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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

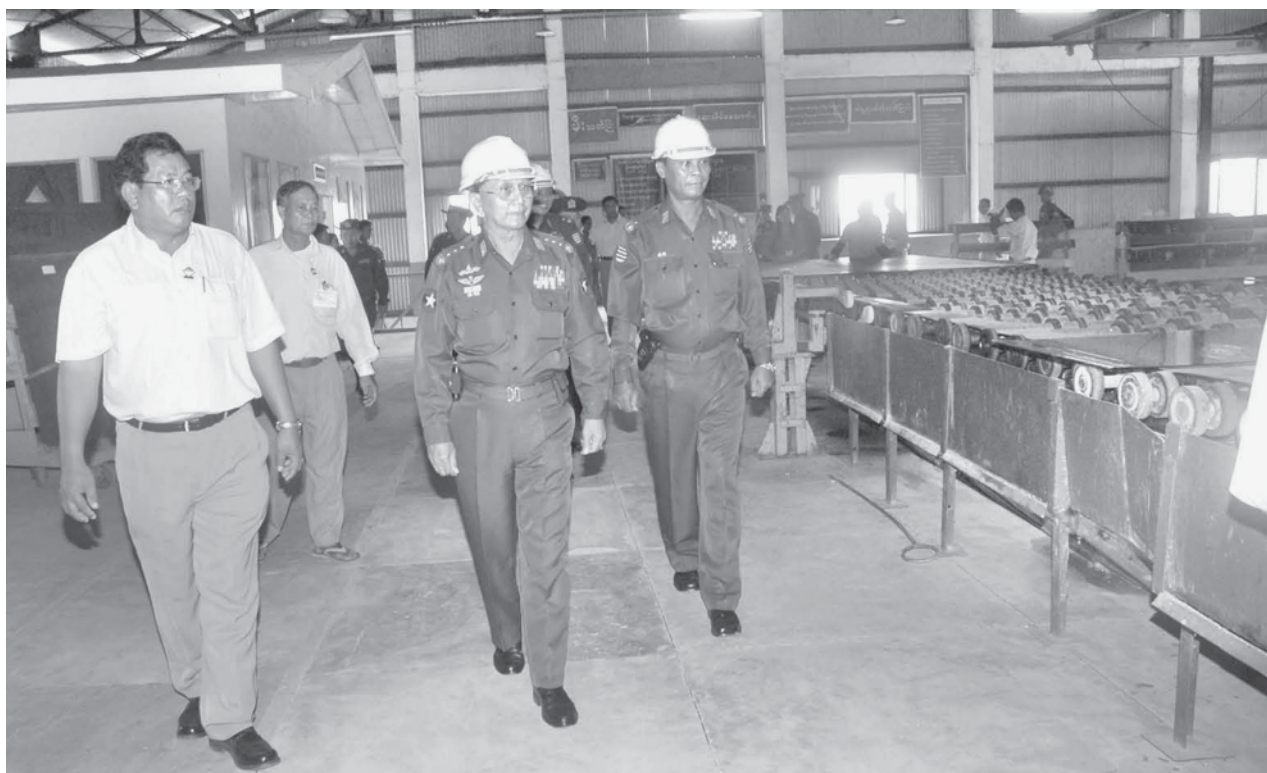
- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country 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

People to participate in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation

Prime Minister inspects reconstruction tasks in Labutta Township



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Pathein Glass Factory of Myanma Ceramics Industries. — MNA

Gen Kyaw Swe and departmental officials.

Upon arrival at South-West Command Headquarters, the Prime Minister inspected Kubota power-tillers and accessories, plough-shares, water pumps, and equipment for power supply to villages, and called for systematic distribution of the aid.

The Prime Minister, together with the commander, flew to Labutta Housing Project at the 3rd Mile Camp in Labutta.

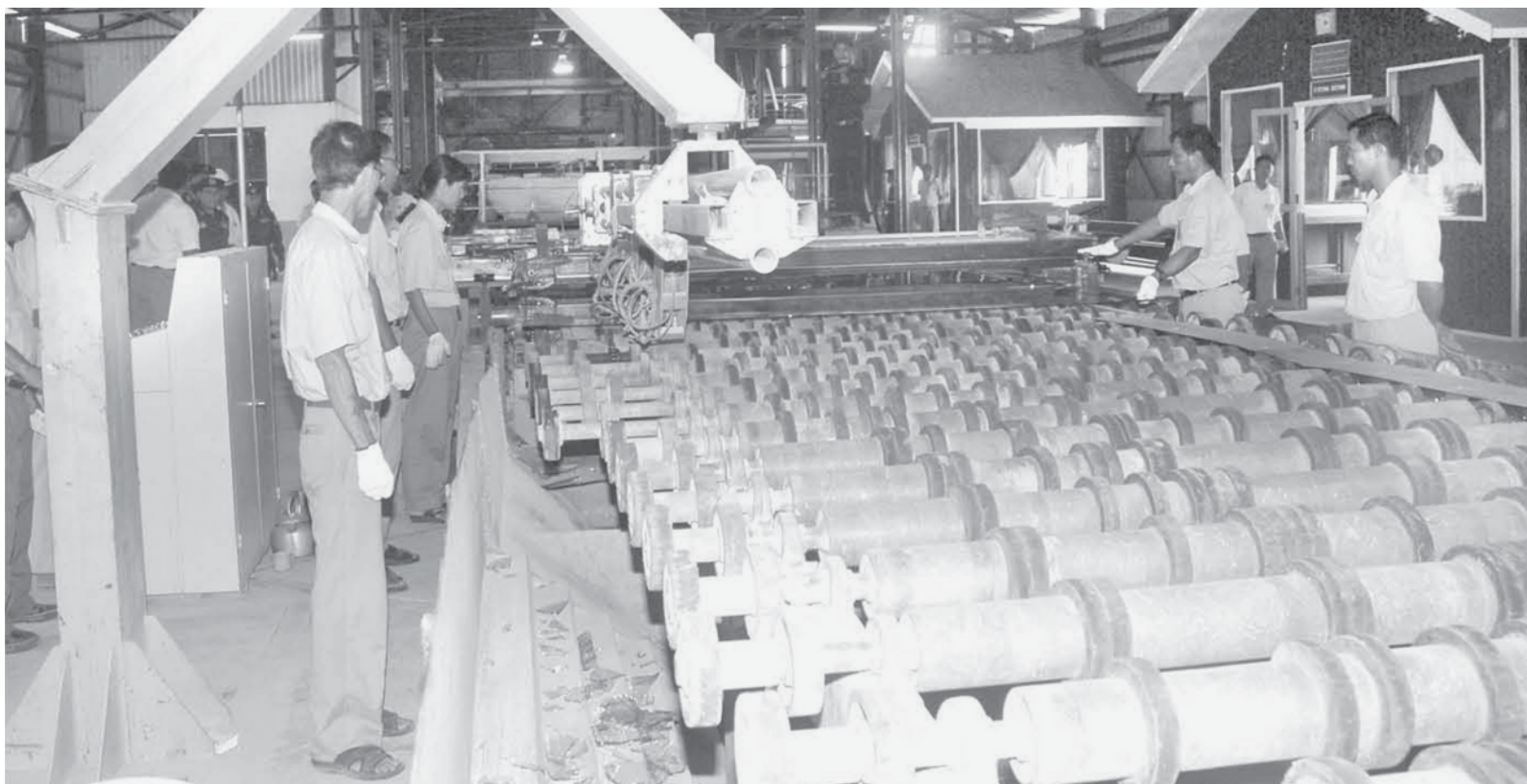
Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt reported on

the building of a 200-bed hospital, progress in building roads, and building a 180m-gallon water tank; Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, on groundwork for building the hospital; Deputy Director-General (Engineering) of the Development Affairs Department, on progress in reclaiming plots and building roads; Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, on construction of a jetty on the bank of the Yway River; and Minister for Electric Power (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, on work for power supply.

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Chairman of the Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers, and departmental heads, left Yangon by helicopter and arrived at Pathein in Ayeyawady Division at 8 am yesterday.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-



PERSPECTIVES

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Towards lasting Paukphaw friendship

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye paid a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China from 15 to 20 June. During his visit, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Vice-President Mr Xi Jinping, the Governor of Shaanxi Province, the Secretary of Communist Party Committee of Zhejiang Province, the Secretary of Communist Party Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Myanmar and China share a common border more than 1,300 miles long. The peoples of the two countries have enjoyed friendly relations for a very long time and have respect and amity for each other. Exchange of goodwill visits by the leaders of the two nations has paved the way for deeper bilateral relations and closer cooperation in various fields.

During the goodwill visit by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, political cooperation between the two nations and the global economic and financial crisis were discussed. Frank and cordial discussions were also held on promotion of bilateral friendly relations and mutual cooperation in energy, electric power, transport, trade and industry sectors. Moreover, the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation, the Memorandum of Agreement on Operation and Transfer of Hydropower Projects in Maykha, Malikha and Upstream of Ayeyawady-Myitsone River Basins were inked.

It is nearly 60 years ago that the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China established diplomatic relations. During that period, bilateral friendship and cooperation were able to be promoted. There are also prospects of enhancing economic cooperation between the two nations.

We believe that Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye's goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China will be a shot in the arm for Paukphaw friendship between the two peoples and it will last for generations to come.

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

Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June— Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received General Manager Mr. Fu Rui and party of Tianjin Machinery & Electric Equipment Import & Export Co. Ltd. (TMEE) of the People's Republic of China at

his office here on 19 June morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint and departmental officials.

MNA

Inter-District Road No-1 inspected

YANGON, 23 June — Director-General U Myo Myint of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on 22 June inspected the digging of drains and the growing of shade trees and wind-breaking trees at mile post No 12/3 on both sides of Inter-District Road No-1 being undertaken by Hmawby Township Development Affairs Committee.

Director of Yangon Division Development Affairs Committee U Aung

Kyaw Nyein reported on tasks for maintenance of the road and Deputy Chief Engineer U Zaw Myo Aung, on maintenance of bridges and box culverts.

The director-general also inspected the digging of drains on both

sides of the roads being carried out by Taikkyi Township DAC and condition of 225 feet long and 14 feet wide Okkan Creek Bridge.

He looked into the inter-district road and called for maintenance of

the road in the rainy season.

The inter-district road No 1 is 52 miles and six furlongs long in Yangon Division and is under regular maintenance.

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Director-General U Myo Myint inspects digging of drains in Taikkyi Township.
PBANRDA



Seminar on Prospect of Trade and Tourism Indonesia-Myanmar held

YANGON, 23 June — Organized by Indonesian Embassy in Myanmar, the seminar on "Prospect of Trade and Tourism Indonesia-Myanmar" was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this

evening.

Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono explained purpose of holding the seminar.

Next, Director-General Dr. Sapt

Nirwandar of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Indonesia read out the paper on "Indonesia Tourism", Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism on "Tourism Sector in

Myanmar," Assistant Director U Thein Myint Wai of Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce on "Prospects of Economic and Trade Relations between Indonesia and Myanmar During Global Economic Crisis" and General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Dr Maung Maung Lay on Golden Opportunities in the Golden Land Myanmar.

Then the resource persons answered the queries raised by those present.

MNA

Ambassador Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono briefs on Prospects of Trade and Tourism Indonesia-Myanmar.
MNA





Bombings shake Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 June — Insurgency is sharply going up in the post-Taleban Afghanistan this year as in a single day on Monday three suicide bombings and a warehouse explosion left a dozen people dead and over five dozen others injured. The militants in the latest wave of violence carried out double suicide attacks in the eastern Khost Province Monday afternoon, killing seven civilians and wounding some 40 others.

Meantime, Amir Pacha Mangal the head of Health Department in Khost Province put the number of casualties higher, saying six people were killed and 30 others got wounded, all of them civilians including children. However, eyewitnesses at the site put the number of the casualties higher than that reported, saying the blasts occurred in a crowded area of a bazaar, causing huge damage.

On Tuesday, a suicide

car bomber attacked a convoy of international troops in central Afghanistan, killing two Afghan civilians, officials said.

Civilian deaths have become an increasingly contentious issue in Afghanistan as worsening violence has turned more villagers and passersby into victims.

The United Nations has said over 2,100 civilians died in the Afghan war last year. International and Afghan forces killed about 40 percent of them.

Internet



Afghan people who wounded in a blast lay in a hospital in Khost Province of eastern Afghanistan, on 22 June, 2009. Twin suicide bombings shocked Khost Province on Monday, leaving seven people dead and some forty others injured.

INTERNET

Bombings and shootings kill more than 30 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 June—Bombings and shootings killed more than 30 people across Iraq on Monday, including high school students on their way to final exams, part of a new round of violence ahead of next week's deadline for US troops to withdraw from urban areas.

The attacks pushed the three-day Iraqi death toll over 100, shattering a recent lull and adding fresh doubt to the ability of government forces to protect people without US soldiers by their sides. —Internet



Firas Ahmed is treated for his wounds after a bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 June, 2009. Deadly bombings hit the Baghdad area on Monday as Iraqi officials braced for new violence ahead of a planned withdrawal next week of US troops from major cities and urban areas.—INTERNET



A man wounded in a bomb attack lies in bed as his mother stands next to him in a hospital in Baghdad on 22 June, 2009. Two people were killed and 13 were wounded when a bomb went off inside a cafe in a Shi'ite district of southern Baghdad, police said.—INTERNET

Eight killed, injured as tanker catches fire in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 June—Eight drivers including six nationals of Kazakhstan were killed and injured as a tanker caught fire in the border town of Hairtan in north Afghanistan on Monday, a press release of Afghan Interior Ministry said.

“The incident occurred when the drivers were busy in downloading oil tanker during which an Afghan driver was killed and seven others, including an Afghan and six Kazakh national, sustained injuries,” the press release added.

Two tankers were damaged in the incident, it further said.

The press release termed carelessness of the drivers for the incident, adding the fire was extinguished by fire fighters and thus more damage has been avoided. Linking Afghanistan to Uzbekistan in the north, Hairtan is a busy border town with uploading and downloading thousands of tons of goods daily.

Internet



An injured youth lays at a hospital following a suicide bomb attack in Khost, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 22 June, 2009. A suicide bomber on a motorbike killed six civilians when he drove in front of the city's electric power headquarters and set off explosives. — INTERNET

An Iraqi woman looks at the damage caused by a truck bomb that exploded the day before in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk. Residents of the town hit by Iraq's bloodiest attack in 16 months were searched for their loved ones after a massive truck bombing killed 72 people and destroyed dozens of houses.

INTERNET



Palestinian PM hopes for creation of statehood in two years

RAMALLAH, 23 June—Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad on Monday challenged the hawkish Israeli prime minister by saying that East Jerusalem will be the eternal capital of the future Palestinian statehood, expecting it to be established in two years.

Fayyad made the remarks in a public speech in al-Quds University in Abu Dis near the West

Bank, in response to Benjamin Netanyahu's speech on his diplomatic policy addressed from Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv on 14 June.

Netanyahu stressed that Jerusalem will be the capital of the Jewish state, noting the Palestinian statehood must be demilitarized and will not be created unless the Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state.

He also refused the re-

turn of the Palestinian refugees to the territories of Israel.

"I call for unity (of Palestinians) to establish the statehood in two years at most," Fayyad said, adding "east Jerusalem will only be the eternal capital for our independent statehood."

Netanyahu's speech was vague and was less committed to the two-state solution."

Internet



Photo taken on 22 June, 2009 shows the lit-up Chinese Pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo 2010 site in Shanghai, east China. The Chinese Pavilion was lit up for trial on Monday night.—XINHUA

Trade group cuts mortgage volume forecast for 2009

NEW YORK, 23 June—A key industry group on Monday slashed its estimate for mortgage volume by 27 percent because of higher interest rates and the slow start to the government's refinancing programme.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said it expects lenders to make \$2.03 trillion in mortgages this year.

That's \$750 billion less than its forecast just three months ago and a signal that the government's efforts so far to repair the housing market have fallen short.

In March, the Obama administration said its Home Affordable Refinance Programme could help up to 1.5 million to 2 million borrowers.

But so far, only 13,000 loans have been refinanced through the programme.—Internet



People gather around the damaged trains at the Kamalapur railway Station in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, on 22 June, 2009. Two trains collided head-on in Dhaka on Monday afternoon, leaving at least 2 dead, officials said.—XINHUA

German businesses expect improvement, survey shows

BERLIN, 23 June—Business confidence in Germany, Europe's largest economy, dropped to a new all-time low in June but expectations for the future continued to improve, a closely watched survey showed Monday.

The Munich-based Ifo institute's business climate index — an average of its current situation and future expectations numbers — improved overall to 85.9

points from 84.3 the month before, the third consecutive increase since March when the indicator hit a 26-year low of 82.2 points.

"The survey results confirm that the German economy is gradually stabilizing," Ifo president Hans-Werner Sinn said in a statement.

The survey, based on around 7,000 monthly responses from firms in manufacturing, construction, wholesaling and

retailing, showed a jump in expectations for the next six months, which improved from 86 to 89.5.

The current situation assessment, however, slipped to 82.4 from 82.5 the month before.

Internet

Over one million iPhone 3GS sold in first three days after debut

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 June—Apple Inc on Monday announced that it has sold more than one million units of iPhone 3GS in the first three days after the new smart phone went on sale.

The iPhone 3GS hit stores in the United States and seven other countries last on Friday.

The new model is twice as fast as iPhone 3G, the previous generation of Apple's popular iPhone. It also boasts new features including auto focus camera, video recording and voice control.

"Customers are voting and the iPhone is winning," Steve Jobs, Apple's chief executive officer (CEO), said in a statement.—Internet

Oil slumps below \$67 on lower global economic forecast

NEW YORK, 23 June—Oil price ended below 67 US dollars a barrel on Monday as the World Bank lowered its global economic forecast, suggesting a deeper recession would undermine the recovery in oil demand.

Light, sweet crude for July delivery, which expired on Monday, slumped as much as 4.7 percent to the intra-day low of 66.25 dollars a barrel before settling at 66.93 dollars a barrel, trading down 2.62 dollars, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The more active August contract lost 2.52 dollars to settle at 67.50 dollars a barrel.—Internet

Andres could grow into hurricane, brush Mexico

ACAPULCO, 23 June—Tropical Storm Andres was expected to grow into the Pacific season's first hurricane Tuesday and deal a glancing blow to southwestern Mexico before churning its way up the coast past picturesque towns popular with foreign retirees.

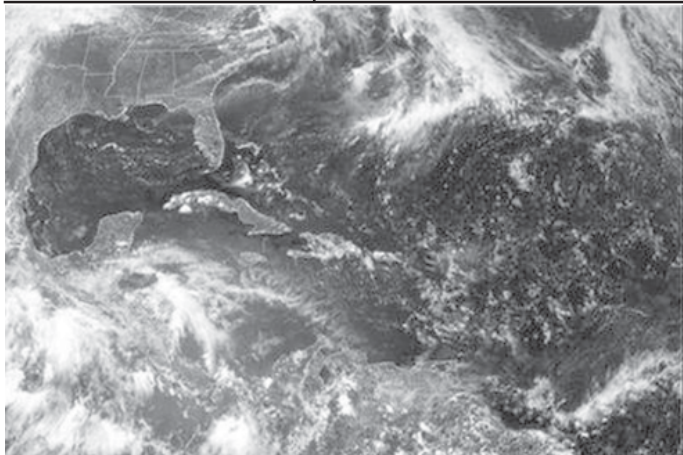
Mexico issued a hurricane warning for the Pacific coast from just south of Manzanillo north to near Puerto Vallarta. To the south, officials in

Acapulco prepared 120 shelters and warned residents to stay indoors, especially some 15,000 people in zones most at risk for flooding. Heavy rains late Sunday knocked down a few trees in the resort city.

Forecasters said Andres was likely to brush the coast at hurricane strength around the port city of Manzanillo on Tuesday. Forecast models showed its centre later pushing up the coast near

towns such as Barra de Navidad that are home to some American and Canadian expatriates.

At Barra de Navidad, northwest of Manzanillo, Agapito Garcia Martinez, security manager at the Grand Bay Hotel-Isla Navidad Resort, said Monday that hotel staff were preparing, like taking in beach furniture and protecting hotel windows, but had not yet been advised by authorities to so.—Internet



This NOAA satellite image taken on 20 June, 2009 at 12:45 PM EDT shows a few areas of clouds in the Caribbean Sea but no tropical development is noticed in the region.

INTERNET



Vietnam to host 4th World Information Technology Forum

HANOI, 23 June—Vietnam will host the fourth World Information Technology Forum (WITFOR) in Hanoi from 26 to 28 Aug Vietnam News Agency reported Monday.

This is the first time the forum is held in Asia, according to the report.

With the theme of “Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Sustainable Development”, the forum includes eight plenary meetings and 32 discussions, focusing on

women’s role in IT development, and various policies and experiences of countries in IT development.

The fourth WITFOR is expected to bring enormous benefits to the Asian region, and open up new and broader paths for developing countries to apply achievements in ICT into socio-economic life, said Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Information and Communications Nguyen Minh Hong.

It will provide an im-

portant foundation for local and foreign policy-makers, scientists, experts and IT businesses to obtain accurate visions and assessments on current ICT development.

This will then push them to exercise more efforts to bridge the gap between developed and developing countries, said the report.

Xinhua

A singer performs during the Symphony Concert “The East Is Red” held in Yangzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 21 June, 2009. More than 30 revolutionary songs, mostly quite popular in the 1930s until 1970s, were performed during the concert.

XINHUA



US capital shocked by deadly subway train collision

WASHINGTON, 23 June—Against the light darkness of twilight, the wrecks of two crashed light-rail trains stood still on an elevated track as rescuers cut through the cars to pull survivors out.

“I thought it was a thunder, but then I heard some screamings and saw corpses,” Timbly Brown who lives across the street on a small slope in northeastern Washington.

Apparently, a transit train smashed into the rear of another at the height of the capital city’s Monday evening rush hour. Several cars of the first train ended up on top of the other train.

Walking around the tragic site, Mayor of Washington DC Adrian Fenty told reporters that accident is the “deadliest crash in the 33-year history of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, known as Metro.

The latest figure show at least six people were killed and 76 others injured, among them six in critical conditions.

“The scene is as horrific as you can imagine,” Fenty said, “One car was almost squeezed completely together.”

He told Xinhua that there will be more press conferences and briefings to keep the public updated about what happened.

Xinhua

Chinese shipbuilder wins Oman order

BEIJING, 23 June—China’s biggest private shipbuilder Jiangsu Rongsheng Heavy Industries Co said it had won an order to build four vessels worth 484 million US dollars for Oman Shipping Co, reported Tuesday’s China Daily.

The deal was the biggest foreign order by a Chinese shipyard this year and also the second largest in terms of value Chinese shipbuilders clinched so far this year, only next to a 2-billion-US dollar order won by Zhoushan Jinhaiwan Shipyard Co Ltd from a Chinese shipping company.

The four vessels will be delivered by the end of 2011 or beginning of 2012. However, industry analysts said such remarkable new orders do not mean recovery of shipbuilding industry in China because many other shipyards in the country have not received any new order this year.—Xinhua

At least 7 Colombian policemen killed in conflicts with rebels

BOGOTA, 23 June—At least 7 Colombian policemen were killed in conflicts with rebels of Revolutionary Armed Force of Colombia (FARC) in the southwestern department Cauca, local police said on Monday.

General Gustavo Adolfo Ricaurte, commander of the local police said the Colombian army, local police and air force attacked on Sunday night a camp of rebels in the mountainous area of municipality Timb.

At least 25 rebels had died during the conflicts, he said. The bodies were evacuated by rebels at dawn, seen by local peasants.

Two injured officers had been transferred to hospital.

FARC is the largest leftist guerrilla against the government in Colombia. Alvaro Uribe, the Colombian president, put the elimination of the guerrillas as his priority.

Xinhua



District of Columbia Fire and Emergency workers at the site of a rush-hour collision between two Metro transit trains in northeast Washington, DC on 22 June, 2009.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Greek unemployment rises to 9.3% in first quarter

ATHENS, 23 June—Greek unemployment jumped to 9.3 percent in the first quarter of 2009, from 8.3 percent in the same period last year, Greek National Statistical Service said on Monday.

The statistics agency said the number of unemployed people totaled 462,343 in the first three months of 2009, from 406,547 last year.

The unemployment rate among women totaled 13 percent, while among men the unemployment rate was 6.8 percent.

The 15-29 age group recorded the highest unemployment rate at 18.5 percent in the country, followed by the 30-44 age group at 8.5 percent.

The percentage of new unemployed totaled 29.2 percent in the period of January-March, while long-term unemployment rate was 41.3 percent.—Xinhua

Airbus delivers first China-assembled A320 jet

TIANJIN, 23 June—Airbus delivered its first China-assembled A320 jet on Tuesday in north China’s port city of Tianjin, the base of the manufacturer’s only final assembly line outside Europe.

The plane was delivered to Beijing-based Dragon Aviation Leasing, which will lease it to Sichuan Airlines for operation.

Xinhua



Photo taken in north China’s port city of Tianjin on 23 June, 2009 shows the first China-assembled A320 Airbus jet. Airbus delivered its first China-assembled A320 jet on Tuesday in Tianjin, the base of the manufacturer’s only final assembly line outside Europe. The plane was delivered to Beijing-based Dragon Aviation Leasing, which will lease it to Sichuan Airlines for operation. —XINHUA

NATO thwarts pirate attack off Somalia

BRUSSELS, 23 June—Pirates tried to hijack a Singaporean freighter off Somalia on Monday, but they were chased down and captured by a NATO warship, the alliance said.

The MV Maersk Phoenix freighter issued an emergency call when it was attacked by the pirates, who were armed with AK-47 automatic rifles and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher, NATO said.

The alliance's Portuguese warship Corte-Real gave chase and captured the pirates and their small boat, which also contained two ladders. NATO confiscated the vessel and the weapons, but freed the eight pirates after consultations with Portuguese authorities. No casualties were reported among the pirates or the crew of the freighter off the Somali port of Bossaso.

Internet



A suspected pirate skiff is seen in the sea near Somalia's northern port town of Bossaso, on 16 June, 2009. —INTERNET

Most US kids have no playground access

WASHINGTON, 23 June—Sixty-nine percent of US children in the lowest income bracket don't have access to a community playground, a survey indicates.

KaBOOM!, a national non-profit dedicated to bringing play back into the lives of children, commissioned the survey conducted by Harris Interactive of 1,677 parents with children between the ages of 2-12. The group says US children experience a national play deficit because they don't have enough time and space to play every day.

The survey found 59 percent of parents report their children don't have access to a community playground.

In terms of importance, 96 percent of parents said playing outside was critical to keep kids physically fit, but just 17 percent thought children played enough outside.

Internet

Signals heard from Flight 447 black boxes

PARIS, 23 June—The French newspaper *Le Monde* reported Tuesday that French military ships have detected a signal from the black boxes of Flight 447 in the Atlantic depths.

The report says a mini research submarine, the Nautile, dived Monday to search for the boxes based on a "very weak signal" from the flight recorders picked up by the French ships.

The report on *Le Monde's* Web site Tuesday gives no source or other details. It is not clear whether the signal came from the flight's data recorder or the voice recorder. The two so-called black boxes, key to helping determine what happened to the Air France plane that plunged into the ocean 31 May, will only continue to emit signals for another eight days or so.

Officials with the

French military and the French marine institute that operates the mini-sub, Ifremer, could not immediately be reached for comment on the report. French air accident investigators and Air France officials did not immediately respond to phone calls. Brazilian and American officials said that as of Sunday evening no signals from the black boxes had been picked up.

Internet

Mexico arrests nine in day care fire that killed 47

MEXICO CITY, 23 June—Seven state and two federal officials were arrested Monday and nine others were being sought on negligent homicide charges in a day care fire that killed 47 children in northern Mexico.

The state officials worked for the Sonora Finance Department, which operated an adjacent warehouse for cars, tires and paperwork.

Investigators say the fire may have started with a short circuit or overheating in the air con-

ditioning system of the warehouse, which lacked fire alarms and extinguishers.

Flames spread to the neighbouring ABC day care centre.

"They are employees and officials with the Finance Department who have a direct responsibility for the warehouse where the fire started," state Attorney General Abel Murrieta said.

In addition to the seven Sonora state officials arrested, six more were being sought.

Later Monday, the federal Attorney General's Office said two women day care coordinators employed by the federal Social Security Institute in Sonora were arrested and warrants issued for three other institute officials.

"The accused knew of the irregularities and deficiencies at the ABC day care centre in Hermosillo, Sonora, and didn't take the needed action," the federal office said in a statement.

Internet



After three years of renovation, the French Cathedral at the Gendarmenmarkt in Berlin reopened. It now has a viewing platform - at the top of this staircase - which is opened to the public.

Waterfall Watching Festival attracts visitors

"2009 Yellow River Xiaolangdi Waterfall-Watching Festival" is becoming a hot tourist attraction in the region. It has already witnessed a peak of tourists visits just after opening last Saturday.

The festival will last until July. The opening day of the festival attracted some 30,000 visitors.

When Xiaolangdi reservoir dam takes off the brake and discharged floodwater, a 70-meter-long waterfall would rush down the Yellow River.

Xiaolangdi Dam regulate water and silt flow annually. This is the fifth festival held at the Dam.

Plane, truck nearly collide in Boston

Authorities said a construction vehicle at Boston's Logan International Airport wandered into an unauthorized area and was nearly hit by a plane on a runway.

Phil Orlandella, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Port Authority, which operates the airport, said the construction vehicle, a Ford Explorer, came dangerously close to the wing of a plane that was traveling down a runway after being cleared for takeoff at about 6:36 am Thursday, the Boston Globe reported Friday.

Airport officials said the Explorer

was traveling on a taxiway and apparently failed to stop at the runway intersection and radio for permission to cross.

"It was a serious thing, a matter of seconds," Orlandella said. "It was an actual near miss."

The Port Authority said construction at the airport has been suspended while the incident is being investigated.

"Until we know the factors that contributed to this event, whether it was the failure of an individual or there was a failure in the system, and (have) implemented measures to minimize further the potential for such events, construction on the airfield will be suspended," it said in a statement.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it is investigating the near miss, which is classified as the most serious type of runway incident that does not involve a collision.



Photo taken shows an animal trainer in the Sunshine International Aquarium in Tokyo, Japan, wears sunglasses for the sea lion Luke to prepare for observing the solar eclipse next month. This 21-year-old male sea lion will join with aquarium guests to observe the solar eclipse.

NEWS ALBUM



Two model makers lift a giant ant with a crane into the exhibition area of the butterfly farm in Trassenheide on the Baltic Sea island Usedom, northeast Germany.

British WW1 vet becomes world's oldest man

Guinness World Records said Friday that 113-year-old British World War I veteran Henry Allingham has become the world's oldest man.

The previous holder of the title, Tomoji Tanabe, died in his sleep in southern Japan earlier on Friday at the age of 113.

Allingham is one of only two surviving World War I veterans in Britain and celebrated his 113th birthday 6 June. He has been Britain's oldest man since January 2007. Craig Glenday, editor-in-chief of Guinness World Records, said the last Englishman to hold the title of world's oldest man was Frederick Butterfield, who died in March 1974 at the age of 110.



Gifts for Zoological Gardens (Yangon)

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June— The staff quarters of Zoological Gardens (Yangon) were handed over at a ceremony at the gardens in Yangon on 19 June morning, attended by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Managing Director of Thai Saw at Import Export Co. Mr P C Chen explained the purpose of the donations and handed over the related documents to Director of Zoological Gardens Department U Kyaw Soe Khaing.

Next, the minister presented a certificate of honour to the donor.

After that, Mr P C Chen gave away uniforms for the staffs and Manager of the gardens Major Nyo



Aye spoke words of thanks.

Later, the minister and the donor viewed the staff quarters.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers address at a ceremony to hand over staff quarters of Zoological Gardens (Yangon) to Zoological Gardens Department.—FORESTRY

F&R Dy Minister arrives back from Spain

YANGON, 23 June— Finance Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col

Deputies' Meeting held at Madrid, Spain on 19 June.

(ADB), European Commission and the Central Bank of Europe



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe participates in ASEM Finance Deputies' Meeting held at Madrid, Spain.—MNA

Hla Thein Swe and Vice-governor U Maung Maung Win of the Central Bank of Myanmar, on 21 June, arrived back here by air after attending ASEM

Finance deputies from Asia-Europe dialogue countries, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Asian Development Bank

attended the meeting. They discussed measures taken by country-wise on global financial crisis and future tasks as well as exchanged views.—MNA

Talk on “How to Develop Successful Website” on 27 June

YANGON, 22 June— Web Development Director of Creative Web Studio U Wai Phyo Htut will give a talk on “How to Develop Successful Website” under the arrangements of the

Myanmar Computer Professionals Association at Room No 205, Myanmar Info-Tech Main Building in Hline Township here from 1 pm to 3 pm on 27 June.

Members of MCPA,

web developers and all those interested may attend the talk and contact MCPA office at Room No 4 of Building No-4 (Ph: 652276) for further information.

MNA

Mandalay Mayor provides spur to development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspected tasks for upgrading Yangon-Mandalay Highway and

reconstruction of U Shwe Taung Bridge in Amarapura Township on 15 June. He viewed progress in sinking No-35 tube-well and the place chosen for construction of No-7 waterworks.

Next, he inspected the housing project in Yadanabon Myothit and progress in installing rock grinding machine and the factory and Vehicles Division in Chanmyathazi Township.—MNA

Dicota appoints KMD as sole agent

YANGON, 22 June— Dicota appointed KMD Co Ltd as the sole agent for Myanmar for notebook bags and related products at a ceremony held at the Traders Hotel here on 20 June morning.

Chairman & CEO of KMD Computer Group U Thaung Tin extended greetings. Regional Sales Manager for ASEAN Mr James Yeo presented facts about Dicota products.

Dicota, in cooperation with 80 international associations, has produced

beautiful, fashionable notebook bags with strong, neat stiff and quality zips since 1992.

High-density foams are used to protect notebooks, and thanks to permanent air cells, they cannot be damaged easily.

KMD Computer Group will soon launch its sales of Dicota notebook bags both in Yangon and in Mandalay simultaneously. For further details, please contact KMD Computer Sales & Service Centre at

550/552, corner of Merchant and 36th Streets, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, (Ph: 204071, 384109, 245180), KMD Computer Sales & Service Centre at 331, Pyay Road, Myaynigone, Sangyoung Township, Yangon (502244, 503511, 503522) and KMD Computer Sales & Service Centre (Mandalay) at 103/1, 77th Street, between 27th and 28th Streets, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, (60239, 60360).—MNA



Chairman & CEO of KMD Computer Group U Thaung Tin extends greetings at a ceremony to appoint KMD Co Ltd as sole agent for Myanmar by Dicota. —MNA

Say No to Drugs

People to participate in building a peaceful, modern...

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The Prime Minister attended to the needs, and viewed progress in building roads, reclaiming plots, and building a police station.

Next, he attended the ceremony to hand over 60 basic education schools in Labutta Township held at Ywe Nadi Hall in Labutta. Minister Col Thein

Nyunt reported on progress in carrying out reconstruction tasks and building schools; and Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, on progress in rebuilding the schools that were damaged in the cyclone "Nargis".

Minister Dr Chan Nyein accepted the documents related to 14

basic education schools from Managing Director U Kyi Tun of Trust & Gain Co; 11 schools from Managing Director U Kyaw Khaing of Myanma Ahla Co; 10 schools from Chairman U Shwe Taing of Wah Wah Win Co; 10 schools from Manager U Than Soe of Shwe Gabar Co; eight schools from

Labutta Township gets 60 schools.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers an address at a ceremony to hand over newly constructed 60 schools in Labutta Township to Ministry of Education.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects power tillers and accessories, plough shares and water pumps to be distributed to villages in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

Managing Director U Han Kyi of Min Co; five schools from Managing Director U Thaung Oo of Mya Nanda Co; one school from Managing Director U Aye Lwin of Myat Noe Thu Co; and one school from Manager U Aye Lwin of Hsaung Hay Man Co.

The Education Minister handed over the documents related to the 60 schools, and exercise books to Labutta Township Education Officer U Win Maung.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented seeds of fruit to the chairman of Township PDC.

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Photo shows power tillers and accessories, plough shares and water pumps to be distributed to villages in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA



People to participate in building a peaceful, modern...

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The Prime Minister touched on progress in rebuilding the buildings that were destroyed in the storm, restoration of businesses, progress in setting up a road network for preparedness against natural disasters, and construction of cyclone shelters, and called on the people to participate in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

At Bayintnaung Guesthouse, Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on the cyclone shelters constructed in Labutta Township by Max Myanmar Co, A-1 Co, Ayeya Shwe Wah Co, Wah Wah Win Co, TZTM Co, Moe Kyei Co and Myat Noe Thu Co.

Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein reported on building hillocks.

In response, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

At 66 KV Power Station being constructed by the Ministry of Electric Power (2) near the 3rd Mile in Labutta, Deputy Chief Engineer U Thein Hlaing reported on progress in installing cables to Myaungmya Power Station. Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave an additional report.

The Prime Minister inspected the power station and gave instructions to the officials.

The Prime Minister helicoptered back to Patheingyi and inspected Patheingyi Glass Factory under the Myanmar Ceramics Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1.

Head of the factory U Hsan Tun presented an in-depth report on functions of the factory and its operation at full capacity.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and inspected raw materials such as sand, dolomite,

ceramics, limestone and soda ash and samples of soft cake. He inspected the production line.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, who accompanied the Prime Minister, held a meeting with local authorities, heads of division, district and township Information and Public Relations Departments and service personnel at Ayeyawady Division IPRD in Patheingyi at 3 pm.

Acting Director-General U Ye Htut of IPRD and Assistant Director of Division IPRD U Ngwe Tun reported on work progress.

The minister called for carrying out tasks for sustainable development of self-reliant village libraries with a sense of a national duty and cooperation with local authorities to achieve the goal.

The chairmen of district and township PDCs reported on cooperation of local authorities in the tasks for sustainable development of the libraries.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with officials and staff of district/ township IPRDs in Ayeyawady Division.

MNA

Labour Minister and party back home

YANGON, 23 June —The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi arrived back Nay Pyi Taw on 21 June after attending the 98th ILO Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland from 3 to 19 June.

On 11 June, the minister and Director-General Mr. Juan Somavia of ILO Office exchanged views on labour affairs being carried out by Myanmar in cooperation with ILO and future programme.

Minister U Aung

Kyi addressed the plenary session of the 98th ILO Conference held at the assembly hall of the UN Headquarters Building in Geneva the same day. Employers' Representative Dr Myo Thet took part in discussions on behalf of the employers' organizations.

Minister U Aung Kyi, Deputy Chief Justice Dr Tun Shin and Myanmar delegation members attended the ILO Summit on Global Job Crisis on 15 June and the deputy chief justice addressed Meeting of Labour Ministers of

Non-Aligned Nations in the afternoon.

On 16 June, the minister, the deputy chief justice and Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the UN Office at Geneva U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the working breakfast of ASEAN Labour Ministers.

Workers' Representative U Thein Soe attended the committee meeting on gender equality and plenary session of the conference on 3 June.

On 18 June,



Labour Minister U Aung Kyi holds talks with Director-General Mr. Juan Somavia of ILO Office.—MNA

Workers' Representative U Thein Soe together with government representa-

tives and representatives of workers and employers voted on Programme and

Budget Proposal for 2010-11 with the use of electronic voting system.—MNA



President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation Dr Win Zaw presents gift to Ambassador of Japan Mr. Yasuaki Nogawa.
MKF

Japan Cup Karatedo Contest kicks off

YANGON, 23 June — The opening of Japan Cup Karatedo Contest to mark Japan-Myanmar Friendship of Mekong-Japan Exchange Year 2009 organized by Myanmar Karatedo Federation under the sponsorship of Japanese Embassy in Myanmar took place at Aung San Stadium here this morning attended by officials of the Ministry of Sports, the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, MKF President Dr Win Zaw and executives and fans.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General

U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and Japanese Ambassador Mr. Yasuaki Nogawa made speeches on the occasion.

Next, MKF President Dr Win Zaw presented gift to the Japanese Ambassador and cash for the school funds of Mingala Taungnyunt Basic Education High School Nos (3) and (4) and Dagon Township Basic Education Middle School No (2).

Then the new generation of MKF showed their skills and the contest followed.—MNA

People to make sustained efforts to achieve better social-economic life

Information Minister holds discussions with local people in Htilin

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan had a meeting with service personnel, members of social organizations and local people totalling more than 4000 from 28 villages in Htilin Township at Shwehti Hall in Htilin, Gangaw District, Magway Division, on 19 June.

Local people reported on ongoing regional development tasks, and requirements. The minister fulfilled the requirements after making coordination with officials concerned.

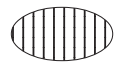
The minister presented cash donations for renovation of basic edu-

cation primary school in Ward (1), building a post-primary school in Htanbingon Village, a library in Tawyaung Village, and a basic education middle school in Akyiban Village, exercise books to students, and clothes to local people.

Chairperson of Htilin Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Khin Htwe presented publications donated by the Information Department under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

In his speech, the minister elaborated that the government has improved

the infrastructures in various sectors including the transport, agricultural and education fields. The people on their part have to make sustained efforts to achieve better social-economic life, making good use of basic foundations the government has laid. He urged the attendees to learn lessons from the experiences the people faced from 1948 to 1988 and to generate objective conditions to maintain and beef up the positive changes in building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation as aspired by the entire people.—MNA



**Minister
Brig-Gen
Kyaw
Hsan
donates
cash to a
responsible official
to be spent
on development of
Htilin.**

MNA



Dy FM arrives back from Belgium



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attends First ASEM Ministerial Conference on Energy Security in Brussels, Belgium. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here today after participating in the First ASEM Ministerial Conference on Energy Security from 17 to 18 June in Brussels, Belgium.

At the invitation of European Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy Ms Benita Ferrero-Waldner and European Commissioner for Energy Mr Andris Piebalgs, the delegation attended the meeting.

According to the resolution of the 7th ASEM Summit in Beijing, the Republic of China, on 24 and 25 October, 2008, the 1st ASEM Ministerial Confer-

ence on Energy was held in Brussels. After becoming a member of ASEM in 2005, Myanmar participated in the meetings of ASEM which comprises 16 countries from Asia, 27 countries from Europe, European Commission and ASEAN Secretariat Office.

During the 1st ASEM Ministerial Conference on Energy, the participants of the meeting discussed matters related to cooperation between Asian countries and EU on challenges for energy security, global energy sufficiency, price of fuel and technology for energy.

During the stop over in Bangkok on way back to Myanmar, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint held talks with Minister of La-

bour of Thailand Mr Phaithoon Kaeothong over employment of Myanmar labourers in Thailand.

Also present at the meeting were Director-General of the Consular and Legal Affairs Department U Min Lwin and Deputy Director of the Ministry of Energy U Htin Aung.

MNA

Over 80 staff of Industry-1 Ministry receive English, job skills

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Ministry of Industry-1 opened the English proficiency Course 2/2009 and On-job Training Course 2/2009 at the ministry here this morning, with an opening ad-

dress of Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

Altogether 83 trainees are attending the 6-week courses.

MNA

12th meeting of the ASEAN Experts Group of Herbal and Medicinal Plants held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — The opening ceremony of the 12th meeting of the ASEAN Experts Group of Herbal and Medicinal Plants under the 12th ASEAN forestry-related conference, being hosted by Myanmar was held at Myat Taw Win hotel here

yesterday morning, with an opening address by Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health.

Also present at the meeting were deputy director-general U Kyaw Tun of Planning and Sta-

tistics Department under the Ministry of Forestry, directors from departments under the Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Health, responsible persons of ASEAN Secretariat's office, delegates from ASEAN countries and guests.—MNA

Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt delivers an address at 12th meeting of ASEAN Experts Group of Herbal and Medicinal Plants.

FORESTRY





Medvedev: Moscow to hold Mideast peace conference by end of 2009

CAIRO, 23 June — The visiting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Tuesday that Moscow plans to hold a Middle East peace conference under the framework of two-state solution by the end of this year.

“Russia is exerting its best efforts to resume the peace talks in the Middle East according to the two-state solution and freezing settlements,” Medvedev said at a joint press conference after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

“We thank Egyptian president for his efforts to build mutual trust and

cooperation in the Mideast,” Medvedev said, adding that “We plan to hold before the end of this year a Moscow Middle East Conference.” The idea was hailed by Mubarak, who said “Russia is one of the greatest countries in the world and has clout on the Mideast peace process.”

However, he said all the efforts should be collected to achieve Middle East peace. “Peace can not be achieved through one power. All efforts and powers, including the Russian, the Americans and those who love peace, should participate to solve the Palestinian cause,” Mubarak said.—*Internet*



Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo (R) shakes hands with Abdel Moneim Mabrouk, Sudanese ambassador to the League of Arab States (LAS) and co-chairman of the cooperation forum between China and the Arab countries, in Beijing, China, on 23 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Keep out of politics, Cambodian PM tells diplomats

PHNOM PENH, 23 June — Prime Minister Hun Sen warned foreign diplomats not to meddle in Cambodian politics on Monday after envoys were barred from a parliamentary session that voted to remove the legal immunity of two opposition lawmakers.

Mu Sochua of the main opposition Sam Rainsy party now faces a charge of defaming the government and risks a hefty fine. Another lawmaker, Ho Vann, is accused of spreading false information and risks a three-year jail sentence if found guilty.

“Foreigners, do not interfere in Cambodian laws. We choose the way of the court to solve problems because we want to avoid violence,” Hun Sen said in a speech aired

on national radio. Turning to the lawmakers, he added: “Although you are MPs, when you act wrongly, you will be punished by the court”. About 20 military and

police blocked the public road in front of the National Assembly and barred reporters and others from watching the parliamentary vote.

MNA/Reuters



A racegoer shows off her hat made by Louis Mariette during the third day of the Royal Ascot race meeting on 18 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Somali pirates release Dutch ship

BRUSSELS, 23 June— Somali pirates have released a Dutch ship they hijacked last month in the Gulf of Aden, the Dutch Defense Ministry was quoted as saying by Radio Netherlands on Tuesday.

Pirates took possession of the MV Marathon, sailing under the flag of the Dutch Antilles, on 7 May. In a gunfight one crew member of the Dutch ship was killed and another was injured, the radio reported on Tuesday.

After the hijack, the ship was taken to Eyl in Puntland, northeast of Somalia.

Long drawn-out negotiations over its release have been held between the Somali pirates and the Dutch government. It is not known whether a ransom has been paid.—*Internet*

Strong earthquake hits Papua New Guinea

CANBERRA, 23 June— A magnitude 6.7 strong earthquake hit the New Ireland region of Papua New Guinea, the U.S. Geological Survey reported on Tuesday.

The quake hit the region at 1419 GMT at a latitude of -5.261 and longitude of 153.413 with a depth of 35 km under sea bed.

There were no report of casualties or damage.

Internet

Malaysia declares 10 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 June — The Malaysian Health Ministry confirmed ten new cases of A/H1N1 flu here on Tuesday, raising the total number of the cases to 69, while two more schools were ordered to close.

Malaysian Health Minister Liow Tiong Lay said that among the new cases, two of them were local transmissions.

The authorities closed the schools for a week after one A/H1N1 flu case was confirmed in each of them

Internet

Hong Kong confirms 60 more flu A/H1N1 cases

HONG KONG, 23 June — A spokesman for Hong Kong Department of Health (DH) said there were 60 newly-confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 in the 24 hours up to 2:30 p.m. (0630 GMT) on Tuesday.

So far, the total number of infection cases has hit 408 in Hong Kong, said the spokesman.

The new cases involved 35 males and 25 females, aged from three and 63.—*Internet*

Singapore confirms 26 new flu A/H1N1 cases

SINGAPORE, 23 June— Singapore confirmed 26 new cases of Influenza A/ H1N1 on Tuesday, bringing the total number of confirmed cases here to 194.

According to the country's Health Ministry, the newly confirmed cases comprise 10 local cases and 16 cases with travel history.

Singapore reported its first confirmed case of Influenza A/H1N1 on 27 May. So far, 68 patients have been discharged. The remaining 126 patients are still in the hospital and their conditions remain stable.—*Internet*

S Korea's A/H1N1 flu cases reach 121

SEOUL, 23 June— South Korean health authorities said Tuesday the nation's A/H1N1 flu infection toll rose to 121, confirming four additional cases.

According to the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Family Affairs, a 17-year-old Philippine girl residing in Hawaii, who visited South Korea for a field trip, was confirmed contracting with the virus, along with two South Korean patients from the United States and a Filipino man.—*Internet*

New Zealand's A/H1N1 flu confirmed cases rise to 364

WELLINGTON, 23 June — The number of confirmed cases of Influenza A/H1N1 rose to 364 in New Zealand on Tuesday, up from 303 from Monday, the Health Ministry said.

Deputy director of public health Fran McGrath said the total of 364 is clearly an under-estimate. McGrath said the number of people phoning or visiting their doctor with flu is a more accurate measure, and that has risen steeply in the past fortnight.

Health Minister Tony Ryall said Influenza A/ H1N1 was now being treated like the usual seasonal fluv. —*Internet*

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is seeking applications from well qualified and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the post of **National DEX Service Centre Manager, Level NO-B** with UNDP Yangon, Myanmar.

Detailed terms of reference are available at the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.

Job function: Provide operational and implementation support to UNDP projects on financial resources management, human resources management, procurement and logistical support services; Ensures effective and accurate financial resources management and supervision of the DEX Finance team in Yangon and the HDI townships; Ensures strategic human resources management and supervision of the DEX HR team in Yangon and the HDI townships; Ensures provision of efficient procurement and logistical services and supervision of the DEX Procurement team in Yangon and the HDI townships.

Qualifications & Experience: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Economics or related field. Master's degree desirable; 10 years of relevant experience at the national or international level in providing management advisory services and/or managing staff and operational systems and establishing inter-relationships among international organization and national governments. Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages, experience in handling of web based management systems. Knowledge of ATLAS an asset.

Competencies Required: Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards; Promotes the vision, mission, and strategic goals of UNDP; Promotes knowledge management in UNDP and a learning environment in DEX Service Centre through leadership and personal example; Ability to lead strategic planning, results-based management and reporting, formulation and monitoring of management projects; Solid knowledge in financial resources and human resources management, contract, asset and procurement, information and communication technology, general administration; Ability to build strong relationships with clients, focus on impact and result for the client and responds positively to feedback; Have positive and constructive attitude; Ability to lead team effectively, possess mentoring and conflict resolution skills; Strong oral and written communication skills, both English and Myanmar.

Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their application, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualification, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to: **The Deputy Country Director (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon.**

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

"UNDP practice relating to recruitment prohibits hiring of persons currently engaged by Government services or who have left Government service during the past 6 months."

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UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.

Closing Date: Wednesday, 08 July 2009 (COB)

INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Government of the Union of Myanmar from reputed manufacturers or the bonafide agents for the supply and delivery of the following foundation equipment.

TENDER NO. E-1 (T) PW/2009-2010 CLOSING DATE (15.7.2009 4:00 PM)

Schedule Number	Nomenclature	Qty
1	Bentonite Bored Piling Equipment (suitable for Maximum Bore Hole Diameter 2500 mm and Maximum Depth of 75 meters) Associated with, -Hydraulic Crawler Crane (Casagrande C 600) - Mechanical Rotary Drilling Rig (Casagrande RM 21) - Friction Type Kelly Bar (4x 15m) -Hydraulic Vibro Hammer (Soilmec VS 8) -Drilling Tools -Concrete Tremie Pipes and Accessories	1 Set

Tender application form (including tender documents and detailed technical specifications) for "Bentonite Bored Piling Equipment" will be purchased in US \$ 650.00 (or) equivalent Euro per set. The Payment for tender application must be paid to Account No. SEE 01015, Myanma Economic bank (2), Yangon, through Myanma Foreign Trade Bank.

The tender documents can be obtained from Mechanical Division, Building No.40, Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, only with the Payment receipt from Account Division, Public Works.

Tender should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:00 hours on 15th July, 2009.

The Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without furnishing reasons.

For further detail information, please contact to Telephone No. 067-407076, 407176, 407173.

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Sr No; Description

- External electrification
- Internal electrification
- Elevator
- Air conditioning
- Lightning Arrestor
- Internal water supply & sanitation
- External water supply & sanitation
- Construction Materials (such as glass wall, ceiling, paints etc.).

2. Application forms are available at our office before end 30.6.2009 and for further detail please call; Secretary of Procurement Committee Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee. Phone; 067-414205, 067-414202, 067-414204, 067-409363.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION MYANMA RADIO AND TELEVISION

INVITATION TO TENDER

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for Myanma Radio and Television for supply of the following-

Inscription	Quantity
3 KW TV Transmitter and accessories	1 set

2. Tender closing date will be at 16:30 hrs on 10 July, 2009.

3. Tender documents are available at procurement committee at No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township.

4. Please contact Phone No. 534574, 536029 for further information.

**Ministry of Information
procurement committee
Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise
No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (333)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (333) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

World's smallest car on display in New York

NEW YORK, 23 June—The world's smallest car, the Peel 50, debuted Monday at Ripley's Believe it or Not museum in Times Square, New York.

Designed as a "city car" for Ripley's by the London-based Peel Engineering Company, the one-seater Peel Trident weighs about 68 kilograms, is battery-operated, and travels about 64 kilometers per hour. It costs about 25,000 US dollars to produce.

The Peel P50 is recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the smallest road legal car ever produced.—Internet

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Dated: 24 June 2009

Member of Toyota's founding family to take helm

TOKYO, 23 June—Akio Toyoda, Toyota Motor Corp executive vice president and a member of the company's founding family, is set to assume the presidency of the world's leading carmaker Tuesday, replacing Katsuaki Watanabe, the *Kyodo News* reported.

After approval at a general shareholders meeting, the appointment is expected to be formalized at a board meeting later in the day.

Toyoda, 53, the eldest son of Toyota Motor Honorary Chairman Shoichiro Toyoda, will take over at a time when the company is struggling with huge losses amid an auto sales slump due to the global economic downturn.

Toyota fell into the red in the year that ended 31 March, with a group net loss of 436.9 billion yen, a reversal from a record-high profit of 1.72 trillion yen logged in the previous year. It also registered the first operating loss in 71 years in the same fiscal year. To counter the crisis, Toyota decided to slash its annual dividend payment and pay no bonuses to board members.

Internet



Indonesian prehistoric elephant fossil under reconstruction

BEIJING, 23 June—Scientists in Indonesia are reconstructing the largest, most complete skeleton of a prehistoric giant elephant ever found in the tropics, media reported Tuesday.

The prehistoric elephant is believed to have been submerged in quicksand shortly after dying on a riverbed in Java around 200,000 years ago.

The animal stood four metres tall, was five metres long and weighed more than 10 tons. It was considerably larger than the great Asian mammals now on Earth, and closely resembled the mammoth of the same period in terms of size.

Its bones — almost perfectly preserved — were

discovered by chance in March. A team of seven paleontologists from the Geology Museum in Bandung, West Java, set the bones in plaster for the trip back to their office after a monthlong excavation.

“We believe from the shape of its teeth that it was a very primitive elephant,” but little else has been verified, said paleontologist Fachroel Aziz, who is heading a 12-strong skeletal reconstruction team. Scientists agree it is the first time an entire prehistoric elephant skeleton has been unearthed since vertebrate fossil findings began to be recorded in Indonesia in 1863.

Internet



Scientists arrange the bones of an estimated 200,000 year-old giant elephant at Geology Museum in Bandung, West Java, Indonesia, on 18 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Health of young offenders is poor

ADELAIDE, 23 June—The physical and mental health needs of juvenile offenders should be a priority if offenders have any hope of rehabilitation, Australian researchers suggest.

“The health of young offenders is commonly poorer in comparison with the general youth population,” lead author Dr Anne Wilson said in a statement.

The review, published in the Australian Journal of *Primary Health*, and co-authored by doctoral student Phillip Tully found:

— Mental health, grief and trauma are among the most common issues affecting both male and female young offenders.

— Youth who are detained in secure care show significantly higher rates of mental health issues than young offenders who are not detained.

— Young offenders in secure care generally have a poor level of physical health because of issues such as frequent substance abuse, head injury, exposure to direct trauma injuries or exposure to violence, hepatitis C infection and liver disease, and exposure to sexually transmissible diseases.

— Young offenders have a higher death rate than similar aged non-offenders, with as many as 70 percent of deaths attributable to drugs and suicide.—Internet

One dead, six missing as tropical storm Linfa lands in E China



Soldiers of the local frontier defence troop rescue trapped resident in Zhao'an County, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 22 June, 2009.—XINHUA

FUZHOU, 23 June—Torrential rain, strong winds and landslides triggered by tropical storm Linfa have left one dead and another six missing in east and south China provinces, local authorities said Monday.

A landslide triggered

by heavy rain in Dapu County in south China's Guangdong Province destroyed a house in Shaping Village, burying a 52-year-old woman surnamed Li and her 3-year-old granddaughter, local officials said.

Li was dug out from

the debris but died despite treatment.

Rescuers were still searching for the granddaughter.

A fisherman in Fujian, where the storm landed, was missing Monday after setting sail despite warnings, local officials said.

In neighbouring Zhejiang Province, four fishermen in a wooden boat were reported missing at about 6 pm as they were placing crab pots off the coast in Wenling City, local border defence officers said. Waves at sea were 3 to 4 metres high.

Rescuers were still trying to locate the missing as of 9 pm.

Internet

Moderate earthquakes hit US state of Alaska

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 June—Several moderate earthquakes rocked US state of Alaska on Monday with no immediate reports of damage, the Alaska Earthquake Information

Centre said.

A 5.4-magnitude earthquake first occurred at 11:28 am local time in the state's Cook Inlet region, about 88 kilometres from Alaska's largest city

Anchorage.

“This event was felt widely in the Anchorage area and as far away as Fairbanks,” the Alaska Earthquake Information Center said in a statement.

The quake was followed by several aftershocks, including one with a preliminary magnitude of 4.0 in the same region.

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center announced that it also located an earthquake that occurred at about 11:55 am in the state's Andrean of Islands region with a preliminary magnitude of 5.6. The magnitude and location of the earthquakes may change slightly as additional data are received and processed, the centre said.

Internet

Strong aftershock hits quake zone

ROME, 23 June—A powerful aftershock hit the quake-struck areas of central Italy on Monday, rattling buildings as far away as Rome. There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

The temblor had a preliminary magnitude of 4.6, according to the US Geological Survey. Italy's Civil Protection put its epicenter just north of L'Aquila, the Appennine city that was devastated by the April earthquake. L'Aquila is hosting the summit of the Group of Eight leading industrial nations early next month.

Monday's quake struck just before 11 pm (2100GMT) and was felt in the Italian capital, some 75 miles (120 kilometers) away. The April 6 earthquake killed nearly 300 people, displaced some 50,000 and toppled entire blocks of buildings in L'Aquila and the surrounding Abruzzo region.—Internet

Laos confirms second A/H1N1 influenza case

HANOI, 23 June—Lao health officials confirmed the country's second A/H1N1 influenza case, a 9-year-old American boy, Lao newspaper the *Vientiane Times* reported Tuesday.

The boy showed higher body temperature when arriving at Wattay Interna-

tional Airport in Vientiane on Saturday. He was tested positive to the A/H1N1 influenza virus on Sunday, said the newspaper. The boy is now being treated at the Mittaphab Hospital. His parents' health is being monitored, according to the report. The alert level in Laos for the virus

is maintained at phase three despite the second confirmed case, as human-to-human transmission has not been reported in the country, according to Bounlay Phommassack, head of the Lao National Emerging Infectious Disease Coordination Office.

Internet

World's total A/H1N1 flu cases increase to 52,160, says WHO

GENEVA, 23 June — The world's total number of laboratory confirmed A/H1N1 influenza cases has increased to 52,160, with 231 deaths, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a latest update on Monday. ((in 99 countries and

regions))

Of that total, 7,873 cases, including 51 deaths, were reported in the past three days, the UN agency said. The United States has reported a total of 21,449 cases, the largest number among all countries and regions. It is

followed by Mexico (7,624), Canada (6,457), Chile (4,315), Britain (2,506), Australia (2,436), Argentina (1,010) and others. So far most of the deaths occurred in Mexico (113) and the United States (87).

Internet

SPORTS

Heavyweights hold fire in early Europa Cup phases



The trophy of the new Europa Cup competition is displayed at the UEFA headquarters in Nyon. The new competition, which replaces the now defunct UEFA Cup, threw up some interesting matches when the draw was made here on Monday for the first of three qualifying rounds.—INTERNET

NYON, 23 June—The inaugural Europa Cup, which replaces the now defunct UEFA Cup, threw up some interesting matches when the draw was made here on Monday for the first of three qualifying rounds.

Scottish Premier League side Motherwell are pitted against Welsh outfit Llanelli.

The draws represent Phase One of UEFA's new Europa Cup, replacing the former UEFA cup and Intertoto cup competitions.

Bigger hitters including Fulham from the English Premier League and Motherwell's Scottish Premier League rivals Aberdeen will enter the contest in the third round on 17 July.

The system now comprises three qualifying rounds, a play-off round and a 48-team group stage, with five subsequent knockout rounds to be played in early 2010.

In the three qualifying rounds and the play-off stage, clubs play two matches against each other on a home and away basis, with the club scoring the greater aggregate of goals qualifying for the next round.

Monday's draw, to be played on 2 July and 9 July, also set Northern Ireland's Linfield against Randers of Denmark while fellow Ulstermen Lisburn will play Zestafoni from Georgia.

The second round, on 16 and 23 July, pits Scottish Cup runners-up Falkirk against Vaduz of Liechtenstein, just relegated from the Swiss first division.—*Internet*

Sharapova slips into Wimbledon second round

LONDON, 23 June—Maria Sharapova, who has already written off her chances of a Wimbledon repeat as she feels her way back from a shoulder injury, moved into the second round on Monday.

The Russian, seeded 24, battled to a 7-5, 6-4 win over Ukrainian qualifier Viktoriya Kutuzova and will now face fellow tour glamour girl,

Argentina's Gisela Dulko for a place in the last 32.

Sharapova showed no signs of the shoulder trouble which sidelined her for 10 months with her most pressing problem being keeping her feet on the slippery Court One grass which prompted two awkward falls.

The 2004 champion admitted her mentality may have to change if she

Federer settles in at Wimbledon as history beckons

LONDON, 23 June—Roger Federer's bid for a record 15th Grand Slam title got underway in familiar fashion as the five-times champion settled into Wimbledon's new-look centre court with a straight sets demolition of Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun.

Federer, the men's favourite in the absence of injured champion Rafael Nadal, recovered from going a break down early in the first set to win 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 and set up a second round meeting with Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, who had a similarly straightforward win over Argentina's Agustin Calleri.

Internet



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns a ball to Taiwan's Yen-Hsun Lu during their first round match of the 2009 Wimbledon tennis championships at the All England Club. Federer eased into the second round at Wimbledon with a straight-sets win.

INTERNET

Wimbledon's scream queen 'won't get distracted'

LONDON, 23 June—Portuguese scream queen Michelle Larcher de Brito insists the controversy over her screeching won't distract her from making a big noise at Wimbledon.



Michelle Larcher de Brito

Larcher de Brito had to endure a barrage of questions over her habit of making a high-pitched wailing noise during rallies after marking her All England Club debut with a 6-2, 7-5 first round victory over Klara Zakopalova on Monday.

The 16-year-old was under the microscope after causing a major storm at this year's French Open when she screamed and grunted so loudly that she was booed off court after her opponent Aravane Rezai complained to the umpire.

Internet

Lucas Glover delivers breakthrough win at US Open

FARMINGDALE, 23 June—A voracious reader, Lucas Glover took a moment to scan the names etched on the walls of the US Open trophy. Talk about a great ending.

From Hagen to Sarazen, Jones to Hogan, Palmer to Trevino and Nicklaus to Woods, Glover couldn't put the glistening silver chalice down. The last name on the list, improbable as this seemed a week ago, is now his, a permanent tribute for enduring a grueling week at Bethpage Black better than anyone else.

Glover won the 109th US Open on Monday afternoon, one perfectly timed birdie at the par-4 16th helping seal his two-stroke victory over Phil Mickelson, David Duval and Ricky Barnes. Glover finished at 4-under 276 for the long, damp, oft-delayed week, getting just the second win of his career. "Here I stand,"

Glover said.

There he stood, all right.

He was on the right side of the draw, weather-wise, for the first two rounds, opening with a 69 and then shooting a second-round 64 in rare scoring conditions for a US Open. Glover didn't break par the rest of the way, shooting 70 in the third round and then closing with a 73 on Monday.—*Internet*



Lucas Glover holds his trophy after winning the US Open Golf Championship at Bethpage State Park's Black Course in Farmingdale, NY, on 22 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Chelsea to appeal UEFA punishments

NYON, 23 June—English Premier League giants Chelsea appealed on Monday against the pun-



Ivory Coast star striker Didier Drogba

ishments meted out last week by UEFA over their behaviour following the Champions League semi-final defeat by Barcelona last month. The club had originally announced that they would accept the decision of UEFA on the behaviour of Ivory Coast star striker Didier Drogba and Portuguese international fullback Jose Bosingwa - Chelsea were also fined 100,000 euros.

However, they have decided that after Drogba received a six match suspension two of which are suspended, while Bosingwa was handed a four-game ban, with one match suspended, last week that they will appeal.

UEFA's judgement followed the angry scenes that marred Chelsea's elimination from the Champions League at the hands of Barcelona after a 1-1 draw between the clubs in the second leg of their semi-final at Stamford Bridge on 6 May.

Internet

English Premiership sells Setanta rights to ESPN

LONDON, 23 June—The English Premier League has awarded the rights to 46 of its live games next season to US-based broadcaster ESPN, after they were forfeited by troubled Irish channel Setanta, it said.

The Disney-owned broadcaster has been awarded the live games for next season, and also 23 matches per season previously held by Setanta for the following three seasons, until 2013, it said.

"The Premier League is extremely pleased to have added ESPN as a UK rights holder," said Premier League chief executive Richard Scudamore.

"They have a formidable worldwide reputation and experience in sports and I am sure we will enjoy a long and fruitful relationship with them."

The English Premier League invited bids for the games after Setanta failed last Friday to make a scheduled payment of 30 million pounds (35 million euros, 49 million dollars), thereby losing its rights to broadcast 46 EPL games.—*Internet*

Russia's Maria Sharapova returns a backhand to Ukraine's Viktoriya Kutuzova on the first day of the 2009 Wimbledon Tennis Championships. Sharapova, who is on her way back from a shoulder injury won 7-5, 6-4.—INTERNET





UNESCO chief highlights diversity of heritage sites

BEIJING, 23 June — A senior official with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO is calling on the world to pay more attention to preserving the diversity of world heritage sites.

Koichiro Matsuura, director-general of UNESCO, said at the opening ceremony of the world heritage conference that as UNESCO is moving closer to its 40th anniversary in 2012, it is also innovating itself through diversifying the types of sites so as to advance with the times.

“Over the past ten years we have developed three more conventions covering underwater and intangible heritage as well as cultural expression” he said. “To date, aside from the original cultural and natural sites, UNESCO has come up with cultural landscapes, prehistoric sites, modern heritage and industrial sites.”

The nine-day conference will review protection reports of 177 sites and add new sites to the list.

Internet



Employees work on a car assembly line producing the Fiat Panda in a factory in Tychy, Poland, April 2009. Poland's economy is set to shrink 0.5 percent this year, making it one of Europe's least crisis-hit nations, but a modest recovery in 2010 hinges on a continent-wide revival, the IMF said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (24-6-2009) (Wednesday)

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

Local Transmission

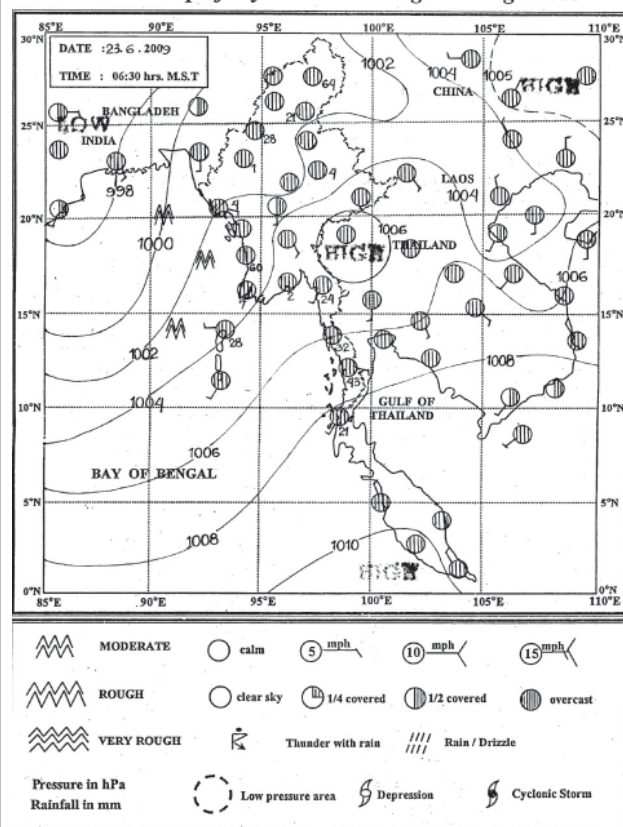
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Central Glass Pavilion
- * A Leisure Day in Ngapali
- * Music Up... Close “Heavily Rained in the past”
- * Let's grow High- yielding Varieties for Surplus in Rice
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The Splendour of Mt. Victoria (Natmataung)
- * Rope Painting
- * Shan Market Day
- * Healthy Babies, Sweet Smiles
- * The Origin of Htainmatheingyi
- * Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- * Myanmar Rattan Furniture for the connoisseurs
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Nyaung Shwe, Southern Shan State)
- * Engineered Floors Made with Unique Technology
- * Central Glass Pavilion
- * A Leisure Day in Ngapali
- * A Picturesque resort among Shan Mountain Ranges
- * Music Up... Close “Heavily Rained in the past”
- * Let's grow High- yielding Varieties for Surplus in Rice
- * Taking an oath for life
- * Rakhine Traditional Festival
- * Myanma Traditional Tamarind Juice
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 23 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Chin, Rakhine States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (2.52) inches, Thandwe (2.36) inches, Dawei and Myiek (1.93) inches each and Falam (1.73) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2009 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 23-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-6-2009 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 22-6-2009 was (2.3) hour approx.

Rainfall on 23-6-2009 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (32.91) inches at Mingaladon, (38.58) inches at Kaba-Aye and (44.61) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 22-6-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 24th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, Bago Division, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing Division and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, Mon- Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)mph Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Wednesday, 24 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

5. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:20 am

6. ကညင်ကဒုပ္ပနရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:25 am

7. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးစားမှုနှင့်တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

8:40 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. “ချစ်သောမြေချစ်သောရေ”

4:00 am

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Classical Song

4:30 pm

4. Dance of National Races

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာဒုတိယနှစ်(စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု)(စိတ်ပညာ)

4:55 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးစားမှုနှင့်တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

5:20 pm

8. ရွှေ့ယံစုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:30 pm

9. ထူးချွန်အားထားမြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ(အပိုင်း-၁)

5:45 pm

10. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:55 pm

14. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:30 pm

15. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဇာတ်လမ်း

“ထိချက်နှုန်းသြဗ္ဗာတစ်ဝင်း”

(ဇော်ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်းနုနုရတ်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးအေး)



Takaw Sluice Gate supplying fresh water to monsoon and summer paddy plantations in Thongwa Township

Article: Zar Ni; Photos: Htay Aung

While implementing the plan on greening 30-mile radius of Yangon, the government is undertaking construction of dams and reservoirs, river water pumping tasks and building of sluice gates one after another.

The local farmers in Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Thongwa and Kayan townships, the eastern part of Yangon, rely on dams and reservoirs located near Bago mountain ranges for supply of water to arable lands. The surplus water from these dams and reservoirs and the irrigated water from new dams are drained off to Bago-Sittoung Canal through Moeyungyi Lake. Afterwards, canals are being dredged for supply of water from Bago-Sittoung Canal to Kayan Creek of Yangon.

The water from the canals is being stored

with the use of Shwehlay Sluice Gate on Hsema Creek and Kayan Sluice Gate on Kayan Creek, and arrangements are being made to irrigate 55,000 acres of farmlands in Kayan, Thongwa and Thanlyin townships.

Among the irrigation facilities, Takaw Sluice Gate was built with the aims of storing fresh water in the late-monsoon and supplying water to monsoon paddy plantations, ensuring absorption of water at the plantations of cold season crops and irrigating summer paddy and other crops plantations in Thongwa and Kayan townships.

Indeed, Takaw Sluice Gate can boost agricultural production and ensure better transport of the region. Moreover, the irrigation facility can benefit 15,000 acres of farmlands.

Takaw Sluice Gate was built by damming

Takaw Creek in Thongwa Township. The facility was installed with 21 valves. The main canal of the sluice gate is 1085 feet long and the outlet drain, 500 feet long. The sluice gate was the 208th facility of its kind across the nation and the 18th in Yangon Division.

Thanks to construction of Takaw Sluice Gate, the local farmers in Thongwa Township can grow various kinds of crops both in the rainy season and in summer. In an interview, U Myint Thein of Thongwa Township thanked the government for construction of the sluice gate that contributes to boosting production of the crops.

Translation: TTA

Kyemon: 18-6-2009



Takaw Sluice Gate stores water from Takaw Creek in Thongwa Township.

Toxic molecule may help birds 'see' north and south

SCIENCE DAILY, 23 June — Researchers at the University of Illinois report that a toxic molecule known to damage cells and cause disease may also play a pivotal role in bird migration. The molecule, superoxide, is proposed as a key player in the



Changes in the electromagnetic field, such as those experienced by a bird changing direction in flight, appear to alter a biochemical compass in the eye, allowing the bird to see how its direction corresponds to north or south.

mysterious process that allows birds to "see" Earth's magnetic field.

The discovery, reported this month in Biophysical Journal, occurred as a result of a "mistake" made by a collaborator, said principal investigator Klaus Schulten, who holds the Swanlund Chair in Physics at Illinois. His postdoctoral collaborator, Ilia Solov'yov, of the Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies, did not know that superoxide was toxic, seeing it instead as an ideal reaction partner in a biochemical process involving the protein cryptochrome in a bird's eye.

Cryptochrome is a blue-light photoreceptor found in plants and in the eyes of birds and other animals. Schulten was the first to propose (in 2000) that this protein was a key component of birds' geomagnetic sense, a proposal that was later corroborated by experimental evidence. He made this prediction after he and his colleagues discovered that magnetic fields can influence chemical reactions if the reactions occur quickly enough to be governed by pure quantum mechanics.

"Prior to our work, it was thought that this was impossible because magnetic fields interact so weakly with molecules," he said.

Internet

Myanmar Foodstuff Fair to be held on 26 June

YANGON, 23 June—Organized by Myanmar Agro-based Foodstuff Producers and Exporters' Association, the 1st Myanmar Foodstuff Fair will be held at Tatmadaw Convention hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township, here, from 26 to 28 June. Various kinds of domestic foodstuffs will be put on show from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

Invited guests and entrepreneurs are to visit the fair on 26 June and it will be opened on 27 and 28 June to the public.—MNA

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — A moderate earthquake of intensity 5.0 Richter Scale with its epicentre about 320 miles South of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory outside Myanmar (Andaman Sea) was recorded at 5 hrs 42 min 23 sec MST on 23 June, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

