Township and open one checkpoint to contribute to regional development and smooth transport.

However, construction of a Thanlwin Bridge and opening of checkpoints were suspended due to security and rule of law situations in the region. China gave a proposal to build a bridge between Laukkai of Kokang Self-Administered Zone and Lonlin District of China. On completion, a checkpoint will be opened for both peoples. Only when security and rule of law can be restored completely, will more checkpoints be opened and bridge built.

U Ye Tun of Hsipaw Constituency asked a question whether there is a plan to draw the disciplines, rules and regulations for submissions of government departments on fake accounts and expenditure. Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung replied that Ministry of Finance sought the suggestions from ministries to scrutinize the titles of accounts and expenditures in conformity with the present time. The office of Auditor-General of the Union submitted the audit reports once every six months. Auditors check the expenditures and accomplishment of the projects. The office of the Auditor-General of the Union plans to scrutinize the account titles and expenditures to the government to be conformity with the present time.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw

Union FM hosts working dinner for ASEAN foreign ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release that Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin hosted a working dinner for ASEAN Foreign Affairs who were attending 25th ASEAN Summit and Related Meeting on Tuesday night, at Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw. During the working dinner, 15th ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting was also held. The 15th ACC was chaired by the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and attended by ASEAN Foreign Affairs as members of the ASEAN Coordinating Council and ASEAN Secretariat-General.

At the 15th ACC Meeting, ASEAN Foreign Ministers noted the Progress Report of the Secretary-General of ASEAN on the work of ASEAN, Functions and Operations of the ASEAN Secretariat, the Report of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR), the Report of the Chair of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force, the Report of the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACC), the Report of the ASEAN Coordination Council Working Group (ACCGW) on ASEAN Community’s Post-2015 Vision and the Report and Recommendations of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs. ASEAN Foreign Affairs also endorsed the Nay Pyi Taw Framework for the ASEAN Community Post-2015 Vision, the Declaration on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing of ASEAN and the ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change 2014 for adoption at the ASEAN Summit. Furthermore, the ministers approved the appointment of new Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Political-Security Community Development (DSG-APSC), M.V. P Hrilabolam nominated by Singapore for the term from 2015 to 2017 and approved the annual operational budget of the ASEAN Secretariat for fiscal year 2015. —MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues discussions

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Representatives from Hluttaw Affairs Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) presented its working dinner for Myanmar immigrants in Malaysia, military attached and deputy counselor has discussed the matter to protect Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia on 10 July 2014, asking for protection on Myanmar migrant workers and investigations on the murder cases.

It also said that although the three ministries of Myanmar tried to bring undocumented Myanmar migrants since 27 December 2013 with the formation of a committee at the Myanmar embassy in Malaysia, few of them contacted it. The report also mentioned that in many accidents Malaysian police could not file the cases though they found the suspects in murder cases due to the lack of concrete evidence, delaying to hand over the cases to the respective courts; in some cases, witnesses dare not give their statements to the courts, causing to close the cases.

It also said that Myanmar embassy has some limitations on resolving the problems of illegal migrants there in accordance with Malaysian laws.

Between 2012 and September 2014, police forces of Myanmar and Malaysia worked together on investigations of 21 criminal cases. The report also suggested Myanmar migrant workers to take care of themselves when moving around outside by observing the existing laws, and the establishment of a mutual legal assistance mechanism to help investigate those criminal cases concerned with both countries. During its 28th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw on 11 November, the parliamentarians also discussed housing projects for the homeless, which has been handed over to the Yangon City Development Committee by the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development.

Amyotha Hluttaw

Upper House discuss security measures for Myanmar immigrants in Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the 3rd Meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group on the ASEAN Community’s Post-2015 Vision was held at MICC-1, Nay Pyi Taw, on Tuesday. The 3rd ACCWG was chaired by U Aung Lynn, Director-General of the ASEAN Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and attended by officials from Political and Security Community Pillar (SOM Leaders), Economic Community Pillar (SEOM Lead) and Socio-Cultural Community Pillar (SOCA Leaders) and delegates from ASEAN member states and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.

The meeting finalized the progress report of the ACCWG, Central Elements of ASEAN Community’s Post-2015 Vision and Nay Pyi Taw Declaration for the ASEAN Community’s Post-2015 Vision which will be submitted to the 15th ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting and subsequently to the 23rd ASEAN Summit to be held on 12 November 2014 for adoption.

The central elements of the ASEAN Community’s Post-2015 Vision include overarching elements encompassing three community pillars, namely ASEAN-Political Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community as well as external relations. The central elements in general, focus, among others, on further enhancing ASEAN centrality in the evolving regional architecture as well as inter-connected, and a caring and sharing community with unity in diversity, continuous adherence to ASEAN’s fundamental principles enshrined in the ASEAN Charter, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia and other instruments of ASEAN as well as international laws and norms, enhanced ASEAN’s institutional capacity, ASEAN’s visions and cooperation with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other external partners, creating a deeply integrated ASEAN economy with growth and resilience even in the face of global economic volatilities, promoting balanced social development and sustainable environment. —MNA

3rd ACCWG on the ASEAN Community’s Post-2015 Vision held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The Joint Bill Committee suggested that the auditor-general of Regions or States submit reports of their development activities to the auditor-general of the Union, who will in turn submit auditor’s reports to the president and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw returns the report.” The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the committee’s proposals.—MNA

Representatives at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on Tuesday’s session.—MNA
President receives distinguished honorary patron award from AFEO

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—President U Thein Sein has received a Distinguished Honorary Patron Award of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations, officials say.

U Win Khine, Chairman of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations, presented the award to the president at the Presidential Palace here on Tuesday.

Expressing words of appreciation, President U Thein Sein said he was delighted by the federation’s recognition of Myanmar’s reforms in energy, transportation and infrastructural development.

The president stressed the laying down of policies and guidelines critical for the successful implementation of reforms in politics, economy, public affairs management and privatization.

As politics is entwined with socio-economic development, political reform is to be simultaneous with economic reform, with the president saying that emphasis is placed on rural development and poverty reduction.

Poverty still reigns in rural areas, where over 70% of the country’s population live, he stated, pointing out the importance of raising proficient engineers through engineering and technological courses as part of developing human resources.

Myanmar shares borders with China and India, which he called huge markets surrounding the country. The president noted that Myanmar, as a developing country rich in natural resources and with a large magnitude of labour, still needs technology, investment and human resources.

He requested the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations to share its technology and experience in Myanmar’s reforms in education, which he said needs upgrading and promoting in developing human resources. The Distinguished Honorary Patron Award is of highest prestige regarded by the Association of the South-East Asian Nations.

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Indian Prime Minister and party arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport on Tuesday afternoon to attend the 9th East Asia Summit and related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw.

They were welcomed by Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung and officials.

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Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN countries arrived at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport on Tuesday.

They were welcomed by Union Ministers U Zeyar Aung, U Than Htay, U Maung Myint and officials.

The Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN countries who arrived today were Sultan of Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Dr Joko Widodo, Laotian Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato’ Sri Haji Mohamad Najib, Philippine President Benigno Aquino III, Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung.

UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon also arrived in Nay Pyi Taw to attend the 9th East Asia Summit.

The heads of State/Government from Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and the US will arrive in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 November to attend the 9th East Asia Summit and related summits.

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Mandalay Convention Centre under construction

Mandalay, 11 Nov — The Mandalay Convention Centre is under construction on 2.38 acres of land plot beside Theikpyan Street in Ward 1 of Chamnyathazai Township, Mandalay, as of early October this year.

The centre will have a 1,500-seat hall, six meeting halls, small booths for exhibition of commodities, one 1,000 seat hall, a 2,000-vehicle car park, electricity and sound control room, toilets, four lifts, two special lifts and fire alarms system.

Priority is being given to construction of the halls to be completed in 2015. The shopping mall, playground and parks will be built for the second phase.

Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)

Outstanding students enjoy festivities at golden jubilee get-together

Mandalay, 11 Nov — The former outstanding students (Lu-Ye-Chun) in Upper Myanmar (1964-1988) get-together was held at Oriental House in Mandalay on 8 November. Chairman of the Former Outstanding Group (Upper Myanmar) Dr Than Win and Secretary U Kyaw Htay explained the important role of outstanding students in various fields of nation-building tasks.

Donor U Saw Nyein of Aung Myin Thu Company donated K 10 million to the fund of the group through the chairman.

Daw Nang Myint Lwin, an outstanding student in 1967, recited an English poem in praise of the former outstanding students.

Later, they all had dinner after enjoying the festivities in commemoration of the golden jubilee outstanding student ceremony.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Advanced mechanized farmlands reclaimed

Myaungmya, 11 Nov — Advanced 100-acre mechanized farming lands are being reclaimed in Uk-yun village-tract of Wake-ma Township, Ayeyawady Region, under the arrangements of Ayeyawady Region government. Asia Adipati Company is implementing the project.

Head of Ayeyawady Region Agriculture Department U Myint Aye. The advanced mechanized farmlands are being reclaimed in 26 townships in the region, according to the district Agricultural Mechanization Department.

U Min Min Zaw and staff made a field trip to Phayeye-inpyeinhwe village-tract in the township on 10 November. They issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 114 eligible citizens. Kutkai Township Administrator U Hsan Myint and township departmental officials delivered cards to the local people.

Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)

English proficiency course conducted to law officers

Mandalay, 11 Nov — Mandalay Region Advocate-General Office and UNDP jointly conducted the English proficiency course at the office of the region advocate-general in Mandalay on Monday.

Advocate-General of the region U Ye Aung Myint explained that staff members need to learn four skills in English language to be able to study international laws and legal affairs.

Under the permission of the office of the Attorney-General of the Union, course instructor Dr Friel-ling will give lectures to 15 law officers from district and township law office.

The course lasts eight weeks.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued to citizens

Kutkai, 11 Nov — As part of efforts in implementing Moe Pwint Plan-7, Head of Kutkai Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Min Min Zaw and staff made a field trip to Phayeye-inpyeinhwe village-tract in the township on 10 November. They issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 114 eligible citizens.

Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)
Short-term office work course conducted in Loikaw District Court

Loikaw, 11 Nov — The short-term office work course for clerks was opened at the hall of Loikaw Court in Kayah State on 10 November.

Judge of Kayah State High Court Daw Than Than Aye urged clerks to study the lectures to have better skills in judicial, management and accountancy rules and regulations, financial rules, duty and functions of the staff, penalty and pension rights in addition to information technology. The course lasts 10 days from 10 to 19 November. Course instructors will give lectures on judiciary, management, State service personnel law, book-keeping, financial rules, pension, IT, morale guidance and media subjects to the trainees.

Loikaw District IPRD

Mandalay under repair to be green city

Mandalay, 11 Nov — A workshop on urban development was held at the hall of the Mandalay City Development Committee on 8 November with the aim of building Mandalay City as a green city, with an address by Mandalay Mayor Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Maung.

MCDC member U Tun Kyi explained the sectors to be included in construction of the green city. In building the city, priority is being given to clearing squatter awards, resettlement of squatter people, solving traffic congestion, transport system, greening works, proper flow of water at drains and minimizing use of polyethylene bags.

Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)

Natogyi maintains playing long drums in tradition

Natogyi, 11 Nov — The long drum in the Myanmar orchestra was essential in procession of accepting meals for members of the Sangha in the past.

The Shwebo long drum music depicted the images of Myanmar tradition in farmlands.

In Natogyi Township, local people have been preserving the Myanmar tradition whenever they urge local wellwishers to offer meals to members of the Sangha during the rain retreat period by playing two long drums with three to seven feet in length each.

The local people hand down preservation of playing long drums to the new generations so as to show off rural culture.

Htay Myint Maung

Collection of voters list coordinated in Myanaung Township

Myanaung, 11 Nov — Myanaung Township Election Sub-commission held a coordination meeting on collection of voters lists in wards and village-tracts in the township, at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Ayeyawady Region on Monday.

Secretary of the sub-commission U Aung Win explained collection of voters who was born before 30 November 1997 for compilation of the voters list.

The secretary stressed need to inform the sub-commission of changes in the voters list and urged officials to collect the voters list in wards and village-tracts in November. It was attended by responsible persons of political parties, members of township election sub-commission, ward/village authorities and officials of election sub-commissions.

Win Bo (Myanaung IPRD)

Cornerstone laid for new school buildings

Yinmabin, 11 Nov — A ceremony to open the upgraded Basic Education Middle School was held in conjunction with the cornerstone laying ceremony for new school building in Tamabinkhwa Village of Yinnabin Township, Sagaing Region, on 9 November.

Deputy Speaker of Sagaing Region Hluttaw U Thaung Sein opened the archway of the school.

Under the auspices of Abbot of Aungchantha Pariyatti Monastery in Mandalay Bhaddanta Ke-sarabhi-vamsa, donor Daw Mya Yin (Sausage Industry) and family sponsored expenditure for construction of Mya Theingi new building. Wellwishers and officials laid cornerstones at the designated places.

Donors presented K33.15 million to the fund for construction of the building and Region government one 32-inch TV and exercise books to the school through Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein.

Old students also donated one set of computer.

Tun Ko Ko (Yinmabin)
APEC leaders’ meeting kicks off, Xi urges action

BEIJING, 11 Nov — President Xi Jinping urged concrete actions to facilitate free trade, improve connectivity and pursue innovation at the APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting here on Tuesday.

Hosting the 22nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders’ Meeting in Beijing, Xi stressed that the APEC members have made important consensus on the launch of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) process, promotion of connectivity as well as pursuit of innovation and development.

“We need to translate the consensus into actions and make development blueprints for the next five, ten and even 25 years,” said Xi.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the APEC, which has been a top-level and most representative cooperation mechanism that covers a wide range of areas in the Asia-Pacific.

The Asia-Pacific has entered a new stage of development with both chances and challenges, and problems should be tackled in an active manner, he said.

“How can we resolve the risks that regional economic integration goes fragmented? How can we seek new growth momentum in the post-financial crisis era? How can we break the financing bottleneck for connectivity development?” Xi said.

The 21-member APEC involves a population of 2.8 billion, or 40 percent of the global total, and produces 57 percent of the global gross domestic product (GDP) and contributes 46 percent of global trade.

Xi called on the APEC to lead the drive, breaking down barriers and speeding up the FTAAP process to realize greater regional economic integration.

“Xi suggested bold reform and innovation in governance, industrial development and technologies for the region to seek new growth momentum. New economic situation also requires that the region speed up improving connectivity and infrastructure, Xi said.

“To realize the plans we have set, the APEC needs mutual trust, inclusiveness, collaboration and mutual benefit,” he said.

The President called for collective efforts to deal with global challenges, such as pandemic diseases, food and energy security as well as effective cooperation platforms.

The meeting is expected to launch the FTAAP process, release a statement on the 25th anniversary of the APEC, and make a blueprint for the APEC’s connection for all-round connectivity in the Asia-Pacific.

It is also expected to promote innovation and reforms to seek new momentum for long-term development of the Asia-Pacific.

Cambodia to host international motor show early next year

PHNOM PENH, 11 Nov — Cambodia will host an international motor show from 12 to 15 February, aiming to develop the country’s auto industry and attract more tourists, officials said on Tuesday.

Information Minister Khieu Kanharith said at a press conference that the demand for vehicles in Cambodia has remarkably increased in recent years thanks to better living conditions of the Cambodian people. “The upcoming event will not only attract vehicle users in Cambodia, but also provide an opportunity for foreign investors to look into investment chance in the auto industry in Cambodia,” he said.

Meach Sophanna, president of the Cambodia Motor Sports Federation (CMSF), said it is expected that some 40 importers of automobiles, motorcycles and spare parts will exhibit their products at the event, which will be held at the Diamond Island Exhibition Center in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.

“It will be the first international motor show in Cambodia,” he said, adding that the CMSF will organize the four-day event with the Grand Prix International motor show early next year.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is considering dissolving the lower house and calling a snap election by the end of this year as he faces a tough decision on a planned consumption tax hike, government and ruling party sources said on Tuesday.

“The prime minister is considering various options, and one of them is a House of Representatives election by the end of the year,” a government source said.

A senior official of Abe’s Liberal Democratic Party said the premier “may dissolve (the lower house) as early as 19 November,” two days after he returns from a summit of the Group of 20 countries in Australia, the last leg of his ongoing three-nation tour.

If the lower house is dissolved, official campaigning for a general election is expected to start 2 September or 9 December, with voting set for 14 December or 21 December, according to the sources. Natsuo Yamaguchi, head of the LDP’s junior coalition partner Komeito, said on Tuesday he will prepare his party’s “for a year-end election scenario.”

Philippine gov’t destroys 50.13 mln USD worth of dangerous drugs

MANILA, 11 Nov — Philippine anti-narcotics agency on Tuesday destroyed 2.25 billion pesos (50.13 million US dollars) worth of dangerous drugs, a senior government official said.

Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Director General Ar toyo Cacdac, Jr said the 577,719.4 grams of assorted dangerous drugs were destroyed through thermal decomposition in a facility in the northern Philippine province of Cavite.

These illegal drugs consist of methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu, ephedrine, cocaine, marijuana, diazepam or Valium and expired medicines.

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It is estimated that the annual demand for new cars and used cars in Cambodia is around 2,000 units and 20,000 units, respectively.

The Southeast Asian nation purchases vehicles mainly from Japan, South Korea, China, the United States, and the United Kingdom. According to the Ministry of Commerce, the nation imported 34,534 cars and 261,177 motorcycles in the first nine months this year, up 88 percent and 130 percent, respectively, from a year earlier.

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Formation of Leading Committee . . .
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(7) Dr Kan Zaw  Secretary
Union Minister
Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(B) The members of Working Committee include:
(1) Dr Maung Maung Thein  Chairman
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Finance
(2) Dr San Lwin  Vice Chairman
Deputy Minister
Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(3) Director-General Member
Ministry of National Planning
(4) Director-General Member
Ministry of Home Affairs
(5) Director-General Member
Ministry of Information
(6) Director-General Member
Ministry of Communications and Information
(7) Deputy Director-General Member
Office of Attorney General of the Union
(8) Director-General Secretary
Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
2. Responsibilities of the Leading Committee and the Working Committee in this order include:
(a) To ensure fiscal transparency
(b) To take over the role on public information
(c) To fight against corruption and to realize a responsible government
(d) To promote the cooperation of citizens in policy-making and administrative processes
3. These committees may form subcommittees when they require.

Japan will continue its . . .
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Japan will continue its efforts to further deepen its wide-ranging cooperative relationship with Myanmar, and the public and the private sectors of Japan will support the progress of the various reforms in this country.
Q: What matters will Japan place importance on in future ASEAN-related summits?
A: Japan welcomes Myanmar being the Chair of ASEAN for the first time. The ASEAN-related summit meetings are an important opportunity for strengthening cooperation between Japan and ASEAN and we encourage collaboration among Asia-Pacific countries for responding to the challenges they are facing.
At the summits, Japan will explain its views on further development of the regional order centered on ASEAN, Japan also wishes to work together with President U Thein Sein, the ASEAN Chair, and to contribute to the success of the summit.
2015 will be a landmark year in which the ASEAN Community will be established and the East Asia Summit (EAS) will celebrate its 10th anniversary. We will actively communicate Japan’s initiatives and ideas for the realization of peace and prosperity in this region through support for the building of the ASEAN Community and other measures, as well as give direction for strengthening the EAS.
At the ASEAN-Japan Summit, we hope to agree on the further enhancement of the Japan-ASEAN relationship and the promotion of cooperation in the fields of maritime security, infrastructure, connectivity and culture, building on the outcomes of the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit Meeting in December last year.
We believe that the EAS is a framework which we should develop further as a premier forum led by heads of states for the discussions about not only economic and social issues but also political and security areas. In the upcoming EAS it is important for us to respond to urgent challenges such as Ebola and ISIL. Moreover, we intend to discuss our initiatives so that our collaboration is deepened even further.
In addition, we would also like to confirm the progress and the direction of cooperation at the Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting and the ASEAN Plus Three (Japan, China and the Republic of Korea) Summit.
I am looking forward to holding wide-ranging and productive discussions with President U Thein Sein and the other leaders.—GNLM

Photo gallery on daily life of local people and development tasks in Maungtaw District in Rakhine State

**Evening market of Myoma Tanyinchaung village in Maungdaw, border district in Rakhine State, is packed with street vendors and buyers looking for variety of vegetables on Monday.** The market also offers household goods and kitchen utensils.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

**It is time to go back home:** Schoolchildren were seen on their way home after school in Tanyinchaung village of Maungtaw Township on Monday.

PHOTO: YE MYINT

**A group of school girls giving a joyful laugh each other as playing a game on the ground of Khwa-hson-pyin post-primary school situated in Myot-thu-gyi village-tract, Maungtaw Township.** The Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department is building a new school building with the contribution of India government to replace the old one.—PHOTO: YE MYINT
Family, Community and Society

By Aung Khin

Family is defined in human context as a group of people affiliated by recognized birth, by marriage, co-residence or shared consumption. Even among the members of immediate family, some focus on their self-interest, while some of them prioritize the others’ needs and wills. The larger the number of family members, the more understanding is needed each other with unselfishness.

In a wider scope, the word ‘community’ is that ‘all the people who live in a particular area, country, etc. when they talked about as a group. It is derived from the Old French commune which comes from the Latin communia, meanings held in common.

The term ‘society’ broadly covers people in general, living together in communities. More broadly, and especially with structuralist thoughts, a society may be illustrated as an economic, social, industrial or cultural infrastructure. In this context, society can be defined as the objective relationships people have with the material world and with other people, rather than other people beyond the individual and their familial social environment.

German sociologist Ferdinand Tonnies distinguished the term ‘community’ and ‘society’. He argued that community is perceived to be a tighter and more cohesive social entity because of its ‘unity of will’. He also mentioned that ‘society’ is a group in which the individuals who make up that group are motivated to take part in the group purely by self-interest. According to his opinion, no group was either pure ‘community’ or simply ‘society’.

Politicians try to use the metaphorical term of ‘family’ to create more inclusive categories such as community, national hood, global and humanism.

However, they need to try to realize the passion of genuine family, community and society with total sincerity.

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Board of Directors and Shareholders

A Board of Directors is a body of elected as appointed members, chosen by shareholders who are entitled or by proxies to attend in a general meeting. The Board’s activities are determined by the powers, duties and responsibilities delegated on it in accordance with the Myanmar Companies Act. So as a director, he or she must act cautiously to draw a demarcation line with clear distinction to differentiate the conflict of interest on carrying on duties or taking responsibilities on any company matters.

In England, until the end of the 19th century, it generally assumed that the general meeting [of shareholders] was the supreme organ of the company and the Board of Directors was merely an agent of the company subject to the control of the share holders in general meeting. The division of powers between the Board and the shareholders in general meeting was settled by regulations in the Articles of Association and that, where the powers of management were vested in the Board, the general meeting could not interfere with their lawful exercise. The Articles were held to constitute a conduct by which the members had agreed that the “Directors and Directors alone shall manage”. A company is an entity distinct from its shareholders and its Directors.

Some of its powers may, according to the Articles be exercised by its Directors, certain other powers may be reserved for the shareholders in general meeting if powers of management are vested in the Directors, and they alone can exercise these powers. The only way in which the general body of shareholders can control the exercise of powers by the Articles in the Directors is by altering regulations in the Articles or if opportunity arises under the Articles, by refusing to re-elect the Directors of whose actions they disapprove. They cannot themselves usurp the powers which by the Articles in the Directors any more than the Directors can usurp the power vested in the Articles in the general body of shareholders.

It is necessary in complying with Section 25 of the Myanmar Companies Act, that every company shall send a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association to every member of the company if on his or her request to buy one. This could inform every member about the regulations of the company. Unless the shareholders know the activities of the company they will not be able to participate in the affairs of the company, so that they can act in appropriate manner in the case of having their say in the Annual General Meeting or in the Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

If a company makes default in complying with the requirements of the above Section, it shall be liable for each offense to a fine of certain amount of money.

In most legal system, the appointment and removal of the Directors is voted on by the shareholders in general meeting. So we shall follow the way by resolving this matter in accordance with the Section stipulated in the Myanmar Companies Act.

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Union Border Affairs Minister urges students to be qualified in courses

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Naing Win explained policies and aims of the ministry in meeting to faculty members at National Race Resources Development Degree College in Sagaing on Monday.

At the assembly hall, the union minister urged students to try hard in pursuing education to be qualified in respective courses and to presented cash assistance and books to them.

He inspected construction tasks in the college and stressed the need of having their say in the Annual General Meeting or in the Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

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Myanmar youth golfers win prizes in golf tourneys in Thailand

Yangon, 11 Nov—Phu Pwint Yai Kyaw, the first prize in Flight B and Nett-Winner award together with Yin May Myo in the inter-club event in the 24th Thailand Ladies Amateur Open in Thailand from 29 to 31 October.

The youth golfers arrived back in Yangon on Monday afternoon.

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Youth golfers of Myanmar team secure prizes in golf tourneys in Thailand.—GNLM

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Unity is only viable way to overcome challenges and achieve our goal to ASEAN Community

President U Thein Sein and Cambodian Prime Minister pose for documentary photo with businessmen at ASEAN Business and Investment Summit 2014. MNA

Chantelle Woodford

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the ASEAN-Australia Dialogue Partnership and an opportunity for ASEAN and Australia to reconnect to this successful partnership.

Since Australia became ASEAN’s first official Dialogue Partner in 1974, the relationship has continued to flourish. Today ASEAN and Australia have a broad relationship, covering cooperation and engagement in a range of areas, including security, trade, education, culture and development. ASEAN welcomes Australia’s firm commitment to the region and active participation in ASEAN-led processes, particularly the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), East Asia Summit (EAS) and the ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus).

The 40th anniversary of relations provides an important opportunity for Australia and ASEAN to chart a new strategic direction to their partnership, one that complements ASEAN’s focus on strengthening regional integration through the ASEAN Community.

In August 2014, ASEAN and Australia adopted a new Plan of Action (PoA) to implement the ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Partnership. The PoA outlines how ASEAN and Australia will implement shared goals and objectives in political and security, economic and socio-cultural co-operation over the next five years.

Both ASEAN and Australia have also committed to increasing their partner-
**US, China reach trade deal on IT**

Beijing, 11 Nov — The United States and China have reached an agreement on a list of information technology products that would be subject to a tariff reduction agreement under the World Trade Organization, the White House said on Tuesday.

US President Barack Obama announced the deal during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leadership meeting in Beijing.

The deal will add a wide array of products, from video game consoles and software to semiconductors and medical devices, to the list of items eligible for tariff reductions under the WTO’s Information Technology Agreement, the White House said in a statement. It products have become the focus of intense political attention in both countries. The US Congress has sought to ban the use of products by American companies Microsoft Corp and Apple Inc, among others.

The decisions came after reports that US spy agencies had introduced trap doors into American IT products to facilitate electronic eavesdropping on China.—Kyodo News

**UN Security Council condemns suicide bombing in Nigerian school**

United Nations, 11 Nov — The UN Security Council on Monday strongly condemned the suicide bombing at a government boarding school in Nigeria’s northeastern town of Potiskum, which killed dozens of students and wounded countless others.

A suicide bomber blew himself up on Tuesday at the Government Science Technical School in Potiskum of Yobe State on Monday morning, killing 78 students and wounding 45 others, a hospital source said.

In a statement to the press, UN Security Council members underlined that all perpetrators of such acts “must be held accountable at national or international levels.”

They expressed their deep sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims, and welcomed the ongoing efforts of the Nigerian government to protect schools and school children, as well as international efforts to provide assistance and bring the perpetrators to justice.

No group has claimed responsibility for the bomb attack. But residents of the restive state are blaming Boko Haram, an outlawed sect which has been responsible for major killings in the West African country since 2009.

In April, Boko Haram abducted over 270 girls from Chibok, Borno State. More than 200 girls are still held by the extremist group.

Xinhua

**UK doesn’t want new Cold War with Russia — Cameron**

London, 11 Nov — Prime Minister David Cameron said on Monday Britain didn’t want a new Cold War with Russia, but signalled he was ready to back tougher sanctions against Moscow if it continued to destabilise Ukraine.

Addressing an audience in London at the Lord Mayor’s banquet, an event traditionally dominated by the foreign policy crisis of the day, Cameron said Russia’s actions posed a grave threat to the rest of Europe but that it wasn’t too late to avoid a new Cold War.

Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev warned last week that East-West tensions over the Ukraine crisis were threatening to push the world into a new Cold War.

“Thafs not an outcome we believe to be inevitable and neither is it one we seek,” said Cameron. “And I will make that clear to President Putin in Brisbane this weekend.”

Cameron and Putin will both attend a meeting of G20 leaders in Australia on 15-16 November.

The British leader was speaking after a weekend that saw the heaviest shelling in a month in Ukraine hit the main rebel stronghold in the east and signs that Moscow had dispatched tanks to reinforce separatists.

Up for re-election next year and faced with domestic difficulties over his policy on Europe and immigration, Cameron is keen for voters to see him as a serious player on the world stage and to make the point that Britain’s own economic fortunes depend on engaging internationally to stem instability.

Cameron said “a military solution” to the Ukraine crisis was not an option, but that European Union sanctions against Russia were having an impact and he was ready to keep upping the pressure until it continued to destabilise Ukraine and violate its territorial integrity.

“Russia’s actions pose a grave danger to the rest of Europe,” he said. “We shouldn’t need to be reminded of the consequences of turning a blind eye when big countries in Europe bullying smaller countries.”

“If Russia continues on its current path, then we will keep upping the pressure and Russia’s relationship with the rest of the world will be radically different in the future.” —Reuters

**China unveils sophisticated stealth fighter aircraft**

Zhuhai / Beijing, 11 Nov — China unveiled a sophisticated new stealth fighter jet at an air show on Tuesday, a show of muscle during a visit by US President Barack Obama for an Asia-Pacific summit.

China hopes the much-anticipated J-31 stealth aircraft, developed by the Aviation Industry Corp of China (Avic), the country’s top aircraft maker, will compete with US-made hardware in export markets.

The twin-engine fighter jet was unveiled at the China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in the southern city of Zhuhai, an annual event at which China shows off its military technology, a Reuters witness said.

The J-31 conducted a demonstration but was not put on display afterwards although a mock-up version was on show. An Avic spokesman declined to comment on any orders for the aircraft.

“We were told not to do any promotion for the plane,” said the spokesman, Fu Mingyi. He did not elaborate.

There are slated to be at least two more J-31 demonstrations at the show, Avic officials said.

China hopes the J-31 will compete with the US-made F-35 stealth aircraft as China works to strengthen its standing as an arms producer, according to China military watchers and state media reports.

“Experts predict that the J-31 will make rapid inroads in the international market in the future, and will undoubtedly steal the limelight from the F-35,” the ruling Communist Party’s People’s Daily reported on its website in August.

It said the aircraft would be particularly attractive to countries that are cut off by US arms export controls.

The J-31 is about the same size as the F-35, the US Department of Defence said in a report this year.

A stealth aircraft are key for China’s air force to evolve from a mostly territorial air force to developing the ability to carry out both offensive and defensive operations, the Pentagon said in the report about developments in China’s military. The J-31 is China’s second domestically produced stealth fighter. Analysts say development of stealth aircraft enable China to better project its power as it takes on a more assertive stance in the East China and South China seas. President Xi Jinping has been pushing to strengthen China’s 2.3 million-strong armed forces.

On Obama, attending an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum meeting in Beijing, is due to meet Xi on Wednesday. —Reuters
UN Syria envoy says Islamic State threat may encourage local truces

BEIRUT, 11 Nov — A common threat posed by Islamic State militants to Syria’s warring factions may help push government and rebel forces toward local truces, the United Nations’ peace envoy to Syria said in an interview published on Tuesday. UN envoy Staffan de Mistura is pushing an initiative to create “incremental freeze zones” to stop localized fighting and improve aid access, starting in the northern city of Aleppo.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad was quoted on Monday as saying the proposal was “worth studying.”

De Mistura told the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) that Islamic State, which is also known as ‘Daesh’ and ‘ISIS,’ was “destabilizing everybody.”

Asked what incentive rebel and government fighters may have to accept local truces, de Mistura said: “There is one major new factor. What is that called? Daesh. ISIS. Terrorism.”

The militants have seized swathes of territory in Iraq and Syria and are now the target of US-led air strikes.

“Second ... no one is actually winning (in Syria’s civil war),” de Mistura added. “You think that one side may be winning? The truth is no one is. And that’s why we have an idea about how to push at least one major example, Aleppo.”

De Mistura acknowledged that, even if the UN plan went forward, it would only be an initial step in a conflict which has killed some 200,000 people and displaced millions.

“Saying having a peace plan would be ambitious and delusional. But I do have, we do have, an action plan. And the action plan starts from the ground: stop the fighting, reduce the violence,” he said.

Reuters

Three Malaysians accused of supporting ISIS

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Nov — Three Malaysians have been accused of supporting terrorist group Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) through providing funds or leaving the country to join the militants fighting in Iraq and Syria, court sources said on Tuesday.

Two men were brought to over charges of providing funds to support terrorist group through a blog, court sources said.

Financial consultant Rohaimi Abd Rahim, 37, and car salesman Muhammad Fauzi Mirsal, 34, were brought to Malaysia’s Session Court on Tuesday. They were accused of funding ISIS through their blog Revolution Islam between 29 March and 13 October.

Meanwhile, a cake store assistant was also charged in the Sepang Sessions Court with traveling to Syria to aid the ISIS during 28 December last year and 7 April this year.

The penalty for the charge is life imprisonment by up to 30 years, with a fine or confiscation of any assets suspected of being used for terrorist activities, according to court sources.

Xinhua

Canada’s Israel launches first drone strike in Iraq against Islamic State

LONDON, 11 Nov — Britain launched its first drone strike in Iraq against Islamic State (IS) fighters at the weekend, the government said on Monday, saying a Hellfire missile had been fired at militants laying improvised explosive devices.

British parliament approved air strikes against IS insurgents in Iraq in September and Royal Air Force Tornado GR4 fighter-bombers have since carried out dozens of combat missions as part of US-led military action in the country.

The Ministry of Defence said a Reaper drone had taken part in a series of coalition missions near Bayji, north of Baghdad, and had also provided intelligence to coalition air-craft to allow them to conduct further strikes.

Britain said last month it was authorising spy planes and armed drones to fly surveillance missions over Syria too, but that drones there would not be allowed to use their weapons for now.

Britain hasn’t carried out any air strikes in Syria either.

Islamic State swept through northern Iraq in June virtually unopposed by the Iraqi army and declared a caliphate in the parts of Iraq and Syria it controls.

The United States and its allies launched a barrage of attacks against Islamic State over the weekend, conducting 23 air strikes in Syria and 18 in Iraq against the militant group since Friday, US Central Command said.

Reuters

Canadian-Israeli woman joins Kurdish fighting Islamic State

JERUSALEM / OTWA, 11 Nov — A Canadian-born woman who emigrated to Israel and served in its military has joined Kurdish militants fighting Islamic State insurgents in northern Syria, Israel Radio reported on Monday.

The Canadian foreign affairs ministry would only say, “We are aware of reports that a Canadian individual has joined Kurdish forces.”

The Israel Radio report, which identified the woman as 31 years old and a resident of Tel Aviv, said she had contacted Kurdish fighters over the Internet before traveling through Iraq to train at one of their camps on the Syrian border.

“They are our brothers. They are good people. They love life, a lot like us, really,” she told the radio station.

The woman was preparing to enter combat zones in northern Syria, Israel Radio said, where Kurdish fighters, many of them women, have been trying to fend off Islamic State militants.

The woman felt she could contribute from her Israeli military experience, the station said, without elaborating.

Israel has maintained discreet military, intelligence and business ties with the Kurds since the 1960s, seeing in the minority ethnic group a buffer against shared Arab adversaries.

The Kurds are spread through northern Syria, Iraq, Turkey and Iran.

Warning about spillover from the Syrian war, Israel has been cracking down on members of its 20 percent Arab minority who return after volunteering to fight with Islamic State or other rebels opposed to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s rule.

Israel bans its citizens from travelling to enemy states, among them Syria and Iraq, and officials did not respond to a Reuters inquiry about whether the woman could face prosecution if she returns to Israel.

Reuters

US says cannot confirm status of Islamic State leader after strike

BEIJING, 11 Nov — The United States cannot yet confirm whether the Islamic State commander, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, was killed or wounded in Iraq following an air strike near the city of Falluja, a White House spokesman said on Tuesday.

Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications Ben Rhodes was speaking on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Beijing. There have been contradictory accounts out of Iraq following US air strikes on Friday night about whether Baghdadi was wounded.—Reuters
US welcomes Abe-Xi summit, says important for regional peace

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — The United States welcomed a formal meeting between Japanese and Chinese leaders for the first time in years, a US State Department spokeswoman said on Monday, adding that an improvement in ties between the two Asian countries is important for peace in the region and the world.

“A positive relationship is something that we feel is important for not only relations between the countries, but peace and prosperity for the region and the world,” Jen Psaki told a Press briefing, referring to the meeting between Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday in Beijing. “We certainly welcome the meeting.” The formal talks, which took place on the sidelines of the two leaders’ economic summit, were held for the first time since Abe and Xi came to power two years ago. The bilateral ties have chilled due to disagreements over history and territorial disputes, but signs of easing tensions have emerged recently.

While acknowledging that the two leaders have “some issues where they agree on and some they don’t,” Psaki also said, “Sitting down and meeting is still a positive step forward.” In relation to the Ukraine crisis, the spokeswoman indicated that Washington will pay attention to Japan’s diplomacy with Russia following an agreement reached between Abe and Russian President Vladimir Putin during their summit talks in Beijing to begin preparations for the Russian leader to visit Japan next year.

“We believe that the actions taken by Russia as it relates to Ukraine are illegal and they violate international norms. Certainly, Japan has been a partner in that,” she said. “It doesn’t mean that you can’t have meetings and dialogue. As you know, we have meetings and dialogue with the Russians as well. So perhaps they’ll bring up and raise issues related to Ukraine during their discussion. We’ll see.” Japan has attached great importance to Putin’s planned visit as part of the Abe government’s efforts to advance negotiations over the ownership of four Russian-held, Japanese-claimed islands off Hokkaido. The territorial dispute has prevented Tokyo and Moscow from concluding a postwar peace treaty. But the issue has become a sensitive matter for the United States and European countries that have, together with Japan, slapped sanctions on Russia over the Ukraine crisis.

Sewol ferry captain Lee Joon-seok (3rd R) sits with crew members at the start of the verdict proceedings in a court room in Gwangju on 11 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

Australian MH370 search agency says to continue mission

SYDNEY, 11 Nov — Australia on Tuesday said it remained committed to searching for missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 after comments by one of the airline’s directors suggesting the plane would be declared officially “lost” angered passengers’ families.

Malaysia Airlines commercial director Hugh Dunleavy inflamed already testy relations between the airline and the families of those aboard the missing flight by telling a New Zealand newspaper on 4 November that next of kin would be compensated “once we’ve had an official loss recorded”. The paper added that Australia and Malaysia were likely to declare the plane lost by the end of 2014, effectively ending a massive underwater search begun soon after the flight disappeared over the Indian Ocean on 8 March, with 239 people on board.

On 10 November, next-of-kin activist group Voice 370 said in a statement that Dunleavy’s “unilateral declaration brings intense agony and confusions to family members and makes us lose faith in the search effort”. Malaysia Airlines then said in a statement the comments were an “expression of a personal opinion” and the Australia-based Joint Agency Coordination Centre (JACC) running the search was giving the only official updates on the operation, involving Australian, Chinese and Malaysian search equipment.

“Australia continues to lead the search for MH370 on behalf of Malaysia and remains committed to providing all necessary assistance in the search for the aircraft,” the JACC said in a statement that described Dunleavy’s comments as “greatly disturbing” for the families and loved ones of those on board.—REUTERS

South Korea court jails captain of doomed ferry for 36 years for negligence

Osaka, 11 Nov — A dissolving gel that cleans and scents water used in flushing toilets, named Bluelet, was recognized by Guinness World Records on Monday as the world’s best-selling toilet tank product, a new category, based on its record sales of about 13.8 billion yen in 2013. Made by Kobayashi Pharmaceutical Co, the 26 products in the Bluelet line are sold only in Japan for about 300 yen each on average, commanding at present around 70 percent of market share. Since the first product went on sale in 1969, Bluelet’s sales have grown in parallel with the popularity of flash toilets, with total cumulative sales reaching around 300 billion yen. At a ceremony held at Kobayashi Pharmaceutical Co’s Osaka headquarters, President Akihiro Kobayashi attributed the record to Bluelet products having “changed to suit consumers’ needs and the changing shape of toilets,” Kobayashi said. According to Kobayashi Pharmaceutical, the global market for such products is worth around 60 billion yen, with the United States being a major market in addition to Japan.

Akihiro Kobayashi, president of Kobayashi Pharmaceutical Co, holds a Guinness World Records certificate recognizing a dissolving gel that cleans and scents water used in flushing toilets, named Bluelet and made by his company, as the worldwide best-selling toilet tank product, a new category, based on its record sales of about 13.8 billion yen in 2013, standing next to a pile of the product in Osaka on 10 Nov, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

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A memorial to the victims of both flights MH370 and MH17 is set up at the Xio En Bereavement Centre in Kuala Lumpur on 9 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

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Man faces trial in Siberia for killing friend with chocolate bar

Novosibirsk, 11 Nov — A man in the Siberian town of Ob may face up to 15 years in prison for killing his friend with a chocolate bar, the press service of the local prosecutor’s office said on Monday.

The incident took place in June 2014, when the 40-year-old man, who already had criminal record, and his friend, both drunk, fell out and started a brawl. The man knocked down his friend, kicking and beating him up. Then, he took a chocolate bar and thrust it into his friend’s throat. Unable to breathe, the man’s friend died instantaneously.

The man took his friend’s mobile phone and money and fled the scene to be later detained in Novosibirsk.

The man is now facing criminal charges punishable with a term of up to 15 years behind bars.

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**WEATHER REPORT**

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 12th November, 2014:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and weathervane will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Katie Holmes excited for directorial debut

London, 11 Nov — Actress Katie Holmes is excited to get back to work and make her directorial debut in the upcoming movie ‘All We Had’. The 35-year-old actress said she is nervous about taking on the challenge but can’t wait to get started and make her mark on the movie, reported Daily Mail.

“I am excited, I’m going to direct my first movie. I found this book and optioned it and I have a writer writing it for me. I’m excited! It should be a huge challenge, but worth it,” she said during her appearance on a TV show.

The brunette beauty, who has an eight-year-old daughter Suri with her ex-husband Tom Cruise, recently confessed to hiring help to care for her daughter after struggling to juggle motherhood and work commitments in the past.

“You do the best you can. Some days you feel really good about yourself and some days you don’t. You really need help people through whatever it is they’re going through…,” she had said.

Hunger Games’ to be adapted for stage

London, 11 Nov — Best-selling trilogy and blockbuster film franchise ‘The Hunger Games’ is set to be made into a stage show in summer 2016, it has been announced.

The ‘innovative’ stage adaptation will launch in a purpose-built theatre next to Wembley Stadium in London.

It will be created by Robin de Levita, who was behind a Dutch stage show about World War Two and Anne Frank. The movie adaptations of The Hunger Games have taken around £946 million pound at the worldwide box office.

The latest installment, ‘The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1’, will be released in cinemas later this month. Based on the novels of Suzanne Collins, the dystopian tales follow the fortunes of Katniss Everdeen, who becomes a reluctant reality show heroine. “The theatre is a fantastical medium to bring the many meaningful layers of Suzanne Collins’ writing to life,” said Broadway producer Mr de Levita.

Alec Baldwin’s daughter doesn’t want his acting advice

Los Angeles, 11 Nov — Alec Baldwin and daughter Kim Basinger’s daughter Ireland said she is not leaning on her parents’ expertise as she auditions for roles. The 19-year-old said she does not need their advice, said the Daily Mirror. “I think we always say, when we wrote the album, that we write from personal experiences, so it would be hypocritical of us to be like ‘oh you can’t write a song’,” Styles said.

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Germany’s World Cup winners honoured at movie premiere

BERLIN, 11 Nov — Germans basked in World Cup glory again on Monday when the national team were honoured before attending the premiere of the official movie about their victory in Brazil in July. President Joachim Gauck, joined by Chancellor Angela Merkel, awarded the players with the Silver Laurel Leaf, the country’s highest sports award for what was Germany’s fourth World Cup crown.

“All of us in Germany felt as if we were world champions,” Gauck told the players before they received their awards.

“We can be happy that no one is envying our title and the world is happy with us.”

Germany lifted the trophy after beating Argentina 1-0 in extra-time in the final following their historic 7-1 demolition of hosts Brazil in the semis.

“Many of us are not here for the first time,” World Cup-winning captain Philipp Lahm said in his address at Bellevue Palace.

“But it is something special to have brought the trophy with us this time.”

The 21 players, with Andre Schuerrle and Julian Draxler missing, and coaches were then whisked off to another red-carpet occasion as the city celebrated 25 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall which eventually led to Germany’s reunification.

They attended the premiere of the “The Team”, the movie detailing their run to the world title with inside glimpses into how the team lived the experience.

One of them was Thomas Mueller’s trip and fall during a free kick in the knockout-stage win over Algeria. It was a routine précis over and over again by the Germans which just did not work right on the day.

But more than showing private moments of the players at their seaside camp in northern Brazil, the film highlighted the team spirit that was forged during the six weeks of preparations and competition.

Revenues from the movie will be used for charitable projects, the German Football Association (DFB) said.

First four Mi-171S helicopters to be delivered to Peru before yearend

ZHOUHAI, 11 Nov — First consignment of military transport helicopters of the Mi-171S family will be delivered to Peru before the end of this year, Alexander Mikeyev, the Director General of the Vertyoty Rossii (Russian Helicopters) holding company told TASS on the sidelines of the 10th Airshow China 2014.

“As part of a contract with Rosoboronexport (Russian state weapon exporting company) TASS we’re expected to deliver Mi-171S military transport helicopters to Peru,” he said. “The first consignment of four helicopters will be delivered to the (Peruvian) customer before the end of this year.”

“Rosoboronexport is performing this contract as agreed upon with the customer,” Mikeyev said.

The government of Peru and Rosoboronexport signed an agreement on supplies of twenty-four helicopters of the Mi-171S family to Peru last December.

The other twenty aircraft will be handed to Peru in 2015 and they will be entered in the tables of equipment of the Peruvian Air Force. A regional centre for the maintenance and servicing of Russian helicopters will be set up in Peru by 2015.

At present, the Peruvian Air Force has eleven Mi-8/171 Mi-171 military transport helicopters and sixteen Mi-24/25/35 attack helicopters.

The Army aviation has twenty Mi-8/171/171 helicopters and one AW109 manufactured by the Anglo-Italian company AgustaWestland.

Berdyuch 6-1, 6-1 in Group A on Monday and Federer opened his bid for a seventh Tour Finals triumph with a 6-1, 7-6 defeat of big-serving Canadian Milos Raonic on Sunday.

The Davis Cup teammates could even find themselves on the opposite side of the net in the semi-finals or final.

Federer, 33, is desperate to add the Davis Cup title to his 17 grand slam titles and even suggested himself before the Tour Finals began that the looming tie with France could play on his mind if he has a long run in London.

But Wawrinka, who will share the workload against France, has no concerns.

“I think that week it’s not that bad. You play one match every two days. He’s going to have a day off before the semi-final,” he told reporters.

“If you look at the week, it’s not a hard week. Then you have five days to get ready for clay. He’s the best player ever to adapt his game on the different surface.

“It took him maybe like one hour or one day maximum to change the surface.

“But I’m sure physically he’s going to be ready for trying to win here and trying to win the Davis Cup.”

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“As part of a contract with Rosoboronexport (Russian state weapon exporting company) TASS we’re expected to deliver Mi-171S military transport helicopters to Peru,” he said. “The first consignment of four helicopters will be delivered to the (Peruvian) customer before the end of this year.”

“Rosoboronexport is performing this contract as agreed upon with the customer,” Mikeyev said.

The government of Peru and Rosoboronexport signed an agreement on supplies of twenty-four helicopters of the Mi-171S family to Peru last December.

The other twenty aircraft will be handed to Peru in 2015 and they will be entered in the tables of equipment of the Peruvian Air Force. A regional centre for the maintenance and servicing of Russian helicopters will be set up in Peru by 2015.

At present, the Peruvian Air Force has eleven Mi-8/171 Mi-171 military transport helicopters and sixteen Mi-24/25/35 attack helicopters.

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Conte said he was not paying attention to Balotelli’s troubles with Liverpool.

“Personally, I’m not going to pay attention to talk about the club,” he said. “People try to concentrate each situation and I feel sorry for him. Today he is here and he has to answer to me. I will judge him by what he does in the next seven or nine days.”

Balotelli was heavily criticised for his performances at the World Cup, when Italy went out in the group stage. “Balotelli has significant experience with the national team, he has played at a World Cup and a European championship, but that’s not enough,” said Conte. “He needs to catch it up and I have to see if he can adapt to our type of football. If he can, he can play in the starting line-up. If not, he can play on the bench or in the stands.

“My duty is to see how he can help us in this national team. Italy, who have won all four games since Conte took over, host Croatia in a Euro 2016 qualifier on Sunday.—Reuters

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