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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Poland

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Polish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Donald Tusk, Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland which falls on 3 May 2009.—MNA

Pyaingchaung Dam irrigating 4000 acres of summer paddy, 1000 acres of summer sesame in Kyauktaw Township

Recently, I made a trip to Kyauktaw Township of Rakhine State for observing the efforts for boosting production of agricultural produce by growing 4000 acres of summer paddy and 1000 acres of summer sesame with the use of irrigation water from Pyaingchaung Dam.

Together with Staff Officer U Khin Maung Htwe of Sittway, Daw Maylikha Soe, Daw Zar Phyu Win, cameramen U Kyaw Min Thiha and U Kyaw Min Htwe of MRTV-4, I visited Pyaingchaung Dam, 12 miles west of Kyauktaw.

**Article: Reporter Singu Soe Win;
Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)**

On the way to the dam, we saw the irrigated farmlands along both sides and ploughing with the use of machinery and cattle.

At DY-2 drain of the project, I had an interview with Rakhine State Manager U Kyaw Myint of Myanma Agriculture Service and Head of Rakhine State Agricultural Mechanization Department U Than



A bridge across a drain on motor road near Pyaingchaung Dam.

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

The government had spent K 4460 million on construction of Pyaingchaung Dam in 2002-2003 financial year for uplifting the livelihoods of the local farmers.

Tun who were discharging duties at the agricultural mechanization forward camp (temporary).

Head of Rakhine State AMD U Than Tun explained, "In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, efforts are being made for changing the conventional farming to mechanized farming system with momentum for boosting production of agricultural produce. Use of tractors and power-tillers were demonstrated for completion of the cultivation tasks in a short time to the local farmers for enabling them to understand the advantage of using the farming equipment. Moreover, the necessary farming equipment will be distributed to the local farmers."

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PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 3 May, 2009

Use infrastructural buildings in a systematic way for their durability

The inauguration of Yaypone Bridge on Yangon-Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei-Myeik-Kawthoung Road took place at the pavilion near the bridge on 27 April.

It is one of the important bridges in Taninthayi Division. Such fine transport facilities reflect the art of engineering of the nation, high technological skills and innovations of Myanmar engineers, and cohesion and hard work of national people.

The newly-opened bridge is conducive to transporting raw materials and finished goods of the agro-based industries, fisheries and cottage industries of Taninthayi Division at low costs in Dawei District.

Moreover, the bridge has paved the way for rapid development in the education, health and social sectors.

Among the above-180-foot long bridges, Yaypone Bridge is the 224th one in the nation and the ninth one in Taninthayi Division.

Due to the transport facility, Kawthoung of Taninthayi Division is now easily accessible by car from the interior regions. So, the people can travel from and to Kawthoung with convenience in a short time.

Hence, the people are duty-bound to use infrastructural buildings in a systematic way such as roads, bridges, dams and sluice gates the government has constructed for national development and to help maintain them for their durability.



Bookworms at Thiha Yadana bookshop.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Deputy Minister for Health visits specialist hospital (Waibargi)

YANGON, 2 May — Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo visited specialist hospital (Waibargi) this morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Lwin reported on treatment at the hospital and preventive measures against global human flu.

The deputy minister gave instructions on functions of the surveillance team and emergency cases, medical supplies and equipment and preparation for intensive care unit.

The deputy minister met medical superintendents of the hospitals in Yangon, rectors and officials at No 123 on Natmauk Road in Bahan Township. Those present took part in the discussions.—MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo visits specialist hospital (Waibargi).—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sends felicitations to Polish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—UNyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Radoslaw Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland which falls on 3 May 2009.

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UMFCCI executives meet Thai investment mission

YANGON, 2 May — A meeting between a Myanmar delegation and a Thai mission took place at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel on 27 April. Myanmar delegation comprised Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Tun Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretaries Dr Myo Thet and Dr Pwint Hsan and members of brother associations. The Thai mission included 15 members led by Director of Regional Investment and Economic Center Mrs Wanida Maikijmou of Thailand Board of investment.

They cordially discussed investment opportunities in Myanmar, investment laws, cultivation of rubber and oil palm, production and meat and fish and matters related to industries and industrial affairs.

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Myanmar ICT Exhibition continue

YANGON, 2 May—Myanmar ICT Exhibition (2009) organized by Myanmar Computer Federation continued for the second day at Tatmadaw Convention Centre o U Wisara Road, here, today.

Technoland Computer Sales & Services is selling a PC computer for K 275,000 Hasee Computer Booth of the People's Republic of China is being opened.

At MSI booth, X320 model computer, GX 620 and GT 627 computers, Eclips (Core i 7 CPU) and U115 Note Book are being displayed.

Note Book (2008 Data) and other new models are put on display at Acer booth.

The exhibition continues for the third day tomorrow.—MNA



A booth seen at Myanmar ICT Exhibition.

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Thiha Yadana Publishing House and Bookshop open

YANGON, 2 May — Thiha Yadana Publishing House and Bookshop were opened at 133 on Lanmadaw Road in front of Iron Bazaar in Lanmadaw Township today.

Various kinds of books are available at the bookshop and portraits of great writers are put on display. The bookshop provides door-to-door delivery to Latha, Lanmadaw and Ahlon Townships. Enquiry can be made through dialing 251062.

MNA



A wreckage of a vehicle destroyed in a car bomb blast is left on a street in Baghdad's Shiite enclave of Sadr City, Iraq, on 30 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 May—Two marines and a sailor were killed in fighting with militants in Iraq's western province of Anbar which once was a stronghold of Sunni militants the US military said on Friday.

The incident occurred on Thursday while the soldiers' unit was conducting combat operations against "enemy forces" in an area in the province, the military said in a statement without providing more details.

The names of the deceased soldiers were being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it added.

Anbar Province has been relatively calm after Sunni tribes and anti-US militants groups turn up against al-Qaeda in Iraq network, cooperating with the US troops and Iraqi security forces.

Rifts emerged between predominantly Sunni militants groups and the al-Qaida in Iraq organization after the latter adopted a hardline Islam and exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.—*Internet*

Three Americans, two NATO troops killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 May—Three Americans and two other international troops were killed Friday in an attack in eastern Afghanistan, officials said.

Militants attacked Afghan and international forces Friday with rocket-propelled grenades and guns, NATO forces said in a statement. The troops called in air support, forcing the militants to withdraw. They are being pursued, the statement said.

Col Greg Julian, a spokesman for US Forces in Afghanistan, confirmed that three of the dead service members were Americans. The nationalities of the other two were not immediately known because NATO typically waits for countries to release such information.—*Internet*

A woman stands next to her relative who was wounded in a bomb attack in a hospital in Baghdad on 30 April, 2009.
INTERNET



15 militants killed, 12 more wounded in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 May—Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) backed by the US-led Coalition forces killed 15 militants and wounded 12 others in a battle Friday in southern Afghan province of Zabul, said a Coalition statement.

The joint patrol of ANSF and Coalition forces came under attack by several armed militants with small-arms fire on

their way to a local village to talk with elders about security issues in the area, the statement said.

ANSF and Coalition forces returned fire and further searched other militants hideouts nearby, killing a total of 15 militants in the fighting, it added.

"Twelve others were injured and another one was detained," it noted. "No ANSF, Coalition

Forces or non-combatant casualties were reported as a result of this engagement."

Conflicts and violence have claimed the lives of over 5,000 in 2008 while Taliban militants vowed to launch Spring Offensive since April 30 to intensify all kinds of assaults on government and international troops.

Internet

Suicide bomber struck Mosul, six killed

BAGHDAD, 2 May—Six people were killed and eight others wounded in a suicide bomb explosion in northern Iraqi city of Mosul, a local police source told *Xinhua*.

A suicide bomber detonated himself in a local restaurant in Mosul, 25 kilometres north of Baghdad, killing six people and wounding eight others, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The restaurant was severely damaged, and victims were taken immediately to local hospitals for treatment, he added.

A series of deadly bombings struck Iraqi cities recently, raising fears that Iraq could again go back to earlier stages of chaos and bloodshed.

Internet

UN extends mandate of force in southern Sudan

UNITED NATIONS, 2 May—The Security Council has extended the UN mandate for southern Sudan by a year, and called for strict implementation of an agreement between Khartoum and southern rebels the UN force is in charge of overseeing.

In a resolution adopted by unanimity, the Council stressed "its firm commitment to the cause of peace and stability throughout Sudan and the region, noting the importance of the full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA)."

The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS), which has some 10,000 troops, was deployed to help oversee the implementation of the CPA, signed in January 2005 between Khartoum and the Sudan's People Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A).—*Internet*

Firemen hose down a burnt vehicle at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Sadr City on 29 April, 2009.—INTERNET



Venezuela's Chavez condemns US report on terrorism

CARACAS, 2 May—President Hugo Chavez on Friday condemned a US report that alleges Venezuela fails to cooperate in fighting terrorism and called on President Barack Obama to end the decades-long trade embargo against Cuba.

Two weeks after Chavez and Obama exchanged smiles and handshakes at a summit in Trinidad and Tobago, the Venezuelan leader called the report “one more slander” that brings into question Obama’s pledges of change. “In the name of the Venezuelan people, I reject this new aggression

by the US empire,” Chavez said.

The US State Department’s 2008 Country Reports on Terrorism criticized Chavez’s “ideological sympathy” for leftist rebel groups in Colombia, saying it “limits Venezuelan cooperation with Colombia in combating terrorism.” The report issued Thursday also accused the Venezuelan government of failing to systematically police its border with Colombia.

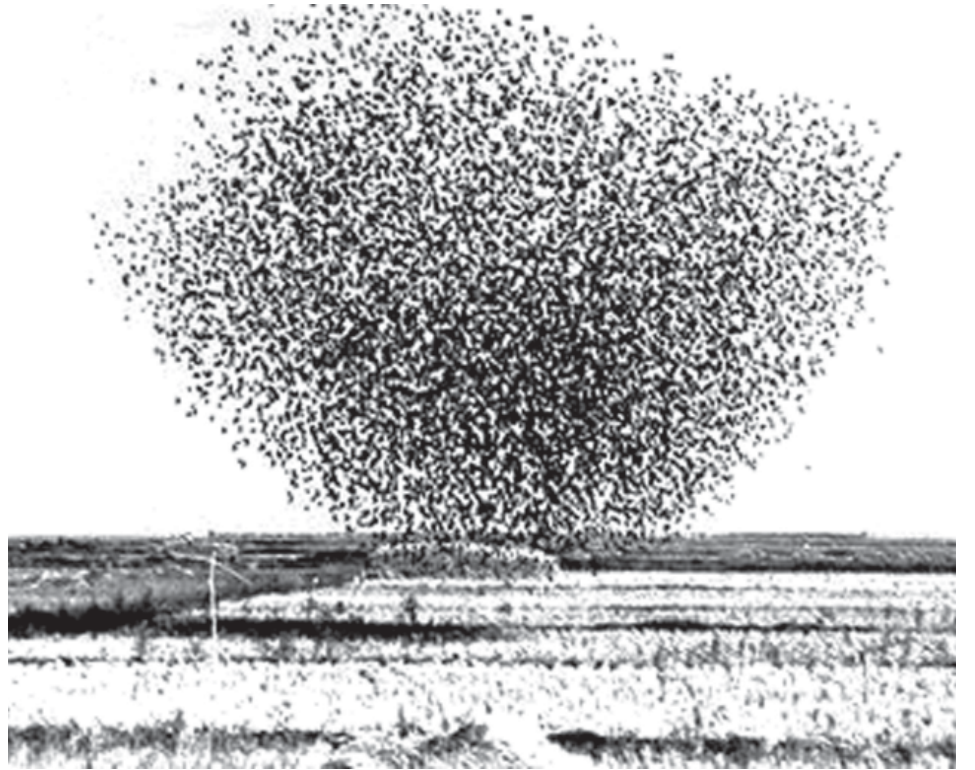
Chavez dismissed the charges, then called on Obama to prove he really wants change by ending the “criminal” embargo

against Cuba.

“If Obama doesn’t knock down the savage blockade against the Cuban people, it’s all a lie. Everything would be a big farce,” Chavez said.

US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday acknowledged growing pressure from other Western Hemisphere nations to lift the US freeze on relations with Cuba, but added that Obama would like to see some “reciprocity” from Cuba’s leadership after he lifted travel and financial restrictions on Americans with Cuban relatives.

Internet



A cloud of “quelea-quelea” birds near in the interior Niger delta. Conservationists in Botswana fear that a pesticide used by the government to prevent pest birds ravaging commercial crops could kill other species, including the spectacular Kori bustard.—INTERNET

Filipinos freed by Somali pirates return home

MANILA, 2 May—Twenty-free Philippine sailors abducted more than five months ago by Somali pirates returned home Saturday for an emotional reunion with their families.

Looking haggard but relieved, and led by their captain Abelardo Pacheco, the crew of the Philippine-flagged MT Stolt Strength was reunited with their families at Manila’s international airport.

The vessel and its crew were released on 21 April, ending a 162-day ordeal during which Pacheco said they survived on prayer and constantly feared for their lives.

“Daily life was always

a combination of fear and helplessness, hopelessness. It was the most negative feeling one could experience,” said a teary-eyed Pacheco, 62, a veteran of the seas with 41 years’ sailing experience.

He said “there were many attempts” made against the crew’s lives as representatives of their vessel’s owner, Sagana Shipping, negotiated a ransom. The amount eventually paid was not disclosed.

He said the pirates had threatened to shoot them if they tried to escape, and that there were times he had to put himself between his crew and the gunmen.—Internet



The crew of the MT Stolt Strength recently freed by Somalia pirates in Manila. Twenty-free Philippine sailors abducted more than five months ago by Somali pirates returned home Saturday for an emotional reunion with their families.—INTERNET

Three injured in Hong Kong helicopter crash

HONG KONG, 2 May—A helicopter hit a bus while landing on the Hong Kong Kai Tak airport here on Friday, injuring three.

The small private helicopter crashed side-

ways-on into the parked tour bus while coming in to land at the former Kai Tak airport in Kowloon.

The pilot, a passenger and the driver of the bus were taken to hospital with what was reported to be minor injuries.

The rear part of the helicopter was bent, and the front of the bus was extensively damaged.

Hong Kong Aviation Club said that two people were on board the helicopter and an investigation on the crash was being conducted.—Internet

U S Marines search Afghans for weapons during a patrol at a village in the Golestan district of Farah province, on 1 May, 2009.—INTERNET



Indian exports dive 33 pct in March

NEW DELHI, 2 May—India’s exports slid by a third in March, their sixth straight monthly fall, figures showed Friday, as the global financial slump gouged demand in the country’s main US and European markets. Exports fell 33.3 percent to 11.5 billion dollars in March from 17.25 billion dollars in the same month a year earlier, according to government data.

Imports slid by 34 percent to 15.56 billion dollars, reflecting a tumble in world oil prices and falling demand in a faltering domestic economy. For the fiscal year to 31 March, 2009, exports grew by just 3.4 percent to 168.70 billion dollars, just short of a reduced government target of 170 billion dollars, while imports climbed 14.3 percent to 287.8 billion dollars.

Internet

Chrysler to close five more plants; court case begins

NEW YORK, 2 May—Attorneys for Chrysler LLC said the company will file a motion by Saturday to sell substantially all of its assets to Italian automaker Fiat Group SpA, but that won’t include eight plants, including five that the automaker revealed it will shutter by the end of next year. While Chrysler faced its first hearing Friday in Manhattan bankruptcy court, court documents showed the ailing automaker plans to close plants in Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin that employ about 4,800 people. Chrysler said they will be offered jobs at other plants.—Internet

US auto sales fall 34 percent in April

CHICAGO, 2 May—Bad news at Chrysler and General Motors took a bite out of US auto sales that fell 34 percent in April as consumers shied away from dealerships amid growing economic uncertainty.

The news of Chrysler’s bankruptcy on Thursday came too late in the month to have a major impact on sales. But school closings as a result of swine flu and the media’s focus on the ongoing problems in the automotive industry had “a little bit of a CNN effect” on overall industry sales, said Ford analyst George Pipas.—Internet



Nations unveil pavilions as 2010 fair nears

BEIJING, 2 May — Several foreign countries participating in the Shanghai 2010 World Expo celebrated the one-year countdown to the event Friday by unveiling their pavilion designs, starting pavilion construction or organizing other special activities.

Chile unveiled its pavilion design after the country's president, Michelle Bachelet, announced that the South American nation would build an independent display. Chile is the only country from that continent to commit to its own pavilion, which will be named "the Seed of the New City" and cover 2,000 square meters.

The pavilion will be composed of several cylinders in silver and brown merging with one another and feature a roof garden, according to an artist's rendition released yesterday.

Austria began construction of its pavilion yesterday afternoon. The structure, also about 2,000 square meters in size, will take visitors on a journey through snow-capped mountains, forests, flowing rivers and urban landscapes. It will display Austria's natural scenery and landmark buildings such as Vienna City Hall under the theme "Feel the Harmony."

France's Expo team said yesterday in Shanghai that it will hold "dream" weddings for 2010 couples around the world during the event, and online applications started yesterday.—Xinhua



Hong Kong and Hollywood film legend Jackie Chan, one of the promotion ambassadors for the Shanghai 2010 World Expo, performs during the ceremony to unveil the one-year countdown clock in Beijing's Tian'anmen Square, on 1 May, 2009.—XINHUA

Asian economies to make solid progress in financial co-op in ADB annual meeting

BALI, 2 May — Amid the backdrop of deepening global economic slowdown, more than 3,500 participants gathered here Saturday for the annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The meeting is expected to draw a great deal of world's attention, given ADB's role as a key financing institution devoted to boosting economy and reducing poverty in the Asia and Pacific region.

Under the current global economic circumstances, cooperation in financial areas assumes ever more significance and urgency.

Highly dependent on exports, developing Asian countries have been hard hit by foreign demand slump as the United States, the European Union and Japan have successively entered recessions.

In May 2007, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and China, Japan and South Korea (ASEAN+3) introduced the Chiang Mai initiative, a bilateral currency swap arrangement to help countries tackle a possible foreign capital flow shortage. The initiative was later upgraded to the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization (CMIM), a regional foreign reserve pool. Now the ASEAN+3 countries have agreed to inject 120 billion US dollars into the reserve pool, or the CMIM, in case of a financial crisis.—Xinhua



A citizen with explosive-proof on shakes hands with a local resident at an open day of local riot police in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province on 28 April, 2009. Local police displayed police vehicles, weapons, shields, dogs and presented various skills to the citizens that day.—XINHUA

US factory orders drop 0.9% in March

WASHINGTON, 2 May — New orders for manufactured goods to US factories fell by 0.9 percent in March, steeper than the 0.6 percent drop economists had predicted, the Commerce Department said on Friday.

The larger-than-expected fall followed a 0.7 percent rise in February.

Orders for durable goods, big-ticket items expected to last at least three years such as computers, cars and machinery, declined 0.8 percent in March after having gained 1.6 percent in the previous month.

Demand for transportation equipment, which accounts for more than a quarter of total durable goods demand, decreased 1.2 percent, compared with a 2.4 percent increase in February.

Excluding volatile transportation

products, overall factory orders would have declined 0.9 percent after having risen 0.5 percent in the prior month.

Orders for nondurable goods, including food, paper products, petroleum and coal products, also dropped 1.0 percent in March, following a 0.2 percent dip in the prior month.

In March, shipments of manufactured products tumbled 1.2 percent, an eighth consecutive decline. It marked the longest stretch of decreases on records going back to 1992.

US manufacturers have been battered by the global financial crisis and economic recession as demand has shrunk both in the United States and in their major overseas markets.

Xinhua

Canada to provide aid for farmers

OTTAWA, 2 May — Canada will provide 1 billion Canadian dollars (840 million US dollars) to farmers in a bid to help them better deal with the difficult times of the current recession, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Friday.

The money will be provided in loans over the next five years to farmers finding it difficult to borrow money, Harper said visiting a farm in Saskatchewan, an agricultural province.

Current programs will be adapted to enable farmers who cannot get loan to get the aid, Harper said, adding the proposed changes include increasing the amount of guaranteed credit available to farmers and expanding the criteria for the programme so that new farmers will also be able to access this credit.

Changes will also be made so that young people can more easily take over the family farm, he said.

The drop of the number of farmers is a "huge concern" for Canada, experts have said.

Xinhua

China suspends flights from Mexico

BEIJING, 2 May — With a case of influenza A/H1N1 confirmed in a flight coming from Mexico, the Chinese government has decided to suspend flights from Mexico to Shanghai in east China, the Foreign Ministry said Saturday.

China has notified the Mexican government and airline companies about the decision, sources from the ministry said. When the flights will be resumed depends on the situation of the pandemic control.

As to the Chinese passengers who had planned to fly to Shanghai from the city of Mexico on 3 May, the Chinese government is considering to send a chartered plane to get them back.

The government of China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region reported the first confirmed case of influenza A/H1N1 in the city on Friday. The case involved a Mexican who arrived in Hong Kong by air via Shanghai on Thursday.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Pupils wearing Beijing Opera costumes applaud for their classmates' performance in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 30 April, 2009. Local pupils gave performances here on Thursday celebrating the Labour Day. —XINHUA



Tour guides of the Slender West Lake present their costumes at a uniform show for working staff of tourist attractions in Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 30 April, 2009. Tour Guides and service staffs working in several famous scenery spots, such as Slender West Lake, He Garden and Geyuan Garden etc took part in the activity on Thursday night.— INTERNET

Nine school girls drown in sea in western India

NEW DELHI, 2 May—Nine school girls Friday drowned in the sea in Junagadh District in the western Indian state of Gujarat, a senior Indian police official said. “All the nine school girls were on a picnic when they went to take a bath in the sea in Chowrad. The waves took them by surprise and all drowned. Their bodies have been recovered and sent for post-mortem,” the official said on condition of anonymity. The Gujarat state government has ordered a probe into the incident and may also announce some compensation for the families of the dead, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

FAO to use name of “influenza A/H1N1” instead of swine flu

ROME, 2 May—Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations said on Thursday it agreed to use the name of “influenza A/H1N1” instead of “swine flu”. FAO Chief Veterinary Officer Joseph Domenech said FAO, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) agreed to no longer refer to “swine flu” but instead to “Influenza A/H1N1”. “Given current facts and scientific understanding, consumption of pig meat does not bring any increased risk to the consumer,” the FAO official said. “Stepping up swine influenza control measures in pigs, in the absence of the A/H1N1 virus, such as control of movements and culling, is not justified,” said Domenech.— MNA/Xinhua

More than 400 schools closed, 161 US flu cases

WASHINGTON, 2 May — President Barack Obama voiced hope Friday that the swine flu virus will run its course “like ordinary flus” as officials reported more than two dozen new cases and scores more schools shut down.

The government issued new guidance for schools with confirmed cases, saying they should close for at least 14 days because children can be contagious for seven to 10 days from when they get sick. That means parents can expect to have children at home for longer than previously thought.

The Education Department said that more than 400 schools had closed, affecting about 245,000 children in 18 states. That was about 100 more schools reported closed than

reported on Thursday.

Major US airlines, meanwhile, announced plans to curtail flights into flu-ravaged Mexico.

“I’m optimistic that we’re going to be able to manage this effectively,” Obama told reporters as he received an update from his Cabinet on the federal response to the health emergency. At the same time, he emphasized that the federal government is preparing as if the worst is still to come so that it won’t be caught flat-footed.—Internet

Fidel Castro says US wants Cuba to act like slave

HAVANA, 2 May—Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro on Thursday derided US steps toward improving relations with the Communist island, saying the United States wants Cuba to act like a slave willing to “accept again the whip and the yoke”.

The 82-year-old Castro, writing in a column published on the Internet, said “the adversary should never be under the illusion that Cuba will surrender”. President Barack Obama has said he wants to recast US-Cuban relations that have been hostile for 50 years, but insists on maintaining a US trade embargo imposed against the island since 1962 to use as leverage for Cuban change.

MNA/Reuters



Workers fix the summit cross of Germany's highest mountain, the 2,962 metre-high Zugspitze, near Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The 16-year-old cross was dismantled two months ago for restoration down in the valley.

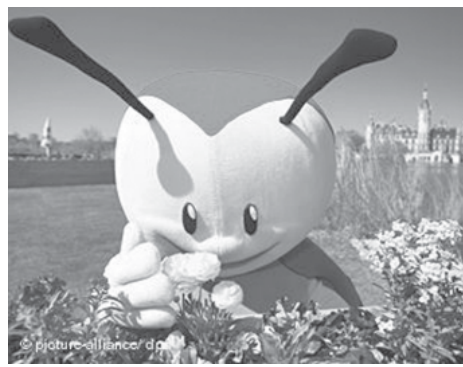
One-eyed, 3-legged alligator found on Fla beach

It sounds more like something out of a freak show: a one-eyed, 3-legged alligator. The gator was captured Thursday morning in Seacrest Beach by Walton County officials. The animal was less than five feet long and had somehow found its way to the beach.

A family visiting from Chicago called it the perfect day at the beach. They learned how to tell apart an alligator from a crocodile.

The rare gator was taken to a safe location and returned without harm to the wild.

The Federal Horticultural Exhibition (BUGA) has opened in the north-eastern German city of Schwerin. The official mascot “Fiete” is expected to welcome around two million visitors to this year's event.



Museumgoers love Tutankhamun. The latest city to host a travelling exhibit of artifacts linked to the Egyptian pharaoh is Munich. Visitors can walk through a three-dimensional replica of Tutankhamun's burial site, where more than 1,000 artifacts are on display.

Ark man digging in garden unearths cannonball

Officials say a Fort Smith man digging in his garden unearthed a Civil War-era cannonball that's possibly still explosive. The unidentified man was tending to his garden at his home when he found the rusted, 4-inch-

diameter iron ball. Bill Black, the parks superintendent of the Fort Smith National Historic Site, said the cannonball appears to be a live round that's about 145 years old.

Fort Smith Fire Department officials plan to shoot at the

cannonball with a shaped charge, which will either detonate the round, break it open or put a hole in it. Black said he hopes to keep the remnants at the Fort Smith National Historic Site. There were a number of Civil War engagements in and around Fort Smith, including the Battle of Massard Prairie.



A man watched as an electronic Aqua Penguin was let into water in a basin at an industrial fair in the Germany city of Hanover. 6,150 exhibitors from over 61 different nations will participate in the world's largest fair for industrial technology.

Pregnant woman tries to rob bank, gets call

Police are looking for a pregnant woman they say tried to rob a North Carolina bank at gunpoint but left empty-handed after answering her cell phone. Fayetteville police spokeswoman Teresa Chance said on Wednesday the woman had a handgun and demanded money when she entered a Carter Bank & Trust branch at 9:43 am Tuesday.

But she got distracted

when her cell phone rang. Police said she began talking to the caller and left the bank without taking any money. No one was hurt.

Chance said investigators talked to a teller who heard the woman but aren't releasing details.

Police said the woman is in her late 20s to early 30s. She wore a dark, knee-length skirt and had a multicolored scarf or bandanna on her head.

NEWS ALBUM



Pyaingchaung Dam irrigating 4000 acres of summer paddy, 1000 acres of summer sesame in Kyauktaw Township

Article: Reporter Singu Soe Win; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

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The plan is under way to cultivate 4,000 acres of summer paddy and 1,000 acres of summer sesame with the use of irrigation water of Pyaingchaung Dam and 150 acres of summer paddy with the use of water from Zeechaung Dam in Kyaukpyu Township of Rakhine State. Four tractors and six power-tillers of the Agricultural Mechanization Department will be stationed in Pyaingchaung project area and in Zeechaung area for ploughing the farmlands.

When the news crew of the Myanmar

tiller, four acres of farmlands in one day.

The workers of AMD will carry out the ploughing task with the use of 20 tractors of the department and power-tillers of local farmers and regiments and units with the assistance of local authorities, commanding officers of regiments and units and local farmers.

Chairman of Sittway District Peace and Development Council U Aye Thaung and Chairman of the Township PDC U Aung Kyaw Oo explained the programmes for supervising the cultivation of summer paddy and summer sesame meeting

Dam of farmer U Maung Htwee of Garbu Village, Taungthaung Village tract.

Farmer U Maung Htwee, 38 years, welcomed us at the thriving paddy plantation. In 2007-2008 cultivation season, he grew 160 acres of monsoon paddy and the yield then was 120 baskets of paddy per acre.

U Maung Htwee said, "I continue to increase the per-acre yield of paddy this year. I will borrow money from Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank. Last year, I secured the prize in boosting production of summer paddy in the state, and I will try my best for gaining more prizes this year."

Staff Officer U Aung Kyi Soe of Construction (3) of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation took the news crew to the briefing hall of Pyaingchaung Dam.

Staff Officer U Myint Than explained, "The government had spent K 4460 million on construction of Pyaingchaung Dam in 2002-2003 financial year for uplifting the livelihoods of the local farmers. The dam is 625 acres of water surface and can store 25,025 acres feet of water at the highest level. Now, the dam had been completed. The dam has the 116 feet long



U Than Tun, Head of Rakhine State AMD, explains "Use of tractors and power-tillers are being demonstrated to the local farmers and the necessary farming equipment will be distributed to them".

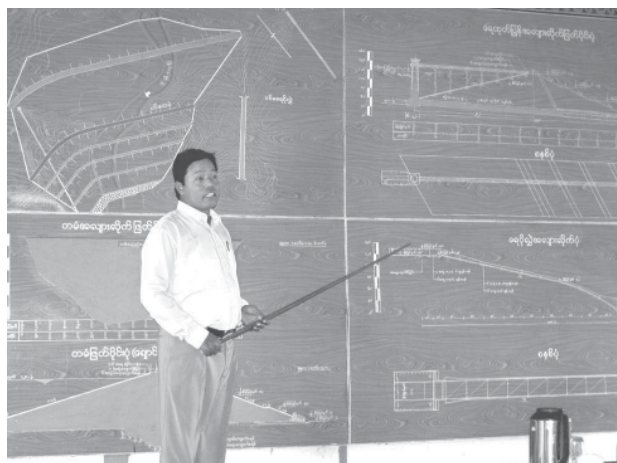
earthen embankment. The dam has 190 inches of rainfall annually and a total of 29,985 acre feet of water flows into the dam. Its main canal is eight miles long and the tributary canal, 13 miles. There are 163 canal structures."

Next, he conducted us round the

Coordination Committees met with local farmers at the hall of left main canal at the dam.

In his instructions, the commander said that a total of 468 bags of urea fertilizer—K 27,000 for one bag—will be sold to the farmers, and 172 bags of other fertilizer—K 1100

59,600 for one acre of farmland to the farmers and Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank, K 8000 for one acre. Personnel of MAS will provide cultivation techniques to the farmers and the local farmers are also to try hard in their



Staff Officer U Aung Kyi Soe says Pyaingchaung Dam will contribute to growing 4000 acres of summer paddy and 1000 acres of summer sesame.

Alin Daily arrived at the department, the skilled workers fitted Leyar-22 new power-tillers under the supervision of the Head of Rakhine State AMD. One tractor can plough 10 acres of farmlands and one power-

the targets and boosting production.

Rakhine State Manager U Kyaw Myint of MAS invited us to observe the thriving 120-acre summer plantations with the use of irrigated water from Pyaingchaung



Thriving summer paddy plantation of farmer U Maung Htwee in Garbu Village of Kyauktaw Township.



Water control tower of Pyaingchaung Dam.

dam by boat.

On return from the dam, Staff Officer U Aung Kyi Soe pointed us to construction of the drains and thriving summer paddy plantations.

While we were in Rakhine State, Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and members of the Agricultural

per bag—will be sold. Super Bio-Supreme Natural Fertilizer Production will distribute 80 bags of fertilizer to the farmers free of charge. A total of 310 bags of natural fertilizer will be sold and the price of fertilizer will be K 10,800 per bag. The costs for the fertilizer are to be paid in the harvesting season. The Rakhine State PDC will disburse K

farming work, he said.

Local farmers are enjoying the genuine goodwill of the officials.

Nowadays, Pyaingchaung Dam irrigating triple cropping of the farmlands is sure to contribute to the uplift of livelihoods of the local farmers.

Translation: TTA
Myanma Alin: 23-4-2009

Rescue and fire extinguishing drills

YANGON, 2 May—In commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary Fire Services Day of Yangon Division Fire Brigade, rescue and fire extinguishing demonstration was held at Pyay Garden Condominium on Pyay Road, Sangyoung Township here this morning. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint watched the demonstration.

Also present were the deputy commander, the director-general of the Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, senior military officers, officials of the Fire Services Department and guests.

First, members of Division Fire Brigade showed their rescue and fire extinguishing skills.

Later, the commander and party inspected firefighting equipment and life-saving equipment, made an

honorary speech and presented cash awards to the fire brigade members. —MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint views the fire fighting drill.

MNA

Training courses for staff officers opened

YANGON, 2 May—Course No. 2/2009 for Staff Officers Proficiency Course and On-job Training Course No. 1/2009 for Management Staff Grade-II under Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Immigration and Population were opened at the training school of General Administration Department in Mingaladon Township today.

Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivered an address.

A total of 60 trainees are attending the Course No. 2/2009 for Staff Officers Proficiency Course and 38 trainees at On-job Training Course No. 1/2009 for Management Staff Grade-II.—MNA



Preparation for growing teak plantations inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min heard reports on the plans for growing teak plants yearly presented by officials at the private teak plantation establishment project near Yangon-Mandalay Expressway on 26 April.

The commander inspected the nursery and land preparation for growing of teak plants in Aingdonkun forest reserve.

On 27 April, the commander and party visited the construction project site of Nyaungbintha-Kanyindaing road in Pyu Township.

The commander heard a report on progress of road presented by the Director of Division Development Affairs Committee and gave necessary instructions.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses the opening of Course No. 2/2009 for Staff Officers Proficiency Course and On-job Training Course No. 1/2009 for Management Staff Grade-II.—MNA

Construction of roads in Mandalay under inspection

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and party viewed tarmacking of 25th Street in Aungmyethazan Township and construction of Mandalay circular road on 27 April.

The mayor and party looked into nurturing of shady trees and flowery plants at the public park near Mandalay Kandawgyi Lake and nurturing of flowery plants at the nursery on Mandalay circular road.

MNA

Blood donated, sanitation work done to hail 63rd Anniversary Fire Services Day

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Members of Fire Services Department (headquarters) of the Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement, Fire Services Department (Nay Pyi Taw), the Central Fire Services Training School and members of auxiliary fire brigades of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe donated blood and carried out sanitation tasks at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) and at Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana General Hospital this morning.

Director U Min Myint Swe of Nay Pyi

Taw FSD explained the purposes of blood donation and sanitation work and Medical Superintendent Dr

Thaung Tin Tun the benefits of blood donation.

Next, the director and the superintendent viewed the blood donation

and sanitation work.

Similar work was done at Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana GH.

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Members of Fire Services Department donate blood.—MNA

*The best time to plant a tree
was 20 years ago.*

The Second best time is now.



Health staff perform preventive measures against swine flu at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Warning on global human flu

1. Swine flu in humans: Swine flu has been detected in the people in Mexico, the US, Canada and New Zealand from 17 April to date. A total of 160 persons were killed in infection of virus.
2. The flu is caused by a new virus. It is mixed with four genes and can spread quickly. Now there are cases of such flu in some countries. Regarding the disease, the World Health Organization announced that it is international public health State of emergency. The Ministry of Health is undertaking preventive measures against transmitting to humans through avian flu. In some countries there was an outbreak of swine flu among the people. The Ministry of Health is carrying out the tasks to fight against the disease.
3. The symptoms of swine flu are body heat, runny nose, coughing, aching, headache, lethargy, difficult breathing. They are like the symptoms of other diseases. If these symptoms appear, do not go to crowded public places such as worksites and schools. Take a rest at home. Make contact with the nearest health centres. Go to the hospital when one has high fever, long coughing, difficult breathing and lethargy. If the disease is serious, go to the hospital immediately. Wear surgical masks in order not to spread the disease.
4. It is found that the disease spread from people to people. Like SARS, it can become a pandemic. Therefore, the people are requested to keep the following points.
 - (a) Using handkerchief when coughing
 - (b) Washing the hands with soap properly
 - (c) Carrying out personal hygiene measures
 - (d) Sleeping well
 - (e) Eating nutritious food
 - (f) Taking exercises
 - (g) Breathing fresh air
5. In order to prevent flu infection, those who take care of the people infected with flu, wear surgical masks.
6. The Ministry of Health has made arrangements for prevention of the spread of such flu from other countries. News and information will be announced in time and the people are requested to follow the notice of the ministry.

Ministry of Health

The Government of the Union of Myanmar

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

Warning on Swine flu

1. Swine flu in humans: Swine flu has been detected in the people in Mexico, the US, Canada and New Zealand from 17 April to date. A total of 160 persons were killed in the infection of virus.
2. Symptoms in swine: The symptoms of the swine flu are sudden illness, mopping, coughing, runny nose, sneezing, difficult breathing, red eyes, inflammation, loss appetite. These symptoms can also be found in normal coughing and other sickness due to the weather changes.
3. Points to be followed in prevention against swine flu
 - (a) If found symptoms of sickness in pigs, they are to be kept in quarantine, and inform the LBVD.
 - (b) Take care of bio security in the farm where a large number of pigs are raised
 - (c) Wash hands and legs clean after cleaning the pigsty
 - (e) Use face masks and gloves when handling the unhealthy pigs
 - (f) Ban the sale of unhealthy pigs in the markets.
 - (g) Do not raise the pigs of unknown origin, especially those smuggled from other country
 - (h) If pork is cooked at 70°C and above, there will be no infection.
4. Prevention of swine flu: There is no case of swine flu in Myanmar. It is necessary for pig breeders and those who keep pigs on commercial scale and seller to participate in the preventive measures against the disease in cooperation with Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, Development Committees and local authorities.

**Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries**



A health staff screening passengers at Yangon International Airport to halt outbreak of swine flu in Myanmar.—MNA

Epson Printers on display at Myanmar ICT Exhibition for 2009

YANGON, 2 May—Myanmar ICT Exhibition for 2009 is being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 1 to 3 May.

The Client Focus Technology Group Co Ltd put on display Epson TX700 W Printer capable of producing photos by the wireless system, T 30 Printer, TX 200 Printer and TX 400 Printer for office use at the exhibition. A printer can be used as scanner, printer and copier.

Epson R 230 and Epson R 290 Printers that are the six-colour photo printers are on sale at reasonable prices.

Those who want to buy the



Epson Printers on display at Myanmar ICT Exhibition.

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item are to contact Client Focus Technology Group Co Ltd, No. 5, Building-4, Aungzeya Housing, corner of Ahlon and Strand Roads, Ahlon Township, Yangon (Tel 215247 or 0986 10868).—MNA





Minister U Aung Thaung presents prizes to outstanding students at the 25th annual meeting of Taungtha Township Association (Yangon).
MNA

F&R Minister supervises regional development task

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the stake driving ceremony for construction of new building at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Nyaungchaing Village-tract of Kyaukpadaung Township yesterday.

Wellwisher U Tint Hsan, Chairman of ACE Construction Co, donated K 20 million for the new building to officials.

The minister presented books for the village library to townsellers. Engineers of Min-

istry of Industry-2 demonstrated use of bio-battery. The minister fulfilled the requirements of regional development.

At the office of Township Peace and Development Council, the minister attended the ceremony to donate bio-battery for the villages and

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting with local people of Nyaungchaing Village-tract of Kyaukpadaung Township.—F&R

cement bags for regional development.—MNA



Industry-1 Minister attends annual meetings of Taungtha and Myothit Township Associations (Yangon)

YANGON, 2 May – The 25th annual meeting of Taungtha Township Association (Yangon) was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Sethmu Dhammayon on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here this morning.

Chairman Dr Khin Maung Swe of the association and Patron of the association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung delivered addresses.

Next, the minister and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi and family and 30 wellwishers presented cash prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2008 with flying colours.

Then cash donations for the

funds of the association followed.

Afterwards, annual reports of executive committee and financial statement were read out and approved.

Then the fifth annual general meeting of Myothit Township Association (Yangon) followed in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony.

Honorary Patron of the association Minister U Aung Thaung made a speech. Next, the minister, executives and wellwishers presented prizes to outstanding students.

Responsible persons read out the annual report of the executive committee of the association and financial statement and sought the approval of those present.

MNA

Developing cottage industries in Chaungzon Township

Article: Nu Nu Yi & Tin Tin Win; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

(from page 16)

In Ywalut region, there are about 80 persons who are engaged in the tobacco pipes industries. Indeed, Ywalut region and tobacco pipes can-

stick industry is another popular cottage industry. We saw the masterpiece work of walking sticks made of wood.

Some walking sticks are decorated at the handles with 10 designs

Thein, owner of A-1 Walking Stick Industry, explained, "The walking sticks are made of Yinkhat wood (Gardenia coronaria). First and foremost, the wooden stick, over one inch di-

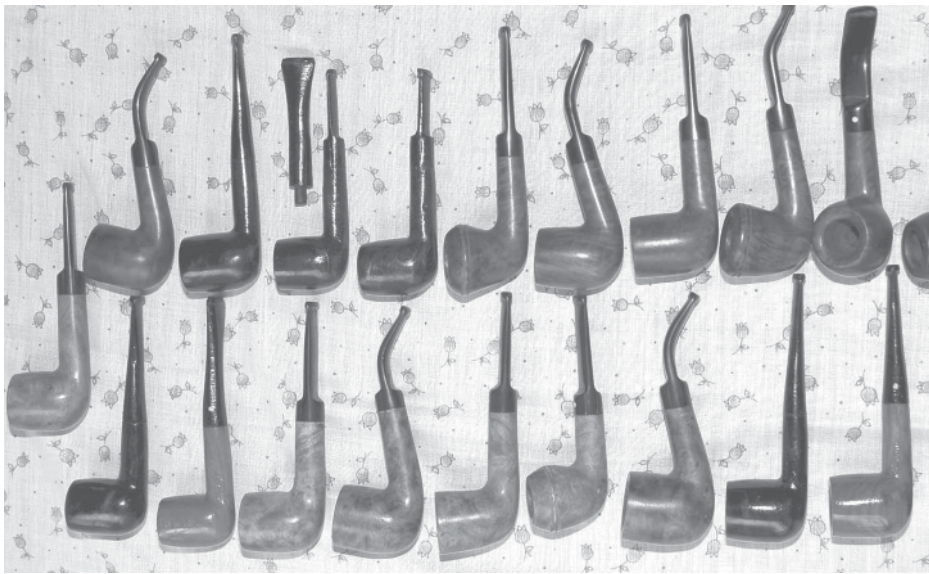


Photo shows tobacco pipes of various sizes and designs.

not be separated in their images.

Like the tobacco pipe production industry, the walking

of birds, dragons, tigers and other animals.

With regard to production process of a walking stick, U Thaung

ameter and one foot long, is to be cut. Afterwards, the beautiful designs are to be created at the raw products. After that, the



"Manufacturing of tobacco pipes is an industry of our family." U Aung Than, Tobacco Pipe Industry



"The cottage industry is over 40 years old." U Thaung Thein,

products are to be fitted with bolts and polished. To manufacture a complete product, the tip of walking stick is to be covered with rubber cap. One walking stick is sold at the prices ranging from K 1000 to K 6000. The walking sticks are exported, especially to China and Thailand. The

industry can produce 15 raw walking sticks and 10 finished walking sticks daily. The cottage industry is over 40 years old."

According to U Thaung Thein, the walking sticks of Ywalut region can penetrate into the international personal goods markets.

Actually, the consumers at home and from abroad value tobacco pipes and walking sticks, the famous products of Ywalut region in Chaungzon Township of Mon State.

Translation: TTA
Myanma Alin: 24-4-2009



A trip to rural areas for literary talks

Chit Naing (Psychology)

Myanmars by nature love growing and nurturing trees. They know well the ecology and the interrelation between human and trees. There are not many countries in the world that love and conserve natural forests, and one of them is Myanmar.

Myanmar earns foreign exchange most from oil and timber, except rice. Now, the country exports meat, fish, prawn, beans and crops on a wider scale, thus enjoying development more than ever.

I had never been to a timber extraction camp in a forest far from human housings before. At the invitation of Assistant General Manager U Aung Thein of the Myanma Timber Enterprise (Ayeyawady Division), I recently paid a visit to the villages beside creeks where there are sawmills in Pathein and Ngapudaw townships.

Pathein is about 120 miles from Yangon. It took us for over four hours to drive from Pathein to the timber extraction camp along the earth road that goes downhill and uphill in many sites. On our way back, we took a motorboat, spending about seven hours. I think the site is about 80 miles southwest of Pathein. No one except the staff from the Myanma Timber Enterprise and their families lives there. It is also the site, through which those pilgrims on their way to the Mawtinsun Pagoda have to pass by car.

I had ever heard of Kanni, Myinkakwin and Myittaya then. I gave literary talks at the timber extraction camps at the invitation of U Aung Thein. I have made friends with him for about 10 years and

at that time he was the factory manager of Phado sawmill in Kyaukdaga Township. In response to his wishes, I provided him with assistance to open a library at Phado timber extraction camp. After he had built a separate building with publications, set up a trust fund, and appointed a library staff member, he requested me to attend and open the library and give literary talks. Together with writer Ledwintha Saw Chit and cartoonist Maung Wunna, I gave talks at Phado timber extraction camp. Since then, literary talks have been held at Phado timber extraction camp annually. Due to his encouragement, the library has proved successful.

It is U Aung Thein's desire that his subordinates do not live and die poor. He is sensitive to their requirements in the education and health care, and encourages them to read in order that they will be able to broaden their horizons. It is because if they have gained a lot of knowledge, at least they will be able to distinguish between good and bad.

There is a saying that goes "Wisdom moulds the longevity of life". Many of the people are naïve without much knowledge about health care and use chemical dyes to make foods and snacks and similar people consume such foods to the detriment of their health.

We need to read a lot to gain knowledge. U Aung Thein established a library and formed community learning centres to enhance the intellectual power of his subordinates and their family members. As a result, his colleagues have become more competent

and polite and united, and boosted extraction of timber. And many of their children are outstanding in their studies.

We gave literary talks at No (115) Sawmill in Kanni Village, and No (117) Sawmill in Myinkakwin Village, Pathein Township on 13 March 2009.

It was at about 5.30 pm when we finished our literary talks in Kanni Village. And we started our literary talks at No (117) Sawmill at 8 o'clock sharp.

I have a great deal of compassion for sawmill workers and their families on the grounds that they have to live in the forests. They could not follow all our lines if what we were talking to them was all literature.

On 14 March 2009, we left Myinkakwin Village by boat for Myittaya that is about 70 to 80 miles from Pathein. We arrived at No (125) Sawmill, Myittaya. Our literary talks began at 8 pm.

Local people are honest and frank. They made positive comments on our talks. They had never been in the habit of reading, but from that time on, they have cultivated a good habit of reading.

The purpose of our trip was to help rural folks cultivate a good habit of reading. And we have to do a lot to nurture and train them. It is not easy to hold talks for about four hours in a row, attracting the attention of the audience. In that regard, practice, experience and goodwill alone are not enough. Giving literary talks is, indeed, quite an art. We will have to work hard to become well-versed in giving literary talks.

Translation: MS

Outhouses cushion small plane crash in Wash state

PUYALLUP (Wash), 2 May—A small airplane dropping from the sky after its engine failed wound up on a cushioning bunch of portable toilets — and the pilot was able to walk away apparently unhurt.

Gary Mayor of the Federal Aviation Administration says the Cessna 182 crashed Friday afternoon in Washington

state after taking off from Thun Field, an airfield owned by Pierce County southeast of Tacoma.

Sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer says the plane was about 150 feet in the air when the engine quit. Troyer told The News Tribune that the pilot tried to turn around to land but didn't quite make it.

The plane hit a fence,

flipped over and landed upside down on top of the portable toilets standing in a storage yard.

Authorities didn't immediately give the pilot's identity.—Internet

Fireworks explosion kills nine in east China

JINAN, 2 May—Nine people were killed and two others injured in a fireworks explosion Saturday afternoon in east China's Shandong Province. The explosion took place in Yangzhuangzi Village of Qingyun Township, Qingyun County. Three rooms owned by villager Yang Ziyue were toppled, according to the Qingyun county government.

The injured were rushed to a hospital in Binzhou, a nearby city in Shandong, for medical treatment. Rescue operation is underway.

Internet



A wreckage of a vehicle of Afghan Public Protection Force in Nerkh district of Wardak province, west of Kabul, Afghanistan on 1 May, 2009.—INTERNET

UK traffic officer jailed for killing teenage girl

LONDON, 2 May—A traffic police officer who killed a schoolgirl after speeding at up to 94 miles per hour without blue lights or a siren, was jailed for three years on Friday.

Hayley Adamson, 16, died instantly after she was hit by Police Constable John Dougal's Volvo estate as she crossed a residential road in Newcastle in May last year.

He denied causing death by dangerous driving, claiming his speed in a 30 miles per hour zone was justified as he was following a suspect car. But he was convicted by a jury at Newcastle

Crown Court last month, the *Press Association* reported.

Dougal was on a night shift when his patrol car's registration number recognition system alerted him to a vehicle which had just passed him in the opposite direction.

He turned his car round and sped up to 94 miles per hour, slowed slightly as he went over a hill, before he saw Adamson step into his path. It was estimated that the Volvo had slowed to around 70 miles per hour when it hit the teenager.

MNA/Reuters



A Palestinian boy carries drinking water with a plastic bottle in the war-battered southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah, near the border with Egypt, on 2 May, 2009. Palestinians face dire water shortages because of both bad Palestinian management and Israeli restrictions.—INTERNET

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro ;

Tender No	Description	Quantity
15(T)1/MR(E)	Rail Gang Car	10-Nos
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Closing Date/Time - 26.6.2009 (Friday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 28.4.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291994, 95-1-291985.

*The space shuttle
Atlantis (L) sits on
launch pad 39BA
and the space
shuttle Endeavour (R)
sits on launch pad 39B
at the Kennedy Space
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on 17 April, 2009.*

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1.	Rail For Agitator (KS)	34 Nos	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
2.	15 Tons Ore Car Spares (FE)	11 Items	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
3.	Spares Parts For Electric Locomotive (FE)	1 Lot	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
4.	Fire Watching Camera With Monitor For Kiln (FE)	2 Sets	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
5.	Power Capacitor of Indoor Sub Station (FE)	2 Items	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
6.	Reno: of Outdoor Sub Station Transformer No. 3 (FE)	1 Lot	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
7.	Main Rectifier For Electric Locomotive (FE)	1 Set	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
8.	Electrical Instrument For Main Plant Production (FE)	2 Items	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
9.	Liquid Resistor For Exhaust Fan Motor (FE)	1 Set	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
10.	Work Shop Machinery (FE)	10 Items	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
10.	Gyratory Crusher (FE)	3 Items	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
11.	Shapping Maching (KS)	4 Items	30.4.2009	15.6.2009
12.	Mould Liner & Die (KS)	4 Items	30.4.2009	22.6.2009
13.	Reno: of Sodium Silicate Furnace (FE)	2 Sets	30.4.2009	22.6.2009
14.	Fibre 4T (FE)	600 M/T	30.4.2009	22.6.2009
15.	Felt (FE)	22 Roll	30.4.2009	22.6.2009
16.	Steel Wire Mesh (FE)	2 Items	30.4.2009	22.6.2009
17.	Dump Truck (FE)	9 Unit	30.4.2009	22.6.2009
18.	Bulldozer (FE)	2 Unit	30.4.2009	22.6.2009
19.	Hydraulic Crawler Drill (FE)	2 Unit	30.4.2009	22.6.2009
20.	Hydraulic Excavator (FE)	2 Unit	30.4.2009	22.6.2009

Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanma Ceramic Enterprise, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender Documents officially. (For further details, contact telephone number. 067.408298)

Myanma Ceramic Industry

NASA to begin layoffs as shuttle retirement nears

CAPE CANAVERAL, 2 May—The US space agency NASA plans to eliminate 900 manufacturing jobs over the next five months as it prepares to retire its space shuttle fleet in 2010, NASA officials said on Thursday. The first 160 layoff notices go out on Friday, primarily to contractors producing the space shuttle fuel tanks outside New Orleans and the shuttle solid rocket boosters in Utah.

The prime contractors

for those components are Lockheed Martin Corp and ATK Thiokol." This is the first significant loss of manufacturing capability," shuttle programme manager John Shannon told reporters. The three-ship shuttle fleet is due to be retired after eight more flights to finish building and equipping the International Space Station and a final servicing call to the Hubble Space Telescope.

Managers on Thursday settled on a 11 May launch date for shuttle Atlantis' 11-day mission to Hubble. Liftoff is set for 2:01 pm EDT (1801 GMT) from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. NASA officials said that they were monitoring the nationwide alert over the new swine flu, or influenza A (H1N1) flu virus, but so far the disease was not affecting any of its operations. "We're not doing anything special at this point," said NASA's associate administrator for space operations Bill Gerstenmaier.—Internet



Snowball, a medium sulfur-crested Eleonora cockatoo, dances to the Backstreet Boys song 'Everybody (Backstreet's Back)' in the Schererville, Ind., home of Irena Schulz. Researchers have documented for the first time that some animals 'dance' to a musical beat.—INTERNET

Boogie birdie: Animals shown to 'dance' to music

NEW YORK, 2 May—They wouldn't blow away the competition on "Dancing with the Stars," but it turns out that some birds got rhythm. After studying a cockatoo that grooves to the Backstreet Boys and about 1,000 YouTube videos, scientists say they've documented for the first time that some animals "dance" to a musical beat. The results support a theory for why the human brain is wired for dancing.

In lab studies of two parrots and close review of the YouTube videos, scientists looked for signs that animals were actually feeling the beat of music they heard.

The verdict: Some parrots did, and maybe an occasional elephant. But researchers found no evidence of that for dogs and cats, despite long exposure to people and music, nor for chimps, our closest living relatives.

Why? The truly boppin' animals shared with people some ability to mimic sounds they hear, the researchers say. (Even elephants can do that). The brain circuitry for that ability lets people learn to talk, and evidently also to dance or tap their toes to music, suggests Aniruddh Patel of The Neuro-sciences Institute in San Diego. He proposed the music connection in 2006.

Internet

Genes may affect complications after heart surgery

WASHINGTON, 2 May—Testing for a gene variant that increases the risk of shock and kidney complications after heart surgery could help guide post-surgery treatment, say Australian and German researchers.

Currently, there are no effective medications to prevent these complications after heart surgery, according to background information in a news release from the American Society of Nephrology. When shock occurs, people are often given norepinephrine to stimulate their blood vessels and normalize their blood pressure, but not everyone metabolizes norepinephrine efficiently.

The reason for this variation in response to norepinephrine is believed to be based in the biological pathways that metabolize the drug and involve an enzyme called catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT).—Internet

Unique Roman glass dish found at London grave site

LONDON, 2 May—Archaeologists have unearthed a Roman glass bowl, thought to be a unique find in the Western Roman Empire, at an ancient cemetery beyond the walls of the old city of London.

The "millefiori" dish (a thousand flowers), believed to date from around the 2nd to 3rd century AD, is a mosaic of hundreds of indented blue petals with white bordering. "For it to have survived intact is amazing. In fact, it is unprecedented in the western Roman world," said Jenny Hall, curator of the Roman collection at the Museum of London. "We are still checking out whether there are similar examples surviving in the eastern part of the empire, in ancient Alexandria for example, but it's the only one in the West," she told reporters.

Archaeologists said the dish was coloured bright red when it was first pulled from the earth, as the intricate design was imbedded in opaque red glass. The bright vermilion colour has slowly disappeared since excavation as the water-saturated glass dried out. The moisture had preserved the original colouring, but some of the pigment is still distinguishable around the rim.—Internet



Liz Goodman, Museum of London conservator is seen with a Roman Millefiore bowl.—INTERNET



US scientists work on live A/H1N1 flu strain for new vaccine

HOUSTON, 2 May—A shipment of live A/H1N1 flu strains, or swine flu virus, arrived in a research institute in US state of Alabama on Friday where scientists will start to test new vaccines and antiviral drugs, a local official said in a statement.

Diana Noah, senior project leader at Southern Research Institute in Birmingham, Alabama, said a small amount of

live A/H1N1 flu strain is now on site and will be grown in embryonic chicken eggs over the next two weeks.

The virus will then be used for laboratory tests to ensure the efficacy of new vaccines now being developed to prevent the A/H1N1 flu strain circulating throughout the United States, Noah explained, adding that his institute will also use the virus to

test existing and upcoming antiviral drugs.

There are 25 staff members at Southern Research Institute. Noah said they will be working in cooperation with their counterparts in the Pulmonary Injury and Repair Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham, on several projects associated with the recent outbreak of A/H1N1 flu.

Internet



Technicians make final checks to Hubble servicing equipment in 2008 in the Payload Hazardous Servicing facility at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. NASA said Thursday it will launch its final shuttle mission to the Hubble space telescope on 11 May, a day earlier than planned, to avoid conflicts with other scheduled missions.—INTERNET

India reports three suspected H1N1 cases

NEW DELHI, 2 May—Three passengers, two flying in from Chicago and one from London, have been quarantined by the Indian authorities at New Delhi's Ram Manohar Lohia hospital for classical symptoms of A/H1N1 flu infection, reported the local newspaper Times of India electronic edition Saturday.

All three were suffering from cough, cold, fever and upper respiratory infection, said the report.

Doctors at the Indira Gandhi International Airport sent Paramjit Kaur and Jagjivaan Singh, who flew in Friday night from Chicago by an American airline flight, and Ashwini, who arrived Saturday morning from London, to the hospital, said the report. Paramjit has been suffering with fever for the past 5 days while Jagjivaan has had fever, sore throat and upper respiratory diseases for the past 12 days.—Internet

France confirms first H1N1 flu cases, 34 suspects

PARIS, 2 May—France confirmed two A/H1N1 flu human infections and is monitoring a third case, investigating 34 more possible cases, Health Minister Roselyne Bachelot announced on Friday.

The infections by the A/H1N1 flu virus were detected in a 49-year-old man and a 24-year-old woman, who are being treated in northern and central Paris respectively. Another 37-year-old man is strongly suspected of being infected and is being carefully treated and monitored, said the minister. "These people are well. They have been given antiviral treatments," she said. All three have traveled to Mexico recently, thus it is not an infection that has been passed on in France, she added.—Internet

Germany confirms one more Influenza A/H1N1 case

BERLIN, 2 May—Germany has confirmed one more Influenza A/H1N1 (swine flu) case in southern state of Bavaria, a spokesperson for the Federal Health Ministry said on Friday.

Germany has thus confirmed four Influenza A/H1N1 cases in total so far. The spokesperson said the new patient is a woman who had contacted with a previous-confirmed flu patient. All patients in the three previous-confirmed cases in Germany are tourists coming back from Mexico.

Internet

S Korea reports first confirmed case of H1N1 flu

SEOUL, 2 May—South Korea reported its first confirmed case of influenza A/H1N1 on Saturday, amid a rising alert against the deadly virus that is rapidly spreading across the globe.

The 51-year-old nun, who has been quarantined since Tuesday after returning from her recent trip to Mexico, was confirmed to be infected with the influenza, the Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) said in a statement.

After conducting thorough tests, one of the three probable patients was found to be infected with the virus, the KCDC said.

The nun was among three probable flu patients reported this week, two of whom, a 44-year-old woman and a 55-year-old bus driver, did not travel to affected countries. The bus driver's tests were found negative, and the results of the woman's are not known yet, according to the KCDC.—Internet

Two Russians suspected of A/H1N1 influenza hospitalized

MOSCOW, 2 May—Two Russian women have been hospitalized in Moscow as suspected of influenza A/H1N1 after returning from the United States, the Interfax news agency reported Friday, citing Russia's chief sanitary official.

They "are in satisfactory condition," said Gennady Onishchenko. "Both women are citizens of the Russian Federation. One of them arrived in Russia from New York yesterday, the other today. They had a high body temperature, and in compliance with our requirements, they were hospitalized," said Onishchenko.

The women had been sent to an infectious diseases hospital, and had taken influenza A/H1N1, formerly known as swine flu, tests, he added.—Internet

Confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 141 in US

WASHINGTON, 2 May—A total of 141 human A/H1N1 cases have been confirmed in the United States, spread across 19 states, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reported Friday.

The only person that has so far died of the H1N1 flu virus is a Mexican toddler who was visiting relatives in Texas. The numbers of infected people have been relatively stable in the first states to confirm cases, with New York having the highest tally of 50 which has remained the same for several days.

The US Education Department said Friday that 433 schools had closed, affecting 245,000 children in 17 states. That was about 100 more schools closed than reported on Thursday.—Internet



Staff of Hong Kong International Airport wear face masks as they serve a visitor in Hong Kong, south China, on 1 May, 2009. The authority of Hong Kong has raised the flu alert level from "serious" to the highest level of "emergency" as a 25-year-old Mexican man who arrived here via Shanghai was confirmed the first case of influenza A/H1N1 infection in the city Friday.—INTERNET

Mercury flyby unveiled active inner planet

WASHINGTON, 2 May—The US space probe MESSENGER's second fly-by of the planet Mercury in October 2008 revealed the solar system's smallest planet to be far more active than previously thought, four studies said on Thursday.

The MESSENGER (MErcury Surface, Space ENvironment, GEoche-mistry and Ranging) probe's cameras took more than 1,200 images of the surface, including details of a mammoth well-preserved 692-kilometre (430-mile) impact basin that shows signs of a volcanic past. The so-called Rembrandt basin is the first such geological feature observed on Mercury where the ground is well exposed and not covered by a thick layer of volcanic ash, like most of the planet's other features.—Internet

SPORTS

China secures first gold in table tennis worlds

YOKOHAMA, 2 May—China clean-swept semifinal berths at the mixed doubles event at the world table tennis championships here on Saturday despite benching all of its doubles experts. China pulled three versatile players off the doubles events, deliberately making the Yokohama championships more open.

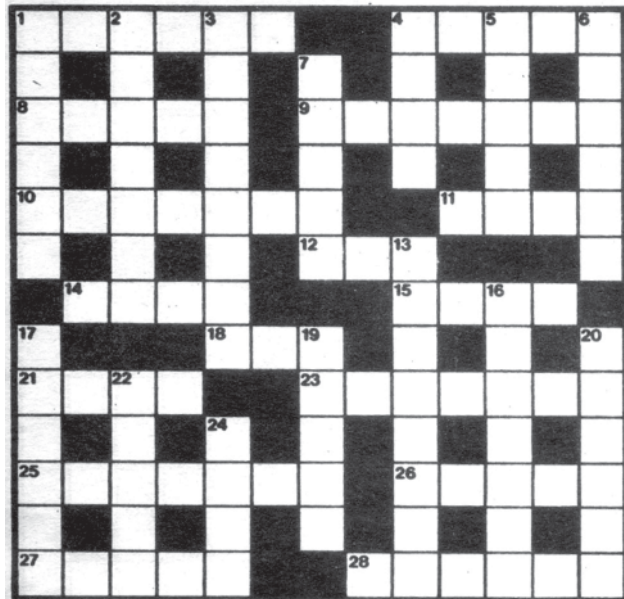
Wang Liqin, Ma Lin and Zhang Yining, who have involved in nine doubles victories in the world championships, didn't enter a doubles competition at all, while Wang Hao, Ma Long, Guo Yue and Li Xiaoxia skipped the mixed doubles, making Hao Shuai and Chang Chenchen the highest seeded Chinese pair at fifth.

Hao/Chang edged out top-seeded Hong Kong pair Ko Lai Chak and Tie Yana 11-6, 11-9, 12-10, 8-11, 11-5. Theoretically, Hao/Chang had the toughest task. Ko and Tie form what in many experts' eyes is the ideal combination, while Hao and Chang do not. The latter duo is a unit of two lefthanders while Ko is a left handed penholder and Tie Yana a right-handed shake hands grip player, both are attacking topspin exponents.—*Internet*

Chinese players Li Ping/ Cao Zhen (L) compete during the mixed doubles quarterfinal match against compatriots Xu Xin/Fan Ying at the World Table Tennis Championships in Yokohama, Japan, on 2 May, 2009. Cao and Li won 4-0.—INTERNET



CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

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- 4 Subsequently
- 8 Gibe
- 9 Queue
- 10 Unsophisticated
- 11 Stretch
- 12 Ignited
- 14 Image
- 15 Lazy
- 18 Tibetan ox
- 21 Learning
- 23 Blamed
- 25 Treble
- 26 Combine
- 27 Lees
- 28 Scanty

DOWN

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- 2 Distrusted
- 3 Completely
- 4 Light sledge
- 5 Vagrant
- 6 Soften
- 7 Upset
- 13 Alcoholic solution of drug
- 16 Enduring
- 17 Shut
- 19 Stuffing material
- 20 Stick
- 22 Indian coin
- 24 Go by

Defending champion Jankovic ousted at Stuttgart tennis



Jelena Jankovic

BERLIN, 2 May—Reigning champion Jelena Jankovic suffered a quarter-final upset at the Stuttgart's WTA tournament on Friday as she was toppled by unseeded Italian Flavia Pennetta 2-6, 6-4 and 6-4.

Pennetta only finished her second-round game against Nadia Petrova just before midnight, but rallied from losing the first set to take her semifinal place. "The level of my game dropped in the second set and I started to allow my opponent to play her own game," said Jankovic.

Third-seed Jankovic took the first set 6-2, but Pennetta started using her forehand to take the second 6-4, and stormed into a 2-0 lead in the third set. Jankovic fought back in style to go 3-2 ahead, before the Italian made her baseline game count to take the third and the match. "I am really happy to win this match today," said the Italian after nearly two hours, "I was nervous at the start, but from the beginning of the second set I pushed a bit more and used my forehand."—*Internet*

Guardiola wants to feel El Clasico pressure



FC Barcelona's coach Josep Guardiola

MADRID, 2 May—Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola has said he wants to feel the pressure during Saturday's 'El

Clasico' against arch-rivals Real Madrid which will be crucial for deciding the league title. "If we want to be champions, we must win at Bernabeu. We have the possibility of taking a huge step towards the title," he said Friday on the eve of the match at Real's Santiago Bernabeu stadium. "I want to feel the pressure," he added.

Internet

Mourinho dismisses ghost of Lazio past

ROME, 2 May—Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho has dismissed the significance of the club's clash against Lazio this weekend, just short of seven years to the day since the Romans denied the nerazzurri the Serie A title.

In the 2001-02 season Inter arrived at the final day of the season on 5 May with a one-point advantage over Juventus as they sought to win their first title since 1989. They needed to beat Lazio at Rome's Stadio Olimpico, but despite leading 1-0 and 2-1 they lost 4-2 and finished the season in third as both Juve and Roma overtook them with final day victories.

Those were the days when Inter had become the laughing stock of Italian

football, the giants known as chokers who consistently flattered to deceive.

Internet

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

(2-5-2009)

Chelsea	3 - 1	Fulham
Manchester City	3 - 1	Blackburn
Middlesbrough	0 - 2	Man Utd
Portsmouth	0 - 3	Arsenal
Stoke City	0 - 1	West Ham Utd
Tottenham	1 - 0	WBA
Wigan Athletic	0 - 0	Bolton



Portsmouth's Jermaine Pennant (R) challenges Arsenal's Andrey Arshavin during their English Premier League soccer match at Fratton Park in Portsmouth on 2 May, 2009.—INTERNET



Chelsea's Nicolas Anelka (C) scores past Fulham's goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer (L) as Danny Murphy challenges during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 2 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Pele plays host to Int'l Olympic Committee in Brazil



Brazilian soccer legend Pele (L) plays with International Olympic Committee (IOC) member Nawal El Moutawakel during an inspection visit at Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on 1 May, 2009.—INTERNET

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 May—Former soccer star and legend Pele served Friday as the guide inside the historic Maracana soccer stadium to attract the votes of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) commission for the 2016 Olympic Games in the candidate city of Rio de Janeiro.

Juggling, passing balls and even signing memorabilia, the ambassador to Rio's Olympic candidacy showed the inspectors around the stadium's facilities. Pele sat down and had an in-depth conversation with the president of the commission and ex-athlete of the Moroccan team of Nawal El Moutawekel.—*Internet*



An Iraqi boy at the site of bomb blasts at a market in Baghdad's Sadr City district on 30 April, 2009. A memorial service was held on Thursday for the 179 British soldiers killed since the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq, an event that comes as Britain speeds up its withdrawal from the country.—INTERNET

Heat wave claims 78 lives in eastern India

NEW DELHI, 2 May — The heat wave and soaring temperature since late April are believed to have claimed 78 lives in the eastern Indian state of Orissa, but government is yet to confirm the figure, local hospital sources said on Saturday.

However, officials in the State Revenue Control Room in Bhubaneswar, the state capital of Orissa, put the official figure of heat wave-caused deaths at 18, though they admitted an overall number of 78 deaths in last week due to various reasons.

"Twenty-four cases of reported deaths were due to other reasons. Reports are awaited in other cases of death due to suspected sunstroke," a State Revenue Control Room official told Xinhua on phone. The local weather bureau had earlier warned the state government that the heat wave condition was likely to prevail for at least 48 hours in interior parts of the entire state in late April. —Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (3.5.2009) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

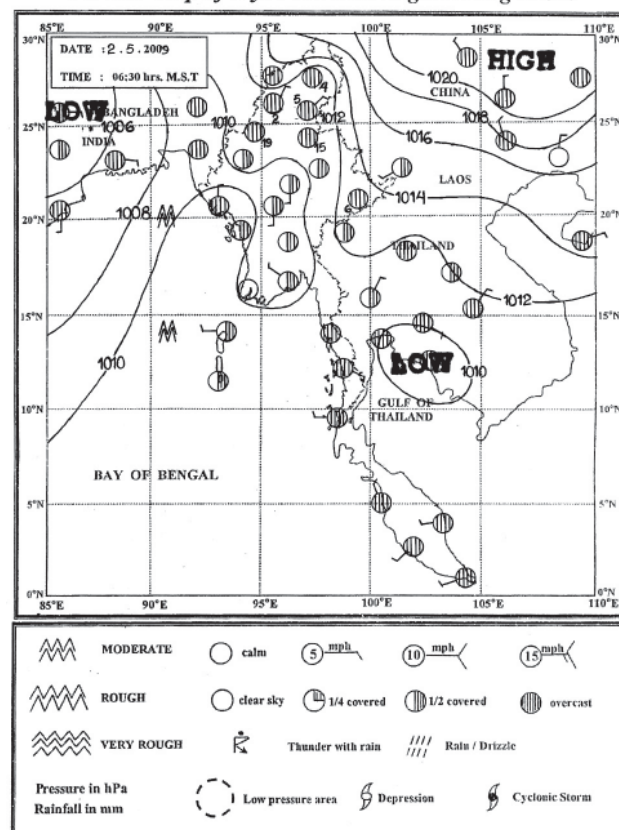
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Protect from Environmental Degradation
- * Music Up Close! Would Being Cold End Well?
- * Maintain already-built foundations for national development
- * The Folk Art of making Ornaments with leaves
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * One of the Bright Prospects in Agriculture
- * Sculpturing Contest
- * Greening the Meiktila Plains
- * Valuable Myanmar Native Orchids
- * ShweLi Bridge (Namt Kham)
- * Butterfly Garden In Yangon
- * Aungpan Oranges
- * Hand Fastening Festival of Kayin Nationals
- * Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Protect from Environmental Degradation
- * Music Up Close! Would Being Cold End Well?
- * Maintain already-built foundations for national development
- * The Folk Art of making Ornaments with leaves
- * Ornamental Jewellery of Outstanding Designs
- * Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Southern Shan State, Inlay)
- * Let's visit the under water world
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 2 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (43°C), Kalaywa, Monywa, Myingyan, NyaungU, Chauk and Magway (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (0.75) inch, Minehsat (0.63) inch and Bhamo (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-5-2009 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 2-5-2009 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-5-2009 was 63%. Total sunshine hours on 1-5-2009 was (10.5) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 2-5-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (1.14) inches at Mingaladon, (2.01) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.28) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 1-5-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3rd May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Chin, States and Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-5-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-5-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Sunday, 3 May
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

6. “ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာသန့်စင်သော အစာ” (ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ပွင့်၊ ဂွမ်းပုံကြီး၊ ဟင်းမြီး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုးထွန်း)

8:10 am

7. Cute little dancers

8:20 am

8. မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာများဖြင့်ဖော်ကျူးထားတဲ့မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာပြတိုက်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Musical programme

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:20 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:30 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ” (အပိုင်း-၄၂)

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm

6. “သက်စွန့်ဆံဖျား” (နေထက်လင်း၊ စိုင်းစိုင်းခမ်းလှိုင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်း(Examplez)၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခစိုးထွန်း)

2:15 pm

7. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

2:25 pm

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:35 pm

9. Dance of national races

2:45 pm

10. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Musical programme

4:20 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. “အဆုံးအဖြတ်” (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ အေးမြတ်သူ၊ မျိုးမျိုးစိုင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ အထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွယ်ကြွယ်အိတ်

5:30 pm

8. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “Pocket Dragon Adventure”

6:55 pm

12. တစ်မျက်နှာ၊ တစ်ကွက်စာ “မျှော်လင့်ချက်” (ဒိန်းဒေါင်း၊ ဇာလပေါက်စီ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ထင်ထင်)

7:15 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူသက်ထား” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm

14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း” (အပိုင်း-၄)
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၇)



Developing cottage industries in Chaungzon Township

Article: Nu Nu Yi & Tin Tin Win; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

From a running boat, we saw a series of small houses.

The place surrounded by water body is an island called Chaungzon Township. In the past, the town was named Balukyun in the history.

Ywalut of Balukyun was famous as the cottage industries had developed in the region. Many cottage industries were established in the region with own creation on a self-

reliant basis. To observe the development of cottage industries there, we went on a trip to Chaungzon Township, 199 miles from Yangon, located in Mawlamyine District, Mon State.

We proceeded to Ywalut Village from the Chaungzon Jetty by car of Township General Administration Department.

The tobacco pipes, a popular product known as Made in Ywalut, is in high demand in the market up to now. We saw

various designs and colourful tobacco pipes.

In an interview, owner of BI Tobacco Pipe Industry U Aung Than said, "This is our family business and we have run it for more than one hundred years. To make a tobacco pipe, we collect raw material woods namely Pyinma (*Lagerstroemia speciosa*), Yinkhat (*Gardenia coronaria*), jungle Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*), teak and gum-kino of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana. First, we cut the timber to become 3.5 inches long and 3 inches wide wood blocks. Such wood blocks are proper sizes for manufacturing two bowls each of tobacco pipes. After that, the wood blocks are to be made as the bowl of tobacco pipe with the use of machine. Moreover, the finished goods of the bowl of tobacco pipes are to be produced with the use of a file. In manufacturing the



Tobacco pipes being polished.



Walking sticks being created with beautiful designs.

pipe of the bowl, rubber, sulphur and chemicals are to be grinded by machine and then, the combined material is to be moulded. After that, the raw products are to be finished with the use of files. Finally, the bowl can be fixed to the pipe to become a tobacco pipe. Next, the finished goods

are to be polished and placed in the breezing air."

He continued to say, "The designs of tobacco pipes are created by us as well as according to the orders of the buyers. Our industry produces 200 to 1500 tobacco pipes daily. Generally, Denmark and Ja-

pan place order for the products. Every three months, we export 10 to 15 dozens of tobacco pipes to these countries. In the domestic market, we send the products to Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Mandalay, Meiktila and Rakhine." (See page 10)

Man United forge ahead against Boro

MIDDLESBROUGH, 2 May—Manchester United extended their lead at the top of the Premier League to



Manchester United's South Korean midfielder Ji-Sung Park vies with Middlesbrough's defender Justin Hoyte during their match at The Riverside stadium in Middlesbrough.

a commanding six points as goals from Ryan Giggs and Park Ji-Sung sealed a comfortable 2-0 win away to Middlesbrough.

Giggs struck his fourth goal of the season before the break here at the Riverside Stadium on Saturday to help double United's points advantage over title rivals Liverpool, who host Newcastle on Sunday.

And South Korea international Park deservedly doubled their advantage early in the second-half as reigning champions United, seeking to equal Liverpool's record of 18 English titles, strolled to a fifth consecutive league victory.

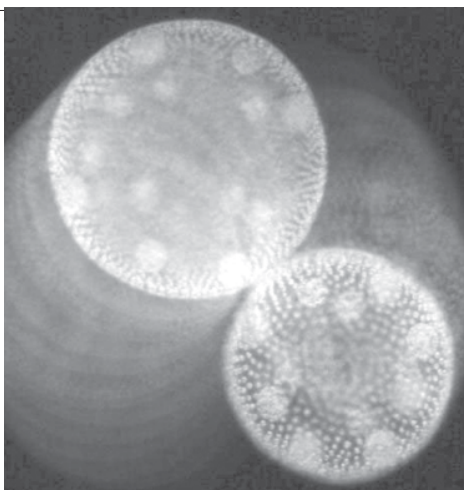
United couldn't have asked for an easier warm-up for Tuesday's Champions League semi-final trip to Arsenal, where they defend a single-goal first-leg lead, as they showed little sign of fatigue despite clocking up their 60th game of a season that could yet see them win four trophies.—Internet

Scientists discover 'dancing' algae

SCIENCE DAILY, 2 May — Scientists at the Cambridge University have discovered that freshwater algae can form stable groupings in which they dance around each other, miraculously held together only by the fluid flows they create.

The researchers studied the multicellular organism *Volvox*, which consists of approximately 1,000 cells arranged on the surface of a spherical matrix about half a millimetre in diameter. Each of the surface cells has two hair-like appendages known as flagella, whose beating propels the colony through the fluid and simultaneously makes them spin about an axis.—Internet

Freshwater algae called *Volvox* can form stable groupings in which they dance around each other, researchers have found.



1st ISD Women's Football Tournament commences

YANGON, 2 May—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint this afternoon delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the 1st Inter-State/Division Women's Football Tournament at Padetha Sports Ground in South Okkalapa Township.

Yangon Division played against Shan State (South) in the opener. A total of 12 teams are competing in the tournament.—MNA

Untimely rain warning

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — According to the observations at 11.30 hrs Myanmar Standard Time today, due to the influence of the clouds moving towards Myanmar from northwest, rain or thunder-showers are likely to be scattered in Kachin and Chin States and Sagaing Division within next 48 hrs commencing noon today. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 to 40 mph.—MNA

Talks on preventive measures against H1N1 on 5 May

YANGON, 2 May — Organized by Myanmar Medical Association, educative talks on preventive measures against Global Human Flu will be held at the meeting hall (A) of the association on Theinbyu Road here at noon on 5 May. Interested doctors may attend the talks.—MNA