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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

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing leave for Sri Lanka

Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye before departure for Sri Lanka.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left here by special flight at 9.30 am today to pay a goodwill visit to the Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka at the invitation of President of Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa.

The Senior General and wife were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, wife of Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and wife, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads and Charge d' Affaires ai of the Sri Lankan Embassy Mr Indika Premadasa.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were accompanied by Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and wife, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe and departmental heads.—*MNA*

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing being seen off by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 13 November, 2009

Work for eternal peace in the border areas and defend the State

Myanmar is home to various national races and, as they have been living together since time immemorial, deep-rooted unity and amity have developed among them.

There was a time when national races of Myanmar mistrusted one another and some regions lacked peace and stability due to racial and regional bias. All these were the result of the colonialist policy of divide and rule.

Nowadays, the government of Myanmar is doing what should be done in the present, reviewing the past and pondering on the future at the same time. It reconsolidated national unity for prevalence of peace and stability all over the Union. As it offered genuine peace overtures and extended warm welcome to armed groups of national races, they returned to the legal fold. The regions where these groups came to settle are developing overnight as special regions. They are now enjoying the fruits of peace and stability.

As arrangements had been made for the armed groups of national races who had returned to the legal fold to be formed as Border Guard Force, ceremonies to form the armed group of Kachin State Special Region 1 (NDAK) as Border Guard Force were simultaneously held at Gangwin, Lupi and Sinkyaing in Kachin State on 8 November. Similar ceremonies were held at Pantain and Sutpaing in Kayah State Special Region 2 (Ka-La-La-Ta).

Like members of the Tatmadaw, those of the Border Guard Force are entitled to pay, rations and uniforms provided by the State. The successful formation of Border Guard Force that will uphold "Our Three Main National Causes" has been a shot in the arm for regional peace and development.

The formation of armed groups of national races who have returned to the legal fold as Border Guard Force is a welcome news for national race leaders and people of respective regions as they will be able to hold arms in accordance with the law, work for eternal peace in the border areas and defend the State.

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**

Diplomatic relations established between Union of Myanmar and Kingdom of Bahrain

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—The Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Bahrain, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level with effect from 10 November 2009. The Joint Communique on the agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Bahrain was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations in New York on 10 November.

Myanmar has been making efforts to expand diplomatic relations with countries all over the world and the Kingdom of Bahrain has become the 100th country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.—*MNA*

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

	Name	Appointment
(a)	U San Shwe Tha	Director-General Central Inland Freight-handling Committee Office Ministry of Labour
(b)	U Yu Lwin Aung	Chairman Social Security Board Ministry of Labour

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Professor/Head of Department Professor Dr. Daw Marlar Myint of Pharmacology Department of University of Pharmacy (Yangon) of the Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health as Rector of the same university on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

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Maintenance of Bhamo-Myitkyina Road inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 9 November morning met with staff at the District Engineer's Office of Public Works in Bhamo.

He looked into maintenance of Bhamo-Myitkyina road and placing of gravel along the road.

At Bala Min Htin Hall in Myitkyina, the minister met with staff of District and Township Public Works and road, bridge, building and airport special groups. At the meeting, he gave instructions on construction tasks and attended to the needs.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects placing of gravel along Bhamo-Myitkyina road.*—MNA**

2nd U-18 Asian Men's Hockey Tournament continues

Match between Singapore and China (Taipei) in progress.

NLM

YANGON, 12 Nov—The 2nd U-18 Asian Men's Hockey Tournament continued for the second day at Theinbyu Artificial Hockey Turf, here, today.

In the first match, Singapore routed China (Taipei) 3-0. Pakistan trounced Sri Lanka 11-0 in the second match.

Pakistan secures the fifth position in the world hockey standing table.

NLM

Talks on Leadership for Successful Business on 13 Nov

YANGON, 12 Nov—Organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), the monthly subject-wise talks (3/Nov/2009) will be held on 1st floor of UMFCCI Office Tower on Minyekyawswa Street in Lanmadaw Township here on 13 November. Chairman Dr Hoong Ui-Suk of Incoaching Co of the Republic of Korea will give talks on Leadership for Successful Business in Myanmar translation.

Presidents, executives and members from UMFCCI and its brother associations and interested persons may attend the talk.

MNA

China Shipping containers are stacked on a cargo boat at the Port of Miami in Florida. While the dollar is humbled and the US economy wounded, a consumer-led American recovery would revive vast export markets for Asian nations.—INTERNET

APEC warned to fight protectionism

SINGAPORE, 12 Nov — Asia-Pacific economies led by the United States and China opened annual talks on Wednesday with calls to fight protectionism or risk reversing the region's "fragile" economic rebound.

Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo said "resisting protectionism" was the topmost concern, as foreign and trade ministers from the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) group met in advance of a weekend summit here.

"It is a slippery slope and if we are not careful, before we know it, all of us will be in a much more dire situation," he said before convening the talks with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other Pacific Rim delegates.

Asked if the ministers believed the world's worst economic crisis since the 1930s was at an end, Yeo told reporters: "The consensus is that it is by no means over.

"The upturn that we now have is a respite... the situation is still fragile and we should address the root causes of the problem."

APEC was founded in 1989 with the goals of promoting free trade and investment. Its membership stretches from impoverished Papua New Guinea to the United States and includes the fast-emerging heavyweight China.—*Internet*

Lack of health care killed 2,266 US veterans last year

WASHINGTON, 12 Nov — The number of US veterans who died in 2008 because they lacked health insurance was 14 times higher than the US military death toll in Afghanistan that year, according to a new study.

The analysis produced by two Harvard medical researchers estimates that 2,266 US military veterans under the age of 65 died in 2008 because they lacked health coverage and had reduced access to medical care. That figure is more than 14 times higher than the 155 US troop deaths in Afghanistan in 2008, the study says.

Released as the United States commemorates fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, the study warns that even health care provided by the Veterans Health Administration (VA) leaves many veterans without coverage.

The analysis uses census data to isolate the number of US veterans who lack both private health coverage and care offered by the VA.

"That's a group that's about 1.5 million people," said David Himmelstein, an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Programme who co-authored the study.—*Internet*

Missing US soldier found, search for the other continues

KABUL, 12 Nov— American forces have found one of the two soldiers who went missing in Afghanistan a week ago, a press release of the US military said on Wednesday.

"One of the two missing US soldiers was found by a military dive team yesterday in Western Afghanistan," the press release added. However, it did not say if he was alive.

It added that the Afghan and international forces continued to search for the other missing soldier.

Two US soldiers went missing in Balamirghab district of northwest Badghis province on 4 November while attempting to recoup logistic items from a river dropped by helicopter.

Xinhua

A man shows snow produced with the Israeli-made Snow Maker (background) at the Austrian ski resort of St-Leonhard im Pitztal, in October 2009. The 2.5 million-euro (3.7 million-dollar) investment in the machine allowed Pitztal to increase its ski area threefold in time for the start of the season, and several World Cup ski teams invited to test the snow were impressed.—INTERNET

Five Swedish soldiers injured in Afghanistan

STOCKHOLM, 12 Nov — Five Swedish soldiers were injured in an explosion that also claimed the life of a local foreign language interpreter, the Swedish Armed Forces said in a statement on Wednesday.

While on patrol at 10 am Swedish time on Wednesday, the Swedish soldiers hit a roadside improvised explosive device west of Mazar-e-Sharif, where Swedish troops in Afghanistan are stationed, said the statement.

Those injured in the incident were taken to a field hospital located at Camp Marmal, home of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Regional Command for the north of Afghanistan, according to the Swedish military.—*Xinhua*

One killed, two injured in roadside bomb explosion in Afghanistan

KABUL, 12 Nov— A roadside bomb planted by Taleban militants in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province exploded, killing one person and injuring two others on Wednesday, provincial governor Mohammad Omar said.

"The gruesome incident occurred in Khanabad district this morning when a bomb planted by enemies struck the car of Syed Rahman killing him on the spot and wounding two of his colleagues," Omar told *Xinhua*. They are all civilians, he added.

Meantime, Taleban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in talks with media via telephone from an undisclosed location claimed responsibility for the bombing explosion, adding that SyedRahman worked for the government. Militants often target those serve for government particularly security bodies and the NATO-led peacekeeping force stationed in the post-Taleban Afghanistan.—*Xinhua*

An endangered Amur tiger, roams in his cage at the Wild Animals Rehabilitation Center in Sikhote-Alin a mountain range in the Russian Far East. Russia's government and environmental organizations say they will launch a major international campaign to protect the endangered Amur tiger and begin in creasing its population.—INTERNET

Russia launches programme to save tigers worldwide

MOSCOW, 12 Nov — Vladimir Putin has made headlines by championing the endangered Siberian tiger — posing with a cuddly cub and placing a tracking collar on a full-grown female in the wilds of his country's Far East. Now Russia is helping plan an ambitious programme it hopes can double the global tiger population by 2022.

Russia hopes to hold a "tiger summit" in the Far East city of Vladivostok in September to coordinate multinational efforts to protect the Amur tiger, its habitats and increasingly scarce food sources, representatives of Russia's Natural Resources Ministry, the World Bank and the World Wildlife Fund said on Wednesday.

"We decided that this time we should do something serious in order to preserve tigers on our planet," said Igor Chestin, director of the Russian branch of the World Wildlife Fund. "The situation is catastrophic."

The meeting would be hosted by Putin, Russia's powerful prime minister, and include leaders of countries such as India and China, according to Chestin and Deputy Natural Resources Minister Igor Maidanov.

Internet

People ski in October 2009 at the Austrian ski resort of St-Leonhard im Pitztal. An Israeli engineering firm has come up with a machine capable of generating snow in all weathers.—INTERNET

10 states face looming budget disasters

SACRAMENTO, 12 Nov—In Arizona, the budget has grown so gloomy that lawmakers are considering mortgaging Capitol buildings. In Michigan, state officials dealing with the nation's highest unemployment rate are slashing spending on schools and health care.

Drastic financial remedies are no longer limited to California, where a historic budget crisis earlier this year grew so bad that state agencies issued IOUs to pay bills.

A study released on Wednesday warned that at least nine other big states are also barreling toward economic disaster, raising the likelihood of higher taxes, more government layoffs and deep cuts in services.

The report by the Pew Center on the States found that Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin are also at grave risk, although Wisconsin officials disputed the findings. Double-digit budget gaps, rising unemployment, high foreclosure rates and built-in budget constraints are the key reasons.

Internet

Africa's 2009 growth seen at less than 2%

ADDIS ABABA, 12 Nov— Estimates for Africa's economic growth in 2009 have declined to less than two percent, based on data to October, according to experts from the African Development Bank (ADB) and the UN on Wednesday.

"The global economic and financial crisis hit the continent at a time Africa had about 5 to 6 percent growth rate. Till May this year we were expecting growth to be around 2.3 percent but now, as of October, we reviewed this figure to less than two percent for the continent as a whole for 2009," Abdul Kamara, an expert from the ADB said.

"We can look forward for 2010 to the crisis receding but the continent's recovery is going to be based on the recovery of the developed world," he told a press conference in the Ethiopian capital. "More than ever, the continent is aware of the need for a diversification of our economies to make African countries less vulnerable to crisis," he said.—*Internet*

Construction cranes at a building site in Cape Town. According to experts from the African Development Bank (ADB) and the UN said that estimates for Africa's economic growth in 2009 have declined to less than two percent, based on data to October.—INTERNET

World oil demand to fall 1.63% in 2009

VIENNA, 12 Nov—World oil demand in 2009 was expected to fall 1.63 percent year-on-year to 84.31 million barrels per day (bpd), the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said in its latest monthly report released on Wednesday.

However, the world economic recovery would push world oil demand to increase 0.9 percent to 85.07 bpd next year, according to the report.

The report estimated that the world economy would grow 2.9 percent in 2010 after a contraction of 1.1 percent this year, with most of the growth coming from emerging Asian economies including China and India.

Xinhua

HP to buy 3Com for $2.7 b

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Nov—Hewlett-Packard Co (HP) on Wednesday announced that it has agreed to buy 3Com Corp, a leading provider of networking solutions, for about 2.7 billion US dollars.

The world's largest personal computer vendor said it will pay 7.90 dollars a share in cash for 3Com in a deal that analysts believe will intensify HP's competition with Cisco Systems Inc, the world's biggest networking equipment maker.

"Companies are looking for ways to break free from the business limitations imposed by a networking paradigm that has been dominated by a single vendor," Dave Donatelli, executive vice president and general manager of HP's enterprise servers and networking, said in a statement. By acquiring 3Com, HP is bringing "disruptive change to the networking industry," he added.

Xinhua

Motorola eyes $4.5 billion home/networks unit sale

NEW YORK, 12 Nov—Motorola Inc (MOT.N) is in the early stages of looking into a potential sale of its $4.5 billion television set-top box and network equipment business, two sources said on Wednesday.

Motorola is in the early stages of seeking buyers for the unit, whose suitors include private equity firms and other communications equipment makers, said one source familiar with the situation.

Motorola may decide to keep the unit in the end, said the source, who was not authorized to speak with the media.

JP Morgan Chase & Co and Goldman Sachs Group Inc are advising Motorola on the possible sale, the source said.

JP Morgan and Goldman Sachs declined to comment.

Motorola, which has been losing market share in its cellphone business for years, declined to comment, but said it was still focused on its previously stated plan to separate its handset business from the rest of the company.

Analysts said there could be a lot of interest in the home and networks unit, particularly because Motorola has a strong market share in the set-top box segment, where it is bigger than Scientific Atlanta, owned by Cisco Systems Inc (CSCO.O).

Internet

China's output, retail sales gather pace in October

BEIJING, 12 Nov—China said on Wednesday that massive government spending was paying off as a new wave of data showed the world's third-largest economy continued to strengthen, following the worst global crisis in decades.

Industrial production and retail sales picked up pace in October, while demand for Chinese exports improved, official data showed, putting the government's growth target of eight percent well within reach for 2009.

"Based on the October data, we have more reason to believe that the foundation for and confidence in achieving the full-year growth target have further strengthened," Sheng Laiyun, spokesman for the National Bureau of Statistics, told a news conference.—*Internet*

Chinese workers assemble vehicles at a production line in an auto factory in Hefei, 2008. China said that massive government spending was paying off as a new wave of data showed the world's third-largest economy continued to strengthen, following the worst global crisis in decades.—INTERNET

UNICEF chief brings world attention to child, maternal undernutrition

UNITED NATIONS, 12 Nov—The head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Wednesday that a new report from her organization provides latest details and data on child and maternal undernutrition, adding that the solution is entirely possible.

Ann M Veneman, the executive director of UNICEF, made the statement at a teleconference to launch the new UNICEF nutrition report, titled "Tracking Progress on Child and Maternal Nutrition."

"The report itself is based on the latest available data and reveals that about 195 million children under the age of five in the developing world are chronically undernourished," Veneman said.

"The report highlights 24 countries which account for 80 percent of the global burden of undernutrition," she said. "It provides detailed information on nutritional indicators for each of these 24 countries."

The new 119-page report provides the most recent health and nutrition data, improved programme strategies and progress achieved to reduce the global burden of child and maternal undernutrition. It also provides information that demonstrates how improving child nutrition is entirely feasible.

Xinhua

A man chooses books at a bookstore in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 11 Nov, 2009. In Sao Paulo or other Brazilian cities, bookstores are one of the most popular places for citizens in their leisure times.—XINHUA

Air France ground staff work near the newly-arrived Airbus A380 double-deck passenger jet at Orly airport outside Paris on 11 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

New Zealand becomes contender for world heritage site

WELLINGTON, 12 Nov—New Zealand has successfully taken the first step in getting South Island's Tekapo-Aoraki night sky declared a World Heritage reserve site.

New Zealand's bid was one of five to be accepted at a meeting of the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (UNESCO) in the Canary Islands on Wednesday, Radio New Zealand reported on Thursday.

Austria, Spain, Chile and Hawaii are also on the list to go forward for final approval at the UNESCO world heritage meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil next year. Only the New Zealand and Austrian locations have been recognized as "mixed sites" — acknowledging not only their pristine night sky but also their surrounding landscape and the opportunities for astro-tourism.

The New Zealand former cabinet minister Margaret Austin told the conference the area around Tekapo, in South Island's MacKenzie District, has pristine, dark unpolluted skies with one of the most accessible observatories in the world.

Austin said she was overwhelmed New Zealand's bid was approved without exception and hoped the bid could be approved within two years.

Xinhua

Air pollution at alarming level in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Nov—Activists have warned that air pollution in Indonesian cities has reached alarming levels, a local media reported here on Wednesday.

They said that the case was mainly caused by poor transportation management.

A group of activists and government officials from the State Ministry for the Environment and the Transportation Ministry established a Forum for Indonesian Clean Air as part of its mission to push for sustainable transportation management to minimize air pollution.

"The air quality has frequently been dangerously unhealthy. The country needs extra efforts to clean the air through sustainable transport management," Ahmad Safruddin, who initiated the forum quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying. He said that poor quality of fuels, gas emissions and poor law enforcement were exacerbating the country's transport system problems.

Ahmad added that all air pollutant parameters exceeded tolerable limits set by environmental authorities. Motor vehicles are a major source of air pollutants in Indonesia's major cities.

Deputy assistant for pollution emissions control at the State Ministry for the Environment, Ade Palguna, concurred and said air pollution in big cities had reached critical levels. —*Xinhua*

Moderate quake hits North Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Nov—An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.0 struck North Sumatra Province at Western parts of Indonesia on Thursday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

The quake occurred at 11:06 am Jakarta time (0406 GMT) with the epicenter at 55 km northeast of Tanahmasa of the province and at a depth of 10 km, the agency said.—*Xinhua*

Moderate quake rocks Philippines

HONG KONG, 12 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale hit an island of Philippines at 21:52 Hong Kong time (1352 GMT), according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory late Wednesday.

The epicenter was initially determined to be in Mindoro, Philippines, at 9.3 degrees north latitude and 125.6 east longitude, some 60 km south-southeast of Surigao.—*Xinhua*

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

UAE denies reports on Somali pirates' abduction of vessel

ABU DHABI, 12 Nov—The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has denied media reports saying Somali pirates have hijacked a UAE-flagged ship, the state-run news agency *WAM* reported on Wednesday.

The reports by some media about the abduction "are deviating from the truth," Mohammed Sultan Al Suwaidi, director of the Foreign Ministry's Arab Affairs Department, was quoted as saying.

He said the vessel, owned by a Somali trader, was carrying foodstuff when leaving the northeast port of Ajman, adding that it was flying the Panamanian flag. Earlier this week, Western media reported that Somali pirates have seized a UAE-flagged cargo ship loaded with weapons bound for the Horn of Africa nation in contravention of a UN arms embargo.—*Xinhua*

This photo taken on 11 Nov, 2009 shows the scene of the landslide in Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu, southern state of India. The massive landslide took place here on Wednesday has killed 43 people and left nearly 100 others wounded. —XINHUA

A dish made in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) is seen during the preview of 2009 Huachen Autumn Auction in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 Nov, 2009. The auction of Chinese paintings and calligraphy, Chinese ceramics, jade carvings and works of art, Chinese oil paintings and sculptures, photographs will kick off on 17 Nov, with a magnificent jewelry selling during the exhibition.
XINHUA

Movie subtitles improve foreign speech

NIJMEGEN,12 Nov—People who want to improve their second-language listening should watch a movie with subtitles in the same language the characters speak, Dutch researcher say.

Holger Mitterer of the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and colleagues say subtitles in one's native language — the default in some European countries — may be counter-productive to learning to understand foreign speech.

The researchers show listeners can tune in to an unfamiliar regional accent in a foreign language. Dutch students showed improvements in their ability to recognise Scottish or Australian English after only 25 minutes of exposure to video material. English subtitling during exposure enhanced this learning effect, but Dutch subtitling reduced it.—*Internet*

Singapore Airlines incurs second quarterly straight loss

SINGAPORE, 12 Nov—Singapore Airlines (SIA) suffered its second straight quarterly loss, the first time since the company was listed in 1985, local newspaper *Straits Times* reported on Wednesday.

However, the 159 million Singapore dollars (111.196 million US dollars) loss for the three months ending on Sept. 30 was way better than the almost doubled 307 million Singapore dollars (214.69 million US dollars) loss it racked up in the first quarter.

The year-on-year figures are far grimmer, with the 159 million Singapore dollars (111.19 million US dollars) loss compared to a profit of 324 million Singapore dollars (226.57 million US dollars) a year earlier.

Xinhua

Music good for the heart, relieves stress

BOSTON, 12 Nov—Music can help ease recovery from a cardiac procedure, heart attack or stroke, relieve stress and maybe lower blood pressure a bit, a US newsletter says.

The November issue of the *Harvard Heart Letter* says researchers have found that listening to music can lower blood pressure, slow the heart rate and lessen anxiety in people hospitalized for heart ailments.

"Music can ease pain and distress after cardiac surgery and in otherwise healthy people, music can lower blood pressure and ease stress," the newsletter says.

"Music therapy is most commonly used for people undergoing a cardiac procedure and for those recovering from a heart attack or learning to cope with heart failure or another cardiovascular condition, like angina or heart failure.

For them, music therapy can alleviate stress, provide a pleasant coping strategy, and impart a feeling of control."

The American Music Therapy Association recommends a do-it-yourself music therapy option — find some music that makes you feel good, then sit and listen to it for 20 minutes or so.

Internet

Israel displays coins from ancient Jewish revolt

JERUSALEM, 12 Nov—Israel displayed for the first time on Wednesday a collection of rare coins charred and burned from the Roman destruction of the Jewish Temple nearly 2,000 years ago.

About 70 coins were found in an excavation at the foot of a key Jerusalem holy site. They give a rare glimpse into the period of the Jewish revolt that eventually led to the destruction of the Second Jewish Temple in AD 70, said Hava Katz, curator of the exhibition.

The Jews rebelled against the Roman Empire and took over Jerusalem in AD 66. After laying siege to Jerusalem, the Romans breached the city walls and wiped out the rebellion, demolishing the Jewish Temple, the holiest site in Judaism.—*Internet*

Chinese mother marches to save son's life

A 55-year-old woman in central China marched 10 kilometers every day for seven months to lose weight and save the life of her son.

Chen Yurong walked more than 2,000 km in total after being told her 31-year-old son, Ye Haibin, needed a liver transplant — but her liver was not suitable because it had accumulated too much fat, doctors told her in February.

In an effort to get her liver into shape, Chen marched along a dyke near her home in Jiang'an District, Hubei Province, everyday. She also went on a diet, only eating rice and vegetables. She eventually lost 8 kg.

On 19 Oct, doctors said her liver had reached the standard for the transplant.

In a 14-hour operation at the Tongji Hospital under Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan, the provincial capital, on Tuesday, Chen gave part of her liver to her son.

Chen had decided in December last year to donate her liver to her son, who for 18 years had suffered Wilson's disease, a genetic disorder caused by accumulation of excessive amounts of copper in the body that can lead to liver degeneration.

"The operation went smoothly," said surgeon Chen Xiaoping, an organ transplant expert. "We left part of Ye's liver, which will function together with the transplanted part.

"Theoretically speaking, Ye's life can be prolonged for a long time," he said. "She is a great mother."

Chen and her son are both described as in a stable condition in hospital. The hospital decided to waive all its fees for the operation.

This US Fish & Wildlife photo shows a brown pelican at the Everglades National Park in Florida. Nearly 40 years after it was pushed to the edge of extinction by pesticide use, habitat loss and hunting, the brown pelican was Wednesday taken off the endangered species list, US officials said.

Man fined for 911 call over missing McDonald's OJ

A 20-year-old man who called 911 to get his fast-food order straightened out has been told to pay a $300 fine.

Washington County, Ore, sheriff's deputies said Raibin Raof Osman called the emergency line to complain that a McDonald's in Aloha had left out a box of orange juice from his drive-through order. A restaurant employee later called 911 to report that Osman and others who were with him were blocking the lane, knocking on restaurant windows and intimidating employees.

Graffiti artist left work incomplete

Police in Florida say a graffiti artist who apparently ran out of paint midway through a spray-painted creation left a note to potential critics to explain the unfinished work.

Palm Bay police Officer Dan Fisher says the artist painted the words "ran out of purple" on the white concrete wall. The note was next to an incomplete bright purple piece that read "Solo."

Fisher says the artist would likely face a criminal mischief charge if he or she is apprehended. The damage was estimated at about $200.

An 18th century bronze sculpture is pictured in Paris, ahead of the second Yves Saint-Laurent-Pierre Berge collection auction at Christie's. A billiard table, several giant chandeliers, and even pots and pans; items from Yves Saint Laurent's private country hideaway have gone on show ahead of the second installment of this year's record-smashing YSL-Pierre Berge "sale of the century".

NEWS ALBUM

Electric Power No. 1 Minister looks into progress of Yeywa Dam project

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min on 9 November heard reports on completion of the diversion tunnel, the entrance and exit to the tunnel, RCC main embankment, spillway and power intake structure, installation of steel pipeline, construction of power plant, water outlet channel and sub-power station and arrangements for storage of water at Yeywa Dam presented by Director U Nay Myo Win at the construction site of Yeywa Dam Project near Ye-Yaman Village, 31 miles southeast from Mandalay.

Director-General U Myint Zaw gave a supplementary report.

The minister inspected preparations for installation of Diversion Tunnel No. 2 Gate upstream of the dam and supply of water from the diversion tunnel No. 1.

Afterwards, the minister looked into progress in building the spillway bridge linking left and right embankments and main embankment and other tasks.

Later, the minister viewed construction of the switch yard and the water outlet channel.—MNA

Minister for Electric Power.1 Col Zaw Min inspects Yeywa Dam construction project.—MNA

Hand and arm joined successfully after cut off at wrist

Surgical operation on patient whose wrist was cut off in progress. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — A severed hand and arm of a patient were joined successfully after 4-hour operation at Magway Teaching Hospital in Magway.

Maung Min Thu, 21, of Kanthalay Village in Magway Township, cut off his left arm at wrist when he cut firewood on 16 November, and was rushed to the hospital around 2 pm on that day.

He was very exhausted with low blood pressure when he arrived at the hospital. To save his life, his mother and relatives asked doctors at the hospital to amputate his left arm as they assumed that his left hand and arm could not be joined under operation for the fingers and the palm were blue with cold when he arrived at the hospital.

After reaching agreement with the patient and his mother to join the left hand and arm in an operation, Dr. Soe Win, an orthopaedic surgeon, and Daw Yi Yi Toe, an anaesthetist, prepared for the surgical operation. Before the operation, his left hand was disinfected, covered with bandage, placed in a plastic bag and covered with ice.

During the first day of the surgical operation to join his left arm and hand performed by the five-member medical team including two special orthopaedic surgeons, his temperature and heart beat turned normal without fever, and blood flows on his hand.

Six days after the operation, the medical team also performed an operation on him on 23 October to join tendon at his left wrist to be able to stretch and bend his fingers.

His left hand has improved and he can move his fingers now.

Medical Superintendent Dr. Than Oo, orthopaedic surgeons, assistant doctors, nurses and staff of the hospital also assisted the operations.— *MNA*

IBTC Open Golf Championships (Mandalay) kicks off

YANGON, 12 Nov—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, IBTC Golf Championships (Mandalay), the fourth leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010 was opened at Yedaguntaung Golf Club in Mandalay this morn ing, attended by Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung, guests and responsible persons.

Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung, Secretary of MCDC U Maung Pu, Vice President of MGF U Aung Kyi, Vice President of Myanmar PGA U Ko Ko Lay and Executive Director U TIn Oo of International Berevages Trading Co Ltd teed off to open the tournament.

After the first round Yan Aung Latt took the lead in Professional Golfers level while Aung Win (Myanmar selected golfer) stood first in the men's amateur level.

The main sponsor of the tourney is International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC), and co-sponsors are Air Bagan Ltd, KBZ Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort (BOB), (INAX, T-Home), CEPSA Lubricants, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch and Yedaguntaung Golf Club.—*NLM*

Executive Director U Tin Oo of IBTC tees off to open the golf tourney.—NLM

Members of MWEA leave for Malaysia

Members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Malaysia to participate in Korean Best Products Show & Business Match-making 2009.—*MNA*

YANGON, 12 Nov— Members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association Daw Kyi Kyi Htay, Daw Khaing Thanda Tun, Daw Htay Htay Myint and Daw Hlaing Thwe Thwe Tun left here by air on 10 November to attend the Korean Best Products Show & Business Match-making 2009 to be held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia on 12 November.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairperson Daw Thet Yi and Joint Secretary Daw Khin Lay of the association.— *MNA*

Desks donated to BEHS in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended the ceremony to hand over desks to No. 18 Basic Education High School made by the Central Command on 6 November.

Also present were military officers, the director-general of No. 2 Basic Education Department, commandants of regiment and unit, in charge officers, teachers, students and their parents, guests and officials.

The commander made a speech and presented desks.

The ceremony came to an end with words of thanks of the director-general.

Afterwards, the commander and officials viewed the donated desks.—*MNA*

Oil palm entrepreneurs hold meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—A coordination meeting of oil palm companies in Taninthayi Division was held at the hall of Division Peace and Development Council on 4 November afternoon.

Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo delivered an address. Officials reported on undertaking of tasks. After attending to the needs, the commander gave the concluding remarks.

It was also attended by division, district and township level officials and oil palm cultivation entrepreneurs.

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***Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint views harvesting monsoon paddy in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District.* (News reported)—MNA**

A & I Minister meets local people in Hinthada Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with local people and farmers in Hinthada Township on 6 November.

At the separate meetings with people from 22 wards in Hinthada Township and from 11 villages, the minister fulfilled the requirements for regional development and inspected the basic education middle school in Sitgon Village.

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***Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets with local people of Hinthada at No. 1 BEHS.*—MNA**

Mines Minister receives Russian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Ambassador of Russian Federation to Myanmar Mr Mikhail M MGELADZE and Chairman Mr Siman V Povarenkin and party of Geo Pro Mining Ltd of Russian Federation at the ministry here on 9 November.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads of the ministry.

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***Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint receives Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail M MGELADZE and Chairman Mr Siman V Povarenkin and party of Geo Pro Mining Ltd.*—MNA**

October saw 36 fires

YANGON, 12 Nov—Fires broke out 36 times in the country in October leaving 32 persons homeless.

Among them, 18 fires started in the kitchen, 15 times due to short-circuit and one due to natural fire, one due to lightning and one due to arson, and 10 homes were destroyed by the fire.

Fire broke out most in Mandalay Division followed by Yangon Division and Sagaing Division and Shan State. The loss of property due to fire in Kayin State is the most, followed by Yangon Division and Kachin State.

Out of 13 fire outbreaks in Mandalay Division, seven were due to negligence including kitchen fires.—*MNA*

Shwe Min Tha Foundation sports team to compete in Sports Meets for Disabled

YANGON, 12 Nov—The sports team of Shwe Min Tha Foundation (Myanmar) has planned to take part in the 21st Myanmar Sports Meets for the Disabled to be organized by Myanmar Sports Federation for the Disabled.

Altogether 32 disabled athletes of the sports team of Shwe Min Tha Foundation will compete in swimming, badminton, tennis, chess and track & field events. They are undergoing training at Aung San Stadium, National Swimming Pool and respective sports grounds in Yangon.

Those wishing to donate cash and sports gear may contact Shwe Min Tha Foundation (Myanmar) office at No.797, Room 104-B of Myanma Ahla Tower-2 at the corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and Wardan Street in Lanmadaw Township, Tel: 01-215935, 222923, 229087, 095103725 and 09-5042621.—*MNA*

Talks on Good Practices in Software Development on 13 Nov

YANGON, 12 Nov—Organized by Myanmar Computer Professional Association (MCPA), Vice-President Raiful Ahad from Oracle Corporation Development will give talks on Good Practices in Software Development of Oracle Corporation, a world famous software Co at Myanmar Info-Tech, Room No. 205 in Hline Township here on 13 November.

Those working in software development field, students trying to be software engineers, members of MCPA and interested persons attend the talks free of charge. For more details, contact the office of MCPA, Ward No.4, Room No. 4 (ph-652276).—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Tha Aye attends ceremony to award prizes to outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students, townships winning best pass rates and subject teachers for 2009 held at the town hall of Monywa in Sagaing Division on 8 November afternoon.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended a ceremony to present an ambulance and medical equipment to Monywa People's Hospital and made a speech on the occasion. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, departmental officials at division, district and township levels, members of social organizations, teachers, outstanding students and guests.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye said at the ceremony that the government has been implementing the second 5-year short term plan in accord with the objectives of the project of fourth 5-year short term since 2006-2007. Teachers are to discharge duties in full swing.

Next, the commander reported to Lt-Gen Tha Aye on fulfillment of education requirements for ensuring high pass rate and so did the division education officer.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander presented prizes to outstanding students, townships winning high pass rate and subject teachers and so did departmental officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye at the medical equipment presentation ceremony gave instructions on application of modern medical equipment and medical treatment to be provided for local people with goodwill.

Afterwards, families of the wellwisher presented related documents on the ambulance to Lt-Gen Tha Aye. Lt-Gen Tha Aye then handed the medical equipment to the medical superintendent of Monywa Hospital and the commander, the medical equipment to the medical superintendent of Myinmu Hospital.

Later, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected Monywa-Sagaing road section and Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw road section and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.—*MNA*

Minister supervises various functions of SSB and Labour Offices

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi went on an inspection tour of the clinic of the Social Security Board Office Branch-2 in Thingangyun Township, here, on 9 November and gave instructions on speedy measures for enjoying rights of social security of the workers.

Next , the minister inspected progress in functioning at Labour Department and Labour Office in No 5 region (Ahlon, Kyimyindine and Sangyoung Townships) and he gave encouragement to those who applied for the job at the offices.—*MNA*

Minister U Aung Kyi chatting with job hunters at Labour Office in No 5 region.

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Arbaphee foreign employment training school opens welding course

YANGON, 12 Nov—Organized by Myanmar Engineering Society, Arbaphee foreign employment agency opened a welding course for trainees who are willing to work as welders in Japan at its training school on 9 November.

A total of 65 trainees are attending the course for the eighth time. Present at the opening of the course were Chairman of MES U Han Zaw, Joint-General Secretary U Myint Pe, CEC member U Than Tun Aung, Manager Daw Hlaing Mi Mi (Course), Managing Director of the employment agency U Sein Pe and Principal U Aung Naing Thu.

Chairman U Han Zaw and Managing Director U Sein Pe made speeches on the occasion. Next, Joint-General Secretary U Myint Pe and Principal U Aung Naing Thu explained salient points of opening the course to the trainees.

The course lasts five weeks and Japan will choose the trainees. The selected trainees will have an opportunity to work in Japan for three years.—*MNA*

Managing Director U Sein Pe makes speech to the trainees at the opening of the course.

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U-16 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament continues

YANGON, 12 Nov— The First Basic Education Level Inter-State/Division U-16 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament, organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Sports, continued at Aung San Gymnasium today.

Among the spectators were Chairman of the Organizing Committee Director-General U Aye Kyu of the No. 3 Basic Education Department, executives of MBF and officials.

In the men's event, Yangon Division won over Sagaing Division 61-55; and Shan State (North) thrashed Mandalay Division 80-63.

In the women's event, Mandalay Division beat Yangon Division 62-33; and Sagaing Division routed Shan State (South) 45-28.

Tomorrow morning, Sagaing Division will play against Kachin State in the men's event and Mandalay Division will compete with Kachin State in the women's event. Moreover, Shan State (North) will meet with Ayeyawady Division in the men's event and Shan State (South) will play against Ayeyawady Division in the women's event.— *MNA*

Yangon Division plays against Mandalay Division in 1st Basic Education Level ISD U-16 Men's and Women's Basketball Tourney.

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Talks on Analysis of Richness on 14 November

YANGON, 12 Nov— With the sponsorship of Sinma Furniture Co, Zin Yu Cho Co and Sein Yadana Wuthmon Co, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will organize an educative talk at its first floor on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 14 November afternoon.

Writer Kaung Hsu Wai will give talks on Analysis of Richness.

Chairmen, executives and members of brother associations of the UMFCCI may attend the talks.— *MNA*

Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (9)

Article: ***Kayan Soe Myint;*** **Photos:** ***Road Administration Department***

A two-axle automobile with safety norms.

(from page 16)

holding capacity of a truck depends not only on the length and space but also on other mechanical strengths of the truck. Overloading a truck with goods by enlarging its body, placing goods with their edges far off the permitted sites, and failure to fasten goods cause traffic jams triggered by accidents, damage to the vehicles (having broken leaf-springs, frames, axles and tyres). Furthermore, roads and bridges are no longer serviceable before their expected terms.

Reconstruction of Vehicles

The Vehicle Inspection Division under the Road Administration Department gives permissions to owners to reconstruct their trucks in line with the law, by-law, procedures and directives unless the process can cause traffic safety and damage to roads. Regarding maintenance of vehicles, replacing major engine parts and reconstruction of vehicles are restricted with orders and notifications. However, owners are still violating the restrictions variously in reconstructing their lorries with the intention of overloading the lorries with loads. The Vehicle Inspection Division under the Road Administration Department standardizes the types of trucks based on the conditions of the roads in the nation, and the law and bylaw internationally issued for types and capacities of vehicles.

Reconstructing a truck and increasing the number of axles can boost holding capacity, but hurting the mobility of the truck and reducing the resistance of the roads and bridges. The length, width and height of each type of trucks are prescribed in accordance with the ASEAN standards. A reconstructed truck has a longer, wider and higher frame, so it gets somewhat difficult for the truck to pass by other vehicles coming towards it, and to move in bends, and harm the vehicles and road users. A lengthened truck has to take more space to turn, and it can hit other vehicles at bends. And a truck with a higher frame can raise its CG, can overturn at bends, and may hit other vehicles loaded with goods.

Facts about trucks in Vehicle Law, and bylaw

General provisions manifested in Section (5), Chapter (2) of 1964 Vehicle Law and Para (8) (a) and (b), Chapter (2) of 1989 Vehicle Law say that the owner is responsible for maintaining his vehicle, and he has to maintain his vehicle in line with the principles.

Section (6), Chapter (2) of 1964 Vehicle Law, and sub-para (a) (6) of para (16) of Chapter (2) and para (24) of Chapter (3) of 1989 Vehicle Law say that an owner is not allowed to have his vehicle registered if he does not maintain or he reconstructs his vehicle without seeking approval.

In 1989 Vehicle Law, Chapter (3) stipulates installation of equipment in a vehicle; para (26) (d), need to install reflection chips; and sub-para (k), prescription to install small lights to make its height and width noticeable at night apart from other lights, and to install small lights around the body if it is longer than 24 feet (7.31 meters).

Para (31) (a) and (b) of Chapter (3) of 1989 Vehicle Law prescribes the need of trucks, articulated trucks and trawlers to state net weight, maximum weight of loads, and total weight on their right side.

Para (102) (a) and (b) of Chapter (6) of 1989 Vehicle Law says that the maximum number of passengers (or) maximum weight of goods in a taxi are to be according to the descriptions fixed by the Central Registration Division; and that a truck shall not be overloaded with passengers or goods. Para (138) (b) says if an overloaded truck is exposed according to bylaw (133) by an inspector, the owner or the person responsible for the vehicle has to unload extra goods and watch them on his own. If a supervisor carries out the process, the owner or the person responsible for the vehicle has to stand the cost.

Besides, para (165) (a) states that goods are to be fastened systematically and firmly. Sub-para (b) says that a heavy truck shall not be higher than 3.66 meters (12 feet) and for a light truck, shall not be higher than 3.05 meters (10 feet). And sub-para (c) states maximum edges of goods from the front and rear sides of the truck.

Today, the commodity flow gets swifter, so it is needed to transport more goods. In this regard, overloading trucks is less advantageous.

The benefit an owner gains by overloading is nothing if compared with damage to the truck and the roads. Owners do so with the intention of obtaining greater profits, reducing the number of runs, and saving fuel, maintenance charges and time. However, in the pragmatic world, that is more risky, and roads and bridges are no longer serviceable before their terms.

The Vehicle Inspection Division under the Road Administration Department inspects and gives permission to reconstruct vehicles in line with the vehicle law, by-law, procedure, order/directive, and ASEAN standards. The risks of traffic accidents will be on the decrease if punitive action is taken against those owners who overload their trucks on public roads.

Being an ASEAN member country, Myanmar has to abide by the international and ASEAN standards and the standards for automobile producers, regarding reconstruction of vehicles. If so, there will fewer traffic accidents and less damage to roads and bridges. Furthermore, that will contribute towards the Vehicle Inspection Division's tasks for road safety and durability.

(To be continued)

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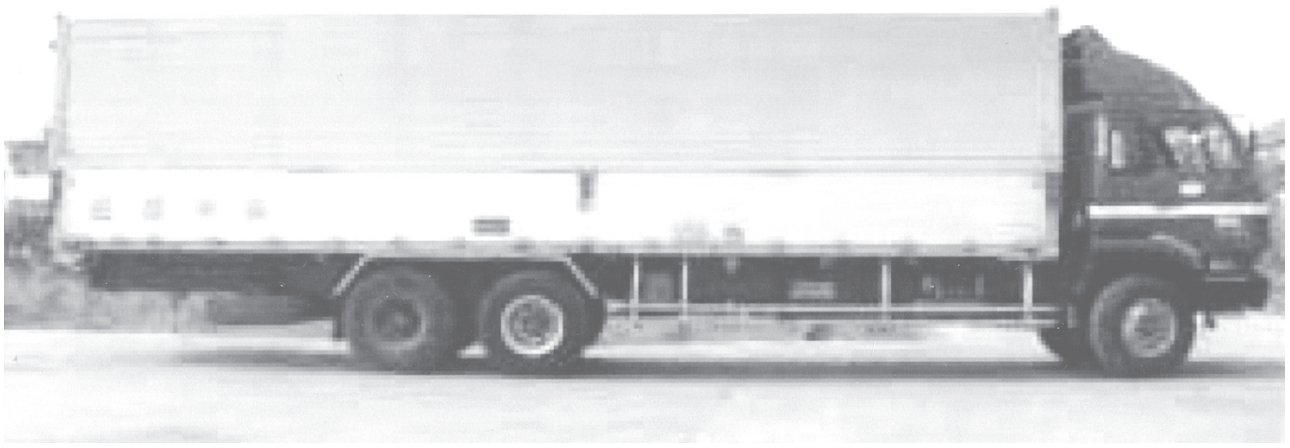

A truck with aluminium body and three axles which is designed for safety.

A truck designed to carry particular goods prescribed by the producers.

Jackie Chan wishes to make film in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 12 Nov—Jackie Chan, better known by Cambodians as Chhin Long and a famous Hong Kong and Hollywood film star, wishes to make a film showing Cambodia's natural and cultural heritages, official news agency AKP reported on Thursday.

The intention was raised here on Wednesday by Chan during a meeting with Sok An, Cambodian deputy prime minister and minister of Council of Ministers, Eth Nith, official of the Council of Ministers, was quoted as saying.

On the occasion, Sok An expressed his support to Jackie Chan's wish and told him of the richness of the country's natural and cultural heritages.

This is Jackie Chan's third visit to Cambodia and he will come back here again in the next six months for his film, the official said.

Chan arrived here on Tuesday at the invitation of the International Peace Foundation as a speaker for the "Bridges - Dialogues towards a Culture of Peace" program, organized by the International Peace Foundation and the University of Cambodia.

Moreover, he was also invited to join a concert of the Southeast Asian Television channel along with many other Cambodian singers.—*Xinhua*

A monk sounds a Buddhist instrument at the 4th China Xiamen International Buddhist Items & Crafts Fair in Xiamen, a city of southeast China's Fujian Province, Nov. 12, 2009. More than 500 campanies from two sides of the Straits and southeast Asia attended the fair which runs from 12 Nov to15.

INTERNET

Oldest sex-change person in US at 77

BEIJING, 12 Nov—Richard Ramsey, 77, a 20-year Navy veteran from New Jersey, became Renee Ramsey this June, according to Philadelphia Inquirer Wednesday.

Richard may be among the oldest people in the US to undergo a sex-change operation.

Ramsey said she knew from the time she was a child that she was "different," but she served in the Navy for 20 years as a man, and went on to marry twice and have four children.

Xinhua

A worshipper takes holy water from an automatic dispenser at a church in Fornaci Di Briosco, around 40 km (25 miles) north of Milan on 10 November, 2009.—INTERNET

Italian invents anti-swine flu holy water dispenser

ROME, 12 Nov—An Italian inventor has combined faith and ingenuity to come up with a way to keep church traditions alive for the faithful without the fear of contracting swine flu — an electronic holy water dispenser.

The terracotta dispenser, used in the northern town of Fornaci di Briosco, functions like an automatic soap dispenser in public washrooms — a churchgoer waves his or her hand under a sensor and the machine spurts out holy water.

"It has been a bit of a novelty. People initially were a bit shocked by this technological innovation but then they welcomed it with great enthusiasm and joy. The members of this parish have got used to it," said Father Pierangelo Motta. Catholics entering and leaving churches usually dip their hands into fonts full of holy water — which has been blessed by a priest — and make the sign of the cross.

Xinhua

Russian president calls for modernization of economy

Moscow, 12 Nov—President Dmitry Medvedev on Thursday delivered his second state-of-the-nation address, with attention focused on modernization of the Russian economy.

Russia's prestige on the world arena cannot be determined by past achievements, Medvedev said in his speech to the Federal Assembly, the Russian parliament. The country's oil and gas production facilities, nuclear weapons, and industrial and housing infrastructure were mostly built in the Soviet era, he said. "All that still helps this country stay afloat, but it is rapidly becoming outdated," he said.

Medvedev said the modernization of the Russian economy was an issue for the country's survival under current circumstances. "This country needs all-inclusive modernization in the 21st century. That would be our first modernization based on democratic values and institutions," Medvedev said.—*Xinhua*

Indian-born British Ironman Manjit Singh, 59, set a record by dragging an 8.5-tonne bus some 21.2 metres (69 feet six inches) — with his hair in London.

INTERNET

Diabetes situation particularly worrying in developing countries: WHO expert

GENEVA, 12 Nov—The situation of the diabetes threat in developing countries is particularly worrying because of the rapid increase of morbidity of the disease due to lifestyle changes and environmental factors, a senior World Health Organization (WHO) expert says.

"The problem is that diabetes prevalence is increasing very rapidly in developing countries ... and the rate of increase is much higher than what happened in the western world 30 or 40 years ago," said Dr Gojka Roglic, a technical officer of the WHO's Diabetes Unit, in an interview ahead of the World Diabetes Day.

More than 180 million people worldwide have diabetes, and this number is likely to more than double by 2030 without intervention, according to WHO estimates. About 80 percent of people with diabetes live in low and middle income countries.—*Xinhua*

Jobless claims fall more than expected to 502K

WASHIGTON, 12 Nov—New claims for unemployment insurance fell more than expected last week, evidence the job market is slowly healing as the economy recovers.

Still, many analysts worry the nation could be in for a "jobless recovery" as the unemployment rate rises despite some overall economic growth.

Xinhua

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Drugs to treat anemia in cancer patients linked to thromboembolism

WASHINGTON, 12 Nov— Medications frequently given to cancer patients to reduce their risk of anemia are associated with an increased risk of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism, according to a new US research. The findings appear online on Tuesday in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute.*

The anemia-reducing medications, known as erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (i.e., erythropoietin and darbopoietin) or ESAs, stimulate red blood cell production and areintended to reduce the number of blood transfusions required during chemotherapy. However, concerns about the risks of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism (manifestations of venous thromboembolism) and mortality exist.

"This research answers important questions about outcomes of ESAs when used in long-term clinical practice with oncology patients," said Dr Hershman, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia University Medical Center, whose researchis dedicated to examining cancer survivorship. "While ESAs were given to reduce the need for blood transfusions, a substantial reduction in the use of blood transfusions was not observed. However, an increase risk of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism was confirmed." "This analysis confirms the association between ESAs and venousthromboembolism, which was observed in previous meta-analysis," said Dr Hershman.

Internet

Mike Tyson arrested after LA airport scuffle

Former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson.
INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 12 Nov— Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was arrested on Wednesday after brawling with a celebrity photographer at Los Angeles International Airport and injuring the man's head, police said.

The photographer, who was not immediately identified, also was arrested. He suffered a cut to his forehead and was taken to a hospital. It was not known if Tyson was hurt.

"There's a lot of different versions to the story," Los Angeles Airport Police Sergeant Jim Holcomb said. "That's all going to come out later. But in this particular case, both individuals are going to be pressing charges for battery."

The Los Angeles Times, citing an unnamed source, said Tyson told police the photographer struck him in an attempt to provoke him, and the photographer claimed Tyson punched him in the face and tried to take film from his camera.—*Internet*

Cars and pedestrians pass along Broadway in Times Square in February 2009 in New York City. About 5,000 Americans a year are hit and killed by cars while crossing or walking along a street, according to a new report by US association Transportation for America.
INTERNET

Gaddafi sends emissary to togo over sub-regional issues

LOME, 12 Nov—Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, who holds the African Union (AU) presidency, dispatched an emissary to Togolese President Faure Gnassingbe on Tuesday to discuss political issues in the sub-region, national television reported.

The Togolese leader and the AU envoy held discussions notably on the problem of Guinea and the next summit of the African bloc, the report said, citing Emissary Mohammed Almadani Alazhari, the secretary general of the Community of Sahel-Sahara States (Cen-Sad). Guinea has plunged into deeper crisis since the military junta cracked down on the protest by the opposition on 28 September.

Despite the mediation by the West African bloc ECOWAS, the situation is stalled with the opposition's demand for the step-down of the junta and the latter's refusal to back down. Both the AU and ECOWAS suspended Guinea following a coup by the junta in December. President Gnassingbe and Alazhari also exchanged views on Togo's preparation for the election scheduled for 28 February, 2010 after the expiry of first term of Gnassingbe, who was elected in April 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

Int'l conference on disaster reduction kicks off in Nepal capital

KATHMANDU, 12 Nov— two-day international conference on disaster reduction-2009 has kicked off here Wednesday with the main agenda of discussion on figuring out various measures and steps to be taken in dealing disasters in Nepal, the Nepal news agency (RSS) reported on Thursday. Some 18 experts and officials from Britain, South Korea, Japan, Maldives, India and Brazil are taking part in the conference organized by Ministry of Local Development, Dhankuta Municipality Risk and Resilience Committee, Nepal Disaster and Development Center and School of Applied Science, Northumbria University. —*MNA/Xinhua*

A/H1N1 flu kills 36, infects 62,800 in Chinese Mainland

BEIJING, 12Nov—The A/H1N1 influenza has killed 36 and infected more than 62,800 people as of Wednesday in the Chinese Mainland, the Health Ministry said. The Chinese Mainland reported 3,393 confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in the 48 hours ending at 3 pm Wednesday, the ministry said.

So far, nearly 75 percent of the patients have recovered. Among the 285 cases of serious conditions, 54 have been cured, it said. As of Wednesday noon, nearly 10.9 million Chinese people have been inoculated with the A/H1N1 flu vaccine.

MNA/Xinhua

A policeman and volunteers assist a man, who was injured by a suicide bomb blast in Charsadda, at Lady Reading hospital in Peshawar on 10 Nov, 2009. Pakistani Taliban militants vowed to fight a tough, protracted guerrilla war against the army on Tuesday as a suicide car-bomber killed up to 20 people in Charsadda, 20 km (12 miles) northeast of the city of Peshawar, police said.—INTERNET

H1N1 in large cities more of a challenge

ATLANTA, 12 Nov — H1N1 flu in Mexico City and New York may have helped health experts understand the challenges posed by disease response in large cities, researchers say.

David M Bell and colleagues at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said by 2025, almost three-quarters of the world's population will live in cities.

"When millions of people are crowded together in huge cities, responses to disease outbreaks that have worked in rural areas or smaller towns may not work as well," Bell said in a statement on Wednesday.

"Several questions emerged. For example, how do you get many overlapping governmental agencies to cooperate? How do you get drugs and vaccines to people who travel, live in slums with no addresses, or are homeless? How do you separate ill family members from well ones in tiny one- or two-room apartments?"

US health experts will need to answer these questions as the H1N1 pandemic continues, Bells said.

The findings are scheduled to be published to appear in the December edition of Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Internet

A cameraman and photographer record images of fossilized bones of a new dinosaur species, Aardonyx Celestae, from the early Jurassic period (about 200 million years old) during an announcement of the discovery.—INTERNET

'Optical biopsy' for breast cancer tested

GAINESVILLE, 12 Nov 11— A US researcher is testing the accuracy of using an "optical biopsy" to determine breast cancer. Huabei Jiang, a biomedical engineer at the University of Florida in Gainesville, has been working 10 years to develop phase-contrast diffuse optical tomography that can determine whether breast growths are cancerous without needles or surgery.

Jiang's newest apparatus is undergoing tests at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. It uses non-harmful laser light and computer algorithms to create an image of the breast's interior that shows signs of cancer — such as high density of blood vessels — not visible in standard X-ray mammograms.

In addition, fiber optic lights span 10 wavelengths — colours — that change in predictable ways when they strike certain compounds, such as oxygenated hemoglobin, water or lipids.—*Internet*

Work site wellness may reduce absenteeism

ATLANTA, 12 Nov — Employees participating in a large-scale, work-site wellness programme had reduced absenteeism, US researchers found.

Researchers at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health studied environmental weight management interventions implemented at 12 work sites at Dow Chemical Co in 2006-2007. Five sites received intense weight management interventions, four received moderate interventions and three received Dow's standard individual programmes.

For the moderate or intense intervention employees, the average days absent due to illness per year decreased from 3.9 days in 2006 to 3.4 days in 2007. Researchers found that average absenteeism days at the moderate or intense sites were 1.5 days lower than at the standard sites between 2006-2007.

Cost savings due to reduced absenteeism were estimated at $414.90 per employee per year, the researchers said.—*Internet*

A bunch of Opinel knives ready to be sorted at the knife manufacturer's factory in Chambery, in the French Savoie region in September 2009. The family-owned group, which was created in 1890, employs around 100 persons and produces 3 million knives per year.—INTERNET

Post breast cancer treatment pain common

COPENHAGEN, 12 Nov — Almost 50 percent of women with breast cancer reported pain two to three years after treatment, researchers in Denmark said.

The study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association,* found younger women who had received supplemental radiation therapy were the more likely to have pain.

Dr Rune Gartner of the University of Copenhagen and colleagues questioned 3,754 women ages 18-70 about pain after an average of 26 months after surgery for breast cancer and found 1,543 patients reported pain in one or more areas.

Of these, 13 percent reported severe pain, 39 percent reported moderate pain and 48 percent reported light pain.

Adjuvant radiation therapy or axillary lymph node dissection — rather than sentinel lymph node dissection — were among factors associated with an increased likelihood of pain, the study also found.

"There was a significant association of age on reporting pain, where young age was associated with higher risk, especially for patients receiving breast-conserving surgery, the risk being highest for those women ages 18-39 receiving breast-conserving surgery compared with women ages 60-69," the study authors said in a statement.

Internet

Death toll of A/H1N1 flu reaches 10 in Jordan

AMMAN, 12 Nov — Jordan reported two more A/H1N1 flu deaths, bringing the country's death toll of the influenza to ten, Jordan's Health Ministry announced on Wednesday.

One victim was a 50-year-old man who was taken into the state-run Prince Hamzah Hospital on Nov 4, the ministry said in a statement.

Two days after, his situation deteriorated and he was taken to the hospital's intensive care unit, where he died on Tuesday, according to the ministry.

The second victim was a three-and-a-half-year old girl who was admitted into the King Abdullah I Hospital on Monday in a "very bad" condition.

The child, who suffered from cancer, died several hours later, the ministry indicated.

As of Wednesday, the number of A/H1N1 flu cases registered in Jordan hit 2,604 since the discovery of the first case in June, according to the Health Ministry.—*Xinhua*

Finland's death toll from A/H1N1 flu rises to six

HELSINKI, 12 Nov — An 18-year old woman died from A/H1N1 flu on Tuesday evening in Lahti, southern Finland, bringing the death toll of the new disease to six in the country, Finnish media reported on Wednesday.

The young woman had been suffering from chronic diseases before catching the novel flu. She was sent to hospital with fever early on Tuesday and died in the evening.

Finland has counted five fatal cases related to A/H1N1 flu previously, four of which were chronic patients. A/H1N1 flu is spreading across Finland at present and 2,593 cases of the disease have been confirmed in the Nordic country.

However, according to Finnish health authorities, the real number of infections with the virus could be several times of that.

Finland is now inoculating people belonging to the high-risk groups, including health care personnel, pregnant women, chronic patients under 65 and children aged between 6 months and 36 months.

Xinhua

Flu death rises to 12 in Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 12 Nov — The death toll from the A/H1N1 flu rose to 12 in Mongolia while the number of infected people climbed to 955 with 737 in the capital Ulan Bator alone, the health ministry said on Wednesday.

Sukhbaatar Province registered its first flu case, increasing the number of infected provinces to 18, according to the Press and Information Service of the Ministry of Health. It meant that among the country's 21 provinces, only Bayan-Olgii, Dundgobi and Gobi-Altai have not reported any flu cases, it said.

Mongolia declared a nationwide state of high disaster preparedness on 4 Nov in the wake of the spread of the A/H1N1 flu virus.

The health authorities have taken a series of measures against the spread of the A/H1N1 virus since 12 Oct, when the first A/H1N1 case was registered in the country. The government has earmarked 6.4 billion tugrik (4.5 million US dollars) to buy vaccines and anti-viral medications as well as medical diagnostic equipment, and restricted cultural and sports activities.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Phelps second in 200m medley at Stockholm World Cup

STOCKHOLM, 12 Nov—Michael Phelps finished second to South Africa's Darian Townsendin in the 200m medley final at the short-course World Cup here on Wednesday.

Phelps continued to struggle to meet expectations in the old-style suit that will be required as the only eligible next year.

Phelps, who won a record eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, clocked 1 minute 53.93 seconds, more than two seconds behind Townsendin, who won in 1:51.79.

Earlier, Phelps failed to qualify for the 100m butterfly final after ending 11th in qualifying heats in 51.06 seconds. Kaio Almeida of Brazil was fastest in 50.34.

It was the third final that Phelps missed at the event. On Tuesday he failed to qualify for the finals of the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke, in which he was disqualified for swimming too long under water.—*Xinhua*

Sweden's Alshammar hits World mark in 50m butterfly at Stockholm WC

STOCKHOLM, 12 Nov—Sweden's Therese Alshammar set a new world record timing 24.46 seconds for the women's short course 50m butterfly on Wednesday at the World Cup.

She broke herself the old mark of 24.75 seconds on 17 Oct in Durban.—*Xinhua*

Hardy marks world record at Stockholm swimming WC

STOCKHOLM, 12 Nov—Jessica Hardy from the United States broke her own world record in women's 50m breaststroke with a time of 28.96 seconds at the fourth leg of the short course World Cup here on Wednesday.

Her former mark of 29.36 seconds was set in Moscow last Saturday.—*Xinhua*

China's Liu sets 200m butterfly world record at WC

STOCKHOLM, 12 Nov—China's Liu Zige broke the women's 200m butterfly world record at a World Cup short course event here on Wednesday.

Liu clocked two minutes, 2.5 seconds to beat Japanese Yuko Nakanishi's previous mark of 2:03.12 set in Tokyo in February last year.—*Xinhua*

Marshall breaks 50m backstroke world record at WC

STOCKHOLM, 12 Nov—American Peter Marshall clocked a world record 22.73 seconds in the final of the men's 50 metres backstroke at a short course World Cup event here on Wednesday.

Marshall broke his previous mark of 22.75 set in Durban, South Africa, on 17 Oct.—*Xinhua*

Milner wants chance to take the spotlight with England

England footballer James Milner.—INTERNET

LONDON COLNEY, 12 Nov— England winger James Milner is praying that Fabio Capello will give his understudies a chance to take the spotlight before deciding on his squad for next year's World Cup.

While the likes of John Terry, Frank Lampard and Wayne Rooney are certain to be on the plane to South Africa, Milner is one of a group of players still fighting for a seat on the flight.

If Theo Walcott and Steven Gerrard are fit in May and remain Capello's ideal combination on the flanks, then Milner is competing with David Beckham, Aaron Lennon, Shaun Wright-Phillips, Ashley Young and Joe Cole for the back-up places.—*Internet*

Beckham's Galaxy battle to reach MLS title match

LOS ANGELES, 12 Nov—The Los Angeles Galaxy, with David Beckham on board and Landon Donovan on song, battle for a berth in Major League Soccer's championship match on Friday when they take on Houston in the Western Conference final.

David Beckham of the Los Angeles Galaxy.
INTERNET

It seemed an unlikely scenario early in the season for a club that equalled the league's worst record in 2008, and started 2009 with 11 draws in their first 13 matches.

England star Beckham was at the centre of a storm as he stayed on at Italian club AC Milan four months beyond his original loan period, provoking the ire not only of Galaxy fans but also of teammate Donovan - who questioned Beckham's commitment to the US league in a book.

Internet

Federer upset by Benneteau in Paris Masters

PARIS, 12 Nov—World number one Roger Federer was stunned by unseeded Frenchman Julien Benneteau 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-4 in the second round at the Paris Masters tennis tournament on Wednesday.

Federer's exit capped a dramatic day at the Bercy arena, where Rafael Nadal saved five match points to beat Spanish compatriot Nicolas Almagro, and former three-time champion Marat Safin bid farewell to the tennis circuit.

Xinhua

Roger Federer of Switzerland leaves the court after by defeated by Julien Benneteau of France in the Paris Masters tennis tournament on 11 November, 2009.—XINHUA

Woods cards 66 in opening round of Australian Masters

MELBOURNE, 12 Nov—Tiger Woods made a spectacular birdie-laden start to the Australian Masters and only marred his opening round with a final hole bogey at Kingston Heath.

Tiger Woods.
INTERNET

The American world number one on Thursday blasted his way to a six-under 66 as he took apart the revered sandbelt layout in his first Australian tournament appearance in 11 years.

The 14-time major winner claimed seven birdies, offset by just one bogey, to be one stroke off the early lead in the Australian Masters in his quest for a 93rd tournament title.

"I felt good today, I hit the ball pretty decent," Woods said.

"I didn't make a lot of putts but I had great speed and a couple of iron shots which were 30 to 40 feet away.

"The crowd was great today. People were obviously excited about our pairing and the people were extremely respectful, they were actually policing themselves, which was great." Woods justified his favourite tag as he reeled off five birdies on his homeward nine holes, including three in a row.

Watched by thousands of fans who ringed the fairways, Woods came within one shot of the course record of 65, held by Australians Robert Allenby and Anthony Painter before he gave up a shot at the last hole when he hooked his tee shot into trees and scrambled to make a bogey.

Internet

Chelsea's Bosingwa out for three months

LONDON, 12 Nov—Chelsea's Portuguese defender Jose Bosingwa will be out for about three months after he underwent surgery on his left knee this week, a statement issued by the Premier League leaders on Wednesday said.

The 27-year-old has been out since mid-October with the problem and is not expected back until the New Year.

"Chelsea Football Club can confirm that Jose Bosingwa underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee this week. His recovery time will be approximately three months," the London side's statement said.

But there was better news for the Blues, five points clear of Arsenal and champions Manchester United at the top of the table, in the announcement that their England left-back Ashley Cole does not need surgery for a shin injury.

"Ashley Cole is suffering from an aggravation of a depressed fracture of the tibia, originally picked up against Atletico Madrid at Stamford Bridge," Chelsea's statement said. "The injury will not require surgery."

Internet

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INTERNET

A woman looks at a Francis Bacon painting during an exhibition at the Galleria Borghese in Rome on 11 November, 2009.
INTERNET

Study offers more evidence to green tea's anti-cancer effect

LOS ANGELES, 12 Nov—A new U.S. study has shown that green tea may help reduce the risk of oral cancer, although scientists are reluctant to officially endorse green tea as an effective way of cancer prevention.

The study was published in the November issue of the Cancer Prevention Research, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

Researchers at the University of Texas' Anderson Cancer Center assessed clinical response of green tea in oral pre-malignant lesions and found 58.8 percent of patients at the highest doses displayed clinical response, compared with 18.2 percent among those taking placebo.

They also observed a handful of biomarkers that may be important in predicting cancer development. During the study, patients were followed for 27.5 months and atthe end of the study period, 15 of them developed oral cancers.

Patients with mild to moderate dysplasia had a longer time to develop an oral cancer if they took green tea extract, but there was no difference in oral cancer development overall between those who took green tea and those who did not.—*Xinhua*

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(13-11-2009) (Friday)

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
* Grassland Survey in Hukaung Tiger Reserve
* Taunggyi: An Environmentally Sustainable City
* Hand-made Bags
* Let's go to the zoo (Part-II)
* Endless Wonders.....(Htukkant Thein Temple)
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* Songs On Screen
* Strive for Development of Industrial Zones
* Endless Wonders.....(Htukkant Thein Temple)
* Songs On Screen
* Our Duty Is To Care
* Preservation and Reproduction of Sea Turtle
* Modernized Myanmar Fashion Designs
* Myanmar Modern Song
* National Races Village (Shan & Bamar)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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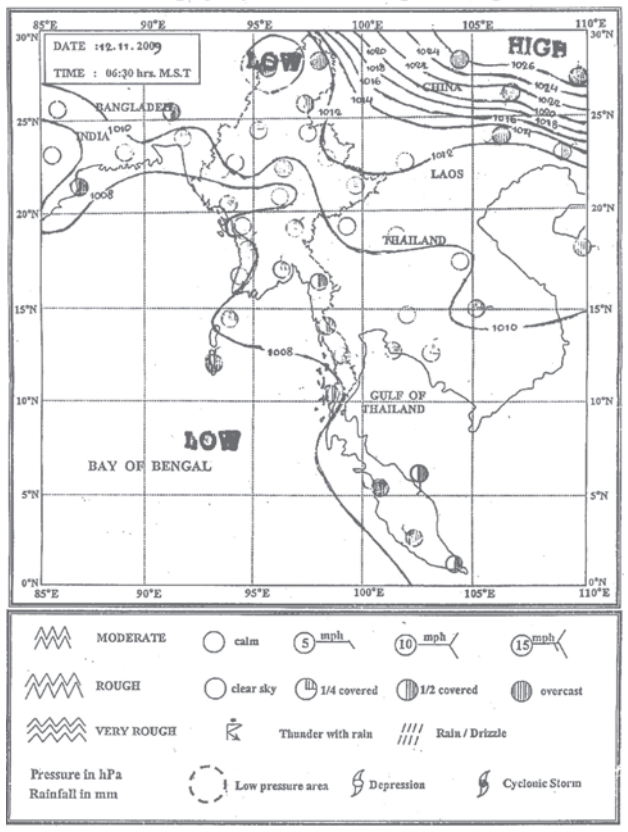
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 12th November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Northern Shan State and Chin States, Lower Sagaing Division, (5°C) below November average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Division, (4°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State, (5°C) above November average temperatures in Kayah State and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperature was Haka (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 11-11-2009 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 12-11-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12 -11-2009 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 11-11-2009 was (9.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-11-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.06) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (09:30) hours MST on 12-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13th November 2009: Except for light rain are likely to be isolated in Mandalay Divisioin and weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Sea will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperature in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-11-2009: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

TV Myanmar

Friday, 13 November
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. အင်္ဂဇယမဂ်လံ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊တေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:15 am
7. ရေအကျိုးဆယ်ပါး မတောင်းဘဲပြည့်စေသား

8:30 am
8. "အသက်ကလေးရယ်တဲ့ ရှည်စေလို"

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. The Mirror Image Of The Musical Oldies

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Song of National Races

4:15 pm
3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရှေ့မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:45 pm
5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm
6. Songs Of Yester Years

5:00 pm
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:15 pm
8. "အမှန်ထင်နေသောအမှား" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ အေးမြတ်သူ၊ ဌက်ပျောကြော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

5:25 pm
9. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွေပ်ကြွေပ်အိတ်

5:40 pm
10. ပဋ္ဌလက်ကျောင်းတော်

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဥဏှာ်ရှင်

6:45 pm
14. Musical Programme

7:00 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလောင်းရိပ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၇၄)
20. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ကဗျာဘွဲ့မျှူး)

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★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy

★ Riots beget riots, not democracy

★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (9)

Article: ***Kayan Soe Myint;*** **Photos:** ***Road Administration Department***

It is vivid that automobile producing companies around the world have turned to particular designs for safety according to types of services and holding capacity. They manifest exact items about the automobiles concerned in the catalogues. For instance, some facts prescribed in the catalogue for a truck are engine power, horsepower, length, width, height of the truck, length, width, height of the space, length, thickness and width of the frame, the truck's resistance systems (size and number of leaf-springs), size and number of layers of tyres, net weight of the vehicle, permitted weight of loads, and total weight of the vehicle and loads.

The Vehicle Inspection Division under the Road Administration Department fixes available weights of loads for trucks in consistence with the principles enumerated in the Motor Vehicle Law and Bylaw, procedures, restrictions, and ASEAN standards.

Owners' Reconstruction of Vehicles

It is noticed that trucks in foreign countries are used in particular types of services and they carry particular types of goods with available weights fixed by the automobile producers concerned. Moreover, there, vehicles are driven at the speed limits fixed according to the types of roads, thus resulting in less damage to vehicles and roads.

In contrast, owners in Myanmar reconstruct their trucks on purpose to overload goods such as replacing original aluminium frames with strong iron ones, reinforcing the lower structures of the frames, reinforcing leaf-springs in size and number, replacing original axles and tyres with stronger ones, and replacing bodies of other types of vehicles with bodies of trucks, thereby harming the balances, control systems and brake systems of the vehicles and causing frequently traffic accidents, collisions, and damage to roads and bridges.

Owners give reasons that they just intend to strengthen their trucks, but such unsystematic reconstruction of trucks are against the standards and norms for safety. So, the Road Administration Department never allows such unsystematic reconstruction of trucks. In general, the goods-

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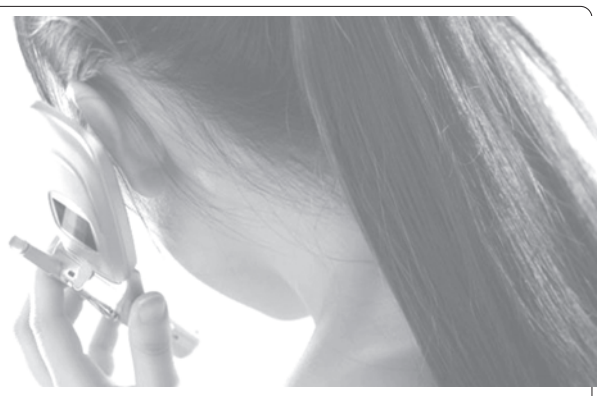
A tipper lorry with three axles.

Myanmar youth beat Guam 3-2 in AFC U-19

YANGON, 12 Nov— The qualifiers of the AFC U-19 Championship 2010 continued at Zibo Sports Centre of the People's Republic of China yesterday afternoon.

Myanmar youth team beat Guam team 3-2.

Myanmar youth team secured two wins and three losses in five matches.— *MNA*



Mobile phones and other cordless telephones have a biological effect on the brain, according to new research.

Wireless phones can affect the brain, Swedish study suggests

SCIENCE DAILY, 12 Nov—A study at Örebro University in Sweden indicates that mobile phones and other cordless telephones have a biological effect on the brain. It is still too early to say if any health risks are involved, but medical researcher Fredrik Söderqvist recommends caution in the use of these phones, above all among children and adolescents. Few children who regularly use mobile phones use a headset often or always, even though the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority recommends this.—*Internet*