**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham leaves for Laos to attend 5th ACMECS**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham left here today for Laos to participate in the 5th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Co-operation Strategy (ACMECS), a forum between ACMECS leaders and business community and 6th CLMV Conference.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham was seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport by President of the Republic of Myanmar U Thein Sein, Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt, U Kyaw Hsan, U Myint Hlaing, U Tint Hsan, U Maung Myint, Dr Ko Ko Oo, deputy ministers and officials concerned.

The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comprises Union Minister U Soe Maung, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, Dr Daw Khan San Yi, U Soe Tint and officials concerned.—MNA

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**Formation of Committee for implementation of the report of Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project**

Aimed at implementing the report of Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project in Sagaing Region, a committee to implement the report of investigation commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project has been formed as follow:-

1. U Hla Tun  
   Union Minister  
   Ministry at the President Office (6)  
   Chairman
2. U Tha Aye  
   Chief Minister  
   Sagaing Region  
   Vice-Chairman
3. Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo  
   Adjutant-General  
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4. Lt-Gen Ko Ko  
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   Ministry of Home Affairs  
   Member
5. U Win Tun  
   Union Minister  
   Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry  
   Member
6. Dr Myint Aung  
   Union Minister  
   Ministry of Mines  
   Member
7. U Soe Win  
   Deputy Minister  
   Ministry of Religious Affairs  
   Member
8. U Ohn Than  
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   Member
9. U Myo Aung  
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    Secretariat  
    Member
12. U Maung Maung Tint  
    Project Director  
    Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited  
    MD  
    Member
13. Mr. Geng Yi  
    Deputy Minister  
    Myanmar Wenbao Company  
    Secretary  
    Member
14. U Thant Shin  
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    Deputy Director-General  
    Joint Secretary  
    Member
15. U Tin Myint  
    General Administration Department  
    President  
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**Workshop on Law Making, Legal Analysis and Legal Drafting launched**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Under the programme of promoting parliamentary capabilities, workshop on Law Making, Legal Analysis and Legal Drafting, jointly conducted by UNDP, was launched at Hluttaw Office-20, here, this afternoon with an address delivered by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo.

On behalf of UNDP, Mr Edin Elgsaether explained the purpose of the workshop.

At the workshop, Mr Edin Elgsaether, Mr Kevin Deveaux and Ms Charmaine Rodrigues of UNDP will take part in the discussion.

The workshop lasts till 15 March. It was attended by representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, members of the Commissions, and officials concerned.—MNA
New umbrella to be hoisted atop
Yanaungmyin Pagoda in Mohnyin

Mohnyin, 11 March—New diamond orb and umbrella will be hoisted atop historic Sinkhawpeik (or) Yanaungmyin Pagoda in Mohnyin from 4th to 8th evening of Tabauk.

The current bronze umbrella was 35 years old. A plan is underway to hoist steel umbrella and new diamond orb atop the pagoda; old umbrella will be kept near Padonna lake near the pagoda, said the Sayadaw of Phayagyi Monastery.

New umbrella worth K 1.2 million and diamond orb worth K 4 million will be donated by U Kyaw Hse-Daw Kyu Kyu Hmwe of 7-mile Kondan Village of Mohnyin Township.

Myaungmya gets one more transformer

Myaungmya, 11 March—Myaungmya District Electrical Engineer U Kyi Paw and Head of Sub-Power Station U Thet Naing Tun supervised installation of a new 5 MVA transformer at 66 KV sub-power station in Myaungmya of Ayeyawady Region on 14 February.

The district engineer remarked thanks for installation of new transformer, electricity can be supplied to the local people soon.

Supply of electricity undertaken on self-reliant basis

Mohnyin, 11 March—The erection of lamp-posts was held for supply of electricity in Nampok Village of Mohnyin Township on a self-reliant basis on 5 March.

“We have erected 120 lamp-posts within 10 days. It cost over K 100 million. It is projected to install two transformers. We have coordinated with departments concerned to install power line,” said village administrator U Chit Aung and village power station committee member U Myint Aung.

Mohnyin Power Station will supply electricity to the local people by linking 66 KV power line.

Overage and damaged cars
fire at No 3 Steel Mill

Yangon, 11 March—A fire broke out at No 3 Steel Mill of Myanmar Economic Corporation on Pearl Street in West Ywama Ward of Insein Township in Yangon North District at 10.40 am on 6 March.

“The fire started from overheating of engine oil at the overage vehicles which were piled at the compound.”

Fire fighters put out the fire with the help of 53 fire engines, one water bowser, two fire machinery, three associated vehicles and one management vehicle and the fire could be died down at 1 pm.

A total of 333 members of Fire Services Department and 192 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade participated in the fire fighting.
Joint Press conference of Afghan president, US secretary of defense canceled

Chuck Hagel who arrived Afghanistan on Friday to have first-hand knowledge on the security situation in Afghanistan and also to meet President Karzai.

On Saturday, a day after of Hagel’s arrival, a suicide attack claimed nine lives in the capital city of Kabul and injured 13 others. The US military, in a bid to hand over the control of Bagram prison to the Afghan government during Hagel’s visit but the programme was postponed.

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Insurgents based in the provinces of Hama and Idlib advanced on Homs this weekend from the north while brigades from rural Homs attacked government positions in its Baba Amro district. This area was overrun by the army after a long siege a year ago and subsequently visited by Assad. The Syrian state news agency said “one unit of our brave army engaged with an armed terrorist group that had tried to infiltrate Baba Amro ... and killed and wounded several of them,” the news agency said.

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On Facebook, app makers face a treacherous path

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 March—Last spring, the future for Viddy, a videosharing Facebook app, seemed as sunny as southern California’s skies.

Based a block away from Facebook’s Menlo Park, the 30-person startup impressed prospective investors with skyrocketing user growth figures and won them $15 million in venture funding, plus a $370 million valuation.

The tech press hailed it as the “Instagram for video,” potentially ripe for a billion-dollar-plus buyout. Justin Bieber wanted to invest — and the pop star eventually did just that.

But this month, the company fired its chief executive, laid off nearly half of its staff and blamed plummeting user numbers on something it once believed to be its ticket to success: Facebook Inc.

Everyone has known for years that Facebook can be a huge driver of traffic, but Facebook also frequently changes the way apps work and take it away from those who are good at sharing video on the network.

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Viddy’s dramatic reversal of fortune is a common tale among builders of software and services that rode the No. 1 social network to viral stardom, only to plummet when Facebook made one of its frequent changes in the way third-party apps can communicate with and solicit customers.

Investors and entrepreneurs say that the unpredictable way that Facebook cuts off apps or suppresses their presence has made them increasingly wary of building companies that rely on Facebook. Some believe Facebook could eventually attract regulatory scrutiny because of its ability to make or break companies that rely on its billion-strong base of users.

Douglas Purdy, Facebook’s director of developer products, said that the company boosts traffic to apps that prove to be popular and takes it away from those that overwhelm people with notifications or are otherwise abusive or unpopular.

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“We don’t want to be in the business of king-making,” Purdy said. “In the end, users decide what they care about, and they have control over it. If you’re a great developer and you’re good at making really good content, you’re going to get traffic.”

He declined to comment on relationships with individual developers.

Developers sympathetic to Facebook say that the company has rightly prioritized its users, who could abandon the network if they feel overwhelmed by solicitations from apps.

“Facebook thinks first and foremost about the user,” said Ricardo Zacconi, the chief executive of game maker King.com. “For companies that were relying 100 percent on visibility, there’s been a negative impact, but it’s been a better user experience.”

Viral growth occurs when current users recruit other users, by inviting them to join, touting the content or sharing an application. It is not clear if Viddy and other firms who have partly blamed Facebook for declining fortunes would have run into difficulties eventually anyway, as, for example, rivals came out with new products.

Earth gets a rush of weekend asteroid visitors

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Iran blocks use of tool to get around Internet filter

DUBAI, 11 March—Iranian authorities have blocked the use of most virtual private networks (VPNs), a tool that many Iranians use to get around an extensive government Internet filter, Iranian media quoted an official as saying on Sunday. A widespread government Internet filter prevents Iranians from accessing many sites on the official grounds they are offensive or criminal.

Many Iranians evade the filter through use of VPN software, which provides encrypted links directly to private networks based abroad, and can allow a computer to behave as if it is based in another country.

But authorities have now blocked “illegal” VPN access, an Iranian legislator told the Mehr news agency on Sunday. Iranian web users confirmed that VPNs were blocked.

“Within the last few days illegal VPN ports in the country have been blocked,” said Ramezanali Sobhani-Fard, the head of parliament’s information and communications technology committee, according to Mehr. “Only legal and registered VPNs can from now on be used.”

Iran is holding a presidential election in July, its first since 2009, when a disputed result led to the worst unrest since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Protesters used services like Facebook to communicate during those “Green Movement” demonstrations, and the government is keen to curb access to the Internet in the last few months, apparently determined to prevent a re-peat this time.

An internet user named Mohamad from the Irani-cian city of Isfahan confirmed that VPNs had been blocked.

“VPNs are cut off. They’ve shut all the ports,” he said in a Facebook message, adding that he was using another form of software to access the service without a VPN. He said Skype and Viber, internet services used to make telephone calls, had also been blocked.

In January, Mehdii Akhavan Behabadi, secretary of the Supreme Cyberspace Council, told Mehr that Internet users would soon be able to purchase registered VPN connections and that other VPNs were illegal. Financial institutions and other organizations that need to use VPNs for security reasons, which would be a legal use, Behabadi said.

Australia central bank says no information lost in cyber attacks

SYDNEY, 11 March—Australia’s central bank confirmed on Monday it had been targeted by cyber attacks and that no data had been lost or systems compromised, but would not comment on a media report that a malware virus used in one attack was Chinese in origin.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) was responding to a report in the Australian Financial Review newspaper that claimed the central bank had been repeatedly and successfully hacked and information stolen.

“As reported in today’s media, the RBA has on no occasion been the target of cyber attacks,” the RBA said in a statement.

“Customers use computers at an internet cafe in Tehran on 9 May, 2011.—REUTERS

“The Bank has comprehensive security ar-rangements in place which are designed to protect and ensure that viruses have not been spread across the Bank’s network or systems,” the central bank said.

“At no point have these attacks caused the Bank’s data or information to be lost or be lost or systems be cor rupted.”

Hacking attacks on governments and corpo-rations have become rou-tine, with suspicion falling on China as the source of much of the activity. Bei-jing has repeatedly denied accusations it is behind the attacks, saying it too is a victim of hacking, par-ticularly from the United States.—Reuters

Sun reflects off the front door sign of the Reserve Bank of Australia building in Sydney in this July 5, 2011 file photo. REUTERS
Economy may need shock therapy soon — employers group

London, 11 March—Britain's chancellor may have to employ shock treatment to the country's economy, including the controversial option of new borrowing to fund investment, if there is no sign of growth in six months' time, a business leader has said.

This month's budget announcement by George Osborne must include several measures to boost the economy which could be funded by cuts to welfare and other spending, said John Longworth, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce.

Britain urged to split all banks if only one breaks new rules

London, 11 March—Britain should force all banks to split retail operations from riskier investment activities if a single lender abuses new rules designed to protect taxpayers, an influential panel of lawmakers said.

The Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards, which has been asked to find ways to reform banks, also said on Monday that Britain's financial regulator should be given the responsibility to decide how far banks can leverage their capital for investment and lending. The government's Banking Reform Bill is due to be debated in parliament on Monday. But Conservative MP Andrew Tyrie, who heads the commission, said that current proposals to change the industry fall short of what is required.

“...must be able to consider actually borrowing to fund more spending without spooking financial markets. The BoE, and another leading employers group, the CBI, both said on Monday that they would take the government's focus on tackling the budget deficit but said there was room for measures to boost growth too.”

Pedestrians walk past the Bank of England in the City of London on 23 Feb, 2013.—Reuters

Business minister Vince Cable suggested it might be possible for the government to borrow to fund more spending without spooking financial markets.

Electronic card spending continues to rise in New Zealand

Wellington, 11 March—Consumer spending by electronic card continued to pick up in February, with the 0.8 percent rise being the fifth consecutive monthly increase and the largest since August last year, the government statistics agency announced on Monday.

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The largest retail rises were in durables (including furniture, hardware, and appliance retailing), which rose by 1.4 percent, or 15 million NZ dollars (12.33 million US dollars) and consumables (including food and liquor retailing), which were up 0.6 percent, or 9 million NZ dollars. The largest fall was in fuel retailing, which was down 1.5 percent, or 10 million NZ dollars.—Reuters

Kashmiri Muslims offer prayers at a mosque in Srinagar, India, 10 March.—Reuters

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February car sales at 12-year low, plunge 25.7 percent

New Delhi, 11 March—Car sales in India slumped 25.7 percent in February, the biggest fall in more than 12 years and the fourth consecutive monthly slide, an industry body said on Monday, as sluggish economic growth continues to weigh on demand.

The industry is expected to see its first decline in annual sales as high interest rates and rising fuel prices have taken a toll on India's largest economy put off buyers in a market that was once one of the world's most promising.

Automakers sold 158,513 cars in India last month, data from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) showed. Car sales are down 4.6 percent for the first 11 months of the fiscal year ending in March, it said.

Car prices are down 7 percent for the first 11 months of the fiscal year ending in March, the Finance Ministry said on Monday. The government is working to stimulate the economy, which grew 5.7 percent in the three months to December, with policies such as new road and rail projects, a deputy director general of the statistic department said. But analysts say the government's focus on cutting the budget deficit is likely to continue and may dampen growth.

The CBI, both said on Monday that they would take the government's focus on tackling the budget deficit but said there was room for measures to boost growth too. But signs have grown of differences within the ruling coalition ahead of the March 20 budget statement.

Pet frogs linked to salmonella outbreak in kids: CDC

New York, 11 March—Small water frogs marketed and sold as pets are linked to an outbreak of Salmonella infections from 2008 to 2011, according to a report from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The report published in Pediatrics on Monday found the infection sickened 376 people in 44 US states and sent 29 percent of those infected to the hospital or to a doctor.

"This was the first Salmonella outbreak associated with aquatic frogs, and in this case the frogs are often marketed as good pets for kids," said Shauna Mettee Zarecki, the study’s lead author from the CDC in Atlanta. “The majority of people didn’t realize they had any risks from these amphibians or other amphibians, like turtles and snakes,” she added. While most people hear about Salmonella-contaminated food, Zarecki said reptiles and amphibians also carry the bacteria. Humans can become infected after handling the animals, cleaning their containers or coming in contact with contaminated water.

People infected with Salmonella can have prolonged diarrhea, cramps, vomiting and a persistent fever. The infection can be deadly if it’s left untreated, and it’s most dangerous in the very young, elderly and people with weak immune systems. Previous research has found that reptiles and amphibians are responsible for about 74,000 Salmonella infections in the US every year. In the new report, Zarecki and her colleagues write that researchers from the CDC — along with state and local health departments — investigated an outbreak of Salmonella infections, mostly among children, in 2008.—Reuters

Larsen & Toubro shares fall on World Bank sanctions

Mumbai, 11 March—Shares in Larsen & Toubro Ltd (LART.NS) recovered 1 percent after falling as much as 2.7 percent on Monday after World Bank barred the company from participating in any of the organisation’s projects for six months.

LT&T shares were up 1 percent as of 11:34 am. Larsen & Toubro Ltd (LART.NS) recover 1 percent after falling as much as 2.7 percent on Monday after World Bank barred the company from participating in any of the organisation’s projects for six months.—Reuters
Small bomb explodes at Greek courier firm in Athens

ATHENS, 11 March — A small makeshift bomb exploded at a Greek courier company in Athens on Sunday, smashing windows but causing no injuries, a Reuters witness and police officials said. The explosion damaged some vehicles parked outside the local firm and caused minor damage to several neighboring buildings. Police officials said the bomb consisted of at least five gas canisters and some explosive material.

Gas canister attacks against businesses and police are frequent in Greece. Small bomb attacks against politicians have risen since the country adopted harsh and deeply unpopular austerity measures under the terms of two successive bailouts by the European Union and the International Monetary Fund. In January, two Greek anarchist groups claimed responsibility for an explosion at an Athens shopping centre that fuelled fears of rising political violence.

That incident followed a series of small homemade bomb attacks on journalists and political figures. Less than a week before the small blast, unknown gunmen fired shots at the Athens offices of the New Democracy party, which heads the governing coalition. There were no injuries and no claim of responsibility for the attack. — Reuters

New York City Council speaker joins race to succeed Mayor Bloomberg

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn speak during a news conference in New York on 4 Dec, 2012. — Reuters

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, considered a front-runner to be New York’s next mayor, officially launched her candidacy on Sunday for the job that would make her the city’s first female and first openly gay mayor.

The Democratic Quinn, 46, made her announcement on Twitter, saying: “It’s official. I’m running for mayor to fight for the middle class.” In a video linked to her tweet, Quinn talked about the importance of safe streets, improved schools, affordable child care and housing and the creation of good-paying jobs, (here) Quinn has the support in the November election of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, according to his aides. Bloomberg’s 12-year stint in City Hall comes to a close at the end of the year due to term limits. Other contenders in the mayoral race, either officially or likely, include Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, former Comptroller Bill Thompson, Comptroller John Liu and former Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chairman Joseph Lhota. Quinn, a former tenant organizer, has been a member of the City Council since 1999 and was elected Speaker in 2006. Launching a “walk and talk” tour of the city’s myriad neighbourhoods, in the video Quinn urged New Yorkers to “put those sensible shoes on and come out with us.” In her video, Quinn said she loved New Yorkers for “how colorful they are, how in the best of all possible ways crazy they are...” Quinn is married to Kim Catullo, an attorney.

Rome, 11 March — Italy’s foreign ministry confirmed on Sunday that seven hostages, kidnapped in Nigeria last month have been killed as claimed by Islamic extremists. “The checks carried out in coordination with the other countries involved led us to believe that the news of killing the hostages seized last month in Nigeria was ground,” a statement from the ministry said. Rome prosecutors have opened an investigation over the case, local reports said later on the same day.

All the seven workers taken from northern Bauchi state on 16 February, including four Lebanese citizens and one each from Britain, Greece and Italy, were killed by the extremist Islamist group known as Ansaru, which is linked to Al-Qaeda and has claimed responsibility. The Italian victim, Silvano Trevisan, was a 69-year-old engineer from north-western Lombardy region and had been working abroad for a number of years. “It was an atrocious act of terrorism, against which the Italian government expresses its firmest condemnation, and which is the only explanation for the barbarous and blind violence,” the statement said. — Xinhua

Child killed, 9 injured by mortar attack in Damascus

DAMASCUS, 11 March — One child was killed and nine others wounded on Sunday when a bomb school slammed their mini school bus in a restive suburb of the Syrian capital Damascus, the state-run SANA news agency said. The bus was struck at the Dahiit al-Assad area in the restive suburb of Harasta, SANA said, adding that many other mortars landed at the area. Mortar attacks have become increasingly common in Damascus, as the intensity of clashes is on the rise between the government troops and the armed rebels. And clashes and violence have flared up in hotspots nationwide.

Earlier in the day, multiple mortar shells landed at Souk al-Hal in the Zalablata area in Damascus, wounding five people and causing material damages in the area, SANA said. Meanwhile, the electricity in the country’s northern city of Hasaka has been totally cut off due to the clashes that have rocked the adjacent city of al- Raqqa, which has been recently overrun by the armed rebels.

Egypt arrests Israeli citizen in Sinai

CAIRO, 11 March — The Egyptian authorities on Sunday arrested an Israeli citizen due to sneaking into South Sinai governorate, local security sources told Xinhua.

“The Israeli man, identified as Gabriel Abu Shlomo, 29, did not have any identification papers or a passport,” the security sources said.

According to the sources, Abu Shlomo traveled from Israel’s Elat to the Egyptian city of Taba and crossed the border Saturday evening.

The arrestee admitted that he had intended to visit the grave of Rabbi Yaakov Abuhatzeira, a Jewish holy site, in Damahng city of Egypt’s Beheira governorate and then immigrate to Morocco, the sources said. “The investigation unveiled that the man is a drug addict,” the source added.

It’s MSS says to seek government on its own

ROME, 11 March — The Five Star Movement (MSS), which holds the balance of power in Italy after winning more than a quarter of votes in last month’s national elections, said on Sunday that it would only consider forming its own government. “We will ask President Giorgio Napolitano to form a government from our own,” Vito Crimi, who was nominated the establishment movement’s leader in the Senate, told reporters.

In Italy, the president has the power to decide who is to be given a mandate to try to form a government, in accordance with existing conditions for winning the confidence in both of the parliament’s houses. “We will not make agreements in exchange for something else,” said Roberta Lombardi, the movement’s leader in the lower chamber. She ruled out any alliance with the centre-left coalition, which obtained a narrow win in the election but failed to get a working majority in the Senate.

Beppe Grillo, a former comedian who heads the MSS, said that should the movement’s parliamentary groups give a confidence vote to a new government that destroyed Italy,” he would “peacefully retire from politics.”
Dental care services provided in Pinlaung, Naungtaya

PINLAUNG, 11 March—Pa O Self-Administered Zone Leading Body and Myanmar Dental Medicine Council jointly managed dental and oral care services in Pinlaung on 2 and 3 March. A 30-member delegation led by Chairman of the council Professor Dr Paing Soe arrived in Pinlaung to provide dental care services to the local people. Member of the leading body Pinlaung township in-charge U Khun Hla Hsan and Township Administrator fulfilled the requirements. The dentist team also gave dental and oral care services to the local people in Naungtaya Sub-Township on 4 and 5 March. Myaunn Ailin

Development undertakings in Sagaing Region inspected

BUDALIN, 11 March—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye accompanied by region ministers and departmental officials inspected Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kungyan Village of Budalun Township on 28 February.

The Chief Minister then inspected supply of water at Indaw river water pumping station, construction of new school building at Nyaungthumyar Village and progress of rural health station, construction of canal for North Yama Dam and inspected greening tasks at Shooting Range. —Myaunn Ailin

Buddha Pujiyana of Shwemyinbin Pagoda 23-27 March

YAMETWIN, 11 March—Historic Shwemyinbin Pagoda Pujiyana will be held in Yameithin from 23 to 27 March under the advice of Sayadaws.

In conjunction with the Buddha Pujiyana, the rice offering ceremony will be held on a grand scale.

Local people yearly visit the Buddha Pujiyana by cart. They offer rice and alms to members of the Sangha and nuns at Shwemyinbin Dhammyaw in the foot of hill on Fullmoon Day of Tabauaun.—Myaunn Ailin

Cost of medical treatment for displaced families presented

BHAMO, 11 March—A ceremony to present cost of medical treatment for displaced families to Bhamo People’s Hospital by Kachin State Government was held at the hall of Bhamo District General Administration Department on 28 February. Deputy Commissioner U Tayza Aung of Bhamo District General Administration Department presented over K 5 million to Assistant Surgeon Dr Baran Shaung.—Myaunn Ailin

Greening of SEA Games shooting range coordinated

YANGON, 11 March—Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung inspects progress of greening tasks at Shooting Range.—MNA

SITTAWIY, 11 March—A ceremony to take the oath of judges and judicial officers of Rakha State was held at the meeting hall of High Court of Rakha State on 4 March morning. Chief Justice of Rakha State U Kyauk made a speech. A total of 20 judges and five judicial officers took oath in the presence of the Chief Justice of the state. After that, the officials made clarifications on the coordination meeting of the Supreme Court of the Union and region/state high courts and district courts. Myaunn Ailin

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 March—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association makes monthly field trips to the grass-roots levels and opens a mobile clinic in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area as of 2010. On the trip, the associations give talks on health knowledge and provide health care services to expectant mothers, older persons and local people. The Secretary of MMCWA and CEC members, officials of PMCT Project and IPPF, assistant surgeons and nurses, the medical superintendent, doctors and nurses of Lewe Township Hospital (100-bed), eye specialist and party of Pyinnama General Hospital (200-bed), dentists from Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed), the chairperson and party of the association Daw Thazin Nwe made a speech. Assistant Surgeon Dr Htwe Yin Aye provided health care services to the local people. —MNA

Cash and kind donated to fire victims in Sagaing

SAGAING, 11 March—A fire broke out in Baikthaung Village of Sagaing Township at 4.30 am on 4 March.

A ceremony to donate cash and kind to five victims was held at the Wutkyuang Dhammyaw of the village on 5 March afternoon. Sagaing Region Minister for Forestry, Mines and Energy U Than Htak and departmental officials attended the ceremony. The Region Government donated K 30000 each to 23 fire victim households, and donations to the local people. —Myaunn Ailin

Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Maung yesterday inspected greening tasks at the shooting range in Dagon Myothit (North) Township where the shooting contest of the XXVII SEA Games will be held. Forest Department is nurturing saplings of Gangaw, star-flower, mahogany and other evergreen plants for greening the shooting range.

In meeting with officials, the deputy minister stressed the need to coordinate works for timely completion of greening tasks and for thriving the evergreen plants and gave instructions on plans for greening tasks before hosting the SEA Games. —MNA

Mobile clinic gives public-centred health care services

A total of 20 judges and judicial officers of Rakha State took oath in Sittway.

Nay Pyi Taw Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the chairperson and party of Lewe Township and Village MCCWA participated in the activities of the mobile clinic in Gnominaing Village of Lewe Township on 2 March morning.

Secretary of the association Daw Thazin Nwe made a speech. Assistant Surgeon Dr Htwe Yin Aye explained the purpose of mobile clinic, Assistant Surgeon Dr Lin Lin Khet safety life of expectant mothers and birth-spacing pattern.

After that, they provided equipment to the expectant mothers and iodized salt and cakes of soap to the aged. The medical team of the mobile clinic gave health care services to the local people. —MNA

Fire reduces 29 houses to ashes in Sagu of Minbu Township

MINBU, 11 March—A fire broke out in southern Shansu of Ward 1 in Minbu (Sagu) of Magway Region at 11 am on 3 March.

The fire started from stove. A total of 11 fire engines from Magway, Minbu, PIC, Sagu and Pwinbyu fire stations were engaged in fighting fire and fire fighters managed control of fire at 12 noon.

The fire reduced 29 houses into ashes, leaving two pigs dead.

The fire victims are being accommodated at the halls and Dhammyaw of Sagu monastery Shwesok, Magway Region Development Foundation provided three pyis of rice, K 26000 and clothes to each fire victim household.

Sagu Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against U Aye Lwin whose house started outbreak of fire.—Myaunn Ailin

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To work thoroughly and transparently

The Nay Pyi Taw Accord for Effective Development Cooperation has been developed in collaboration between the Government of Myanmar and development partners in a spirit of mutual benefits and accountability. It is a set of localised commitments that takes its foundation in Myanmar’s unique history, values, governance systems, and socio-economic circumstances to create a country-specific set of clear, measurable and monitorable actions.

As the Myanmar government has strong desire to move progressively it has committed to a wide array of action plans involving the task of building and using an evidence base system for decision making, including by increasing the quality of statistics and statistical systems, integrating capacity enhancing objectives into all development plans and develop appropriate strategies to unleash and develop capacities, and publishing coasted and prioritised national, sub-national and sector-wise development plans with specific audit frameworks, and reflect national priorities in budget allocations and public policy decisions.

Development partners on their part are also focusing on various areas including the sectors to maximize development results for the people of Myanmar in support of national and sub-national strategies and programmes that are pro-poor and inclusive to accelerate achievement of the MDGs, engaging with the private sector to understand better and respond to impediments to private sector development and to improve the development impacts of private investment, working to build and implement one nationally led development results reporting system that includes and encourages joint monitoring and evaluation and that integrates targets for gender equality and women’s empowerment, and ensuring adequate social and environmental impact assessments are undertaken and ensure in compliance with the results in designing and delivering development activities.

The government has been focusing on deepening the cooperation with development partners in political and economic reforms for people-centered development, while working in cooperation with them and domestic private organizations, and civil societies thoroughly and transparently.

International Horticulture Goyang Korea Expo-2013
on 25 April

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 March—ASEAN-Korea Center has invited including ASEAN member countries Myanmar entrepreneurs to attend International Horticulture Goyang Korea Exhibition-2013 to be held in Goyang-si of the Republic of Korea from 25 April to 13 May.

The purpose of the expo is to boost the export of horticultural products of ASEAN member countries to the Korean market and to par the way for business opportunities for companies from ASEAN countries.

The expo will also display an ASEAN Garden showcasing ceramics, vases and garden decorations made in ASEAN countries.

One company for each ASEAN country has already been invited to partake in the expo from 25 to 30 April. Each participant company is to pay only for transport of their goods to be put on display at the expo while organizers will pay other charges for them such as booths, accommodations, air tickets and tour in Korea.

Those interested Myanmar companies may contact the International Trade Promotion Department under the Ministry of Commerce not later than 14 March (Ph: 067-408411 or Fax 067-408311) and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Ph: 01-214344).—MNA

Union FM receives Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Nay PyiTaw, 11 March—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr. David Jalagania, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and party at his office at 10:30 am today and exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation.—MNA

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin holds talks with Mr. David Jalagania, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of Georgia.

MNA

Myanmar delegation participates in 19th forum of ASEAN economic ministers, 12th coordination meeting of ASEAN, EU

Nay PyiTaw, 11 March—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw participated in 19th forum of ASEAN economic ministers, 12th coordination meeting of ASEAN economic ministers and EU trade commissioner and ASEAN-EU Business Forum from 8 to 9 March in Hanoi, Vietnam.

During the 19th forum of ASEAN economic ministers, the participants discussed matters on strengthening economy of ASEAN counties, narrowing the development gap in ASEAN region, taking measures for encouraging small and medium enterprises, encouraging youth entrepreneurs in ASEAN region and ASEAN economic network as part of efforts for encouraging private sector and sharing information among ASEAN countries.

The EU delegation agreed to assist in economic cooperation for the ASEAN economic integration.

The Myanmar delegation also held talks with the EU delegation separately over promoting investment in Myanmar by EU and signing an agreement on protecting the investment.—MNA

MoU workers sending process lasts 10, 20 days

Nay PyiTaw, 11 March—Overseas jobs supervisory committee of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security has shortened the duration of the process of sending MoU workers to Thailand from 21 to 31 days to 10 to 20 days. During the meeting 3/2013 of the committee, Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint called for relaxing MoU workers’ sending process and scrutinizing and issuing temporary passports to Myanmar migrant workers at 11 camps in Thailand.

Participants of the meeting discussed the matters on relaxing the procedures of sending MoU workers and sending mobile teams to Thailand.—MNA

Meeting 3/2013 of Overseas Jobs supervisory committee of Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security in progress.—MNA

Dy Religious Affairs Minister back from final rites of Wat Sai Moon

Nay PyiTaw, 11 March—Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Soe Win and members of the Sangha led by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarnabhivamsa, attended the final rites service of Wat Sai Moon Myanmar Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Suddhamma Jotikadha Jayadha Bhaddanta Asabha organized by the committee led by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win in Chaing Mai of Thailand from 8 to 10 March.

The ceremony was attended by nine Sayadaws led by SSMC Chairman Sayadaw, Thai monks, Myanmar monks residing in Thailand, the deputy minister for religious affairs and party, officials from Myanmar embassy and congregation of 80,000 Myanmar in Thailand. —MNA
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Special envoy of Japanese government

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute one Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representative nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives named under Notification No.23/2012 dated 22-4-2012 with personnel shown against them.

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute four Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives named under Notification No.1/2011 dated 20-1-2011 and Notification No.22/2012 dated 22-4-2012 with personnel shown against them.

Good agriculture pattern to uplift living standard of farmers

The farmlands in the irrigated area of Ngalaik Dam land plantations in the irrigated area of Chaing Village, near Chaing Village, supply 100 baskets of groundnut to Setsetyo Diversion Weir, the Union Minister oversaw completion of reclamation and maintenance of feeder canals. The Union Minister gave instructions on timely completion of reclamation of farmlands, construction of inter-village roads and maintenance of feeder canals.
Twenty bodies turn up in Aleppo’s “river of martyrs”

AMMAN, 11 March—Syrian opposition campaigners said at least 20 bodies of young men shot by security forces were found on Sunday in a small waterway running through the contested city of Aleppo. It was the largest number of bodies lifted to date in the northern city, which is near Turkey, told Reuters. Most bodies found so far floated down the River Queq in the opposition-held Bustan al-Qasar neighbourhood after being dumped in an upstream district in central Aleppo under the control of President Bashar al-Assad’s forces where several security compounds are located, opposition activists in Aleppo said.

There was no official comment from the government. State media said the bodies found in January were those of people abducted and killed by the al-Qaeda-linked al-Nusra Front. Syrian authorities have banned most independent media, making it difficult to verify reports from inside Syria.

Video footage taken on Sunday, which could not be immediately verified, showed 16 bodies of young men dressed in casual clothes lying on the banks of the small stream. Some had their hands bound, and many appeared to have been shot in the head or had deep wounds to the neck. Some were gagged. One body was covered with mud and flies.

Louay al-Halabi, an activist in Aleppo, said he was present when the bodies were dug up. He added that bodies have been turning up in Queq when the water level, which is controlled from a government-held area, is on the high side. “I counted 23 bodies today. One man literally had his brains blown out,” Halabi said.

Halabi said the men appeared to have been prisoners at security compounds in government-controlled areas taken either dead or alive to a public park in the center of Aleppo that has been turned into a barracks.

Mohammad Nour, another activist who said he had been to the site of the bodies, said the men were in their 20s and 30s. He added that they were a mix of civilians and captured rebel fighters.

“They were identified so far. Five of them were detained by air force intelligence last week,” he said. Assad’s forces and rebel brigades have been battling in Aleppo, Syria’s commercial and industrial hub, since last year. The one is down. Hopefully the accused of carrying out summary executions. —Reuters

Residents attempt to identify bodies found along a river at a school used as a field hospital in Aleppo’s Bustan al-Qasar on 29 Jan, 2013. At least 65 people, apparently shot in the head, were found with their hands bound in a district of the Northern Syrian city of Aleppo.

6.7-magnitude quake jolts New Britain region

BEIJING, 11 March—A 6.7-magnitude earthquake jolted New Britain region at 6:51 am on Monday Beijing Time, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre. The epicentre, with a depth of 10 km, was monitored at 6.8 degrees south latitude and 148.3 degrees east longitude. —Xinhua

Bus driver on trial for Delhi gang rape

NEW DELHI, 11 March—The driver of the bus in which a young Indian woman was gang-raped and fatally injured three months ago hanged himself in New Delhi’s Tihar jail on Monday, police said. Ram Singh was the main accused of five men and a juvenile put on trial for the attack on the 23-year-old trainee physiotherapist in the Indian capital. The assault triggered nationwide protests and an intense debate about rampant crime against women in India.

A senior police official said Singh had committed suicide in his cell early on Monday. “It is true, he’s dead,” said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The CNN-IBN news channel said Singh hanged himself with his own clothes. Tihar jail is India’s highest security prison and officials there are likely to face tough questions about how such an incident could have occurred. “He knew he was going to the anyway because we had and still have such a strong case against him,” the physiotherapist’s 20-year-old brother told Reuters.

“I’m not very thrilled with the news that he killed himself because I wanted him to be hanged … publicly. Him dying on his own terms seems unfair. But, oh well, it seems that he is a man that his friends and will rest for their death sentence. The trial of the five adult men began in a special fast-track court last month while the juvenile’s trial began last week. Ram Singh’s brother Mukesh Singh, gym assistant Vinay Sharma, bus cleaner Akhilesh Kumar Singh and fruit vendor Pawan Kumar are the other men on trial. The five men have pleaded not guilty to rape and murder.

Police allege the six attacked the woman and her male companion on the bus as the couple returned home after watching a movie on 16 December. The woman was repeatedly raped and tortured with a metal bar. The couple were also severely beaten before being thrown onto a road. The woman died of internal injuries in a Singapore hospital two weeks later. Singh was a bus driver, despite an accident in 2009 that fractured his right arm so badly that doctors had to insert a rod to support it. He appeared on a reality television show in a compensation dispute with a bus owner, who in turn accused Singh of “drunken, negligent and rash driving.” —Reuters

14 killed, 38 injured in Peru bus crash

LIMA, 11 March—At least 14 people were killed and another 38 were injured when a passenger bus plunged off a cliff in Peru’s southern department of Arequipa, Peru’s Highway Police said on Sunday.

The crash occurred just before midnight Saturday as the bus was traveling from Arequipa’s same-named capital to the town of Camana, some 100 kilometres away, when the bus driver lost control of the vehicle at kilometre 862 of the South Pan-American Highway, plunging 200 metres down the side of a cliff.

The preliminary investigation blamed the accident on the dense fog that blanketed the region this time of year. Four of the injured are in critical conditions, police said, adding that they were taken to a local morgue for identification. The crash marked Peru’s third major road accident so far this year.

Malvinas vote not to end dispute: Argentine diplomat

BUENOS AIRES, 11 March—A referendum to decide the fate of the Malvinas Islands, known to the British as the Falklands, will not end the territorial dispute between Argentina and Britain, Argentina’s ambassador to Britain said on Sunday. The two-day referendum “has a foreseeable outcome,” said Ambassadore Alicia Castro in a radio interview, adding “only British citizens participate, and it is organized by the British, for the British so that they will say that they have to continue being British.”

“I would tell them (island authorities) that they have the obligation or need to understand that it is international law that regulates the relationship between nations, not the capricious will of a small community that can decide territorial dispute,” Castro said. Argentina claims the islands are historically and geographically a part of Argentina, being thousands of miles from Britain and just over an hour’s flight from its southern Atlantic coast, and Britain’s continued control of the islands is a vestige of colonial rule. London says it will not discuss sovereignty issues with Buenos Aires unless the islanders expressly wish it.

The islands have been under British control since British troops occupied them in 1833, and are today home to over 2,500 residents of mostly British origin. Some 1,649 are eligible to vote in the referendum. The islanders hold the vote on Sunday and Monday about whether they want the islands to remain a British overseas territory, and the results will be announced on Monday night.

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China’s annual political sessions viewed positively by world community

BEIJING, 11 March — China’s ongoing NPC and CPPCC annual sessions have been viewed by the international community as a fresh start to further reforms in the world’s second biggest economy. The annual sessions of the 12th National People’s Congress (NPC), China’s legislature, and the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the country’s political advisory body, are under way in Beijing. The Chinese economy, which successfully handled the global financial crisis, has become one of the major engines for global economic growth. Cora Francisca Junghbluth, project manager of Bertelsmann Foundation, said China’s reforms and opening-up in the past 30 years had laid a solid foundation for its economic takeoff and China was now standing at a crucial juncture.

Jean-Marie Le Guen, chairman of the France-China Friendship Group in France’s National Assembly and deputy mayor of Paris, said China had realized catch-up growth in the past 30 years and was experiencing “exciting” times. Experts from the United States, Russia, Indonesia, Cuba and Thailand also agreed the ongoing political sessions marked a new starting point for China, which had accumulated rich experience and made remarkable achievements during its reform and opening-up drive over the past 30 years, to sustain development.

Thousands in Japan anti-nuclear protest two years after Fukushima

TOKYO, 11 March — Thousands of protesters marched in the Japanese capital on Sunday calling on the government to shun nuclear power, a day before the second anniversary of an earthquake and tsunami that triggered the world’s worst atomic disaster in 25 years. Japan is still coming to terms with the disaster that ravaged its northeastern region two years ago — the earthquake and tsunami killed more than 15,000 people. Several thousand people are still unaccounted for.

“It’s becoming more and more important for us to protest. I do this for my children, we can’t leave the mess of nuclear power behind to them.” said a 32-year-old mother of two marching in front of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, chanting “Stop nuclear! Protect our children!” People and the media are starting to forget Fukushima and what happened there,” said the woman. The nuclear meltdown at Tokyo Electric Power’s (Tepco) Fukushima Daiichi plant forced 160,000 people from their homes and many of them will never return. It also sparked an unprecedented protest movement against nuclear power.

Tepco faces a decades-long effort to decontaminate and decommission the wrecked nuclear plant after the worst atomic disaster since Chernobyl in 1986. All of Japan’s 50 reactors were gradually shut down after the Fukushima disaster, but all but two of them remain idle. But the sweeping December victory of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which long supported nuclear power and fostered ties between politicians, bureaucrats and utilities, is a worry for nuclear power’s opponents.

Singapore’s Temasek to buy stake in Germany’s Evonik

BERLIN, 11 March — Singapore state investor Temasek Holdings TEM.UL will take a stake in Evonik Industries RAG-ES.UL, two sources close to one of the German company’s owners told Reuters. Temasek will spend more than 600 million euros ($779 million) for 5 percent of the Essen-based chemicals company, which is preparing for a stock market share listing, the sources said on condition that they not be identified. German magazine Wirtschaftswoche reported on Saturday that Temasek and Evonik had agreed the sale.

A spokesman for Temasek declined to confirm the deal. The RAG trust, which owns 75 percent of Evonik, and buyout firm CVC Capital Partners CVC.UL, owner of the rest, said last month that they had placed a small stake with institutional investors as a prelude to an initial public offering (IPO).

Sources close to the matter said that the listing would value the company at 14 billion euros. Stock market trading of Evonik shares is planned for late April. Evonik, RAG and CVC all declined to comment on whether a sale to Temasek had been agreed. ($1 = 0.7703 euros)

Australia to lift Zimbabwe sanctions

CANBERRA, 11 March — Australia will lift sanctions against 55 individuals in Zimbabwe in response to the announcement of a constitutional referendum to be held in Zimbabwe on 16 March, Foreign Minister Bob Carr announced in a statement on Monday.

“The 55 names on this list include some ZANU-PF politicians, members of the judiciary and media, provincial governors and leading business figures,” Carr said. “These individuals are not considered to be hindering democratic reforms or undermining the ultimate goal of free and fair elections in Zimbabwe.” According to Carr, he had released a three-stage roadmap for the lifting of sanctions on Zimbabwe on 7 Feb, 2013. Remaining Australian sanctions on Zimbabwe include travel and financial restrictions against 98 individuals and four entities, arms embargo and prohibition on defence links. Zimbabwe’s constitutional review process has taken three years. The draft text of Zimbabwe’s new constitution provides for a new constitutional order in Zimbabwe and a less centralized power structure.

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File photo taken on 5 July, 2012 shows an archeologist checking engravings on an unearthed bronze artifact in the Shigushan Mountain of Baoji City, northwest China’s Shaanxi Province. Archaeologists said Sunday that one piece of thigh armor and two pieces of upper-body armor dating back 3,000 years may be the oldest pieces of bronze armor ever unearthed in China. The announcement was made after experts studied the artifacts retrieved from the tomb of a nobleman from the West Zhou Dynasty (1046 BC - 771 BC) in Shigushan Mountain of Baoji City. Liu Junshe, head of the excavation team, said the discovery filled in a blank in China’s early military history, as excavations of pieces of armor forged during or prior to the Qin Dynasty (221 BC - 206 BC) have been rare. — XINHUA

China’s annual political sessions viewed positively by world community

The presidium of the first session of the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) hold their third meeting in Beijing, capital on 11 March, 2013. Yu Zhengsheng presided over the meeting. —XINHUA

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**Prominent Afghan actor killed in NATO air strike**

**MOSCOW,** 11 March — Prominent Afghan actor Nazar Mohammad Majnonyar Helmandi who starred in over a dozen films highlighting the struggle against drug trafficking and terrorism was killed in a NATO air strike in southern Afghanistan.

Helmandi was killed along with three militants who had seized the movie star on suspicion of spying for the government in Helmand Province, his brother Dilawar said.

Helmandi had gone to the Khosakabi area to inquire about his ailing sister when he was captured by the armed rebels, Dilawar told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The militants were interrogating Helmandi when the NATO air strike took place, killing the actor and the rebels, said Dilawar, who identified his brother’s body mutilated beyond recognition.

The police headquarters confirmed the air strike, saying a local rebel commander, Mohammad Alam, was among those killed. —PTI

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**Valentino to design Jennifer Aniston’s wedding dress?**

**NEW YORK,** 11 March — Italian fashion designer Valentino is reportedly designing the dress for Hollywood star Jennifer Aniston’s upcoming wedding to Justin Theroux.

The 44-year-old actress has worn Valentino many times in the past, most recently to the 2013 Oscars, where she stepped out of her comfort zone in a crimson, princess-style gown, reported the Huffington Post.

The Friends star would not be the first celebrity to don Valentino for her big day. Earlier, Oscar-winning-actress Anne Hathaway famously wore a custom-made confection at her wedding to Adam Shulman. —PTI

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**Tonight, Steven Spielberg’s date with Bollywood’s top 60**

MUMBAI, 11 March — It’s almost impossible to not know who Steven Spielberg is. And for some lucky Indian directors, the dream of meeting and knowing him better is about to come true.

It turns out that the celebrated Hollywood filmmaker will interact with about 60 personalities from Indian cinema and share tips on filmmaking.

Mr Spielberg, who is known for films like Schindler’s List, Saving Private Ryan, ET, Jaws and Jurassic Park, is making his maiden trip to India. This development is a direct result of Spielberg’s meeting the who’s Who of Indian cinema and share tips on filmmaking. A well-placed source says, “It can easily be called a crimson, princess-style gown, reported the Huffington Post.

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**NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

Tuesday, 12 March, 2013
Brown seals maiden PGA Tour win in Puerto Rico

PHOENIX, 11 March — American Scott Brown birdied the final hole, where his playing partner Fabian Gomez bogeyed, to clinch his maiden PGA Tour title by one shot at the Puerto Rico Open at Rio Grande on Sunday.

Co-leader Overnight with Argentinian Gomez, Brown closed with a two-under-par 70 for a 20-under total of 668 at the Trump International Golf Club to claim a spot at this year’s PGA Championship.

Brown, who had tied for fifth here 12 months ago in his rookie season on the PGA Tour, also earned a winner’s cheque for $630,000 and a two-year exemption on the US circuit.

Gomez, who like Brown had been biding his time, finished second on the PGA Tour, led by a shot playing the par-five last but fell back into a tie for second with his late bogey as he signed off with a 71. The Argentine finished at 19 under par, level with American Jordan Spieth who fired a six-birdie 66.

Americans Justin Bolli (66) and Brian Stuard (68) were a further stroke back in a share of fourth place.

Ageless Hopkins wins light heavyweight title at 48

BROOKLYN, 11 March — Ageless American Bernard Hopkins bettered his own record as the oldest man to win a world boxing title on Saturday, claiming the IBF light heavyweight crown with a convincing victory against an opponent 17 years his junior.

The 48-year-old boxer claimed a satisfying victory after two hours of fighting victory after two hours of fighting.

Cloud left eye in round six with a short left hook even though referee Earl Brown ruled it to be from an accidental headbutt.

Cloud, who subsequently complained of an elbow problem, sustained a cut on his right eyelid as well in the 12th round from a clash of heads.

Djokovic and Murray battle through

INDIAN WELLS, (California) 11 March — Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic and third seed Andy Murray both had to work much harder than expected to book their places in the third round of the BNP Paribas Open on Sunday.

Top seed Djokovic lost his bearings in the second set before beating Italy’s Fabio Fognini 6-0, 5-7, 6-2 while Murray had to dig himself out of an early hole on the way to a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 win against Russian Evgeny Donskoy.

“Definitely a difficult challenge today,” Serbian Djokovic said courtside after breaking the feisty Fognini in the fourth and eighth games of the third set to claim victory.

“Fabio played very well towards the end of the second set but it was all my fault,” said the world number one, who squandered one match point in the 10th game of that set before being broken in the 11th when he netted a forehand.

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All change in defence, but Real Madrid win in Vigo

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To his rivals, Tiger looks like Tiger again

MIAMI, 11 March — He made 27 birdies on his way to a two-stroke win in the WGC-Cadillac Championship on Sunday and needed just 100 puts in 72 holes as he clinched his second victory of the young year.

Yes, it looks like Tiger Woods is well on the way back.

And if there is any doubt about Woods being close to returning to the pinnacle of the game, a win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill in two weeks would send the 25-year-old Scotsman after clawing his back from six weeks, lost a wildly

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US Open champion Murray, showing signs of rust in his first tournament on the ATP circuit for six weeks, lost a wildly fluctuating opening set after clawing his back from 1-5 down before he seized control. In blazing desert sunshine at Indian Wells, the 25-year-old Scotsman broke Donskoy’s serve twice in the second set and also in the first before sealing victory after two hours 17 minutes when his opponent sent a backhhand service return long.

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Six teens killed, two hurt in US SUV crash

WASHINGTON, (Ohio), 11 March—A speeding sport utility vehicle taken without permission and carrying eight teenagers crashed into a guardrail, flipping over into a swampy pond, killing five boys and a woman, state

police said.

The Honda Passport veered off the left side of a road last morning and overturned near the city of Warren, about 95 kilometers east of Cleveland, Lt Anne Ralston said.—PTI

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TOKYO, 11 March — Americans have given nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars in private donations to help tsunami-wrecked communities, a report said, as Japan marked the second anniversary of the disaster today.

“Americans gave USD 713 mln to disaster-hit Japan”

Individuals, companies and non-profit groups have donated USD 712.6 million to help crisis-stricken areas over the last 24 months, the Japan Centre for International Exchange said in a report released last week.—PTI

Cricket-Bracewell still injured, NZ unchanged for second test

DUNEDIN, (New Zealand), 11 March—New Zealand pace bowler Doug Bracewell has not recovered from a cut foot in time for the second test against England in Wellington, the team said on their website (www.blackcaps.com) on Monday.

New Zealand coach Mike Hesson named an unchanged 13-man squad for the match at the Basin Reserve starting on Thursday with left-arm pace bowler Neil Wagner, who took seven wickets in the drawn first match in Dunedin expected to fill the seamer role again.

Ian Butler, called up as cover for the injured Bracewell will remain with the squad.

Bracewell, who cut his foot on glass after clearing up following a party at his house in Napier and missed the first test, is still in contention for the third test, Hesson said.

“I was very pleased with both the bowling and batting efforts in Dunedin and we plan to build on that in Wellington,” the coach

said in a statement.

New Zealand produced a credible performance in the first match, bowling England out for 167 in their first innings and scoring 460 for nine declared with debutant opener Hamish Rutherford making 171.

Alastair Cook’s side then batted for almost five sessions to save the test, reaching 421 for six, a lead of 128 runs, before Brendon McCullum and Cook agreed there was no chance of a result with 15 overs remaining on the final day on Sunday.

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New Light of Myanmar
Mass participation, collaborative efforts of departments concerned is sine qua non for success of nation-wide census-taking process: Union Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Today’s Pyidaungsu Hluttaw started seeking approval of parliamentarians on amendments of Myanmar Citizens Investment Bill suggested by Joint Bill Committee.

With regard to the bill that was in favour of majority at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Sai Puang Nap of Shan State constituency No (12) expressed his view that the currently-approved bill would be of great benefit to national race entrepreneurs. Mutual benefit between local and foreign investors would be guaranteed by the bill.

Next, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi makes clarification. MNA

Union Minister shared his belief that the ministry was making great strides in Moe Pwint Plans to be able to fulfill the desire of the people. Regarding the upcoming nationwide census-taking process that will last 12 days starting from 30 March to 11 April 2014, he stressed the need of mass participation and collaborative efforts of ward administrators, local authorities and forest staff so that the process will meet success.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency. NLM

Next, Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung made clarifications on taxation and lawmakers submitted proposals urging the Union government to make changes in taxation structures.

Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Mines and Natural Resources Affairs Committee U Hla Swe seen at an interview.—NLM

The cards which were very cheap because the benefit was out of reach of most people on ground.

Talk on India’s Look East Policy held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—The Talk on “India’s Look East Policy” jointly conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and The Asia Foundation, the United States of America which headquarters is located in San Francisco was held at Royal Kumudra Hotel, here, this morning, with the opening speech by Director-General U Hau Do Suan for Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On this occasion, the strategic studies programme director from Observer Research Foundation, Dr. C. Raja Mohan delivered Talk on “India’s Look East Policy”. Also present on the occasion were representatives from parliament, Officials from respective Ministries and representatives from Governmental Organizations.

Export of crabs, eels allowed through preferable price

Myanmar entrepreneurs of marine products export marine products to China through Muse 105-mile border trade camp and Chinswhehaw border trade camp. At present, they are allowed to sell crabs and eels to China at proper prices, according to the release of the Ministry of Commerce recently.

“After one month period for sales of crabs and eels at proper prices, the Ministry has allowed the entrepreneurs to export these products at preferable price,” said an official of the Ministry.

In the last week of February, a total of 83 tons of crabs and 111 tons of eels were exported to China through Muse 105-mile border trade camp.

At the same time, the 43 tons of eels and five tons of crabs were exported through Chinswhehaw border trade camp. This season, declining of production caused down export of crabs and eels. In the rainy season, production of crabs and eels is up, contributing to high export volume. In the last week of February, one ton of eels was sold for K 4,741,000 (US$ 5,500) and crabs K 3,856,910 (US$ 4,490), according to Muse border trade zone.

The statistics of the Border Trade Camps showed that a total of 2709 tons of marine products worth US$ 9,005 million were exported to China through two border trade camps in February.

In addition to marine products, entrepreneurs exported fish air sacs, frozen fish, salted fish, small dried fish and fish meal.

According to the news release of the Ministry of Commerce, export volume of marine products from Myanmar to Thailand was higher in February.

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