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## Upper Thanlwin (Kunlong) Hydropower Project gets green light



*Minister Col Zaw Min delivers an address at signing ceremony of Memorandum of Agreement on implementation of Upper Thanlwin (Kunlong) Hydropower Project.—MNA*

### 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

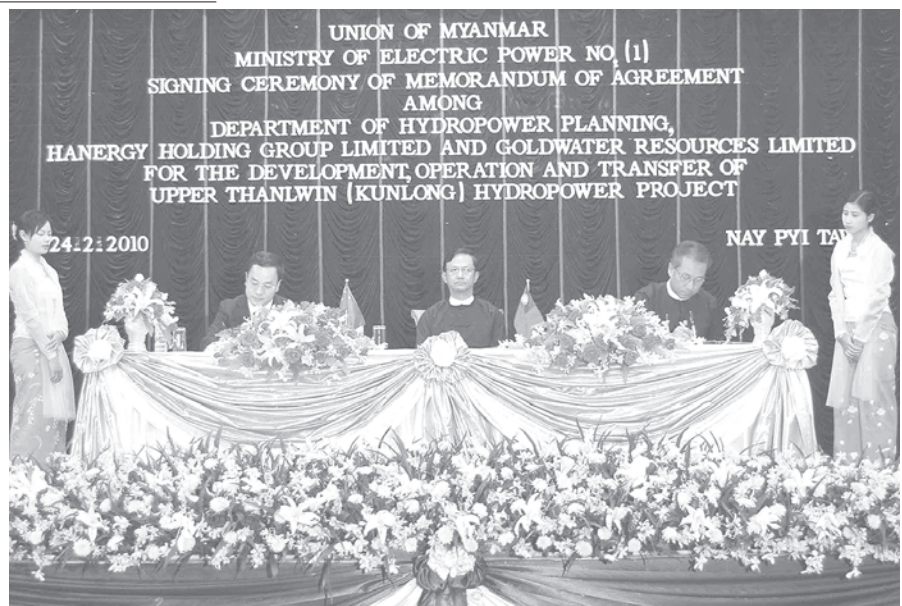
- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—To implement Upper Thanlwin (Kunlong) Hydropower Project, the Department of Hydropower Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and Hanergy Holding Group Limited (Hanergy) and Goldwater Resources Limited (GRL) of the People's Republic of China signed a Memorandum of Agreement at the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, here, yesterday evening.

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min delivered an address on the occasion.

Board Chairman & CEO of Hanergy Holding Group Limited (Hanergy) Mr. Li Hejun spoke words of thanks for the Memorandum of Agreement signing ceremony.

In the presence of Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, deputy ministers and departmental heads, Chinese Ambassador Mr. Ye Dabo, Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr. Jin Honggen and Director of Goldwater Resources Limited (GRL) Mr. Chua Chay Jin, (See page 8)



*The signing ceremony of Memorandum of Agreement on implementation of Upper Thanlwin (Kunlong) Hydropower Project between Department of Hydropower Planning and Hanergy Holding Group Limited (Hanergy) and Goldwater Resources Limited (GRL) of the People's Republic of China in progress.—MNA*

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Ensure stability and peace for regional development

Myanmar is a multicultural country where all national races adhere to the spirit of traditional nuclear family. So, national unity and amicable relations between national races prevail everywhere across the Union.

The government is working hard to ensure equitable progress of all regions of the Union. As part of the drive, it has been implementing a variety of plans it has laid down to scale up the development of the regions that are far away from transport routes, such as Myitkyina, Bhamo, Putao, Nagmon, and Machanbaw townships.

Being blessed with huge quantities of water sources, fertile soil and temperate climate patterns, Myanmar is a land of crops. The delta and plains, for instance, grow paddy, beans and pulses, edible oils and seasonal crops on a commercial scale. In addition, they are growing such perennial crops as tea, rubber, avocado and mango extensively.

In general, tea thrives in the regions at an altitude of over 3000 feet. So, in Myanmar, tea is grown on a large scale in Chin State, Shan State and Sagaing Division. Now, Chin State is also growing tea on a broader scale year by year. A special tea farming zone has been established in Homalin Township, Sagaing Division. The tea farms in Namhsan Township account for 80 per cent of the total acreage of tea farms of the whole country.

Now, Putao District is in pursuit of becoming a tea garden. In order to achieve the goal, departments concerned are carrying out research on hybrid tea strains in cooperation with local farmers. The regions can enjoy greater economic development if they establish large tea farms with advanced agricultural methods and investments in combination.

Development of a region is interrelated with stability and peace. So, the entire people have to work together for regional security and development. Therefore, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to preserve the fine tradition of working hard in concert in order that the people can enjoy the taste of further development.

## Thakayta gets township Music Asiayon

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) set up Thakayta Township Music Asiayon. A ceremony to put up the signboard and open the office took place at No 631, Shwepyitha Street, 6 Ward (West), Thakayta Township here on 22 February.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kan Saw Hlaing and responsible persons formally opened the office and donors presented cash to the Asiayon. The Thakayta Township Music Asiayon will perform such tasks as promotion of national music and development of music beneficial to the public.—MNA

## 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

## Ministry of Culture measures artistic influence

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—How much influence do songs and poems have on human beings? This is what Ministry of Culture was trying to find out at a research paper reading session this morning.

At the ministry, the venue of the seminar, resource persons read papers on modern songs reflecting national characters, ever flourishing oldies, artistic

literary words and phrases of Bagan Period stone inscriptions, discovering the composing styles that have much influence on Myanmar music and poetry.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar National Culture Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and other attendees took part in the discussion.

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Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint delivers speech at research paper reading session.

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## University students ready for first aids

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Students of Myitkyina University have got basic first aid skills after a training course conducted by the Red Cross Society of the university.

They got their course completing certificates on 22 February and proved themselves enough to be a RC member by donating blood collectively.—MNA

## New products of Rinnai Gas Cookers launched

YANGON, 25 Feb—Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd, sole agent of Rinnai Gas Cookers produced by Rinnai Corporation of

Japan on 21 February introduced new products at Traders Hotel here.

One of the new products is HI-150 P commercial single gas

cooker equipped with metal plate burner head and auto safety system. It is of low gas consumption type and can be used with pots of 7.5 cm to 30 cm in size.

Another one is RE-350 water heater with auto cut-off system. It is made of copper water heating tank and its power consumption is only 3500 watts.

For more information, contact No. 199, 34<sup>th</sup> Street (Upper), Kyauktada Township, here, Ph: 01-245902, 246304, 708382. Rinnai Showroom & Service Centre (1) is opened at No. A-3, Upper Pansodan Street (North-East of Aung San Stadium), Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ph: 01-245543 and No. II at No. 205-A, Room No.3, Ground Floor, Banyadala Street, Tamway Township, Ph: 01-294996.—MNA



General Manager Mr Yoshida Yuzo of Rinnai Corporation (Japan) made a speech at a ceremony to launch new products of Rinnai Gas Cookers.—MNA

## US missile strike kills eight militants in Pakistan

MIRANSHAH, 25 Feb — A US drone aircraft fired three missiles into Pakistan's North Waziristan region on the Afghan border on Wednesday, killing eight militants, Pakistani intelligence officials and residents said.

The strike targeted a stronghold of the Haqqani network, a major Taliban faction attacking Western forces across the border in Afghanistan. A similar strike last week in the same area killed son of Jalaluddin Haqqani, the leader of the group.

Fire broke out after the missiles exploded in Dargi Mandi village, four kilometres (2.5 miles) north of North Waziristan's main town of Miranshah.

"Thick clouds of smoke are still coming from the area," said a Reuters reporter in Miranshah.

Pakistani intelligence agency officials said eight militants were killed, including three foreigners, but they had no information about their identity.

MNA/ Reuters



**Abdul Hamid, 12, recuperates from his injuries at an Italian charitable hospital in Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan, on 24 Feb, 2010.**—INTERNET



**Rescuers are seen at the site of a rocket attack in Peshawar, Pakistan, on 24 Feb, 2010. At least four people were killed and nine others injured on Wednesday when a rocket hit their house on the outskirts of northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar; police said.** —XINHUA

## Afghan wounded tell of more left behind in Marjah

LASHKAR GAH, 25 Feb — Taxis turned into ambulances ferried wounded civilians out of the combat zone in southern Afghanistan, but one man's long trip to a hospital began with a two-hour wheelbarrow ride.

Mohammad's legs were peppered with shrapnel when a bomb exploded nearby. His brother found him unconscious and lifted him into the only thing he could find, pushing him in the wheelbarrow before he flagged a taxi.

Mohammad, who is from the Nad Ali District around Marjah, is one of 40 civilians treated at Emergency Hospital in Lashkar Gah since the Afghan-NATO offensive in Marjah began on 13 Feb. Both of his legs were in casts. Steel pins protruded from his right leg.

Most of the wounded civilians recuperating at the white-washed Italian-run hospital said their injuries were caused by "the foreign soldiers" — a claim that does not bode well for international and Afghan forces who are trying to get residents to renounce the Taliban and embrace the Afghan government.

Internet

## Magnitude 5.1 earthquake jolts southwest China

BEIJING, 25 Feb — A 5.1-magnitude earthquake struck the Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture of southwest China's Yunnan Province on Thursday noon, according to the China Earthquake Administration (CEA).

The earthquake occurred at 12:56 pm. Its epicenter was 25.4 degrees north latitude and 101.9 degrees east longitude, with a depth of 16 kilometres. There is no instant report of casualties. —Xinhua

## Moderate 5.9 magnitude quake off Nicaragua coast

MANAGUA, 25 Feb — A moderate 5.9-magnitude earthquake has struck off Nicaragua's southern Pacific coast. The US Geological Survey says on Wednesday's quake occurred around 9:15 pm (0315 GMT). It says the temblor was centered about 65 miles (100 kilometers) south of Managua, the Nicaraguan capital.

Internet

## Argentina seeks UN help to settle dispute over Malvinas islands

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Feb — Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana urged UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday to kickstart negotiations over the ownership of the Malvinas islands after Britain announced plans for oil exploration.

"The Secretary-General knows about this issue," Jorge Taiana told reporters after his meeting with Ban at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

"He is not happy to learn that the situation is worsening and that's why I came here. He is willing to continue his good offices mission," he said. —Internet

## Latin America launches new bloc excluding US, Canada

CANCUN, 25 Feb — Latin American and Caribbean countries on Tuesday agreed to launch a new regional group excluding the United States and Canada.

The new bloc, seen as an alternative to the US-weighted Organization of American States (OAS), is intended to weaken US influence in the region.

It also reflected the common wishes of the Latin American and Caribbean nations of seeking a louder voice and greater role on the global stage.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon, who proposed the new group, said that the provisional name for the body would be the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States. —Internet

## Militants blow up NATO tanker in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 25 Feb — Suspected Islamist militants on Thursday blew up a tanker in northwest Pakistan carrying fuel for NATO troops across the border in Afghanistan.

The driver escaped unhurt while his helper was wounded after a timed bomb planted on the tanker exploded outside Peshawar, police official Hazrat Ali told AFP, setting the vehicle ablaze.

Bomb disposal official Tanvir Ahmed said that

the timed bomb was attached to the tanker with a magnet.

Nobody claimed responsibility, Ali said, but Taliban and members of local militant group Lashkar-e-Islam (Army of Islam) have regularly attacked NATO supply

vehicles on the main route through northwest Pakistan.

About 80 percent of supplies destined for the 121,000 US and NATO troops in landlocked Afghanistan pass through Pakistan.

Internet

**Onlookers watch firefighters extinguish a burning NATO supply truck outside Peshawar in January. Suspected Islamist militants on Thursday blew up a tanker in northwest Pakistan carrying fuel for NATO troops across the border in Afghanistan.**—INTERNET



## China, Cambodia sign Consular Treaty to further strengthen cooperation ties

PHNOM PENH, 25 Feb— China and Cambodia on Thursday signed here the Consular Treaty, aimed to further strengthen the cooperation relations between the two friendly countries.

Long Visalo, secretary of state of Cambodia's Foreign Ministry and Zhang Jinfeng, Chinese

ambassador to the Kingdom, signed the treaty on behalf of their respective countries at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Cambodian Foreign Minister Hor Namhong and other government officials presented at the signing ceremony. "Along with all-round development of the friendship relations between our two countries,

personnel exchanges between the two countries are also increasing," Long Visalo said, and expressed his belief that the Consular Treaty will effectively protect the legitimate interest of citizens of the two countries.

Zhang Jinfeng said that China and Cambodia are good neighbours and have a good cooperation on many fields including consular, such as jointly combat illegal immigrant and transnational crimes.

Xinhua



A student takes part in the entrance examination for art academies in Shandong University of Art & Design in Jinan Shungeng International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 24 Feb, 2010. —XINHUA

## General Motors shutting down Hummer

CHICAGO, 25 Feb—General Motors Co has started shutting down Hummer, after a proposed deal to sell the rugged brand to a Chinese company collapsed, a senior company official said on Wednesday in Detroit. The decision is the latest setback in GM's attempts to unload unwanted brands and alleviate slumping sales as it focuses on Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac.

In October, Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Co Ltd agreed to buy the brand, trademark, trade names and intellectual property license rights to build Hummer vehicles.

The company also was going to assume existing dealer agreements.

"We are disappointed that the deal with Tengzhong could not be completed," said John Smith, GM's vice president of corporate planning and alliances. "GM will now work closely with Hummer employees, dealers and suppliers to wind down the business in an orderly and responsible manner."

Xinhua



A salesman passes by a Hummer at a dealer in New York, the United States, on 27 May, 2009. —XINHUA

## Peru expects 40,000 new jobs from FTAs with US, China, EU

LIMA, 25 Feb—At least 40,000 Peruvians or one in every 730 people will find jobs thanks to the implementation of their country's free trade agreements with the world's major economic entities.

The news was broken on Wednesday by the Peruvian labour Minister, who was quoting a study done by the Inter-American Development Bank.

The bank study said that the Peru-US free trade agreement will boost employment in the manufacturing and textile sectors while its free trade accords with China and the European Union will benefit job creation in agriculture and agro-processing. —Xinhua

## Hyundai Motor Co unveils first concept car with hybrid diesel engine

SEOUL, 25 Feb—South Korea's top automaker Hyundai Motor Co unveiled on Thursday the design of its first concept car with a hybrid diesel engine, which will debut at the Geneva Motor Show next month.

The style of the new model called "i-flow" was developed at Hyundai's design centre in Europe, incorporating the company's new design philosophy of "fluidic sculpture," the company said in a statement.

Hyundai added the "i-flow" applied a number of eco-friendly technologies to enhance its energy efficiency, as BASE, the world's largest chemical company, worked in partnership to develop the vehicle.

The company said more details will be released at the Geneva auto fair. —Xinhua

## S Korea's POSCO bids for Daewoo International

SEOUL, 25 Feb—South Korea's top steel maker POSCO on Wednesday submitted a letter of intent to buy a controlling stake in Daewoo International Corp, the company said.

POSCO showed interest in the purchase, explaining it would have a synergy effect on its existing business.

"The acquisition of Daewoo International could generate synergy with our business as the local trading company is

involved with most of our products, while its energy development business will help us procure raw materials," Lee Sang-chun, a spokesman for POSCO, was quoted as saying by South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

Already submitting a bid for Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering, the steelmaker is advancing further into the nation's

M&A market, seeking a more concrete status among its peer conglomerates, local media here said.

According to a media report, POSCO's acquisition of Daewoo International and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering, if realized, will put the nation's No. 5 conglomerate into a more advantageous position. —Xinhua

## Honda's sporty CR-Z hybrid going on sale in Japan

TOKYO, 25 Feb—Honda says its affordable, sporty hybrid CR-Z will go on sale on Friday in Japan, hoping the car will appeal to the younger set or empty-nesters who want a "green" car with a bit of pizzazz.

Japan's No 2 automaker says the two-door hatchback will go on sale in the US and Europe by midyear.

Honda Motor Co said on Thursday the Japanese price would be 2.268 million yen (\$25,300) for the

basic model and 2.498 million yen (\$27,900) for the top-end model. Prices elsewhere haven't been decided yet.

The company says the CR-Z gets 25 kilometres per litre (58.8 miles per gallon). Honda's Insight sedan has intensified competition in the hybrid car market, which had been largely dominated by Toyota's Prius.

Internet



Honda Motor Co CEO Takanobu Ito bows as he takes part in a photo session with Honda's new model CR-Z, unveiled in Tokyo, on 25 Feb, 2010. —INTERNET

## G20 tourism ministers' meeting to be held in South Korea

SEOUL, 25 Feb—South Korea has been selected as the host country for the "T-20" forum, a meeting of tourism ministers from the G20 member countries, the Culture Ministry said on Thursday.

The second T-20 forum will take place before November's G20 summit in Seoul, as South Korea was picked as the host at the inaugural meeting of the tourism conference in South Africa that was held from on Monday through

on Wednesday, according to the ministry.

However, details on the exact dates and venue of the forum will be announced at a later date, it said.

The ministry added the hosting of the conference would lead to attracting more groups of Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (the MICE group) to hold events in South Korea, as the country is also slated to have a meeting of the United Nations World

Tourism Organization (UNWTO) next year.

The launch of the T-20 forum was first announced at the meeting of the UNWTO last year to emphasize the importance of tourism's role in boosting global economic growth.

The UNWTO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that serves as a global forum for tourism policy issues with more than 390 members from 161 countries and territories.—Xinhua



A policeman disposes the suspected bomb in Vila Mariana, south of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 24 Feb, 2010. No further information about the veracity of the artifact is available by Press time.—XINHUA

**People visit the "Shanghai" art exhibition in San Francisco, the United States, on 23 Feb, 2010. The exhibition opened from 12 Feb to 5 Sept displaying over 130 pieces of artwork reflecting the development of Shanghai since 1842.—XINHUA**

## Tongan cyclone damage worse than first assessed

WELLINGTON, 25 Feb—The number of houses known to have been destroyed or damaged by Cyclone Rene in Tonga last week continued to rise.

Tonga's disaster management office said on Thursday that after assessments on the outer islands of Vava'u, 95 homes were found to be destroyed and 370 damaged by the cyclone, Radio New Zealand International reported.

That was in addition to more than 250 houses destroyed or damaged on the islands of Tongatapu and Eua and in the Ha'apai group.

The office's deputy director, Maliu Takai, said they will need more tents and tarpaulins, as there were not enough in Tonga.—Xinhua

## Two Philippine Air Force personnel die as plane crashes in training flight

MANILA, 25 Feb—Two Philippine Air Force (PAF) personnel died on Wednesday after the aircraft used for flight training crashed, a military spokesman said.

Lt Col Romeo Brawner Jr, spokesman of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said the OV-10 bomber crashed around 2:55 pm in Crow Valley, Tarlac, northern Philippines, the local online media site *Inquirer.net* reported.

Brawner said they will still investigate on what caused the crash.

Maj Gen Lino Horacio Lapinid, commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Division, said the plane came from Clark Field in Pampanga. He said the aircraft was one of the Philippine military aircraft participating in the ongoing Teak Piston, a joint military exercise with the US that started early this month.

Xinhua

## Russia to spend over \$1 bln building nuclear power plant

MOSCOW, 25 Feb—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday that the government would spend 53 billion roubles (1.76 billion US dollars) on construction of new nuclear power plants, Russian news agencies reported.

"I have signed a resolution today to allocate 53 billion roubles for the construction of nuclear power plants," Putin was quoted as saying at a meeting on energy investment in Siberia.

The Premier criticized Russian electric power companies for ineffectively spending 66 billion roubles (2.2 billion dollars) out of 450 billion roubles (14.9 billion dollars) allocated from state coffers for investment projects in the electric power sector.

Xinhua



## Canadian flight delayed by suspicious man

OTTAWA, 25 Feb—A Canada's WestJet flight bound for Toronto was delayed on Wednesday for more than four hours due to a man who started behaving suspiciously moments before takeoff in Montreal. Authorities at the Montreal Trudeau Airport, quoted by local media, said the man was escorted off the plane by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers at 10:15 am local time. All remaining some 90 passengers were asked to get off the plane and were placed in a closed room to undergo security screening when the police boarded the plane, a 136-seat 737-700 series, with dogs.—Xinhua

## Air China adds more flights from Beijing to Vancouver

VANCOUVER, 25 Feb—Air China said on Wednesday it would add three flights a week from Beijing to Vancouver, boosting the total number of non-stop flights from China to Canada to 10 a week.

The additional flights will start operating in June, the national carrier said.

David Solloway, Air China's senior advisor in Canada, told a Press conference that the additions were made thanks to an annual average load factor of 85 percent on the route. "Our goal is to stimulate both business and leisure travel to open up opportunities for Canadian companies to increase business in China and vice versa," said the advisor.

"If you look at the capital costs, to operate three additional flights a week, you need about 2.1 airplanes. That's 220 million dollars (US) an airplane, and then the operating costs. We will also have to hire more pilots," he added. According to Tourism British Columbia figures, 99,405 Chinese visitors entered Canada via Vancouver in 2008 and the number of Chinese visitors is expected to increase after China added Canada to its approved-destination-of-tourism list in 2009.—Xinhua

## All Items from Xinhua News Agency



People view orchid on an exhibition held in Canglangting in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 24 Feb, 2010. A 5-day-long orchid exhibition was held here with over 100 rare orchid of more than 50 varieties on shown.—XINHUA

## Ethiopian Airlines attacks Lebanon crash comments

ADDIS ABABA, 25 Feb— Ethiopian Airlines chief Girma Wake on Wednesday accused Lebanese authorities of making “misleading” comments on the cause of a crash that killed 90 people off Beirut last month.

“I am not happy with the way they are handling it,” Girma told journalists here.

There have been conflicting reports as to whether the passenger jet exploded in the air or after it hit the water.

Lebanon’s transport and information ministers have both repeatedly ruled out sabotage, but the African airliner has refused to reject any factor, including foul play.

“My main concern is not with the investigators as long as they follow International Civil Aviation Organization rules, my concern is with the authorities who come out with guesses every morning,” Girma said.

Internet



**Lebanese civil defence workers recover debris from the Ethiopian airliner that crashed off Lebanon’s coast in the Beirut southern coastal suburb of Khaldeh in January 2010.**—INTERNET

## Qatar, Iran ink defence cooperation agreement

DOHA, 25 Feb—Qatar and Iran signed an agreement on defence cooperation on Wednesday, the official *Qatar News Agency* reported.

The protocol was signed by Qatar Armed Forces Chief of Staff Hamad bin Ali al-Attiyah and visiting Iranian Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi in the Qatari capital, the report said.

Under the agreement, Qatar and Iran will exchange technical delegations, expand bilateral training projects and promote counterterrorism cooperation, according to the report.

The report also said that the two officials discussed means of strengthening bilateral relations.

Vahidi, who arrived in Doha earlier in the day on a two-day visit, said promoting sustainable stability and security in the Persian Gulf is one of Tehran’s top priorities.

Xinhua

## Brazilian President says Castro seems recovered

HAVANA, 25 Feb—Fidel Castro is “exceptionally well” and appears recovered from a health crisis that has kept him out of the public eye for more than 3 1/2 years, Brazil’s President said on Wednesday, according to reports by his country’s news media.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva spent more than an hour discussing “various topics” with his longtime friend, the 83-year-old Castro, who ceded power

to his younger brother Raul — first temporarily, then permanently — after undergoing emergency intestinal surgery in July 2006.

The meeting was closed to international news media based in Havana, but information about it was carried in Cuban state media and by Brazil’s private *Agencia Estado* news agency.

Fidel Castro has not been seen in public since falling seriously ill, and

his exact ailment has remained a state secret, though he has appeared healthier in photos released periodically by Cuba’s government.

Photographs of Wednesday’s meeting released by Brazil’s presidency show a beaming Castro wearing blue-and-white exercise clothing, one of a series of tracksuits that have become his trademark uniform since he has been holed up in an undisclosed location.—Internet

## Gunmen kill 13 people in southern Mexican town

OAXACA, 25 Feb—The US government warned its citizens on Wednesday against travelling to a northern Mexico border state where shootouts killed 19 people the previous three days. The alert came a day after assailants stormed a rural town in southern Mexico and killed 13 people. President Felipe Calderon addressed the upsurge in violence, using a rare news conference with local news media to hotly deny accusations that his government is favoring one drug cartel over another.

Calderon called the accusations “incredible ... false and ill-intentioned, and I don’t know what motives lie behind them.” In Nuevo Laredo, across the border from Laredo, Texas, reports of violence and impending violence have grown so bad that the US Consulate in Monterrey warned American citizens on Wednesday to avoid travelling there.—Internet

## SeaWorld whale kills trainer in Orlando

A killer whale attacked and killed an experienced trainer at a SeaWorld show on Wednesday in Orlando, US.

The victim Dawn Brancheau, 40, was one of the veteran trainers of the park, SeaWorld spokesman Fred Jacobs said.

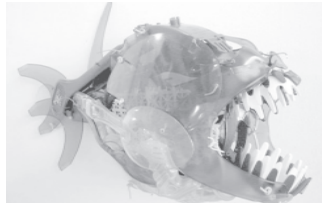
Jacobs also confirmed that the killer whale, called Tilikikum, was involved in two other previous deadly whale attacks in 1991 and 1999.

The show was just starting when the whale “took off really fast in the tank, and then he came back, shot up in the air, grabbed the trainer by the waist and started thrashing around, and one of her shoes flew off,” an audience member Victoria Biniak told WKMG-TV.



**Killer whale.**

## NEWS ALBUM



**Artist Sayaka Ganz has made good use of plastic scrap to construct lots of lively animal sculptures. The largest creatures take nine months to make and sell for over 12,000 US dollars.**

## New sauropod dinosaur find reported

US scientists say they’ve found the remains of a new herbivorous sauropod dinosaur that may help explain the evolution of Earth’s largest land animals.

The fossils were discovered near the Carnegie Quarry in Dinosaur National Monument, along the border between Colorado and Utah.

University of Michigan Assistant Professor Jeffrey Wilson and graduate student John Whitlock said the discovery represents a rare look at a sauropod skull. “At first glance, sauropods don’t seem to have done much to adapt to a life of eating plants,” said Wilson, who is also an assistant curator at the university’s Museum of Paleontology.

But together with paleontologists Brooks Britt of Brigham Young University and Dan Chure from Dinosaur National Monument, Wilson and Whitlock compared the skulls and teeth of the new dinosaur to those of other sauropods and

discovered one repeated trend throughout sauropod evolution — the development of narrow, pencil-like teeth from broad-bladed teeth.

“We know narrow-crowned teeth appear at least twice throughout sauropod history, and both times it appears to correspond to a rise in the number of species,” Whitlock said. “This new animal is intermediate in terms of its tooth shape and helps us understand how and when one of these transitions occurred.”

## Chicken lays 4.5-ounce egg

The British owners of a young chicken said the hen’s fourth-ever egg weighs in at more than six times the average weight.

Mark Cornish, 36, of Ipswich, England, and partner Denise Bartram, 42, said Matilda the hen, one of four kept by the couple in their garden, laid a monster egg weighing 4.2 ounces and



**The photo shows an Indian boy with three arms and four legs. They are actually strange conjoined twins according to doctors.**

measuring more than 8 inches in circumference, *The Daily Mail* reported on Wednesday. Cornish said hens typically lay eggs weighing about 0.7 ounces and measuring 5.5 inches in circumference. “It’s only the fourth egg Matilda’s ever laid and her first in two weeks. She must have been saving up for it,” Cornish said.

# Sand Pagoda Festival of Tabaung

Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

The twelfth and the last month of Myanmar lunar calendar year is Tabaung which usually falls in March but this year it comes towards the end of February. Tabaung is a transition month between Myanmar winter and summer, as such its first half—from the first to the 15<sup>th</sup> is still cold and its second half—from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> becomes warm. Similarly Tabaung shows its transitional character in its days and nights. In daytime it is warm and at night time it is still chilly. Hence Myanmar old saying goes, “Days are warm and nights are chilly, Tabaung is the month so unruly” (aeUylvdKUncsr;? waygif;vo&rf;). Astrologically named “Mina” (Pices) Tabaung’s zodiacal sign is two fish. “Ou tara phala guni”, the asterism of two stars in Leo resembling the hind leg of a couch shines astride the moon at night. Tabaung ushers in springtime and all flora burst forth buds and blooms of all hues. But Tharaphee (*Orchaocapus Siamensis*) and Pon Nyet (*Callophyllum mophyllum*) are the designated flowers of Tabaung. They adorn and waft the countryside with their blooms and fragrance.

Two meanings of Tabaung are, firstly it is the month for yearning as longing as reminiscence. The month is so beautiful and so pleasant that one recalls one’s sweet or fond memories, or one longs or yearns for one’s loved ones, secondly it is the month during which jaggery (palm sugar) is made from toddy juice. Myanmar poets and writers metaphor Tabaung “The Queen of all months” because it is in Tabaung that natural landscape bursts forth all its beauties and splendours—sky and clouds change their hues and designs, woodlands put on riots of colours foliage bears a variety of greens, brooks carry away fallen leaves of copper and old gold, lakes turn emerald green or sapphire blue, cuckoos sign to herald summer, doves coo non-stopped to prepare for their mating game. Sparrows renovate their nests in anticipation of up-coming monsoon, swarms of wasps and bees buzz around wild flowers, while butterflies flutter away with the nectar they have gathered early. As the sun declines, dark blue mountains appear behind the veil of haze. There is the smell of farm fire burning somewhere. At dusk sweet fragrance of seasonal flora is wafted by the gentle breeze. Nature’s nocturnal life begins as the waxing Tabaung moon gradually climbs above the tree-tops. Cacophony of cicada insects creates an eerie atmosphere. It is as though their incessant sounds accompany the dainty movements of the ripples in the lakes. The entire night scene is caressed by the silvery moonbeams. This is poetic Tabaung.

It was about poetic Tabaung that Arahata Kaludayi composed and recited sixty stanzas of Pali gatha to cause Lord Gotama Buddha’s long journey through the glades of the Himalayan forests to Kapilavasthu which was his royal father’s kingdom. Tabaung is the favourite theme of Myanmar nature writers of past and present. The epic poem “Tawla” of

Inwa period of Myanmar history was as unsurpassing literary piece that described the beauty of Tabaung. In “Twelve seasons” poems of an acolyte writer U Min of Late Konbaung Period, Tabaung was painted in words. Major C.M Enrique (pen named Theophilus), Recruiting Officer 70<sup>th</sup> Kachin Rifles, Myanmar appreciated it so much that he rendered it into English verse as follows:-

“This is the time when climbing high,  
Orion glitters in the sky,  
And shining with the moon at night  
Mingles with her’s his yellow light.  
The sweet scent of the Tharaphee  
And the faint smell of the Padauk tree  
Is wafted from the misty trees  
Upon a gentle southing breeze.  
About the sand bank of the stream  
The white arms of a river gleam  
I hear the clamorous return  
Of wild duck and of silver Tern”

Tabaung’s traditional festival is Sand Pagoda festival. Earliest historical evidence so far traceable about this festival is found in the literature of Inwa Period Shin Maha Thilawuntha, one of four noted monk poets of the period, describes Tabaung and Sand Pagoda festival in one of his many poems named “Buddha Pati” as follows:-

“Catfish, carps and all their members  
Frolic in the river  
Seagulls and sheldrakes make lovely call  
Aquatic birds braminy ducks, hamsa and river tern,  
Gleefully greet each other in ecstasy.  
On the silvery sand bank is celebrated  
The Festival of Sand Pagoda.”

As all pagoda festivals in Myanmar are associated with Buddhism and since Buddhism was well established in Myanmar long before Inwa Period, it is possible that Sand Pagoda festival originated in the time much earlier than Inwa period. One historic fact to support the existence of Sand Pagoda in Bagan Period was the renowned Shwesigon Pagoda of Bagan. King Anawrahta (1044-1077 AD) built that pagoda on the sand bank of the Ayeyarwaddy River. Its original name was “Shwe Thi Khon” meaning gilt pagoda on the sand bank.

Buddha Sasanika Kyan says that the building and worship of sand pagoda was a cultural tradition of Buddhist religion dating far back to aeons of time. History of the first building of Sand Pagoda is mentioned in Apadan Pali, Pulinupadaka Mahathera Apadan as follows:

“In the time of hundred thousand Kabas (Cosmic Aeon) ago, there lived a hermit named Devala in a hermitage in the Himalayan Forests. The hermitage was created by the devas. He had many pupils and disciples. One day he came out from his hermitage and made a sand pagoda which he decorated with flowers and reverently worshipped it as representation of Lord

Buddha. He received peace of mind and spiritual bliss. His pupils and disciples asked the hermit why he built and worshipped the Sand Pagoda. Quoting ancient literature of Vedas, the hermit replied that Lord Buddha was attended on by many pupils and disciples and that he was the Exalted Sage to revere. I built this Sand Pagoda dedicated to the Lord Buddha and worshipped it as his representation. The hermit further explained the peculiar marks, extraordinary traits, glories and infinite qualities, moral character and Sila of the Lord Buddha. On hearing the hermit’s explanation the pupils and disciples became inspired to pay homage to the Lord Buddha. So they also made sand pagodas to worship.”

In the hagiography of Pulinahtupiya Mahathera, it was mentioned that the hermit Narda who was the future Pulinahtupiya Mahathera made sand pagoda to worship all previously extinct Buddha who had entered Parinivarna. Grains of sand in the sacred Ganges River are countless. So also Buddhas who had revealed and who are to reveal in future are as countless as the number of grains of sand in the Ganges River. So the hermit Narda decorated the sand pagoda he made with three thousand small bells and worshipped it day and night.

In Tabaung, water in river, streams and lakes diminishes and sand bars appear in them. Myanmar cultivators grow seasonal crops on these fertile sand bars, such as maize, corn, peanut, peas, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, tobacco, and a variety of fruits, flowers and vegetables. After their farm products are sold out, the cultivators have cash and enough rest time until next rain comes. With money and leisure they turn to religious and social activities. Myanmar kings made sand pagoda festival the monthly festival of Tabaung.

Sand pagodas are made of graduated five tiers tapering to the top. Each tier of white sand is flanked by bamboo matting and posts. The five tiers represent five layers of Mt. Meru, the legendary Mountain in Buddhist cosmology. After all five tiers are filled with clean and pure white sand, taking the shape of a pagoda, paper streamers, prayer flags, festoons and flowers artistically decorate the sand pagoda with a paper and bamboo hti (canopy) on its top. Worshippers come in procession bringing all kinds of offertories—flowers, fruits, rice alms, candle, cakes, water, juice, etc, accompanied by folk musicians and dancers behind. They circumambulate the Sand Pagoda three times and finally pay homage to it. Sayadaw head monk who leads the invited monks presides the consecration ceremony and explains the meaning and religious significance of Sand Pagoda festival. He gives five moral precepts (Pancha Sila) to the gathering to observe daily. Libation of lustral water is performed to share out the religious merits with all sentient beings. What follows after these solemn ceremonies, is a free for all to rejoice and enjoy eating, dancing and playing folk music and singing folk songs.

Sand Pagodas last till the next raining season. But some sand pagodas are encased by brick and cement to last long. So in some water front towns and villages we find small sand pagodas of permanent nature. Those built on sand bars are washed away when water rises. Now-a-days sand pagoda festival is no longer held on national scale. Only few towns and villages along rivers hold it annually as their local event.

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## Memorandum of Agreement on implementation of Upper Thanlwin (Kunlong) Hydropower Project inked

**Minister for Electric Power No. 1**

**Col Zaw Min and those present at the signing ceremony for implementation of Upper Thanlwin (Kunlong) Hydropower Project pose for documentary photo.**

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**Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min cordially greets those who attend the signing ceremony of Memorandum of Agreement for implementation of Upper Thanlwin (Kunlong) Hydropower Project.—MNA**

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Director-General U Kyee Soe of Department of Hydropower Planning and Board Chairman & CEO of Hanergy Holding Group Limited (Hanergy) Mr. Li Hejun signed the agreement and exchanged notes. MNA

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## YCDC brings vision to eye patients

**YANGON, 25 Feb —** As part of drive for uplift of health standard of the entire nation, City clinic is being kept open by Yangon City Development Committee

for the people to receive free health care services at the corner of Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road and Insein Road in Mayangon Township here.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin

encouraged patients with eye complaints who were given eye surgeries by an eye specialist team led by Dr Daw Nilar Thein at the clinic this morning.

Apart from giving eye care, the clinic provides free dental care and other health care services to every one daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Mayor also inspected upgrading of roads in Dawbon and Thakayta Townships.

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## Industry-2 highlights enhancement of heavy industries

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Industry-2, held a discussion with Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Aloke Sen at his office this afternoon.

Their discussions emphasized further strengthening of bilateral relations between Myanmar and India and enhancement of heavy industries.

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## A doctor in every home

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—The last work of the late Maung Hsu Shin comes out today to teach people how to pursue a healthy and happy life. It's all about exercises you can do to keep yourself fit

and enjoy longevity.

The late writer translated a very popular book "Stretching" by Bob

Anderson, which has been translated into 19 languages and up to now over three million copies have been sold. It's a book to be read and kept in houses, gyms and fitness centres.

Another book is "The Doctors Book of Home Remedies" which will be like a physician in your own home, giving you knowledge about the ways to prevent and cure common diseases every one is familiar with.

Translated by the same author in two volumes, it is a Sayawun Tin Shwe award winner ever household should keep to get health advice round the clock.

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**Cover of the translated works of the late writer Maung Hsu Shin.—MNA**



## Objectives of 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

## D-G's tour provides focus for educational guidance

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — On his inspection tour of Pauk, Saw, Mindat, Matupi, Kanpetlet and Myingyan Townships of Magway Division, Chin State and Mandalay Division from 21 to 24 February, Director-General U Aye Lwin of No (2) Basic Education Department met township education officers, headmasters and headmistresses and teachers at the respective schools separately.

The director-general urged them to follow the educational guidance of the Head of State, to work hard for promotion of school pass rate, to discharge their duties at the regions where they were assigned as if they are in their own regions and to focus on procedures for successful organizing of matriculation examinations.—MNA

## Garden of a great gardener

(from page 16)

Now, the project of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), which will make the town easily accessible to all parts of the nation, is reflecting the goodwill of the government. It made the history that the combination of goodwill of the Head of State and hardworking of the citizens has narrowed the development gap in either eastern or western

part of Ayeyawady.

The construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) is being implemented separately on eastern and western banks of the Ayeyawady. Construction group No (1) is on the eastern bank, Letpanchepaw, and group No (2) on the western bank. I found that brains and hands were harmoniously working together at the

work sites. Office staff were busy with the computers working hard under supervision of senior officers at the office. Telephone bells, voices and mechanical sounds were floating around the construction site. Workers at the site were found busy under proper safety measures.

Staff of Special Project Construction (3) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction, implementing the bridge construction



Construction being carried out by heavy machinery.



Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) construction on Pakokku bank.

project, were proud to make a breakthrough in developing the nation.

The bridge is a rail-cum-road facility on Pakokku-Myitthaint-Letpanchepaw-Thitthaut-NyaungU railroad section which will be linked with Magway-Taungdwingyi railroad section in the eastern part of Ayeyawady and to Kyangin-Pakokku railroad section on the west bank of the river.

The bridge will make Pakokku accessible

to Bhamo in Kachin State, Kengtung in Shan State, Myeik in Taninthayi Division, Kyauktaw-Sittway region in Rakhine State, Kalay, Moreh and Kyaukseung.

Ayeyawady River is a gift of nature to Myanmar but also a natural barrier separating areas in the east and west of the nation. Under the farsighted leadership of the Head of State, the government is striving to strengthen friendship of the na-

tional brethren by bridging over Ayeyawady with the hands of Myanmar national engineers.

It is noteworthy that Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) will become a grand bridge on Thailand-Myanmar-India ASEAN BIMSTEC Road. The construction site is seen as a bud to be blossomed as a silver flower in the garden of great gardener.

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## S African Tourism Minister probes World Cup prices

JOHANNESBURG, 25 Feb—South Africa's Tourism Ministry has ordered an investigation into allegations World Cup hotel prices are unreasonably high, the second official probe into possible price gouging linked to the first African edition of soccer's most prestigious tournament.

The allegations have worried hotel operators and others in South Africa's tourism business, who called a news confer-

ence on Tuesday to deny them a day after Tourism Minister Marthinus Van Schalkwyk announced an official investigation.

Members of the Tourism Business Council of South Africa, an industry group, said they were sure an independent investigation would prove most of them aren't gouging.

Business leaders have urged South Africans not to take advantage of World Cup visitors, saying gouging will keep

tourists from returning.

Jabu Mabuza, chairman of the board of South Africa's state-owned tourism development company and chief executive of a national hotel and casino chain, said South Africa has sophisticated hotels, restaurants and attractions that rival those anywhere in the world. He said the strategy has been not to market the country as cheap, but as a place where a traveller can get value for money.—Internet



In this 23 March, 2003 file photo, South African Airways airliners are seen flying over Wanderers stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, during the final match of the 2003 Cricket World Cup.—INTERNET

The Hyundai Sonata is displayed at the LA Auto Show in Los Angeles on 2 Dec, 2009.

INTERNET



## Hyundai halts US sales of 2011 Sonata; shares drop

SEOUL, 25 Feb—South Korea's Hyundai Motor has stopped US sales of its 2011 Sonata sedan due to door lock issues, sending its shares down more than 4 percent on concerns it could become snared in a damaging recall crisis like Japanese rival Toyota Motor Corp. Hyundai notified dealers

late on Monday of potential faults in the front-door latches of the new model that could affect 5,000 vehicles, and the stop-sale order was put into effect at US dealers on Tuesday, a spokesman said.

But analysts drew a line between Toyota's recall woes and Hyundai's decision to suspend sales of the

revamped Sonata, contrasting their handling of the problems.

"We were startled by news that the new Sonata, which people have pinned high hopes on, also had flaws," said Lee Seong-jae, a Kimwoo Securities analyst in Seoul.

"But investor reaction is emotional. Hyundai has already found the defect and has started to ship replacement parts, unlike Toyota which appears to have been unclear about the causes of its defects since late last year."

Toyota has recalled more than 8.5 million vehicles globally in recent months for problems including sticky accelerators, loose floor mats and a braking glitch across its model range. The mass recall had prompted analysts to say consumers may shift from Toyota cars to more affordable Hyundai models.

Internet

## Marina Bay Sands in Singapore to open in April

SINGAPORE, 25 Feb—The 5.5-billion-US-dollar Marina Bay Sands, Singapore's second casino, will open its doors to the public on 27 April this year.

The integrated resort plans to open its 963 hotel rooms, part of the shopping mall and convention centre, as well as dining outlets and casino on 27 April, a statement by Las Vegas Sands said on Wednesday.

The second phase will open on 23 June, as part of the grand opening, and this will include the opening of the SkyPark and Event Plaza.

The Marina Bay Sands museum is expected to open by December. On 14 Feb, the 4.6-billion-US-dollar Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore's first casino, was opened as the city state has been doing its best to woo more foreign tourists in the coming years.—Xinhua

## HK's visitor arrivals rise to 30 mln in 2009

HONG KONG, 25 Feb—Hong Kong's total visitor arrivals in 2009 rose slightly to nearly 30 million, exceeding the total for 2008, despite negative effects brought by the financial tsunami and the A/H1N1 influenza.

A further increase in the number of visitors was expected as the economy recovered, said Financial Secretary John Tsang on Wednesday in his Budget Speech, and Hong Kong will develop new travel themes and products to attract visitors.

"More than 25 million HK dollars of funds in sponsorship of six arts, cultural and sports events held in Hong Kong has been approved so far under the Mega Events Fund unveiled last year. The re-

sults of the second round applications will be announced shortly," he said.

The building of new tourist attractions as well as the addition of new features to existing ones will also draw more attention. The first berth of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal will come into operation in mid-2013. Hong Kong Disneyland also embarked on an expansion plan to add three new themed areas over the next few years, according to the secretary.

Starting last April, Shenzhen permanent residents were able to apply for an individual visit endorsement that allowed them to make multiple visits to Hong Kong in one year. The response was encouraging, John Tsang said.—Xinhua

## Key consumer group urges car safety reform

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb—Consumers Union, the nonprofit publisher of Consumer Reports, issued a call on Tuesday for urgent changes to strengthen US auto safety regulation in the wake of a massive recall by Toyota Motor Corp.

Consumers Union said that the US safety regulatory system should be reformed to become more transparent and that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration should have more funding and the ability to impose tougher sanctions. The influential consumer advocacy group also urged a number of safety mandates it said should be imposed on all automakers to address the risk of unintended acceleration of the kind now

under investigation for Toyota.

US safety regulators should require that all cars have brake override systems, simple controls that turn off the engine in an emergency, clear and simple labels on transmission shifters and a minimum clearance between floor panels and accelerator pedals, Consumers Union said.

Toyota has faced criticism on all of those points in the run-up to a sweeping recall for accelerator-related problems that totals over 8 million vehicles globally.

NHTSA says five deaths have been linked to the risk of loose floor mats trapping accelerator pedals in Toyota vehicles. Another 29 fatality reports are under investigation.—Internet



Mechanics repair cars at a Toyota service centre in Warsaw, on 10 Feb, 2010. INTERNET



Passengers are seen outside Haneda International Airport in Tokyo on 20 January, 2010. Haneda airport suffered delays on Thursday after fog forced nearly 100 flights to be cancelled or re-routed, but the city's Narita International Airport was not affected, officials said.—INTERNET

## US scientists study Haitian earthquake

SEATTLE, 25 Feb — A five-person US team evaluating the magnitude-7 earthquake that struck Haiti on 12 Jan says much of the massive loss of life might have been prevented.

The team, led by University of Washington structural engineering Professor Marc Eberhard, said its main conclusion was that much of the loss of life could have been prevented by using earthquake-resistant designs and construction, as well as improved quality control in concrete and masonry work.

The researchers recommended simple and cost-effective earthquake engineering be emphasized in Haiti's rebuilding effort.

"A lot of the damaged structures will have to be destroyed," Eberhard said.

"It's not just 100 buildings or 1,000 buildings. It's a huge number of buildings, which I can't even estimate. 'Usually when I go to earthquakes I find that the amount of damage is less than what appears on the television,'" Eberhard said. "In this case it was much more."

Internet

## Electronic waste a growing problem

BALI, 25 Feb — Developing countries, particularly India and China, could be faced with mountains of waste from electronic products says a UN report which calls for new recycling technologies and regulations to safeguard both public health and the environment.

The study — "Recycling — from E-Waste to Resources" — launched on Monday at a Bali, Indonesia, meeting of hazardous wastes experts, predicts that by 2020 e-waste from old computers in China will have jumped by 400 percent from 2007 levels and by 500 percent in India. By that same year in India, e-waste from discarded mobile phones will be about 18 times higher than 2007 levels. In China it will be seven times higher. Globally, e-waste is growing by 40 million tons a year, the report said.

China produces about 2.3 million tons of e-waste domestically each year,

second only to the United States with about 3 million tons. Even though China has banned e-waste imports, it remains a major e-waste dumping ground for developed countries.

The report is of considerable significance to the host country of the United Nations-sponsored conference. Indonesian Environment Minister Gusti Muhammad Hatta noted that as a vast island nation, Indonesia was vulnerable to illegal trafficking of hazardous substances and wastes. Hatta estimates that 2,000 locations in the country were potential entry points for such materials.

E-waste is often incinerated by backyard recyclers to recover valuable metals such as gold — practices that release steady plumes of far-reaching toxic pollution and yield very low metal recovery rates compared to state-of-the-art industrial facilities, says the report.

Internet

## Woman has babies after ovary transplant

COPENHAGEN, 25 Feb — A woman in Denmark gave birth to two children following an ovary transplant in what doctors are calling a medical first.

Claus Yding Andersen of the University Hospital of Copenhagen said so far, nine children have been born worldwide as a result of transplanting frozen/thawed ovarian tissue — all in Europe.

Stinne Holm Bergholdt was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma when she was 27 in 2004. Before she began chemotherapy, part of her right ovary was removed and frozen — her left ovary had been removed some years before because of a dermoid cyst, a type of benign ovarian tumor. Her cancer treatment was successful but, as expected, the drugs caused

LOS ANGELES, 25 Feb — There is a genetic link between misery and death — the more misery the more likelihood of death — US researchers suggest.

Steven Cole of the Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology at the University of California, Los Angeles, and colleagues analyzed transcription factor binding sequences in a gene called IL6, a molecule that is

known to cause inflammation in the body and contributes to cardiovascular disease, neurodegeneration and some types of cancer.

"The IL6 gene controls immune responses but can also serve as 'fertilizer' for cardiovascular disease and certain kinds of cancer," Cole said in a statement. "Our studies were able to trace a biochemical pathway through which adverse

life circumstances — fight-or-flight stress responses — can activate the IL6 gene."

The researchers also identified the specific genetic sequence in this gene that serves as a target of that signaling pathway, and discovered a well-known variation in the sequence can block that path and disconnect IL6 responses from the effects of stress, Cole said.—Internet



Computerized picture from European aerospace giant EADS shows a KC-45 refuelling tanker, a militarized version of Airbus' 330. The Pentagon unveiled final terms for a high-stakes competition to build new US aerial refuelling tankers, promising a fair contest for aviation rivals Boeing and Airbus parent EADS.—INTERNET

## Memory in Alzheimer's mouse model revived

SAN ANTONIO, 25 Feb — University of Texas Health Science Centre researchers say they have successfully reversed Alzheimer's-like memory deficits in a mouse model of the disease.

The researchers, led by Assistant Professor Salvatore Oddo, said they used rapamycin — a drug that keeps the immune system from attacking transplanted organs — in rescuing the learning and memory deficits.

Oddo said the study offers the first evidence the drug might be valuable in treating Alzheimer's patients. Oddo said rapamycin also reduced Alzheimer's-like lesions in the brains of the mice.

"Our findings may have a profound clinical implication," Oddo said. "Because rapamycin is a US Food and Drug Administration-approved drug, a clinical trial using it as an anti-Alzheimer's disease therapy could be

started fairly quickly."

Last year three institutions, including the University of Texas' Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies, announced rapamycin extended the lifespan of aged research mice.—Internet

A carnival goer dressed in a costume representing a painting by Gustav Klimt walks past onlookers in San Marco square in Venice.—INTERNET



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### **Iraq to sack 376 security officers for alleged Baath links**

BAGHDAD, 25 Feb—An Iraqi body responsible for purging Saddam Hussein's Baath party members from government jobs on Wednesday issued a list of 376 Iraqi police, army and intelligence officers to be fired over links to the outlawed Baath party.

Ali al-Lami, executive director of the Accountability and Justice Commission, said that the list included 193 officers from the Interior Ministry, including 10 high-ranking police officers.

It also included 58 officers from the Defence Ministry, 10 of whom held senior posts, including Aboud Qanber, former commander of the Baghdad Operations.

Xinhua

**Bank Holiday**

All Banks will be closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Tuesday) 2010, Peasant's Day being Public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.  
Central Bank of Myanmar

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## **10 billionth song downloaded from Apple's iTunes**



Apple's iTunes website is reflected on an iPod music reader. The 10 billionth song has been downloaded from Apple's iTunes, seven years after the launch of the online store which provided a lifeline to the struggling music industry.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb—The 10 billionth song has been downloaded from Apple's iTunes, seven years after the launch of the online store which provided a lifeline to the struggling music industry. "10 billion songs

downloaded from iTunes. And counting," read an online counter at the Apple website. The California company behind the iPod, iPhone and Macintosh computer had promised a 10,000-dollar iTunes gift card to the person who

downloaded the 10-billionth song. To mark the landmark download, Apple provided a list of the all-time top songs on iTunes.

"I Gotta Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas took the top slot followed by Lady Gaga's "Poker Face" and "Boom Boom Pow," also by the Black Eyed Peas.

The iTunes Music Store was launched in 2003 at a time when the music industry was struggling with digital piracy and plummeting album sales. Initially offering songs for 99 cents, iTunes has expanded over the years and now offers television shows, movies, podcasts and other content.—Internet

## **Belgrade International Tourism Fair opens**

BELGRADE, 25 Feb—Serbian Minister of Economy Mladen Dinkic opened the 32nd International Tourism Fair in Belgrade on Wednesday, calling particular attention to tourist organization from countries exhibiting for the first time: Spain, US, Brazil and Peru.

The largest annual tourism event in Serbia was this year extended to five days, from 24 to 28 February.

Along with the economic benefits of tourism, Dinkic characterized tourism as a way to broaden friendship among nations and learn about other countries.

Immediately prior to the opening of the fair, Dinkic presented six domestic tour operators with accreditations for organizing groups from China to visit Serbia.

The International Tourism Fair with 850 exhibitors from 41 countries will highlight Serbian rural tourism to both local and foreign tour operators and visitors.

The fair will also promote two tourist attractions of regional significance: Danube River tourism and "Wine Routes of the former Yugoslavia."

Slovenia, described by organizers as the "sunny side of the Alps" is this year's country partner of the fair.

Xinhua

## **Debut of promising fuel-cell tech light on details**

SAN JOSE, 25 Feb—A richly funded clean-energy startup is keeping critical parts of its business plan secret as it launches its first product amid fanfare.

The Silicon Valley company, Bloom Energy, didn't offer many new details on Wednesday about how it plans to make its promising fuel-cell technology affordable enough for regular people to buy for their homes.

That's an important question because the company's product — a box of fuel cells that looks like a giant filing cabinet — currently costs \$700,000. Corporations are the first customers, but Bloom Energy wants to cut the price to a few thousand dollars and put it in homes.

All CEO KR Sridhar would say was that the price cut could take a decade or more as the technology improves, much as computer chips have steadily gotten more powerful and cheaper over the decades.

"We're very confident we can make the economics work," Sridhar said.

With around \$400 million in venture funding, Bloom Energy is one of Silicon Valley's most closely watched startups. Since its founding in 2001, it has been remarkably secretive about its technology.—Internet

## Study shows what leads to a science career

EAST LANSING, 25 Feb — Michigan State University researchers say they've found parental influence and access to math courses are likely to guide students into science careers.

Professor Jon Miller, who led the study, said the education of more people in the fields of science,

technology, engineering mathematics and medicine is crucial for the nation.

"Failure to build and maintain a competitive scientific workforce in the decades ahead," Miller said, "will inevitably lead to a decline in the American standard of living."

Miller used data from the Longitudinal Study of

American Youth, which kept track of nearly 6,000 students from middle school through college, attempting to determine what led them to or away from science-based careers.

Miller said the research showed the path to a science career begins at home, and that is especially true in families in which children were strongly encouraged to go to college.—Internet

## FDA concerned about HIV drug combination

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — The US Food and Drug Administration says preliminary study data suggest Invirase used with Norvir in HIV therapy might have adverse effects on the heart.

The FDA said when used together, Invirase (saquinavir) and Norvir (ritonavir) might cause a reaction in the heart that can lead to an abnormal heart rhythm, which, in turn, can progress to a life-threatening irregular heart beat known as ventricular fibrillation.

Invirase, an antiretroviral medication first approved in 1995, is used in combination with Norvir and other antiretroviral medicines to treat the human immunodeficiency virus in adults, officials said.

Invirase is marketed by Genentech, a subsidiary of the Roche Group. Norvir is marketed by Abbott Laboratories.—Internet

## SMOS images better, earlier than expected

PARIS, 25 Feb — The European Space Agency says it is halfway through calibrating images being transmitted by its Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity satellite.

Launched on 2 Nov, the satellite is designed to improve our understanding of Earth's water cycle by making global observations of soil moisture over land and salinity over oceans.

The satellite captures images that can produce information on soil moisture and ocean salinity, the space agency said. The images of what's called "brightness temperature" are a measure of the radiation emitted from Earth's surface.—Internet



In this photo taken on 22 Feb, 2010, people shop at the Sears retail store in Burbank, Calif. Rising job worries sent the Consumer Confidence Index to its lowest point in 10 months, raising concerns about the economic recovery.

INTERNET



A man waits for a train to pass by near a sugar mill in the village of Sitiecito, Villa Clara Province, central Cuba, some 360 km (224 miles) from Havana, on 23 February, 2010.—INTERNET

## When life is a grind, teeth suffer

CHICAGO, 25 Feb — A US survey indicates 65 percent of dentists report an increase in patients' jaw clenching and teeth grinding.

The Chicago Dental Society survey in 2009 found nearly 75 percent of dentists reported their patients say the level of stress has increased in their lives.

Experts at the Dental Society say patients may sometimes take their stress out on their mouths. People with serious grinding and clenching—bruxism—need to talk to their dentist about wearing a mouth guard at night.

Severe bruxism can cause headaches or sleep problems and can lead to muscle inflammation, broken teeth or damaged dental work. Other steps

these dentists recommend to ease tooth grinding include:

— Relieving stress and anxiety through exercising and using relaxation techniques such as meditation. Deep breathing before bedtime can be a big help.

— Avoiding caffeine, especially in the hours before going to bed.

— Increasing water consumption.

— Those with headaches or muscle soreness should avoid foods that require vigorous chewing and take an anti-inflammatory like Advil or Aleve shortly before bedtime. Massaging the muscles along the jaw line may help relieve soreness.—Internet

## Robotic kidney surgery has good outcomes

WINSTON-SALEM, 25 Feb — A Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Centre study shows robot-assisted kidney surgery is faster and has better outcomes.

Dr Ashok Hemal, a urologic surgeon, compared laparoscopic and robot-assisted surgery for repairing blockages that prevent urine from draining normally into the bladder. The researchers followed the patients for 18 months and determined both options were equally successful, but the robot-assisted technique had several advantages.—Internet

## More images of Enceladus are released

PASADENA, 25 Feb — NASA says it has released new images of Saturn's icy moon Enceladus that were taken by the Cassini spacecraft in November.

Space agency scientists said those images reveal a forest of new jets spraying from prominent fractures crossing Enceladus' south polar region, yielding the most detailed temperature map to date of one fracture.

NASA said the images from the imaging science subsystem and the composite infrared spectrometer teams also include the best 3D image ever obtained of a "tiger stripe"—a fissure that sprays icy particles, water vapour and organic compounds. There are also views of regions not well-mapped previously on Enceladus, including a southern area with crudely circular tectonic patterns.

"Enceladus continues to astound," said Bob Pappalardo, Cassini project scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "With each Cassini flyby, we learn more about its extreme activity and what makes this strange moon tick."—Internet

## SPORTS

**Mourinho takes first blood over Ancelotti in Champions League**

MILAN, 25 Feb—Jose Mourinho got one over his former employers as Inter Milan beat Chelsea 2-1 in the Champions League last 16, first leg clash at the San Siro here on Wednesday.

It's a slender advantage but a crucial one for Inter ahead of the second leg at Stamford Bridge on March 16th and also represented a milestone as it was the first victory for the Italians against an English team since 2003 and a 3-0 win over Arsenal in London.—*Internet*



**Inter Milan's Esteban Cambiasso celebrates scoring against Chelsea during their UEFA Champions League second round, first leg match at the San Siro football stadium in Milan.**

INTERNET

**Gonzalez wonder goal earns CSKA draw against Sevilla**

Moscow, 25 Feb—CSKA Moscow came from behind to draw 1-1 with Spanish side Sevilla in their Champions League last-16 clash here on Wednesday, leaving the return leg in two weeks time delicately poised.

CSKA bore little resemblance to a team that had not played a competitive match since December, producing some electric counter-attacking play down the flanks.

Chilean winger Mark Gonzalez produced a spectacular equalizer on 65 minutes with a 35-yard strike that is likely to be a



**Alvaro Negredo (L) of Sevilla fights for the ball with goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev of CSKA in Moscow during their last 16 round UEFA Champions League game. The match ended on a 1-1 draw.**

INTERNET

contender for goal of the season, swerving past a helpless Andres Palop.

Internet

**Carew double keeps Villa on Cup twin track**

BIRMINGHAM, 25 Feb—Two late penalties from John Carew sealed a 3-1 win over Crystal Palace as Aston Villa kept their quest for a Cup double alive on Wednesday.

An FA Cup fifth-round replay between the two clubs appeared destined for extra-time after Darren Ambrose had cancelled out Gabby Agbonlahor's first-half opener for Villa with a 73-minute spot-kick. But Villa, who face Manchester United in the League Cup final at Wembley on Sunday, eased into a quarter-final date with



**Crystal Palace's Johannes Ertl (L) challenges Aston Villa's Norwegian forward John Carew during their English FA Cup fifth round replay football match at Villa Park in Birmingham.**

Reading or West Brom after Carew was twice brought down by Matt Lawrence in the final nine minutes.—*Internet*

**Ochoa shoots 68 for share of HSBC Champions lead**

SINGAPORE, 25 Feb—Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa birdied two of the final three holes for a 4-under 68 and a share of the first-round lead on Thursday in the HSBC Champions.

Cristie Kerr, Angela Stanford and Hee Young Park also shot 68s. Kerr birdied five of the last six holes on Tanah Merah's Garden Course, Stanford had a bogey-free round, and Park overcame three bogeys with seven birdies.

Ochoa won the 2008 tournament by 11 strokes, finishing at 20-under 268.

Ai Miyazato, the winner on Sunday in the season-opening LPGA Thailand, was a stroke back along with Sophie Gustafson, Christina Kim and Song-Hee Kim.

Defending champion Jiyai Shin opened with a 71, and Michelle Wie had a 72.

Internet



**Lorena Ochoa of Mexico listens during a press conference, on 24 Feb, 2010 in Singapore a day before the first round of the HSBC Women's Champions golf tournament.**

INTERNET

**Murray, Davydenko, Tsonga join Dubai cull**

DUBAI, 25 Feb—The cull of leading players at the Dubai Open continued in spectacular fashion as Australian Open finalist Andy Murray, Nikolay Davydenko, and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga all fell in the second round on Wednesday.

With Roger Federer having announced his withdrawal on Sunday, and Gilles Simon being beaten in the first round, it means that only three of the eight seeds have made it through to the quarter-finals of the two million dollar ATP event.

Internet



**Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates a point during his ATP Dubai Tennis Championships second round match against compatriot Viktor Troicki in the Gulf Emirate.**

INTERNET

**World Cup-bound United States beat El Salvador 2-1**

TAMPA, 25 Feb—The United States, lacking its Europe-based best, rallied to beat El Salvador 2-1 in a friendly soccer match with goals from Brian Ching and Sacha Kljestan.

Ching scored with a diving header in the 74-minute and Kljestan put away the go-ahead goal in 90-minute injury time to lift the World Cup-bound Americans to the victory.

Ching, a second half substitute, scored the equalizer from seven yards out after a cross from Heath Pearce that Salvadoran goalkeeper Miguel Montes misplayed.

Rudy Corrales' 59-minute strike had put El Salvador ahead, after a scoreless first half in chilly, rainy conditions at Raymond James stadium.

"I thought there were a lot of positives," US coach Bob Bradley said. "Some good efforts. Some positive things on the field." Ching, Kljestan and Pearce were among just a handful of players in the US squad who appear to have a real chance of being selected for the US squad for the World Cup finals in South Africa in June.

Ching was in the 2006 World Cup squad, but didn't get into a match.—*Internet*

**'Devastated' Wayne Bridge may snub World Cup to avoid John Terry**

LONDON, 25 Feb — Wayne Bridge is so "devastated" by the scandal surrounding his former Chelsea teammate John Terry he does not know whether he will even be able to shake hands with him when they play against each other this weekend.

Bridge is considering pulling out of England's World Cup plans because he cannot bear the thought of spending so long with a man he now regards as a sworn enemy.

Bridge has been de-

scribed as "in bits" by close acquaintances after the revelation of Terry's affair with his former partner, Vanessa Perroncel, and the Manchester City left-back is sufficiently aggrieved to consider snubbing Terry in the official line-up before the teams meet at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

The former Chelsea player feels irreparable damage has been caused to his relationship with someone he once considered a trustworthy friend.

His team-mates at City, as well as his representatives and other friends, have urged him to put on a dignified front but Bridge has told them that he is not certain whether he will be able to in what promises to be an unforgiving atmosphere.

The tensions have obvious ramifications for Fabio Capello ahead of a World Cup in which Bridge could conceivably line up alongside Terry in defence in the wake of Ashley Cole fracturing his ankle.—*Internet*

**Mancini feels the heat as City silverware hopes crushed**

STOKE-ON-TRENT, 25 Feb — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini insisted he is not under any pressure despite watching Stoke City end his side's hopes of silverware this season by dumping them out of the FA Cup.

A Dave Kitson goal gave Stoke the lead with just over 10 minutes to go before Craig Bellamy equalized moments later as a hitherto quiet game suddenly ignited.

Emmanuel Adebayor was dismissed two minutes after Bellamy's equaliser for catching Ryan Shawcross in the



**Manchester City's manager Roberto Mancini leaves the pitch after his team were beaten 3-1 by Stoke City during the FA Cup Fifth round replay match at the Britannia stadium in Stoke-on-Trent, England, on 24 February.**

throat and that gave Stoke a crucial advantage going into extra-time, during which they scored two quick goals to advance to the quarter-finals for the first time since 1972.

Stoke utilized their biggest asset in the shape of Rory Delap's huge throw as he launched a flat throw-in towards the six-yard box which allowed Shawcross to nod over Shay Given, and just four minutes later Tuncay dribbled past Pablo Zabaleta and Shaun Wright-Phillips to score Stoke's third and send City out.—*Internet*

## How nerve cells grow: researcher decodes molecular process that controls growth of nerve cells

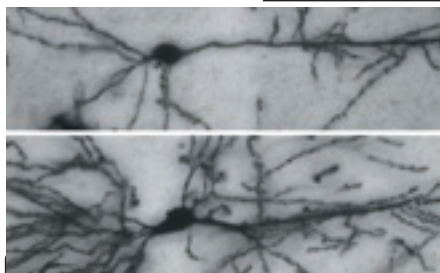
SCIENCE DAILY, 25 Feb—Brain researcher Hiroshi Kawabe has discovered the workings of a process that had been completely overlooked until now, and that allows nerve cells in the brain to grow and form complex networks.

The study, which has now been published in the journal Neuron, shows that an enzyme which usually controls the destruction of protein components has an unexpected function in nerve cells: it controls the structure of the

cytoskeleton and thus ensures that nerve cells can form the tree-like extensions that are necessary for signal transmission in the brain.

In order to be able to receive signals from other cells, nerve cells form complex extensions called dendrites (from the Greek 'dendron' meaning tree). The growth of dendrites in the human brain takes place mainly during late embryonic and infantile brain development.

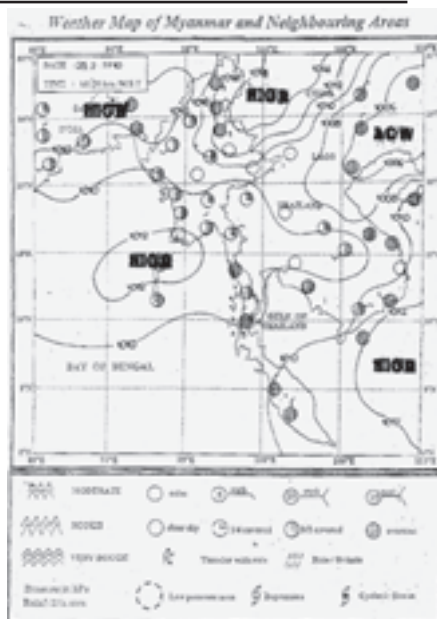
Using specially bred genetically engineered



*In the brain of mice, which cannot produce Nedd4-1, the extensions of nerve cells are shorter and of much simpler construction (example top) than in the brain of normal mice (example bottom).—INTERNET*

mice, the Japanese guest scientist, who conducts research at the Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine, discovered that the Nedd4-1 enzyme is essential for regular

dendrite growth. Nedd4-1 is an enzyme that usually controls the degradation of protein components in cells by combining them with another protein called ubiquitin.—Internet



## WEATHER

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperature in Chin and Kayin States, Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures was Namhsan (5°C). The note worthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-2-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 25-2-2010 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-2-2010 was 83%. Total sun shine hours on 24-2-2010 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total Since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 24-2-2010.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated light rain in the extreme southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-2-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-2-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-2-2010:** Generally fair weather.

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (26-2-2010) (Friday)

#### Transmissions

#### Times

|                      |                                             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Local                | - (09:00am~11:00am)MST                      |
| Europe               | - (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST                      |
| North America        | - (23:30pm~07:30am)MST                      |
| Oversea Transmission | - (26-2-10 11:30 am ~ 27-2-10 11:30 am) MST |

#### Local Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part - 2)
- \* The Ancient City of Myanmar (Bagan)
- \* Record Album
- \* The beautiful lake... where the natural biodiversity gathers
- \* Shwe Myintzu Pagoda Festival
- \* Traditional Dance of National Races
- \* "Prosperous Rakhine State"
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Jolly Guy"
- \* A Village on Pearl Island

#### Oversea Transmission

- \* Signature Tune

- \* Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part - 2)
- \* The Ancient City of Myanmar (Bagan)
- \* Record Album
- \* The beautiful lake... where the natural biodiversity gathers
- \* Shwe Myintzu Pagoda Festival
- \* Traditional Dance of National Races
- \* "Chanting of the Union Day"
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Jolly Guy"
- \* A Village on Pearl Island
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Pa-Auk Forest Monastery & Meditation Centre
- \* Music Gallery
- \* Boost Tea Cultivation
- \* Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
- \* A Day in Yangon "The National Races Village (Part-I)"
- \* Myanmar Traditional Handiwork of Casting
- \* Myanmar Traditional Gold Leaf Works
- \* Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-III)
- \* Pan;Say;Region, Home to Kho-Hlon-Lishaws

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Friday, 26  
February

View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:20 am

2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင်ညာဏိ သာရဏီ နွေဦးဆောင်းနွှောင်း လတပေါင်း (အပိုင်း-၁)

8:40 am

6. International News

8:45 am

7. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Dance Of National Races

4:15 pm

3. "ဓမ္မဒီပိတ"သုတ်ကျမ်း

4:50 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာတတ်ယူနစ် (ရှုပေဇာအထူးပြု) (ရှုပေဇာ)

5:05 pm

5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

6. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

5:20 pm

7. Songs Of Yester Years

5:30 pm

8. ပုဂ္ဂလိကကျောင်းတော်

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ပွဲမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International News

15. Weather Report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ကိုယ်ရံတော်" (အပိုင်း- ၂၁)

17. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (တွဲတွဲ)

- ★ 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

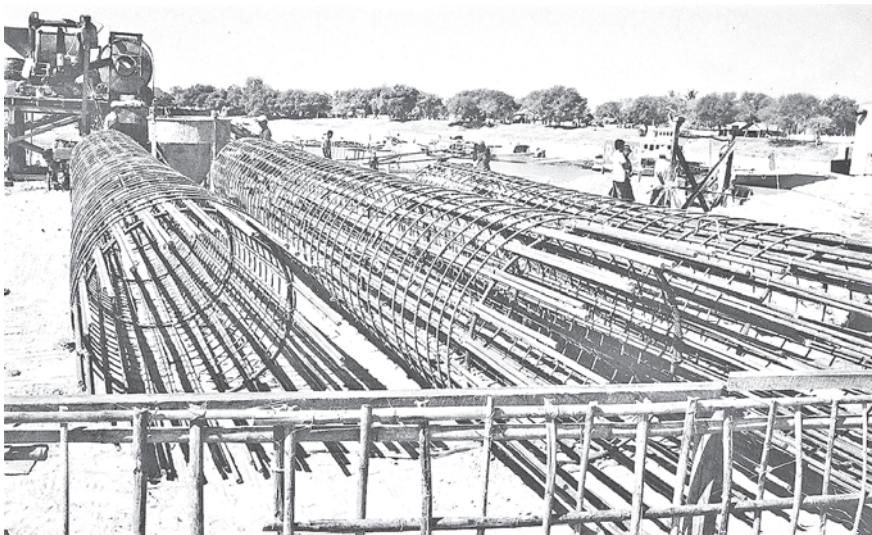
### People's Desire

- 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

## Garden of a great gardener

Article & Photos: Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)



Work site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) construction project.

Myanmar is like a flower garden, featuring golden paddy fields and silver bridges the length and breadth of the entire nation in the hands of a great gardener, the Tatmadaw government.

The government, in its bid to upgrade Pakokku as a western Ayeyawady City, is building over two miles long Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) which will emerge as a grand bridge crowning the title of the longest among the bridges over Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Thanlwin, Sittoung rivers.

Development of Pakokku started just after it was put into the list of 24 special development regions in Magway Division under the guidance of the Head of State. Railways and motorways appeared overnight and communication systems have developed to make the town modern. Industrial zone with the factories—cotton and garment factory, machine and machine tools factory, concrete sleeper factory, value-added wood product factory, fertilizer plant, power grid, gas factory, cigarette factory and private factories—is creating jobs for locals. Universities, colleges and (200-bed) hospital symbolize the all round development in Pakokku.

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### Attention judokas!

YANGON, 25 Feb—Now, judokas will have an excellent chance to improve their martial art skills and enter Dan test at Myanmar Judo Federation from 11 to 17 March.

Under the supervision of the Ministry of

Sports, MJF and Kodokan Judo Institute of Japan with the aim of helping develop Myanmar Judo techniques will open Judo Seminar Technical Course inviting all interested persons to register at the federation by 3 March.—MNA

### Hlawga Park to be kept open

YANGON, 25 Feb—Hlawga Park of Forest Department will be kept open on the fullmoon day of Taboung on 27 February and on Peasants' Day on 2 March from 8 am to 5 pm for public relaxation and recreation.—MNA