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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing put religious objects into Maha Muni Buddha Image at Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attended the ceremony to put religious objects into the pinnacle of Maha Muni Buddha Image, offer headdress and consecrate the image at Maha Abithanna Beikmandaw in the precinct of Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda on Zabu Kyethayay Road in Bawgatheikdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, at 9 am today.

Also present on the gala occasion were State Ovadacariya Sayadaws, Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara-bhivamsa and member Sayadaws, members of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovidaya Sayadaws, title recipient Sayadaws, Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer religious objects to be put into the pinnacle of Maha Muni Buddha Image, jewellery, the pinnacle of jewelled headdress, the jewelled headdress and golden robes dedicating to the Lord Buddha to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees, 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, Member of the State Peace

and Development Council Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay The, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, General Min

Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw

Command, ministers, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, wellwishers and guests.

The ceremony to put religious objects into the pinnacle of Maha Muni Buddha Image was

held at first in conjunction with the offering of headdress to the image.

The Sayadaws, and the congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing opened the ceremony with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 19 March, 2011

Perform meritorious deeds on Fullmoon Day of Tabaung

Today is Fullmoon Day of Tabaung, the twelfth and last month of the Myanmar calendar. Tabaung falls between the cold season and the hot season.

Religiously, Fullmoon Day of Tabaung is celebrated as a day on which the Buddha set out to return home. At the time, the Buddha was delivering a sermon to lay people from Inga and Magadha at Veluwun Monastery of Rajagjo. King Suddhodhana, the Buddha's father, sent his ten ministers to Rajagjo to invite the Buddha. Kaludayi Minister led the journey and became an Ahrat after hearing the Buddha's sermons. Then, Ahrat Kaludayi supplicated to the Buddha for an itinerary to Kapilawut, reciting 64 verses that portrayed the pleasant month of Tabaung and convincing the Buddha that it was time to return to his birth place, the Kapilawut Court, as a token of repaying parental gratitude. It was Fullmoon Day of Tabaung in 103 RE.

On the First Waning of Tabaung, the Buddha made a 60-day journey to Kapilawut.

Today, the people perform meritorious deeds such as holding Buddha Pujaniya at pagodas, reciting Patthana, offering alms to members of the Sangha, and offering provisions at auspicious time in Tabaung.

On the auspicious occasion of the Fullmoon Day of Tabaung, Buddhist people are exhorted to constantly do meritorious deeds, contemplating the Supreme Attributes of the Buddha.

Lucky Bird exhibits its products at IT & Mobile Exhibition 2011

YANGON, 18 March—Lucky Bird Group of Companies is exhibiting its products at IT & Mobile Exhibition 2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here commencing today to 21 March.

At the booths of IT Shop, True Value and Toshiba, customers may purchase notebooks, copiers, GIS solution, survey solution, and projectors.

Lucky Bird opens its showrooms at No. 355, Theinbyu Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Ph: 399011, 379875 and at No. 100, at the corner of 75th and 31st Streets, Mandalay, Ph: 0273478 and Thabyaygon Market, Nay Pyi Taw, Ph: 067-414113.—MNA



Peoples' Dharma

- * 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

Defence Services Agricultural Course concludes

YANGON, 18 March — A ceremony to conclude Defence Services Agricultural Course No.69 was held at the hall of Defence Services Agricultural Training School of Myanmar Paddy Research Department in Hmawby Township here this morning, attended by Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence.

It was also attended by officials from government departments and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the school principal and course instructors.

First, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe viewed paddy strains developed by Myanmar Paddy Research Department displayed on the ground floor. Speaking on the occasion, he stressed the



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe awards an outstanding trainee of Defence Services Agricultural Course No.69. —MNA

need to make efforts for boosting agricultural products of the nation, to render assistance to agricultural tasks of Defence Services and to employ modern agricultural techniques. Then, he presented completion certificates to the trainees. The 14-week course was

attended by 31 trainees.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, together with Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, went to Yangon International Airport and viewed the screening of those who arrived from

abroad with radiation detectors whether they had radiation sickness.

Monitoring started today at Yangon International Airport, Mandalay International Airport and Yangon Port, and travellers from and via Japan will be monitored to detect radiation. — MNA

Myanmar Gems Emporium continues for ninth day



Local and foreign gems merchants observing lots of jade.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—The 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium 2011, organized by Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium,

continued for ninth day at Mani Yadana Jade

Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum here today.

Jade lots on display at Mani Yadana Jade Hall much attracted gems merchants at home and abroad and jewel shops of local gems merchants were packed with observers and buyers.

A total of 8701 local and foreign gems merchants visited the emporium today and bid for 2464 jade lots through competitive tender system.

MNA

Hlawga Park to run extra hours on Tabaung Fullmoon Day, Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 18 March—Hlawga Park under the Ministry of Forestry is opened daily from 8 am to 5 pm. The park will be kept opened from 8 am to 6 pm on Fullmoon Day of Tabaung which falls on 19 March and on Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March for the holiday makers to be able to enjoy relaxing atmosphere there. —MNA

IT, True Value and Toshiba showrooms of Lucky Bird Group of Companies seen in IT & Mobile Exhibition 2011.

MNA



A man stands in rubble of an Iraqi army headquarters building after a suicide attack in Kanan, east of the provincial Capital of Baqouba, 35 miles (60 kilometres) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 March, 2011.

INTERNET

Pakistan army chief condemns US drone attack

MIR ALI, 18 March—Pakistan's army chief has condemned a US drone attack that killed more than three dozen people, saying the missiles struck a peaceful meeting of tribal elders.

Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani called Thursday's strike "unjustified and intolerable" and said it was a violation of human rights.

Pakistani intelligence officials initially said the 38 people killed in a compound in the North Waziristan tribal area were militants meeting to discuss the war in Afghanistan.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters. Civilian casualties from drone strikes are a main source of friction between the Pakistani and US governments.

Internet

Homemade bombs kill four in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 March—Improvised bombs in the Iraqi cities of Baghdad and Tikrit killed four people on Thursday, including the wife of a police officer, police and security sources said.

The woman was killed and three other people were wounded in northern Baghdad as three homemade bombs detonated simultaneously outside the homes of police officers, said a

District police chief, Wisam Ali Badar.

A similar attack in the west of the capital killed one person and wounded another, security officials said. And a homemade bomb killed two farmers in the northern city of Tikrit. Violence across Iraq has fallen sharply since its peak in 2006-2007 but attacks and kidnappings remain common.

Internet

Brit Army to get supergun to counter Taliban snipers

LONDON, 18 March—The British Army is testing rifles fitted with a "gunfire locator" pod which uses sonar to calculate an enemy's position within 1.3 seconds in order to counter Taliban snipers in Afghanistan. The device described as an militants sniper's worst nightmare is set to save hundreds of lives. And to field test the technology soldiers of 3 Para offered themselves as targets last weekend to draw out sniper fire.

The hi-tech pod detects the muzzle blast sound made as a bullet is fired, then tracks the wave made as it moves through the air, The Sun reports.

The device, which uses the same motion sensor technology as in the Nintendo Wii, shows the range and elevation of the sniper on a clock face screen, enabling a soldier to fire back instantly and with accuracy almost the equal of a missile system. The SAS and front

line troops will be the first to receive the pods - designed by Middlesex-based Ultra Electronics. The firm's Colin Howard said: "It enables you to run away in the right direction or take cover. You can also return fire accurately. We need to save lives, and you do that by knowing where the enemy is." Engineer Trevor Wood said the sensor was developed after bringing sonar technology up from underwater.—Internet

Bomb blasts in Indonesia's Bogor, no casualty reported

JAKARTA, 18 March—A low explosive bomb exploded in Indonesia's Bogor regency of West Java Province on Friday, a police officer said here. Adj Sen Comm Dadang Raharja, Bogor Police Chief told private television MetroTV said that the bomb exploded at 11:30 local time (0530 GMT) but it did not hurt anybody.

"At 09:00 local time (0200 GMT), a cleaning

service at Bogor's Kota Wisata residence found a box wrapped in a plastic bag. There was a text on the plastic bag saying 'it is a bomb'. Then, we called a bomb squad to tame the bomb," said Raharja. He said that the bomb squad detected the box and found metal materials.

"They evacuated the box to a field in the residence to avoid loss if it explodes. However,

10 minutes later, the bomb exploded by itself," said Raharja.

According to him, there is no casualty among officers as the bomb has been wrapped with a bomb blanket.

He also said that the police have increased security following the incident as it was happened not too far from house of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in Cikeas.

Xinhua

Minneapolis gas explosion starts huge fire

MINNEAPOLIS, 18 March—A Minneapolis natural gas explosion Thursday started a fire that shot flames several stories high and disrupted early morning traffic, officials said.

The incident, during which there were no reported injuries, caused a school lockdown and voluntary neighbourhood evacuation, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reported.

The explosion happened near an energy maintenance facility near Highway 62, said Kristine Chapin, a Minnesota Department of Public Safety spokeswoman.

Nearby Windom, Armatage and Kenny elementary schools and Susan B. Anthony Middle School kept students inside, the *Star Tribune* reported.—Internet



Afghan victims of a suicide attack on an Afghan army recruitment center are seen in an ambulance at the hospital in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 14 March, 2011.

INTERNET

One dead as H1N1 virus returns to Venezuela

CARACAS, 18 March—At least one person has died from a resurgence of the Influenza A (H1N1) virus in Venezuela that infected 12 other people, Health Minister Eugenia Sader said on Thursday.

"We have an outbreak of H1N1 in the state of Merida," she said, adding that 12 people have tested positive for the disease and a 32-year-old has died.

Sader said only one of those who tested positive had been hospitalised, with the others treating the disease at home.

Authorities emphasised that the latest outbreak was a far cry from the 2009 global H1N1 flu pandemic, which killed 114 Venezuelans.

Sader said the disease may have been brought in by one of the 160,000 tourists who flocked to the western state of Merida, near the Colombian border, for a bull-fighting festival.

Internet

Radiation in decline near troubled Fukushima nuke plant following water-dousing measures



An aerial view taken from a helicopter from Japan's Self-Defence Force shows damage to the No 4 reactor at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power complex in this handout taken on 16 March, 2011 and released on 17 March, 2011.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 18 March—Radiation has seen a steady decline near the damaged Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant following water-dousing measures taken Thursday, said the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency Friday.

According to Measurements taken by the agency around 1.1 km west of the plant's No 2

reactor, hourly radiation dose stood at 279.4 microsievert at 5 am Friday, down from 309 and 292 microsievert around the time when the Self-Defence Forces (SDF) shot water at the reactor to cool down the overheating spent fuel storage pool.

Agency officials said that they will work to restore electricity for No 1 and No 2 reactors Friday, and for No 3, No 4 reactors Sunday, to chill down the malfunctioned reactors and overheating storage pools.

The storage pools at the power station lost their cooling function after the colossal quake and tsunami hit northeastern and eastern Japan on 11 March. It is also no longer possible to monitor the water level and temperature of the pools of the four reactors.

On Thursday morning two SDF CH-47 helicopters dumped water in turn on the damaged No 3 reactor, followed by five fire and rescue trucks equipped with high-pressure water cannons shooting around 30 tons of water at the reactor later in the day.

Xinhua

Japan says water drops will continue

BEIJING, 18 March—Japan's nuclear crisis was triggered by the devastating earthquake last week. Emergency workers have air-dropped water over the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Plant's Number 3 Reactor, and similar efforts will continue on Friday.

Four of the Fukushima plant's six reactors have seen fires, explosions, damage to the structures housing the reactor cores, partial meltdowns or rising temperatures in the pools.

Japan is doing its best to cool the nuclear fuel rods to avoid further radiation. The main task aims at cooling the number 3 reactor. Two Japanese military helicopters began dumping seawater on it Thursday morning.

About 30 tons of water have been dropped. Special police units equipped with water cannons, however, could not reach the targets from safe distances and had to pull back.

The plant's owner, Tokyo Electric Power Corporation, says it believes SOME progress has been made in stabilizing radiation levels.

Meanwhile, engineers have also been trying to run power from the main grid, to start up pumps needed to cool the overheated reactor cores.

The company says to complete an emergency power cable is the first step towards recovery.

But there may be bad news too.

US officials, warn Unit 4 is seriously at risk. Washington says all the water has gone from the reactor's spent fuel pool and anyone close to it faces radiation.

Executives at the Fukushima nuclear plant have a different opinion, saying they believe the rods in that pool are covered with water. But an official from Japan's nuclear safety agency later moved closer to the US position.—Xinhua

Power plant stable, but may deteriorate

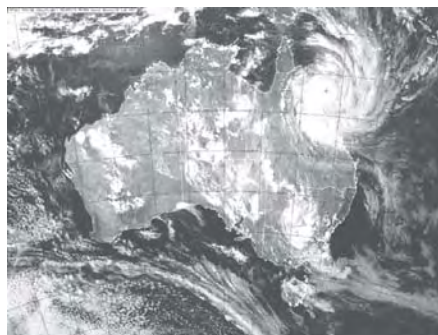
BEIJING, 18 March—A senior advisor to the IAEA Director General says the situation at Japan's quake-crippled nuclear power plant is stable, but it may deteriorate.

Graham Andrew said, "So, concerning the current situation, at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, the situation remains serious, but there's been no significant worsening since yesterday. The current situation at units one, two and three, whose cores have suffered damage, appears to be relatively stable.

Seawater is being injected into all three units, using fire extinguishing hoses, but the containment pressures are fluctuating. Unit four, in particular, remains a major safety concern: no information is available on the level of water in the spent fuel pond, no water temperature indication from the unit four spent fuel pond has been received since 14th March, when the temperature was 84 degrees Centigrade."

Xinhua

Constant rain hampers recovery efforts in Australia's Queensland



A satellite image obtained from the US Naval Research Laboratory shows Cyclone Yasi approaching the coast of Australia on 2 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

BRISBANE, 18 March—Constant rain in north Queensland of Australia has severely hampered the recovery efforts after tropical Cyclone Yasi and damage the morale of victims and volunteers, the



Expert Zheng Zhiyuan teaches quake escaping skills to students at the Nongzhang middle school in Yingjiang County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 17 March, 2011. A quake drill was held Thursday in the county, which was hit by a 5.8-magnitude quake last Thursday. Schools in the county are enforced to carry out at least two drills every semester after a 5.9-magnitude quake hit Yingjiang in 2008.—XINHUA

Death toll rises to 6,405 in Japan following 11 March quake

TOKYO, 18 March—Japan's National Police Agency said Friday that the catastrophic 11 March earthquake and ensuing tsunami have left 6,405 people dead and 10,259 others unaccounted for in Japan by 9:00 am (0000 GMT).

Internet



Chinese nationals wait for evacuation at Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan, on 17 March, 2011.

XINHUA

head of Queensland's Flood Recovery Taskforce said on Friday.

Australian army Major General Mick Slater, who is in charge of the reconstruction of north Queensland following major floods and Yasi, said disaster zones were not being resurrected or attended to as quickly as first hoped due to bad weather.

"Immediately following the cyclone, the military, the emergency services and community volunteers from across the affected region came together and worked really well," Slater told Australia's national prime TV, Channel Nine's Today Show.

"But people are starting to feel fatigued and the lack of progress because of the continuing rain in some areas is starting to get people's spirits down," Slater said. He said Prince William's arrival on the weekend in north Queensland, as part of his visit to the disaster affected areas in Australia, will suffice to reinvigorate the spirits of locals who are still suffering from the Queensland's worst disaster.

Xinhua



Health



Dangerous parasite found in pet kinkajous

ATLANTA, 18 March—The kinkajou, a mammal native to the South America sometimes kept as a pet, has been found to harbour a parasite that can be fatal, US officials warn.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, released Thursday, says three states found the parasite roundworm *Baylisascaris procyonis*, better known as raccoon roundworms in pet kinkajous, which can cause serious illness or death in humans.

"If the animal is infected with the roundworm *Baylisascaris procyonis*, the infection can be spread from the animal to humans via feces contaminated with the eggs of the worm," the report says.

Internet

Health Tip: Soothe swollen feet during pregnancy

The added pounds of pregnancy can take a toll on your whole body, but your feet bear the brunt of that baby weight.

The American Pediatric Medical Association suggests how to help ease sore, swollen feet during pregnancy:

- * Rest with your feet elevated as often as you can.
- * Don't cross your legs or ankles.
- * When sitting, stretch your feet and legs often.
- * Wear comfortable shoes. Have your feet measured to make sure you're wearing the right size, as pregnancy can make feet longer and wider.—Internet



In this Tuesday, on 13 July, 2010 picture, Dr Ulrich Wernery checks the health of a camel at the Camelicious farm in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Camel milk has at least three times more vitamin C than a cow's and is considered an alternative for the lactose intolerant. Researchers, meanwhile, have studied possible roles in fighting bacteria, tumours and diabetes.—INTERNET

NY approves blood test for colon cancer

MADISON, 18 March—A colon cancer test using a blood specimen has been approved by the New York State Department of Health, officials of a diagnostics company said.

"ColoVantage is a convenient, non-invasive option for the millions of patients 50 years of age and older who resist testing by recommended screening methods," Dr Jon R Cohen, senior vice president and chief medical officer of Quest Diagnostics, says in a statement.

"As a technique that patients may

actually use, ColoVantage is arguably the first practical testing option to promote meaningful cancer evaluation among this large underserved population. It is fitting that March, colorectal cancer awareness month, marks the date our test met New York's rigorous regulatory criteria."

Cohen says US residents are advised to get a colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy beginning at age 50; only about half actually get the invasive screening.

Internet

Tiffany Ortiz-Avila, a nurse with the Good Samaritan Mobile Integrated Healthcare Clinic, checks Deborah Hammond's vital signs on 15 March. Hammond was the first patient to be seen in the new clinic that will connect mental health patients with primary care services.

INTERNET



Business



QuadSport ATVs recalled

WASHINGTON, 18 March—American Suzuki Motor Corp is recalling 1,350 QuadSport all-terrain vehicles due to circuit board failures that could result in a crash, US regulators said.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission said the circuit board failures cause the engine to stall due to insufficient battery charges.

The recall involves 2009 LT-Z400 and LT-Z400Z QuadSport ATVs. The ATVs were distributed in the United States by American Suzuki Motor Corp of Brea, Calif, Montgomery Motors Ltd of Honolulu and Suzuki del Caribe Inc of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

They were sold from September 2008 through last month for about \$6,600. Consumers were advised to stop using the ATVs and call a local Suzuki dealer to schedule a free repair.—Internet



A homeless man rests in the doorway of a branch of a Lloyds Bank in central London, in 2010. Britain's partly-nationalised Lloyds bank said Thursday that it will axe another 570 jobs in Britain and outsource 450 positions as the lender continues a major restructuring.—INTERNET



A boutique worker arranges a Bulgari display window in Shanghai in this 20 November, 2003 file photo. France's LVMH will take over Italy's Bulgari in a 3.7 billion euros (\$5.19 billion) deal to add lustre to the No 1 luxury group's jewellery business and bring it more exposure to emerging markets.—INTERNET

Toys R Us cancels \$1.1 billion loan deal

NEW YORK, 18 March—Privately held toy retailer Toys R Us (TOY.U) has canceled a \$1.1 billion loan deal that was intended to refinance its debt and reduce borrowing costs, Bloomberg reported on Monday.

Citing five people familiar with the matter, Bloomberg reported the cancellation but did not say why. Spokespeople for Toys R Us were not immediately available to comment. The company has filed with regulators for an \$800 million initial public offering; the relationship of the debt refinancing to the offering was not immediately clear.

Reuters Loan Pricing Corp reported last week that commitments had been due today on the deal.—Reuters

US e-book sales surge in January

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 March—Sales of electronic books (e-books) more than doubled in January in the United States, according to latest figures released Thursday by the Association of American Publishers (AAP).

E-book net sales jumped to 69.9 million US dollars in the first month of 2011, an increase of nearly 116 percent compared with 32.4 million dollars in the year-ago period, the AAP said in a report.

E-book was the category that saw the most significant sales growth, the report showed.

It found that total US books sales on all platforms, in all categories, hit nearly 806 million dollars for January,

down 1.9 percent year-on-year.

Among the categories, adult hardcover sales totaled 49.1 million dollars in January of this year, a drop of 11.3 percent from a year earlier, while adult paperback sales fell 19.7 percent to 83.6 million dollars, indicating the difficulties traditional book industry is facing.

The AAP has 300 members including most of the major US commercial, education and professional publishers as well as smaller and non-profit publishers, university presses and scholarly societies.

Xinhua

China's peaceful development opportunity for world

LONDON, 18 March—China's peaceful development is win-win to others and it's a blessing and opportunity to the whole world, Chinese ambassador to Britain Liu Xiaoming said here Thursday. The thinking and the direction of China's development for the next five years can be seen at its 12th Five Year Plan which boils down into two key terms "scientific development" and "peaceful development," Liu said in a speech delivered at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

"China's future has never been so closely linked to that of the rest of the world and it's scientific development calls for international cooperation and a peaceful environment," the ambassador said. "China's peaceful development is open, cooperative and win-win to others," Liu emphasized. "It is a blessing and opportunity to the world. The more

developed China becomes, the greater its contribution to the world will be."

Liu pointed out as China has become the world's largest exporter and manufacturer and has attracted over 700 billion US dollars of foreign investment over the past decade, and that China's peaceful development is an engine and opportunity for world economic growth.

Taking China's active involvement in UN peacekeeping missions and its efforts to facilitate the Six-Party Talks as examples, Liu said China's peaceful development has proved to be a strong force for world peace and stability.

Liu urged his audience to reject stereotyped thinking, try to hear, to see and to understand China with an open mind, and seize opportunities presented by China's development.

Xinhua



A man gets his face smeared with coloured powder during holi festivities in Allahabad, India, on 18 March, 2011. Holi, the Hindu festival of colours will be celebrated across the country on 20 March.—INTERNET

HIV transmitted via transplanted organ

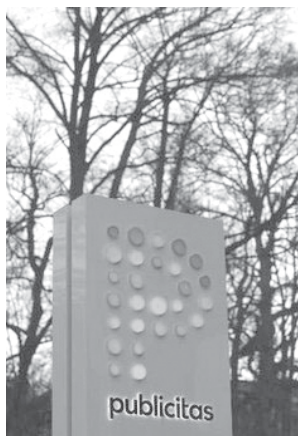
ATLANTA, 18 March—Health officials say they have confirmed a case of human immunodeficiency virus transmission by a transplanted organ from a living US donor.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, released Thursday, says the donor tested negative for HIV prior to transplant but the most sensitive screening test was not used

because it was not required.

"This case highlights the need to revise national policy on the type and timing of HIV tests used to screen living donors," the report says. "Specifically, transplant centers should screen living donors using the most sensitive test — currently nucleic acid testing — as close to the time of transplant surgery as feasible."

Internet



A Publicitas logo is pictured in front of Publigroupe headquarters in Lausanne on 18 March, 2011. The full-year net profit for 2010 rose to CHF 42.6 millions (US\$ 47 millions).

INTERNET

Mexico grounds pilots on two flights for drinking

MEXICO CITY, 18 March—Mexican authorities suspended the licenses of two pilots, two co-pilots and a flight attendant on flights operated by Mexican carrier Aeromexico for being under the influence of alcohol, the Communications and Transportation Department said in a statement Thursday.

The department said three crew members on an Aeromexico flight that arrived Wednesday at the Mexico City Airport from the Pacific coast resort of Puerto Vallarta had been found to have consumed alcohol.

And the department said that an Aeromexico flight from San Jose, Costa Rica to Mexico City was canceled on Saturday after Costa Rican authorities determined the pilot and co-pilot had been drinking.

The licenses of all the crew members were suspended, and the department opened an investigation in which the licenses could be permanently canceled.

It also opened a civil investigation of the carrier to determine whether it fulfilled its responsibilities to ensure the safe operations of its flights.

No one answered calls for comment at Aeromexico, Mexico's largest carrier.

Internet

Samsung to face challenges this year amid fierce competition

SEOUL, 18 March—Samsung Electronics, the world's largest memory chip maker, will face challenges this year amid fierce competitions among rival companies, the South Korean firm's chief executive said Friday.

Choi Gee-sung, vice chairman and chief executive of Samsung Electronics, said at its annual general meeting of shareholders that 2011 will be a challenging year for electronics companies as intensifying competition continues to put pressure on profit margins.

After confirming last year's record profits, Choi noted that Samsung will continue to aggressively enter new business areas, aiming to lay the groundwork for the health and medical equipment business and become an industry leader in solar cells.

Samsung acquired a controlling stake in Medison, the country's top ultrasonic medical equipment maker in February in a bid to enter into the healthcare sector.

The company also announced in late February that it will establish a joint biomedical venture with US drugmaker Quintiles.

Meanwhile, Samsung confirmed its record 2010 profits at the meeting. Consolidated revenue for 2010 reached an all-time high of 154.63 trillion won (136.9 billion US dollars), up 13 percent from the previous year.—Xinhua



The Brooks mountain range spreads out to the horizon in northern Alaska on 17 March, 2011.

INTERNET



A pedestrian wearing a face mask looks at a screen displaying stock prices in Tokyo as she passes by, on 18 March, 2011. Japanese shares jumped 3 percent and the yen tumbled on Friday after the Group of Seven (G7) nations agreed on a rare joint intervention to curb the soaring currency and calm markets jittery over Japan nuclear power plant crisis

INTERNET

Colombia to develop strategy to attract more lucrative nautical tourism

BOGOTA, 18 March—Colombia's tourism ministry will hold a special forum aimed at attracting an increasing share of the lucrative multi-million dollar nautical tourism industry in Latin America, organizers said Thursday.

The forum will start Friday in the northern Colombian tourism town of Santa Marta, said Gregorio Mendez, manager of the tourism consultancy firm GMM. Mendez will present a special study developed on the potential of targeting this class of high-income luxury tourism. This will open up for a kind of tourism that is very sustainable, offers tourists more options and which represents something that will translate into markets with a higher revenue power, said Mendez.

Both public and private entities will be participating in the debate of nautical (aquatic) tourism, including special participation by industries that include mega yacht clubs, sailing ships, boats and cruise ships to ensure that Colombia's northern Caribbean coast will be increasingly included in maritime routes from the tropical islands in the Caribbean, Central and South America.

An estimated 2 million sports and tourism embarkations are registered each year in the Caribbean Sea and investments in this industry are worth more than one billion US dollars, local tourism authorities said.—Xinhua

Hsadow Bridge commissioned into service in Mongkai Township



**Commander
Brig-Gen
Mya Tun Oo
and officials
walking
along
Hsadow
Bridge.**
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—A ceremony to commission Hsadow Bridge across Hsadow Creek on Panketu-Hsipaw Road in Mongkai Township was held at the bridge on 16 March.

Commander of Central-East Command Brig-Gen Mya Tun Oo and officials formally opened the bridge and sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque.

The bridge was built by Bridge Construction

Project Special Group (9) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

The 360 feet long facility has 24 feet wide motor way and three feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The newly opened bridge is the 262th facility of its kind in the nation. The facility will create better transport between southern and northern areas of Shan State.—MNA



The newly-opened Hsadow Bridge.—MNA

UMFCCI Officials meets foreign guests

YANGON, 18 March—A three-member delegation led by Economist Mr. Athene Church of Mekong Economic Department of Vietnam-based ASEAN Secretariat called on Vice-Presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Joint-General—Secretary and party at the office of the federation here on 14 March.

They discussed matters related to

challenges and barriers which are likely to be occurred alongside the establishment of ASEAN Economic Community in 2015, difficulties for service industries which are pivotal to free trade, cooperation in realization of same standards in ASEAN member nations and foreign investments in Myanmar.

Next, UMFCCI officials received Project Technical Advisor Mr. Leon Gouws of FAO Resident Representative Office in Myanmar and

party and a 15-member delegation led by Director-General Mr. Yu Young of Ministry of Economic and Commerce of Anhui Province of the People's Republic of China at the same venue separately.

In meeting with FAO officials, they held comprehensive discussions on FAO assistances for development of agriculture sector in Myanmar, cooperation with private sector in holding International

Workshop on Private-Public Dialogue towards Strategies and Actions to develop the Edible Oil Crop Sector in Myanmar by FAO, technological transfer for production of agricultural produce and invitation to the capacity building courses.

In meeting with Chinese delegation, they held frank discussions on successful holding of business meet between Myanmar and Chinese entrepreneurs, prospects for investments in agriculture and manufacturing sectors in Myanmar.

MNA



**Donor U Myint Thein and family, who cast the
Maha Muni Buddha Image.**
(News on page 1)—MNA

Cash and books donated to Myanmar Libraries Foundation

YANGON, 18 March—Myanmar Libraries Foundation is contributing to improvement of knowledge of the people and providing assistance for development of self-reliant libraries.

Chairman of the foundation U Maung Maung and Vice-Chairman U Nyunt Swe today accepted various subjects of 3000 books in English worth K 9 million donated by Dr Thant Thaw Kaung and wife of Myanmar Book Aid and Preservation Foundation; K 100,000 by actor Academy Khant Sithu; 9000 copies of 7Days and Internet journals worth K 180,000 by Inforithum Maze Co Ltd; 1500 copies of Economic Journal worth K 150,000 by Myanmar Trademark; 1700 copies of novel worth K 340,000 by U Min Thura (Barani Sarpay); 335 books worth K 100,000 by SS Khin Maung Aye and 100 copies of magazine worth K 50,000 by Daw Than Than (Sabei Oo Family).

Certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers. Those wishing to donate book and cash to the foundation may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Tel: 01-271342, 01-201936 an 01-398756.—MNA

BSC, MBA hold 126th meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—The Banks Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Myanmar Banks Association held the 126th meeting at the ministry, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe made a speech.

Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar discussed

banking matters. Executive committee members of MBA and officials participated in the discussions. Managing directors of State-owned banks, chairmen and managing directors of private-run banks reported on their undertakings.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the deputy minister.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing put religious objects into the pinnacle of Maha Muni Buddha Image.

MNA



Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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Wellwisher of the image Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered religious objects to be put into the pinnacle of Maha Muni Buddha Image, jewellery,

objects, Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence jewellery, Chairman U Tint Hsan of ACE Construction Co the pinnacle of jewelled headdress, and engineers the jewelled headdress and golden robes atop the Buddha image.

nacle.

Next, the golden robe was offered to Maha Muni Buddha Image.

The consecration ceremony followed in the second session of the ceremony.

In line with the Udana verse in Pali language, the Chairman Sayadaw and member Sayadaws consecrated the Buddha Image by recit-



verse, Paṇḍita of Pathana and Achievement Gatha that started Jayanto Bodhiyamule.

In the third session of the ceremony, the Chairman Sayadaw administered the Nine Pre-

cepts. Members of the Sangha recited Metta, Pubbanha Suttas and other Pali verses.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered

alms to Chairman Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present offertories to SSMNC Chairman Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San present offertories to Sasana Nugaha Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Khemindasami.—MNA

the pinnacle of jewelled headdress, the jewelled headdress and golden robes dedicating to the Lord Buddha to the Chairman Sayadaw.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye conveyed religious

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing put religious objects into the image at the auspicious time.

After keeping jewellery into the pinnacle, the Buddha image was decorated with the jewelled headdress and its pin-

ing Anekajati Samsaram verse, Patīṇa Samuppada Anuloma Desana, first paragraph of Yadahave verse, Patīṇa Samuppada Patiloma Desana, second paragraph of Yadahave verse, Patīṇa Samuppada Anuloma Desana, third paragraph of Yadahave



SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet offer provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA

**The Chairman and member Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee consecrate
Maha Muni Buddha Image.**

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**Jewelled headdress and its pinnacle being
decorated at Maha Muni Buddha Image.**

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**Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate
offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA**

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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Vice-Senior
General Maung Aye and
wife Daw Mya Mya San
donated provisions to

Secretary Sayadaw Pre-
siding Nayaka of Sasana
Nuggaha Monastery at
Chaukhtetgyi Phayagyi
Monastery Agga Maha

Pandita Agga Maha
Saddhamma Joti-
kadhaja Bhaddanta
Khemindasami.

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**Secretary-1 of SPDC Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife
Daw Khin Saw Hnin donate offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA**



**Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt presenting gifts to
senior architects and technicians. —MNA**



**General Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu
Kyu Hla donate offertories to a Sayadaw. —MNA**



**Com-
mander-in-Chief
(Navy) Vice-
Admiral Nyan
Tun and wife
donate
offertories
to a
Sayadaw.**
MNA



**Com-
mander-in-Chief
(Air) Lt-
Gen Myat
Hein and
wife
present
offertories
to a
Sayadaw.**
MNA

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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SPDC member Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin

Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin donated offertories to the Sayadaws.

General Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla,

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife, and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife presented alms to the Sayadaws.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs

Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt presented gifts to architects and technicians. Architect Chairman of ACE Construction Company U Tint Hsan read the paper on entrusting the renovated Maha Muni Buddha Image to wellwishers.

The SSMNC Chairman Bharmo Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing shared merits gained.

The Sayadaws, and the congregation led by

the Senior General and wife made three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Āram Titthatu at the conclusion of the ceremony.

After that, the Senior General and wife performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered meals to members of the Sangha.

Maha Muni Buddha Image being kept

in the precinct of Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda on Zabu Kyetthayay Road in Bawgathiri Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District is 12 feet and five inches high.

Wellwisher technician U Myint Thein and wife Daw Sein Sein Thein of 42nd street in Shanpwe Ward in Mandalay cast the Buddha Image and donated it to the State.

Casting the image started on 9-9-2007 and it was completed on 9-9-2009.

The Buddha Image was conveyed to Nay Pyi Taw on 13 January 2011 after keeping it at the embrace of Maha Muni Buddha Image of Mandalay for seven days.—MNA



Chairman U Tint Hsan of ACE Construction Co., reading paper on entrusting renovated Maha Muni Buddha Image to wellwishers.
MNA

Commander attends opening of Myanmar Football Academy Building

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung on 13 March met servicemen and their families at the hall of local battalion in Magway station and presented cash assistance to them.

On 14 March, the Commander went to Defence Services Hospital of the local station and provided patients with cash assistance.

The Commander attended the opening of Myanmar Football Academy Building jointly founded by

Myanmar Football Federation and Federation International Football Associations at Sports and Physical Education Institute in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay on 15 March.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, senior military officers, FIFA President Mr Joseph S. Blatter, MFF President U Zaw Zaw and members, departmental personnel, officials of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay), guests and locals.

The Commander, the

mayor, the FIFA President and the MFF President formally opened the academy. The Commander and the FIFA President unveiled the bronze plaque of the academy.

The Commander and personnel viewed training session and progress of the football pitch. The MFF President, at the meeting hall of the academy, explained progress of football sport in Myanmar and the FIFA President his visit to Myanmar.

The Commander, the mayor and the FIFA President exchanged gifts and posed for documentary photos.—MNA

WHO Resident Representative calls on Health Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—Resident Representative of World Health Organization Dr HSB Tennakoon called on Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at the Ministry here, this noon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe and directors-general of departments.

They discussed achievements of tasks being jointly undertaken by the Ministry of Health and the WHO and cooperation in realizing the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations, and plan for making collaborative efforts in carrying out health development tasks.

MNA



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint receives WHO Resident Representative Dr HSB Tennakoon.—MNA



A Chinese staff member of UnionPay demonstrates the receipt and rubles withdrawn from Gazprombank's ATM by using a UnionPay card, during a launching ceremony in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 17 March, 2011.—XINHUA

Home prices in China continued to rise in February

BEIJING, 18 March—Home prices in most major Chinese cities continued to rise month on month in February despite government efforts to cool the property market, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) Friday.

Month-on-month price declines of new commercial homes were reported only in eight cities out of the NBS' statistical pool of 70 major Chinese cities, prices stood unchanged in six cities, while 56 other cities posted monthly price gains.

As for resold housing units, home prices continued to increase in 50 major cities in February from January, only four cities reported second-hand home price declines month on month in February, according to data released by the NBS on its website.

On a year-on-year basis, prices of new homes rose in 68 out of the 70 major Chinese cities.

In the national capital Beijing where the municipal government raised the down payment requirement and banned third-home purchases, new home prices rose 0.4 percent in February from January, and 6.8 percent year on year.

Xinhua

Chocolate seen as ancient trade offering

PHILADELPHIA, 18 March—Chocolate may have been a driving factor in extensive trade between ancient northern and southern societies in the Americas, US researchers say.

Scientists say Pueblo people living in what's now the US Southwest drank a cacao-based beverage that was probably imported from Mesoamerican cultures in southern Mexico or Central America, ScienceNews.org reported Thursday.

Pueblo groups and subsequent Southwest societies traded turquoise for Mesoamerican cacao for about five centuries, from around 900 to 1400, archaeologist Dorothy Washburn of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia theorizes. A chemical analysis of Pueblo vessels suggests large numbers of people throughout Pueblo society consumed cacao, from low-ranking farmers to elite residents of a multistorey pueblo, she said.

"Since cacao was consumed by both Pueblo elites and non-elites, active trading for cacao must have occurred with Mesoamerican states," Washburn said. Evidence of cacao drinking by Pueblo people surprised many archaeologists who have long assumed that cultures of the Southwest and Mesoamerica had minimal contact.—Internet



The Twitter homepage. Social networking fanatics deluged by updates and posts are turning to services that promise more intimate communities increasingly tied to real world activities.
INTERNET

Injured camel euthanized at Miami zoo

MIAMI, 18 March—Officials at Zoo Miami say a camel was euthanized after being injured in an incident involving an escaped Indian Guar, a type of wild cattle. The elderly female dromedary camel was euthanized Wednesday because of pre-existing conditions that were made worse when she panicked and fell after the escaped Guar jumped into the camel exhibit last week, WFOR-TV, Miami, reported.

The 14-year-old camel was able to stand up after the fall, but it became apparent there was severe muscular and joint damage that became worse during the last few days, zoo spokesman Ron Magill said. In its final 24 hours the animal was completely unable to remain on its feet, he said.

The camel had already been under treatment for leg and joint problems associated with advanced age, zoo workers said.

The escaped Guar was out of its exhibit for about a half hour but never ventured into any public areas. Zoo officials said a compromised area in the rear moat of the Guar exhibit allowed the animal to breach the barrier.

Modifications were being made to prevent similar incidents, they said.—Internet



Staff workers put Shuanghui meat products off the shelf after receiving a sale suspension notice at a supermarket in Shanghai, east China, on 16 March, 2011.

XINHUA

Toshiba LCD plant out, Lenovo frets about supplies

TOKYO, 18 March—Toshiba Corp said an assembly line in Japan making small liquid crystal displays would be closed for a month, and PC maker Lenovo Group Ltd voiced worries over parts, highlighting the threat to global supply chains from Japan's devastating earthquake.

Hitachi Ltd also said production of small LCDs will be halted at its factory near Tokyo for a month as it deals with damage and power outages stemming from last week's 9.0 magnitude earthquake.

The closures are the latest in a series of plant shutdowns by Japanese companies following the earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear fallout threat, which threaten supplies of everything from semiconductors to car parts to manufacturers across the globe.

Any lengthy disruptions to regional production networks could spill over into global supply chains, potentially putting a dent in corporate profits and economic growth more broadly — worries over which have been reflected in falls in global share prices.

Toshiba's assembly line at a plant near Tokyo making LCDs for smartphones and other devices will be closed to repair sensitive equipment knocked out of alignment by the quake, a Toshiba spokeswoman said on Thursday.

Reuters

A staff worker carries a bag of salt in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 17 March, 2011. China National Salt Industry Corp (CNSIC) on Thursday said China has rich salt reserves to meet people's demand and consumers need not panic to hoard salt.—XINHUA



Child, teen heart screening may cut deaths

PHILADELPHIA, 18 March—US researchers found in a pilot study screening detects potentially serious heart conditions in healthy children that can result in sudden cardiac arrest.

Study leader Dr Victoria L Vetter, a pediatric cardiologist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, said the preliminary results suggest a relatively low-cost screening — a 10-minute electrocardiogram — might help identify children who are at risk for sudden cardiac arrest.

"In the United States, the current American Heart Association guidelines recommend screening only competitive athletes, not all children, using history and physical examination alone," Vetter said in a statement.

In Italy and Japan, which have compulsory screening of all athletes or schoolchildren, researchers found

adding the ECG to the history and physical increases the likelihood of detecting children at risk for sudden cardiac arrest.

The researchers evaluated 400 healthy subjects ages 5-19 who were screened using a medical family history questionnaire, a physical examination, an ECG and an echocardiogram. The study, published in the *American Heart Journal*, identified previously undiagnosed cardiac abnormalities in 23 subjects, and hypertension in an additional 20, with 10 of the 400 subjects with serious cardiac conditions not detected by primary care physicians.

"Using ECG outperformed the history and physical examination and found previously unidentified potentially serious abnormalities that would not have been identified by history and physical examination alone," the study authors said.

Internet

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancies with UNDP Yangon. Detailed terms of reference are available at the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.

Position - 1

Title - Technical Specialist (Livelihoods)
Post Level - SC 6
Duration of Assignment - Initial six months, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - Project office in HDI Township with approximately 90% travel to Villages (HDI townships: Dry Zone, Northern Shan Zone, Southern Shan Zone, Delta Zone, Mon/Kayin, Kachin, Northern Chin, Southern Chin, Northern Rakhine and Eastern Rakhine)

Requirements: Bachelor degree in Agriculture, Livestock or related field; minimum 3 to 5 years experience in community rural development work with focus on one or a combination of the livelihoods development, establishment of market linkages, marketing, agricultural business and facilitating market-oriented trainings. Prior practical experience in participatory rural poverty reduction that incorporates enterprise and business development will be an asset. Emphasis will be given to personal qualities of enthusiasm, commitment and empathy with rural communities. Must be willing to learn and to share knowledge and skills. The candidate will be a good team player and ability to work under pressure. Basic knowledge of computer applications, and be able to communicate in English. Women are encouraged to apply.

Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their application, and should submit together with complete bio-data stating personal details, P-11 Form, academic qualification, work experiences and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit (DST), No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon. E-mail: registry.mm@undp.org** Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s). "UNDP practice relating to recruitment prohibits hiring of persons currently engaged by Government services or who left Government service during the past 6 months." Women are encouraged to apply. **UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.**
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV SANG THAI QUARTZ VOY NO (05)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI QUARTZ VOY NO (05) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

**US inflation rate hits 0.5%
in February**

NEW YORK, 18 March —US prices rose 0.5% in February compared with the previous month, as food and fuel prices continued to exert pressure on the economy.

The change, higher than the 0.4% seen in January, was the fastest monthly rate of increase in nearly two years.

The core rate of inflation, which strips out food and energy costs, rose by 0.2% — the same as in January. Consumer Price Index inflation hit an annual

2.1%, up from 1.6% in the year to January, the Labour Department said.

Food price inflation was a key driver of the increase. Food costs went up by 0.6% month-on-month, the most in two-and-a-half years. Petrol prices rose even faster, up 4.7%. But apart from those two categories, price rises were more muted. —Internet



The CPI measure is closely watched by the Federal Reserve as a measure of price momentum.

INTERNET

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Dated: 19 March 2011

**All 228 people
onboard were killed
when the Air France
plane crashed in
2009.— INTERNET**

**Airbus faces manslaughter
charges over Rio crash**

PARIS, 18 March — A French judge has filed preliminary manslaughter charges against European aircraft maker Airbus over a crash in 2009. All of the 228 people onboard were killed when an Air France flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris came down in the Atlantic Ocean on 1 June that year. The preliminary charges pave the way for further investigation.

The cause of the accident is not known, though sensors on the aircraft sent faulty speed readings to pilots. Airbus says no one can know

for sure what happened as the so-called "black boxes", which monitored events during the flight, have not been recovered. Next week, a fourth attempt to find the voice and data recorders will get underway. The search involves dives to depths of up to 4,000 metres (13,120 feet) to examine the ocean floor between Brazil and West Africa.

Internet

Cumberland sausage wins protection

LONDON, 18 March — Cumberland sausage-makers are enjoying the champagne moment of their product being protected from geographically inaccurate imitations. However good other sausages may taste, if they're not from Cumbria they can no longer be described as Cumberland sausages, Food minister Jim Paice has ruled, despite the German origin of

the product.

The decision puts the sausages on a par with champagne, sherry, and Parma ham as edible products that must come from specific geographical areas after winning protection under European law. Foods from the UK which have already been granted Protected Geographical Indication status include Stilton cheese, Cornish clotted



The Cumberland sausage joins Stilton cheese and Cornish clotted cream in winning European protection.— INTERNET

cream and Melton Mowbray pork pies.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV HANSEDO VOY NO (006)**

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
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(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (377)**

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Huge lobster saved from the pot

One of the biggest and oldest lobsters ever caught in Britain has been saved from the pot and will live out the rest of its long life in an aquarium.

The massive crustacean measures close to one metre (3 feet) in length and weighs more than 4 kg (9 lb).

"He's a fantastic specimen and by his size alone he has got to be at least 50 years old," said Lindsay Holloway of the Blue Reef aquarium in Portsmouth, where the lobster now lives.

"He is an amazing creature and it's quite an achievement to have reached such an impressive age," he added. The lobster was caught in around 14 feet of water by a compassionate angler fishing for sole in Bracklesham Bay, off



the coast of West Sussex.

Lobsters are among the planet's oldest inhabitants with fossil remains found dating back more than 100 million years. They are also extremely long-lived with some reaching ages of over 80 years.

The aquarium said the heaviest recorded crustacean is an Atlantic lobster nicknamed Mike who was caught in 1934 and tipped the scales at an awesome 19 kg.



An Airbus A330 is seen being pulled by participants at Hong Kong International Airport in south China's Hong Kong, on 17 March, 2011. The "Aircraft Pull" event is one of a series of celebration events to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Aviation Development in Hong Kong.

Californian sea lion star Miller dies at 30

The Aquarium of the Pacific in Southern California announced Wednesday that Miller, one of its most famous sea lion performers, has died. He was 30 years old.

Miller died of natural causes, the aquarium said. In the wild, sea lions often live to between 15 and 17 years, while those living in captivity can reach up to 30 years in age.

He was the fifth oldest male sea lion in any zoological institution and had "retired" last year to a behind-the-scenes area at

the Long Beach-based aquarium for health and safety reasons last year.

Born in the wild in 1981, Miller was rescued from a beach in San Diego by a marine rehabilitation facility. Deemed not to be a candidate for release back into the ocean, the animal was then adopted and trained for a career as a performing sea lion at Southern California amusement parks.

At 18 years of age, Miller came to Aquarium of the Pacific in September 1998 as an already-seasoned performer for the facility's daily seal and sea lion shows and for visitors to meet during up-close

animal encounters. The star's 29th birthday in July 2009 was reported live by a local television news crew during a special presentation.



Actress Nubia Esteban wears a chocolate outfit inside a chocolate cage at the 16th Salon du Chocolat in Paris. She was dressed by Bailey's and Carole Dichamp.

Woman arrested for DUI scolding police for parking

A US woman was arrested for drunken driving in Westminster, Colorado, after she drove up to a suspected DUI traffic collision and complained to officers about how they parked their patrol cars, media reported on Thursday. The crash happened Sunday at the intersection of West 99th and 100th avenues in Westminster. Katherine Morse, 48, decided to pull up and stop at about 5:15 pm while officers were investigating a DUI-related crash.

"Katherine Morse thought it was a terrible place for officers to conduct a traffic stop, so she herself stopped to check on the drunk driver she thought had been pulled over," says Westminster police spokesman Trevor Materasso.

News Album

Fall in audience to see Spanish films

MADRID, 18 March—The year 2010 saw a sharp decline in the number of spectators going to see films in Spain's cinemas, according to figures published this week. The Spanish Ministry of Culture made public figures that Spanish films brought in earnings of 80,277,621 euros (112,600,000 US dollars) and had 12,928,363 viewers in cinemas in 2010 in comparison with earnings of 104,367,061 (146,500,000 dollars) in 2009, when 17,480,282 people went to see a Spanish film in the cinema.

The figures are better than expected. It had been predicted that the earnings for the year would be closer to 69 million euros, but there was still a loss of over 4 million spectators in 2010. Video piracy and the increased popularity of seeing films on the internet are two factors for the decline in cinema audiences. The former president of the Spanish Film Academy, Alex de la Iglesia, recognised that factor in his speech in the prestigious Goya Awards last month.—Xinhua



A model presents a creation during the Lakme Fashion Week Summer/Resort 2011 in Mumbai, India, on 15 March, 2011. XINHUA



A girl holds the wax figure of Justin Bieber at the Madame Tussauds New York, the United States, on 15 March, 2011. XINHUA

"American Pie" actor enters treatment

BEIJING, 18 March—"American Pie" actor Seann William has entered treatment for "health and personal issues," according to his rep's statement released Wednesday.

The actor's rep told People magazine in the statement: "Seann William Scott has voluntarily admitted himself for proactive treatment to address health and personal issues. He appreciates the support of his many fans at this time."

No further details were available.

Seann William is best known for his breakout role in the "American Pie" franchise, but he admitted some reluctance about rejoining the potential fourth movie of its kind.

"I did three of them," he said. "I had so

much fun and loved the character, [but] I don't want to be known as that character forever. Now I'm realizing that I probably will be known



Actor Seann William.

as that character forever."

Scott was most recently seen in the 2010 Kevin Smith buddy comedy "Cop Out," starring Bruce Willis and Tracy Morgan.

Xinhua

Crossover music from Scottish folk singer

BEIJING, 18 March—One of Scotland's most famous folk singers, Katie Targett-Adams, teams up with Irish band Seeley for a night of traditional Scottish tunes and pop songs in Beijing.

Targett-Adams, 32, one of Scotland's leading Celtic harpists with six albums to her name, has developed her own blend of crossover music, performing a variety of styles from pop to jazz, and from traditional Scottish melodies to classical pieces.

She performed in China four years ago and is keen to popularize the Celtic harp, which she has playing since she was a child.

The singer-songwriter mixes traditional Scottish folk music with contemporary pieces and sings in both English and Chinese. She played at the launch of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. The band, Seeley, which has eight young musicians from Ireland, play Uilleann pipes, Irish flute, percussion, and Anglo concertinas, among other instruments.—Xinhua



Targett-Adams

Wenger confirms shock Lehmann return

LONDON, 18 March — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger confirmed on Thursday that goalkeeper Jens Lehmann is set to re-join the club until the end of the season. Lehmann, 41, has been a free agent since retiring in 2010 after two years with German club Stuttgart. Manuel Almunia is currently Arsenal's only fit senior goalkeeper because of injuries to Wojciech Szczesny, Lukasz Fabianski and Vito Mannone. "Lehmann is training with us and will sign for the rest of the season," said Wenger. "We have no cover in the Premier League, so that is why I decided to bring Jens back. He has not signed, but a contract has been agreed."

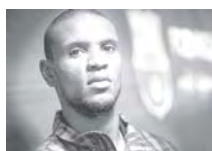
Lehmann made 199 appearances for Arsenal between 2003 and 2008. The former Germany international won the Premier League title in 2004, as well as

the FA Cup in 2005, but left the club in 2008 after losing his place to Almunia. Should he sign in time, Lehmann could be named in Arsenal's squad for the Premier League trip to West Bromwich Albion on Saturday. Arsenal trail leaders Manchester United by three points in the Premier League title race, but have a game in hand. — *Internet*



Goalkeeper Jens Lehmann

Abidal surgery completed 'without incident'



France defender Eric Abidal

MADRID, 18 March — Barcelona's French defender Eric Abidal underwent surgery "without incident" on Thursday to remove a liver tumour, the defending Spanish champions said.

Doctors at Barcelona's Hospital Clinic managed to remove the entire tumour during the operation, which lasted around three hours, it said in a statement posted on its website.

"Depending on how he evolves, the player

may be discharged from hospital in approximately one week. In accordance with the specific wishes of the player, the club demands the maximum respect for his privacy at this moment," it said.

The tumour was removed by laparoscopy, an increasingly popular type of surgery in which doctors make a few small incisions, compared with traditional surgery, in which they make one long cut to enter the body.

— *Internet*



Unbeaten Lucian Bute

Unbeaten Bute defends title against Ulsterman

MONTREAL, 18 March — Unbeaten Lucian Bute will make the seventh defence of his International Boxing Federation super middleweight crown against Brian Magee of Northern Ireland on Saturday in a show-down of southpaw stars. Bute, a Romanian-born fighter based in Montreal, is 27-0 with 22 knockouts and has stopped foes inside the distance in six of his past seven starts dating to his 2007 title-claiming victory over Colombia's Alejandro Berrio.

It will be only the second time in his career that Bute, 31, has walked into

the ring against a fellow left-hander and the first time since 2007, but the hometown idol is not worried. "We had left-handed sparring partners and watched a lot of video on Magee," Bute said. "He's experienced. He is very aggressive and he can punch. I can't underestimate him. I'm ready for a long, tough fight."

Magee, 34-3 with one drawn and 24 knockouts, is the former European champion in the weight class. The 35-year-old Ulsterman is on a 10-fight unbeaten run and has not lost since being stopped by Britain's Carl Froch in 2006. — *Internet*

Casey takes the early lead in Tampa

PALM HARBOR, 18 March — Paul Casey changed his schedule leading up the Masters, and it's starting to look like a good move.

Once the fog lifted, Casey played bogey-free on the tough Copperhead course at Innisbrook on Thursday for a 7-under 64 to take the lead among the early starters at the Transitions Championship.

"The state of my game is going in the right direction," Casey said.

Casey made back-to-back birdies late in his round to surge past Nick Watney, who is coming

off the biggest win of his career last week in the World Golf Championship at Doral.

Watney had seven birdies in 12 holes before missing a few greens toward the end of his round and settling for a 66.

— *Internet*



2011 African Champions League kicks off this weekend

JOHANNESBURG, 18 March — Title holders TP Mazembe are weary and record six-time winners Al-Ahly are rusty ahead of 2011 African Champions League debuts this weekend. Mazembe from



A TP Mazembe fan cheers for his team during the 2010 FIFA Club World Cup final in the Emirati capital Abu Dhabi, last December. Mazembe from the Democratic Republic of Congo host Simba of Tanzania as 2011 African Champions League debuts this weekend. — *INTERNET*

the Democratic Republic of Congo host Simba of Tanzania as the second qualifying round begins and Ahly of Egypt have home advantage over SuperSport United of South Africa.

There are 10 other former winners in action and only two come into direct contact with the clash between Club Africain of Tunisia and Zamalek of Egypt the major attraction of a 15-fixture schedule. Since crushing Esperance of Tunisia 6-1 over two legs last November to become the first club to twice successfully defend the title, Mazembe have finished runners-up behind Inter Milan in the FIFA Club World Cup. — *Internet*

Wozniacki, Sharapova reach semis at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 18 March — Top seed Caroline Wozniacki, whose opponent pulled out with a painful injury, eased into the Indian Wells semifinals where she was joined by Maria Sharapova. Wozniacki, of Denmark, was ahead 3-0

when Victoria Azarenka packed it in after taking a lengthy medical timeout to receive treatment for an injury to the left side of her hip.

The eighth seed Azarenka suffered the setback just 10 minutes into the match on the second point of the third game while stretching to try and return a shot. World

number one Wozniacki, who is good friends with Azarenka, said she was sorry to have to win that way.

Sharapova won her quarter-final despite committing 13 double faults and winning just 27 percent of her second-serve points.

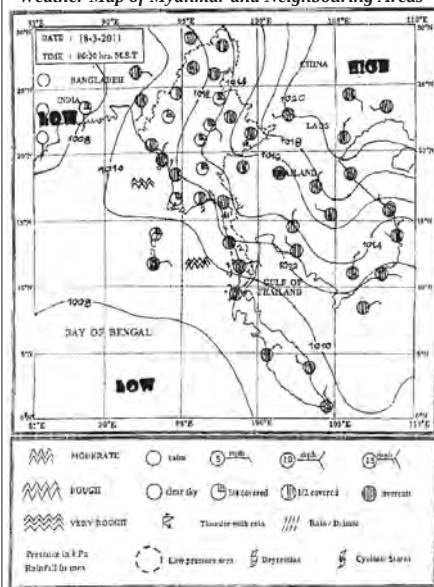
Neither player could hold serve at the start of the deciding set but then Sharapova found a spark in the sixth game to hold serve for the first time in the set and level the score at 3-3. Sharapova also won the next three games to take the match.

— *Internet*

Nick Watney tees off on the 12th hole during the first round of the Transitions Championship golf tournament on 17 March, 2011, in Palm Harbor, Fla.

— *INTERNET*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 18th March, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon Regions, scattered in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Kayin and Mon States. Day temperatures were (15°C) to (20°C) below March average temperatures in Eastern Shan and Kayin States, (10°C) to (15°C) below March average temperature in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Southern Shan, Kayah and Mon States, (9°C) below March average temperature in Northern Shan State and (4°C) to (8°C) below March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myawady (3.94) inches, Kyaikmaraw (3.14) inches, Hpa-an (2.28) inches, Chaungzon (1.89) inches, Mawlamyine and Kawkaireik (1.61) inches each, Kyaikkhami (1.46) inches and Mudon (1.26) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 17-3-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 18-3-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-3-2011 was (60%). Rainfall on 18-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 17-3-2011 was 72°F. Minimum temperature on 18-3-2011 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-3-2011 was (74%). Total sunshine hours on 17-3-2011 was (1.4) hour (Approx).

Rainfall on 18-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (5.79) inches at Mingaladon, (6.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (7.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (16) mph from Southeast at (11:30) hours MST on 17-3-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay and partly cloudy over elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 19th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in Sagaing and Bago Regions, Kachin and Kayah States and weather will be partly cloudy over the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Weather Outlook For Third Weekend Of March 2011: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy over Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

Landslide closes California highway

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 March — A section of California's historic Highway 1 washed away after several days of heavy rain and officials say they expect a long-term closure for repairs.

The California Highway Patrol said a 40-foot stretch of saturated roadway on the coastal highway tumbled down a hillside on Wednesday evening in Monterey County, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported.

After the landslide, near an area called Hurricane Point, the California Department of Transportation closed several miles of the road south of Garrapata State Park and posted signs warning motorists of the washout.

The *Monterey Times Herald* reported the CHP said the closure could last "potentially several days if not longer." No injuries were reported.—*Internet*



An Australian academic has praised the increasing use of social media during disasters, saying there had been a "beautiful display of humanity" on Facebook during recent catastrophes.

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Programme Schedule
(19-3-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (19-3-11 09:30 am ~ 20-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Tabauing Festival
- * Uppatasanti Pagoda
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- * Songs for you
- * News
- * Daily Code and Conduct
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie "Competition of Consecration"



**Saturday,
19 March
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- Uppatasanti Paritta

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:40 am

3. Maha Wuntha Myat Buddha

8:10 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

8:20 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:30 am

6. Health Programme

8:40 am

7. International News

8:45 am

8. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

11:25 am

3. Game For Children

11:50 am

4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

1:30 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

1:35 pm

6. TV Drama Series

2:30 am

7. Mahowthada (Part-22)

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Cultural Dances

4:20 am

3. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

4:30 pm

4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Firt Year (Philosophy)

4:45 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

5:00 pm

7. Game For Children

5:20 pm

8. Dhamma Puja Song

5:40 pm

9. Documentary (Tabauing Month)

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai

6:40 pm

13. TV Drama Series

7:35 pm

14. Documentary (Uppatathandi Sedi Taw)

8:00 pm

15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Documentary (Fullmoon Day of Tabauing by Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nanissara)
19. Metta Bavana By Mingun Sayadaw

- ★ 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

Secretary-1 receives Vice-President Mr Zhong Shujun of China Development Bank



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Chinese delegation led by Vice-President Mr Zhong Shujun of China Development Bank.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a Chinese delegation led by Vice-President Mr Zhong Shujun of China Development Bank at the hall of the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, at 1 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Defence U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State

Peace and Development Council Office, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and Managing Director U Khin Maung Soe of Myanmar Economic Corporation.

At the call, the two sides frankly discussed economic matters.—MNA