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Hluttaw candidate declared as person of distorted qualification

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—*The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 11/2011 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-*

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 11/2011
13th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME
1st April, 2011

Hluttaw candidate who failed to submit election expense in the prescribed period declared as person of distorted qualification

1. According to Section 55 of the respective Hluttaw Election Laws and paragraph 77 of the Rules, Hluttaw candidates and their election agents who run for Multiparty Democracy General Election held on 7 November, 2010, are to submit election expenses to the respective sub-commissions in line with the law during 60 days as of the date the names of the representatives-elect are announced. *(See page 7)*

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

Safeguard constitution; make earnest efforts for building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation through media

Minister for Information and for Culture addresses 20th anniversary of IPRD

***Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addressing 20th Anniversary of Information and Public Relations Department.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April— The 20th anniversary of Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information was celebrated at the hall of the Ministry of Information, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that nowadays, all the staff members are to discharge their duties and functions to the best of their ability under the leadership of new government that has emerged in accord with the constitution. Here, the significant and profound point is that the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture have closer relations, cooperation and coordination. Basically, the functions of the two ministries are interrelated to each other. With this point as the foundation, the two ministries will have to promote cooperation for greater success. The departments and enterprises of the Ministry of Information have two aims in observing anniversaries—review their works of the previous year for achieving more success in the coming year and to make proper comeptitions between them to ensure extra progress. It is necessary to implement the above-mentioned aims yearly without fail. Institutions under the MOI *(See page 8)*

e-Government Computer Applied Course No. 1/2011 concludes

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In this photo taken on 30 March, 2011, a farmer dumps raw milk in a hole made at his farmland in northeastern Japan. 200 tons of raw milk produced in Fukushima is wasted per day, Kyodo News reports. The 11 March earthquake triggered a tsunami and disabled the Fukushima nuclear power plant.

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Enjoy freedom with sense of duty and discipline

A ceremony to take heed of presidential address and make affirmation took place at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 March.

At the ceremony, President U Thein Sein briefed the heads of Union level organizations and ministers and deputy ministers from the Union Government about the stances they should have and the polices they must follow.

In his address, the President said "Good governance calls for sound management and administrative skills. Benevolent attitude must be shown towards the people. The public interests must be protected and served. To ensure a clean government, it must abstain from corruption and bribery that tarnish the image of the nation and the people. Therefore, an individual person or the organization he takes charge of needs to stay away from such corruption and bribery."

A modern, developed democratic nation has come into shape, and it is important to practise a discipline-flourishing democratic system. The nation itself must work hard for its democratic system to be mature. Likewise, it is needed to promote democratic practices in the government, in the departmental organizations and among the people.

The role of government organizations at various levels responsible for administrative affairs is very crucial. As administrative affairs strongly influence the day-to-day life of the people, the public wishes must be respected. Whether a system sounds good or not depends on how the living conditions and socioeconomy of the people have improved, how the service personnel have treated the public and how the people have led a life under the protection of law.

The task of nation-building is wide and tremendous. With the people and administrative bodies being able to distinguish between freedom and sense of duty and between freedom and discipline, Myanmar will be a society with flourishing democratic practices.

Book-Buffet and Clearance Sale at MBC on 2 April

YANGON, 1 April —Hailing the Myanmar New Year, Myanmar Book Centre will conduct a "Book-Buffet and Clearance Sale" from 2 to 7 April.

Up to date, Myanmar Book Centre donated 300,000 books to 250 libraries.

The "Book-Buffet and Clearance Sale" will be held at Myanmar Book Centre Outlet (1) at No. 55 on Baho Street in Ahlon Township, Yangon and Outlet (2) at No. 561-567, Room-3, ground floor, MAC Tower (1) on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Yangon from 9 am to 6 pm and Mandalay Outlet at Room-429, Level-4, 78 Shopping Centre, Mandalay from 9 am to 9 pm.— *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**

Relief works provided to quake victims in Tahlay Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo on 28 March comforted patients, who were injured in the earthquake, at temporary dispensary opened at the relief camp in Nayawng Village of Tahlay Township.

The commander presented foodstuffs, blankets, kitchen utensils and drinking water to the quake victims and the patients.

He looked into supply of drinking water for Tahlay Township and cooking of meals for quake victims in Monglin Village. He comforted patients at the temporary dispensary in Monglin Village and presented foodstuff to them.

The commander looked into removal of debris and damages of houses, buildings and roads caused by the earthquake in Tahlay with the use of heavy machinery. He viewed construction of temporary bailey bridge and its maintenance for ensuring safety traffic.

At the relief camp in Tahlay, the commander hold discussions on relief works for the earthquake with officials.—*MNA*

e-Government Computer Applied Course No. 1/2011 concludes

***Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi addresses closing ceremony of e-Government Applied Computer Course No. 1/2011.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The closing ceremony e-Government Computer Applied Course No. 1/2011 of the Ministry of Labour was held at assembly hall of the ministry, here, today attended by Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi.

The minister awarded outstanding trainees and presented completion certificates.

With the aim of speeding up e-Government procedure, the ministry opened the course for officers from 7 to 31 March. So far, there have been eighth time to open Basic Computer Course and fifth time for e-Government Computer Applied Course.

MNA

Basic Diplomatic Skills Course concludes

***Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department addresses graduation ceremony of Basic Diplomatic Skills Course.*—MNA**

YANGON, 1 April—The graduation ceremony of Basic Diplomatic Skills Course No. 25/2011 conducted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Wunzinminyaza Hall of the ministry here today, with an address by Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department.

A total of 198 trainees attended the 12-week course.

MNA

At least 8 UN staff killed in north Afghan city

MAZAR-I-SHARIF, Afghanistan 1 April—At least eight foreign UN workers were killed, two of them beheaded, on Friday in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif, a regional police spokesman said.

"Eight foreigners were killed and two were beheaded," said Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai, a police spokesman for the northern region.

A small group attacked the UN compound, throwing stones and climbing on blast barriers to try and enter.

A police source, who declined to be named as he was not authorised to speak to the media, said they had stormed into the compound where they attacked the victims.

The chief of the mission in the city was wounded but survived, and the dead included employees of Norwegian, Romanian and Swedish nationalities, he added.

A United Nations spokesman confirmed that there had been deaths of personnel at the mission in Mazar-i-Sharif but declined to give further details, saying the situation on the ground was still confusing.

Staffan De Mistura, the top UN representative in Afghanistan, was heading to Mazar-i-Sharif to handle the matter personally, he added.

MNA/Reuters

Men remove damaged motorbikes from the site of a suicide bomb attack in Swabi on 30 March, 2011. A suspected suicide bomber blew himself up near a gathering of Islamist party Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) in the northwestern town of Swabi, killing 12 people including a policeman, police said.

INTERNET

German police thwart football stadium bomb plot

BERLIN, 1 April—German police said that they found suspected three explosive devices outside the stadium of football club Borussia Dortmund on Thursday, two days after arresting a 25-year-old man suspect of planning the attack.

The Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) and the club said three suspected explosive devices were discovered and then defused by police in a parking lot, hundreds of metres from the Dortmund stadium. Police later found another three explosive devices in the suspect's apartment.

"A forensic investigation is being carried out to determine whether the suspect objects were explosives as well as to identify the possible uses of the chemicals that were found," BKA said in a statement.

The BKA said the suspect, a German, was taken into custody on Tuesday in Cologne, as police found the man was related to an e- mailed anonymous tip received by German embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan in February, which warned that Germany was to face two terror attacks.

The suspect, whose name wasn't released at the moment, has admitted that he was the tip sender and put those devices near the stadium, police said.

Xinhua

A man inspects his destroyed car in front of the provincial council building of Tikrit, 80 miles (130 kilometres) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 30 March, 2011. Gunmen wearing militant uniforms over explosives belts charged into a government building in Saddam Hussein's hometown on Tuesday, in an attack that left scores of people dead, including hostages who were shot execution-style.

INTERNET

A Pakistani policeman stands guard as NATO supply tankers burn following an attack at a terminal in the northwest of the country. Militants have beheaded three security guards at a NATO truck terminal and damaged 10 oil tankers in the restive area which borders Afghanistan, officials have said.

INTERNET

Two killed, several injured as blast hit market in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 April,— Two person was killed and more than 10 others were injured as a blast hit a market in northwest Pakistan's tribal area on Friday, local sources and media said.

The blast took place in Darra Adam Khel area of the tribal region. Local TV channel GEO reported that it was a suicide bomb blast.—*Xinhua*

Afghan war leaves 103 NATO soldiers dead in three months

KABUL, 1 April— Continued militancy and skirmishes have claimed the lives of more than 100 soldiers with NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in the first quarter of the current year.

Since the beginning 2011, according to iCasalties, a website tracking the casualties of NATO-led forces in war on terror in Afghanistan, 103 soldiers with majority of them Americans have been killed in the post-Taleban country.

The fatalities of NATO-led troops, registered so far this year indicates fall down in comparison with previous year in Afghanistan.

Thirty two soldiers with the militant alliance, according to iCasualties, had been killed in January this year against 43 during the same period in 2010.

NATO's casualties in February 2011 had been registered 38 against 53, killed in February 2010.

The fatalities of NATO-led forces in March this year, according to iCasualties has been registered 33 against 39 in March previous year.

In the latest waves of attacks against NATO-led troops for which Taleban militants claimed of responsibility was a suicide car bomb attack in Kapisa Province, some 70 km north Afghan Capital Kabul, on Wednesday leaving nine people injured including four soldiers and five civilians.

"It was a suicide attack carried out by militants against international troops in Tagab District at 02:30 pm local time (1000 GMT) as a result four foreign soldiers and five Afghan civilians were injured," police chief of Tagab District Padshah Gul Bakhtyar told *Xinhua*.

Xinhua

An Iraqi man inspects the scene of a rocket attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 29 March, 2011.

INTERNET

Greek police detonate mail bomb outside Athens prison

ATHENS, 1 April— Police on Thursday detonated a mail bomb at the entrance of a maximum security prison in western Athens.

Police experts conducted a controlled explosion of the padded envelope addressed to the governor of Korydallos prison, where alleged members of an armed anarchist group are on trial, authorities said.

Prison authorities determined that the package was suspicious after scanning it, police said in a statement.

No group has claimed responsibility for the bomb so far, but police said the parcel had Italian stamps and an address in the neighbouring country.—*Xinhua*

Radiation from Japan reactors reaches Israel

JERUSALEM, 1 April—Israel's Soreq Nuclear Research Centre on Wednesday reported that it had detected traces of radioactive material in the air the previous day, believed to have drifted to the area in the wake of the breakdowns of the nuclear plants at Fukushima in Japan earlier this month.

The centre's gases and particles monitoring station detected traces of Iodine-131, a radioactive isotope that was a significant contributor to health effects from atomic bomb testing in the 1950s.

Experts at the Israel Atomic Energy Commission (IAEC) stressed, however, that the concentration of I-131 that was measured poses no health or environmental risks.

"The public can continue its daily routine as usual," the IAEC said in a statement.

The concentration detected in Israel on Tuesday is 400,000 times lower than that measured in the country following the Chernobyl disaster in 1986, local media reported.

Radioactive fallout from the Fukushima disaster has been identified in numerous parts of the world in recent weeks. Moderate concentrations were measured reportedly in Siberia, the Pacific and North America.—*Xinhua*

In this Thursday, 24 March, 2011, photo inside of the Unit 4 at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant is seen in Okumamachi, northeastern Japan. Steam comes out of debris by a crane device, in green, at the unit, Kyodo reports.—INTERNET

US airlines cut Tokyo service

An All Nippon Airways (ANA) plane at the Haneda airport in Tokyo on 30 March. —INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 1 April— US carriers American and Delta said they were cutting flights to Japan in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake, suspending recently launched services to Tokyo's Haneda Airport.

The decisions come amid fears that Japan's quake, tsunami and persistent nuclear crisis will strike a blow to the aviation industry, which last year counted on trans-Pacific travel as one of the brightest points of growth.

American Airlines said Thursday it was halting a daily flight launched in February between New York's John F. Kennedy and Tokyo's Haneda, a mostly domestic airport which Japan has tried to turn into an international hub.

American Airlines said it was also suspending one of two daily flights between Dallas-Fort Worth and Narita airport east of Tokyo, the primary international gateway to Japan.

The move comes after Delta Air Lines suspended flights to Haneda, which it operated from Los Angeles and Detroit.

Delta and American, along with United Airlines and Continental Airlines, maintain flights to Narita.

But Hawaiian Airlines, the other US carrier granted a coveted spot at Haneda, said it planned to continue its daily flights from Honolulu to Haneda and also launch a new service to Osaka in July.

Mark Dunkerley, Hawaiian Airlines' president and chief executive, said that the carrier's travel partners believed the Japan market could recover in May unless conditions worsen.

The Tokyo-Honolulu service primarily serves Japanese passengers, for whom Hawaii is a popular vacation destination.

"One cannot fail to be impressed by how quickly daily activity has returned to near normality in Tokyo and Osaka," Dunkerley said.

Internet

Brazil to test radiation levels in food from Japan

BRASILIA, 1 April—Food imported from Japan will be tested for contamination by radiation, the *Brazilian* official news agency reported on Thursday.

The aim is to prevent the entry of products that may have been exposed to radiation after the leak of radioactive material from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant due to the earthquake followed by tsunami occurred on 11 March.

The measure was defined by representatives of the National Commission for Nuclear Energy (CNEN), the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) and the ministries of agriculture and health.

Supervisors from Anvisa will collect food samples and send them to laboratories in the network of the nuclear commission, located in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. Another measure provides that food products from 12 prefectures around Fukushima must be accompanied by a certificate testifying the review and approval by the Japanese health authorities.

According to the Brazilian government, the possibility that radiation-contaminated food reaches Brazil is low.Anvisa will also strengthen the control of luggage of passengers arriving from Japan to prevent the entry of contaminated food.

Xinhua

Death toll reaches 11,620 from great quake-tsunami in Japan

TOKYO, 1 April—The National Police Agency said the catastrophic earthquake and ensuing tsunami have left 11,620 people dead and 16,464 others unaccounted for in Japan by 10:00 am local time (0100 GMT) Friday.

A 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific coastal areas of northeastern and eastern Japan on March 11, triggering enormous tsunami.

Heavy casualties and extensive damage have been caused by the twin disasters.

Xinhua

In this photo taken on 30 March, 2011, a farmer dumps raw milk in a hole made at his farmland in Kawamata, northeastern Japan. 200 tons of raw milk produced in Fukushima is wasted per day, Kyodo News reports. The 11 March earthquake off Japan's northeast coast triggered a tsunami that barreled onshore and disabled the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.
INTERNET

Japan radiation levels 10,000 times above normal

BEIJING, 1 April—Latest tests show that radiation in water surrounding the stricken Fukushima nuclear plant, is more than 10-thousand times above normal levels.Those concentrations were recorded outside the number-2 reactor.

An abnormal level of radioactive cesium has also been found in beef from the area. Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan says the troubled plant must be shut down.—*Xinhua*

Nagashima Rio who was born on 15 March, is tested for possible nuclear radiation at an evacuation centre in Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture, northern Japan, located about 70 km (44 miles) from the tsunami and earthquake-crippled nuclear reactor, 31 March, 2011. She was born at a hospital located about 50 km (31 miles) from the nuclear reactor.—INTERNET

Health

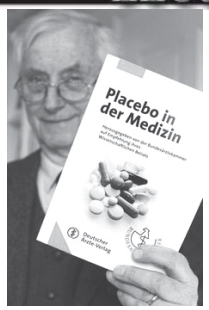
Africa turns to cellphones for better health

JOHANNESBURG, 1 Apri—The text message arrives with life-saving discretion: a neutral "see you at the clinic tomorrow" to remind patients to pick up a fresh batch of anti-AIDS drugs.

The free texts from South Africa's largest HIV treatment site are part of a push in Africa to boost health by targeting the continent's 624 million mobile phone subscribers. "I check my cellphone all the time — I think that's why it [the drug regimen] is working so well," said patient Emily Moletsane, 40, in a queue at Johannesburg's Themba Lethu clinic which averages more than 450 people a day. About 10,000 people have opted for the txtAlert reminders, which have proven a stunning success. Missed appointments at the centre from 15 percent fell from in mid-2007 to just four percent today. "When I started seeing this, I was also impressed," said medical manager Thapelo Maotoe.

Africa is poor in landlines and hospital beds but rich in cellphones, which is why mobile health — mHealth — offers opportunities for providing care at a low cost, say experts.

In west Africa, 2,200 doctors in Ghana and all of Liberia's 143 doctors have signed on to anti-poverty group Africa Aid's MDNet network, allowing then to call or text other physicians for free. In Ghana, a national directory helps find the number to call.—*Internet*



In this Wednesday, 30 March, 2011 photo, Dr Peter Scriba, chairman of the German Medical Association's.
INTERNET

FDA panel votes to study food dyes, hyperactivity

WASHINGTON, 1 April—A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel recommended Thursday that the agency further study the link between food coloring and childhood hyperactivity but said products that contain the dyes do not need package warnings.

The panel agreed with the FDA and affirmed that there is not enough evidence to show that certain food dyes cause hyperactivity in the general population of children. They also agreed that diets eliminating food dyes appear to work for some children with behavior problems.

The advisory committee reviewed links between the dyes and attention deficit disorder in a two-day meeting. The FDA has said it agrees with studies that say for "certain susceptible children," hyperactivity and other behavioral problems may be exacerbated by food dyes and other substances in food. But it has found no proven effect for most children. The FDA held the meeting in response to a 2008 petition filed by the advocacy group Centre for Science in the Public Interest to ban Yellow 5, Red 40 and six other dyes. Michael Jacobson, the director of that group, said after the vote that he is disappointed that members of the panel were looking for perfect scientific evidence that the link exists.—*Xinhua*

Death rate for lung cancer among women declines

WASHINGTON, 1 April—For the first time, women's death rates from lung cancer are dropping, possibly a turning point in the smoking-fueled epidemic.

It's a small decline, says the nation's annual report on cancer just under 1 percent a year. And lung cancer remains the nation's, and the world's, leading cancer killer. "It looks like we've turned the corner," said Elizabeth Ward of the American Cancer Society, who co-authored Thursday's report. "We think this downward trend is real, and we think it will continue."

Overall, death rates from cancer have been inching down for years, thanks mostly to gains against some leading types — colorectal, breast, prostate and, in men, lung cancer. Preventing cancer is better than treating it, and the country has documented smaller but real declines in new cases as well.

The report shows death rates falling an average of 1.6 percent a year between 2003 and 2007, the latest data available.—*Xinhua*

***Pupils read exchanged books in the Binhulu Primary School in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 1 April, 2011.—*XINHUA**

Business

USA business is in good shape

WASHINGTON, 1 April—US companies are in "pretty good shape" in many ways on back of the recovery of the world's largest economy, Jeffrey Immelt, Chief Executive Officer of General Electric (GE), said here on Thursday.

Despite the near-term global economic recovery challenges including the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the broad US economic growth this year is getting better, Immelt said Thursday at a luncheon meeting held by the Economic Club of Washington, DC

He noted signs of economic growing are emerging every day in the nation, adding that "the global markets remain strong, and corporate borrowers are more optimistic".

Obama last month picked Immelt to chair the newly-established President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, the administration's latest move to mend fences with the US business sector and bolster job creation efforts. Immelt stressed that the United States still has global leaders in a variety of important industries, but the nation should achieve a more balanced economy built on services and manufacturing.—*Xinhua*

***Jeffrey Immelt, chairman and CEO of General Electric and chairman of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, gestures as he speaks after delivering luncheon remarks on "A Blueprint for Competitiveness", at the Economic Club of Washington, DC's March meeting in Washington, on 31 March, 2011. —*XINHUA**

WTO raps US subsidies to Boeing

GENEVA, 1 April— Planemaker Boeing received at least $5.3 billion of illegal US subsidies, the World Trade Organization said on Thursday in a dispute that shows no signs of an end to years of inconclusive wrangling.

The banned aid included $2.6 billion of research funding from space agency NASA. But a WTO verdict sparked an immediate row over whether trade judges were right to include more than $2 billion of further support on the charge sheet against Boeing.

The ruling is the latest chapter in a six-year battle between the industry's two giants. The spat has already entered the record books as the world's largest and costliest trade dispute.

The WTO verdict backs some, but not all, of a tit-for-tat legal case over Boeing aid brought by the European Union.

A separate WTO trade panel condemned European support for Boeing rival Airbus in a parallel case last year.

As so often in a row which now extends to 2,000 pages of complex trade court rulings, both sides claimed victory."*Xinhua"—Reuters*

Earnings hit but priority is Japan recovery

TOYOTA CITY, 1 April—Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) President Akio Toyoda said on Friday that the devastating earthquake and tsunami in northeast Japan would hurt the company's earnings, but said that was not on his list of priorities.

"We're not thinking about numbers right now," Toyoda said the company's headquarters in Toyota City, adding he could not estimate the scope of the impact. "The priority now is the safety of the victims of the disaster, and to try and bring back normal operations as quickly as possible to restore hope," he told reporters after addressing new hires at a ceremony to mark their first day of work. Deutsche Securities this week slashed its forecast for Toyota' operating profit by 84 percent to $1.7 billion for the current business year due to production outages. Toyoda repeated the company's stance that it is uncertain when it can resume full production after the 11 March disaster disrupted its supply chain.—*Reuters*

A Toyota logo on a damaged car is seen at a dump site for tsunami debris near Sendai Airport on 3 March.
INTERNET

Green concept highlights Seoul Motor Show

SEOUL, 1 April— The 2011 Seoul Motor Show opened on Friday with the theme of "Evolution, Green Revolution on Wheels".

As apparent in its theme, this year's show is all about "green". The event is a clear indication of green consciousness permeating auto industry, with a plethora of electric and hybrid vehicles on display.

Marking its eighth year, the event, held at the Korea International Exhibition Centre in Goyang, Gyeonggi Province, is the largest in its history, with the participation by 139 automakers and auto parts manufacturers from eight countries including Japan, the United States and France.

The 11-day show features nearly 300 vehicles, including 54 brand-new cars. Of the newly introduced cars, five are world premieres while 22 models are being unveiled for the first time in Asia.

Many of the vehicles offered by the participating automakers have a decidedly green hue with their fuel efficiency and eco-friendly technology.

Nissan's Leaf electric car made its debut at the Seoul Motor Show.—*Xinhua*

Indonesia said Friday that inflation eased to 6.65 percent on a yearly basis in March while prices fell month-on-month as food costs softened slightly.
INTERNET

Panama police seize 140 kg of cocaine

PANAMA CITY, 1 April—Panamanian police seized 140 kg of cocaine in the port of Cristobal in Colon Province, said National Police Director Gustavo Perez on Thursday.

The drugs were found inside 28 boxes on a boat en route to Mexico from Colombia, said Perez. He also said there were altogether 15 people on board, including two Panamanian nationals. International drug cartels in recent years have increasingly used Panama as a transit country to ship narcotics into the United States. Last year, the country's security forces seized a total of more than 80 metric tons of cocaine.—*Xinhua*

Teen charged with hammer attack on grandma

BALTIMORE, 1 April— A 14-year-old Baltimore boy beat his grandmother with a hammer Thursday morning in a fit of rage and then called police, investigators said.

Detective Nicole Monroe said the woman, 66, was discovered unconscious in bed, *The Baltimore Sun* reported. She was reported to be in critical condition. Prosecutors have not said whether they would seek an adult trial for the boy. He allegedly told police he was getting ready to go to school and became angry at his grandmother. He said he hit her several times with the hammer.—*Internet*

Health worker gives a child a Vitamin A supplement at a public health centre in Lagos. As Africa's most populous nation, with 150 million people, Nigeria is a key battleground in the fight against measles, which it carries out with support from the United Nations Foundation.—INTERNET

Good mood affects working memory

COLUMBIA, 1 April— Being in a good mood decreases the brain's working memory — the ability to recall items in a conversation as a person is having it, US researchers say.

"This explains why you might not be able to remember a phone number you get at a party when you are having a good time," Elizabeth Martin, a doctoral student of psychology at the University of Missouri, says in a statement. "This research is the first to show that positive mood can negatively impact working memory storage capacity. This shows that although systems in the brain are connected, it is possible to affect one process but not others."

The researchers gauged study participants' mood before and after showing them a video clip — some saw a bit of a stand-up comedy routine, while others saw a video on how to install flooring.

Those who viewed the comedy routine were in significantly better moods after viewing the video, while the mood of flooring group had not changed. Both groups were then given a memory test.

The study, published in *the journal Cognition and Emotion*, found those who watched the comedy routine performed significantly worse on the task.—*Internet*

This undated photo courtesy of the US Fish & Wildlife Service shows sockeye salmon. According to new research at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Sockeye salmon in the Fraser River are facing such critically warm water in the summer that populations will either have to adapt or die as climate change pushes temperatures even higher.
INTERNET

A help wanted sign is posted in the window of a restaurant in San Francisco, California. The US Labour Department is expected to report a forceful rise in hiring Friday, when it releases its unemployment survey for March.
INTERNET

Social media may affect dating rules

DALLAS, 1 April— Forty-three percent of the US adult population is single but officials of the Web site Match.com say many don't realize some rules of dating have changed. Whitney Casey, relationship expert for Match.com, says the study was conducted by MarketTool and involved more than 5,200 single US adults ages 18-65. She says it's important for singles to know some dating rules may have changed.

"This study finds that dating behaviours drastically differ between the ages. Younger singles are more likely to friend their date on Facebook, communicate by text after a date, and be evasive about their availability if they're not interested in a second date," Casey says in a statement. "Whereas older singles are more cautious when it comes to dating in the digital era."

Forty-eight percent of women prefer men to make the follow-up call after the first date, but only 6 percent of men follow up within the first 24 hours and 68 percent say they pick up the phone between one to three days after a date.

However, 64 percent of singles are open to post-date conversations via text and e-mail. More than 80 percent still prefer conversations on the phone. Twenty-six percent of younger singles, ages 21-34, say it is OK to add a date as a Facebook friend after two to three dates, while 11 percent of singles ages 35-44 wait to friend a date on Facebook until it becomes an exclusive relationship.—*Internet*

Factory orders shift slightly lower

WASHINGTON, 1 April — New orders for manufactured US goods fell slightly in February after a solid rise in January, the US Census Bureau said Thursday.

New orders dropped 0.1 percent in February to $446 billion, falling shy of the consensus forecast, which called for a rise of 0.5 percent after orders rose 3.3 percent in January. Excluding the volatile category of transportation items — orders for planes, trains and ships — new orders rose 0.1 percent. Shipments overall rose 0.3 percent to $448.3 billion. Inventories, up for 13 of the past 14 months, rose 0.8 percent to $565 billion.—*Internet*

Hluttaw candidate declared as person …

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2. To be able to decide whether those who fail to submit election expenses in accord with the law should be declared as persons of distorted qualification or not, the Union Election Commission formed election tribunals to check with them.

3. The Election Tribunal found candidate U Aung Min Tun of Saw Township Constituency-1 of Magway Region Hluttaw failed to submit election expenses during the prescribed period, and in accord with Paragraph 83 (a) of the respective Hluttaw Election Rules, declared him as a person of distorted qualification.

4. The Union Election Commission declared that candidate U Aung Min Tun is person of distorted qualification according to Paragraph 84 of the respective Hluttaw Election Rules after scrutinizing the judgement of Election Tribunal.

5. It is hereby announced that the Hluttaw candidate who is declared as person of distorted qualification, in accord with Section 88 of respective Hluttaw Election Law, shall not contest in the election as a Hluttaw candidate, from the date of this declaration, in the existing Hluttaw term and the next Hluttaw term.

***Sd*/Tin Aye**
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Sintra Digital Scale participates in Yangon Expo-2011 being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon from 1 to 4 April.

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Cash donations for quake victims

YANGON, 1 April — A ceremony to donate cash for victims in quake-stricken Tahlay sub-township of Tachilek District was held at the meeting hall of Thanlyin Township General Administration Department this morning.

Township Administrator U Moe Khine Tun spoke on the occasion.

Then he accepted cash donations made by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

MNA

English for Myanmar (Four Skills) on 4 April

YANGON, 1 April — A summer course, English for Myanmar (Four Skills), will be opened at NLEC starting from 4 April. Lectures will be given by well-experienced teachers through Present-Practise-Produce method.

The NLEC will offer 10 per cent discount for government employees and company staff and their offspring.

Further information, contact NLEC (Student's Affairs Department) at No (82), third floor, Anawrahta Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Ph: 250225 and 250150). — *MNA*

Growing paddy in three seasons…

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Farmers from the village grow 60 acres of summer paddy, and they were making preparation for cultivation of monsoon paddy. Moreover, they planted chick pea and mung bean as mixed cropping.

We saw ploughing and broadcasting of paddy in the field. We took pride of their endeavours for ensuring food sufficiency of the nation in their respective sectors.

We proceeded to Tegon Village for observing progress of cultivation.

Summer paddy grower U Zaw Gyi said, "I have planted Manawthukha an Hsinthweyin paddy strains with the use of irrigated water from Magyibin Dam. I use T-Super fertilizer. It is four months lifespan of paddy strain. I irrigate the paddy once a week. Production of paddy is 85-90 baskets of per acre. I cost K 130,000 per acre for cultivation. We sell paddy at current prices. Farmers of the whole village grow 30 acres of summer paddy."

Water melon, maize, sunflower and beans and pulses are grown in Tegon Village. We saw yellowish sunflower plantation beside paddy field.

U Zaw Gyi further explained, "Our village grows 12 acres of sunflower. Sunflower growers can enjoy edible oil sufficiency for their family as well as sell surplus to others."

On our trip, we observed that farmers were making utmost efforts in effective utilization of farmlands for food sufficiency of the nation by growing crops in three seasons and striving for enhancement of their socio-economic status and development of productive capability of the nation.

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Photo shows yellowish sunflower plantation at Tegon Village.

U Zaw Gyi explains cultivation of summer paddy.

U Khin Maung (farmer) of Mayingyi Village.

Local women broadcasting paddy seeds for cultivation of summer paddy.

Safeguard constitution; make earnest efforts...

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will have to review the weak and strong points of the previous year, minimizing the former and strengthening the latter.

Actually, there will be individual as well as institutional development if all the staff strive constinuosly with awarenss, dynamism and initiation. All MOI institutions are urged to develop themsselves according to annual targets. IPRD sees achievements and dutiful accomplishments as well as some weaknesses in implementing its 12 work programmes for 2010-2011.

In any circumstances, IPRD will have to strive to meet the targets of 2011-2012, with national interest as the core.

Its additional task for 2011-2012 is to make utmost through media means to safeguard the constitution and to help build a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The objectives of the IPRD are:to safeguard the constitution through media; to make earnest efforts for building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation through media; for sustainable development of self-reliant village libraries; to improve the display and style of writing of Doh Kyay Ywa Journal while extending its scope and preserving its essence and production and marketing; to deliver at least one newspaper or publication to every village through organizational method; to ensure that every village has a TV; to ensure that every household has at least one radio; to make one- or two-night trips to every village and township annually, carrying out mobile activities, including distributing pamphlets and holding photo shows and educative talks; to help district and township offices to carry out media activities dynamically and efficiently in the interest of the nation and the government; for the district and township IPRD branches to collect and distribute latest local political, economic and social developments in time; to produce efficient media persons serving national interest; to promote staff welfare through extensive farming; and to establish a fourth estate based on national interest.

All the staff members are to participate in building a peaceful, modern and developed new nation which is the national goal for uplifting their social economic life. In fact, a new peaceful, modern and developed nation will uplift the social economic life of the people. Media persons should successfully implement the set goals to ensure a win-win situation for every one in the national development and modernization process.

Next, Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented good public service medals awarded by the State, model district and township office awards to respective winners.

Deputy Minister U Soe Win gave first, second and third prizes in short story contest of Doh Kyay Ywa Journal and standardized village library awards to respective winners.

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Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan views documentary photos and prize winning photos.—MNA

Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Deputy Director Daw Khin San of Shan State (North).

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IPRD Director-General U Ye Htut presents top newspaper distribution prize.—MNA

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Director-General U Ye Htut of IPRD presented awards to outstanding staff and cash awards to 2525 staff through an official.

Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television, Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise and Acting Managing Director U Zaw Min Oo of News and Periodicals Enterprise presented prizes to outstanding personnel.

On behalf of the winners, Deputy Director Daw May May Ni of Shan State (South) IPRD spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted literati and staff and viewed documentary photos and prize winning works displayed at the hall.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture, and officials.—*MNA*

***Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win presents third prize to Daw Nu Nu Thein (Theint-Institute of Economics) in short story contest of Doh Kyay Ywa Journal.*—MNA**

Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents third model township office award to technician-3 Daw Khin Hnin Hsi of Patheingyi Township IPRD.

MNA

Four special trains to run in Thingyan period

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Two special trains will run on Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon route and Yangon-Mandalay route each during Thingyan period.

Special Train No (1) will leave Yangon Railway Station at 4:30 am on 7 April and arrive at Mandalay Railway Station at 6.40 pm of the same day. Special Train No (2) will leave Mandalay Railway Station at 4.15 am on 7 April and arrive at Yangon Station at 7 pm that evening.

The special trains will ply between Yangon and Mandalay on 8 and 9 April.

On 11 and 12 April, two special trains will join No.32-down and No.8-down trains to transport staff families of Nay Pyi Taw. Train No (1) will leave Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station at 6.30 am and arrive at Yangon Railway Station at 3.50 am. Train No (2) will leave Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station at 7.30 am and arrive at Yangon Railway Station at 4.50 am.

The Special Train No (1) will run on Yangon-Mandalay route on 17 April and on reverse route on 18 April while Special Train No (2) leaving Yangon will head Mandalay Railway Station. The Special Train No (2) will leave Mandalay Railway Station and for Yangon on 19 April with the above-mentioned schedule.

In addition to No. 31-up and No. 7-up trains, two special trains will ply from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw on 20 and 21 April. Special Train No (1) will leave Yangon Railway Station at 10 am and arrive at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station at 7.50 pm and Special Train No (2) will leave Yangon Railway Station at 10.30 am and arrive at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station at 8.20 pm on these days.

Yangon-Mandalay Special Trains will stop over Bago, Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw and Thazi Railway Stations. Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Special Trains will stop over Toungoo, Bago and Toekyaungkalay Railway Stations. The special trains will not run from 13 to 16 April.

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Prohibited chemicals for fish and prawn breeding announced

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The Department of Fisheries issued an announcement yesterday that fish breeding is being carried out on 218,595.992 acres of lands and prawn breeding on 224,949.56 acres of lands under licences across the nation in accord with the Fish Breeding Law. Fish and prawns are being distributed for domestic consumption and the surplus is being exported to the international market.

The department prohibited use of following chemical medicines in breeding fish and prawn. They are: oxytetracycline, oxolinic acid, chloramphenicol, nitrofurans, tetracycline, sulfanilamide, neomycin, chloroform, chlorpromazine, nitromidazoles, colchicines, Dapsone, dimetridazole, metronidazole, clenbuterole, ronidazoles and malachite green and leuco malachite green.

Action will be taken against offenders, said the department.

MNA

Lolane cosmetics available at Yangon Expo' 2011

YANGON, 1 April — Lolane and Rico&Rina brand hair and skin care cosmetics, Butter Cup Mother's Choice margarine and bakery materials, distributed by Grand Wynn Group of Companies as a sole agent in Myanmar, are available at Yangon Expo' 2011 being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here.

Lolane Professional Hair Technician Mr. Manut and party is providing customers with free hair care service at the expo. Lolane Pixel Hair Color, Lolane Nature Code Color Shampoo, Rico & Rina Roll On, Rico&Rina Facial Foam and Mother's Choice Margarine and Butter Cup are on sale at the expo. Those wishing to be agents of the Grand Wynn Group of Companies may contact No (40) on 67th Street in Botahtaung Township in Yangon (Ph: 294045, 290170 and Fax-296928 and email-grandwyn@myanmar.com.

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***Lolane and Rico&Rina brand hair and skin care cosmetics, Butter Cup Mother's Choice margarine and bakery materials on display at Yangon Expo 2011.*—MNA**

Science

USGS finds 2,000-year-old coral near BP Gulf well

NEW ORLEANS, 1 April—Federal scientists say they have dated coral living near the site of the busted BP oil well in the Gulf of Mexico at 2,000 years old.

The US Geological Survey said Wednesday it had determined the age of the black coral in the Gulf for the first time. Scientists had been studying the ancient slow-growing corals before BP's well blew out on 20 April, 2010. The corals were found about 21 miles northeast of the BP well living 1,000 feet below the surface of the Gulf.

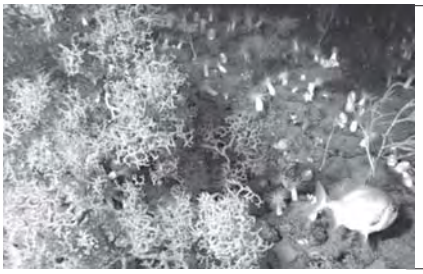
"They're extremely old and extremely slow-growing," said Nancy Prouty, a USGS scientist. "And there are big questions about their vulnerability and their ability for recovery."

Black corals feed on organic matter sinking to the sea floor and it could take decades, or even centuries, to recover from "a disturbance to these ecosystems," Prouty said.

She said scientists were looking at whether the ancient coral had been damaged by the BP oil spill, but the damage assessment had not been completed.

The location of the black coral is important because computer models and research cruises have mapped much of the deepwater oil moving to the southwest of the BP well, away from the black coral colony. Scientists have found dead coral southwest of the well.

Internet



A 2010 photo provided by the US Geological Survey shows 2- to-3-metre-tall orange coloured, black coral trees (Leiopathes cf glabberima) growing near Viosca Knoll in the Gulf of Mexico, which are among the oldest living organisms on Earth. **INTERNET**

T rex cousin uncovered in China

ZHUCHENG, 1 April—Paleontologists say they've found a long-lost cousin of Tyrannosaurus rex in China, comparable in size and one of the largest meat-eating dinosaurs ever found.

Fossilized remains of the giant carnivore were discovered in an area of eastern China with the largest concentrations of dinosaur bones in the world, LiveScience.com reported Thursday.

"We named the new species Zhuchengtyrannus magnus, which means the 'Great Tyrant from Zhucheng,' because the bones were found in the city of Zhucheng, in eastern China's Shandong Province," paleontologist David Hone of University College Dublin in Ireland said.

The find is a member of a group of huge dinosaurs that included Trex and its closest relatives, all known for their small arms, two-fingered hands and large, powerful jaws capable of bone-crushing bites.

"It's the first China-only tyrannosaurine, and it's one of the biggest ever there are only five carnivorous theropods bigger by my count," Hone said.

Researchers estimate it measured about 36 feet long, stood around 13 feet tall and weighed close to 13,000 pounds.—*Internet*

This artist's impression released by University College Dublin, courtesy of Robert Nicholls shows Zhuchengtyrannus magnus. Move over Tyrannosaurus rex, there's a new flesh-ripping theropod on the scene that scientists say was probably as big and fearsome as the king of dinosaurs.— **INTERNET**

Technology

New Google tool tells you how to make your site faster

NEW YORK, 1 April—Google has released Page Speed Online, a Google Labs project that analyzes any website for its speed and gives suggestions on how to improve it.

The experimental tool is straightforward to use; just type in a website and Google will come back with suggestions for how to improve that website's speed.

The suggestions are ranked as either High, Medium or Low. In addition, Google displays which rules of thumb a website is already following. Each website also gets an over score out of 100.

Here are a few examples of site issues that Google says might be slowing down your site:

* High Priority: Enable Keep-Alive and leverage browser caching.
* Medium Priority: Combine images into CSS sprites and minimize redirects.
* Low Priority: Minify JavaScript and remove query strings from static resources.

While speed analysis tools have been around for years, Page Speed Online has a neat little trick; it can also analyze mobile websites for their performance. And rather than using the same set of suggestions for desktop websites, Google has a fresh set of suggestions for mobile site optimization.

Google has been consistently launching tools like Site Performance and its page speed Apache module in order to help speed up the web. The search giant has made speed one of its core missions because a faster web equals more revenue for Google

Internet

Mozy releases iPhone app for browsing, sharing backups

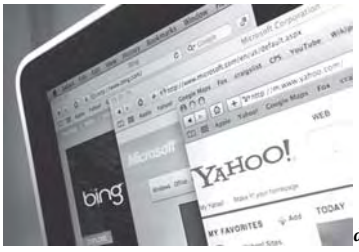
NEW YORK, 1 April—Not content to let competitors like Carbonite have all the iOS fun, online backup service Mozy has released its own iPhone app.

Mozy's new app for iPhone and iPod touch lets you view files from all of your backed up computers. You can search for a specific file, view a folder of photos as a gallery, download a high-resolution copy of a photo to your device, and e-mail files to friends, family, and coworkers.

In addition, Mozy supports iOS 4.0's Document Sharing features, allowing you to open a file in any app that supports it. Even Facebook makes a cameo, as you can choose to publish a handful of file types to the omnipresent social networking site.

Mozy 1.0 is free and requires an iPhone or iPod touch running at least iOS 4.0, but you'll need an account from Mozy.com to use it. The company offers paid plans (which it recently restructured, disappointing a good portion of its users) that start at $6 per month for 50GB of storage. While it also offers a free plan with 2GB of space, I had to resort to Google to find it.

Internet



The websites of Bing, Microsoft and Yahoo are displayed on a computer monitor. US computer giant Microsoft declared war on Internet king Google Thursday when it joined an anti-trust complaint in Europe that could result in billions of dollars in fines.— **INTERNET**

Swap.com's new scan app makes trading stuff easy

NEW YORK, 1 April—Want to save your bank account and the environment at the same time? Swap sites, where you trade your books and other media, can help. Manually entering ISBN or UPC codes for every item you're willing to trade, however, does not make a lot of sense.

Swap.com is the first of the mainstream swap sites to solve this problem with an iPhone app that it released on Thursday. The new app allows you to simply scan the books, video games, movies and music that you want to trade. No manual entry necessary.

If you scan something you have and are willing to trade, the app shows you what the people with that item on their "want" lists are willing to trade.

Internet

GM sells stake in Delphi for $3.8 billion

CHICAGO, 1 April — General Motors has sold its stake in Delphi Corp back to its former parts subsidiary for $3.8 billion, the automaker said Thursday. GM which launched the largest initial public stock offering in history last year after emerging from a government-backed bankruptcy said the move will result in a $1.6 billion gain in its first quarter results.

It comes shortly after GM sold its stake in former financial arm Ally Financial for one billion dollars, resulting in a $300 million book gain. "We are systematically delivering on our commitment to strengthen and simplify our balance sheet," Dan Ammann, who takes over as GM's chief financial officer on Friday, said in a statement.

Delphi, which emerged from bankruptcy protection in December 2009, said the purchase was made with cash and part of a recently acquired $3 billion credit line. It has also repurchased a stake by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for $594 million. "These transactions represent an important step in positioning Delphi to continue to increase shareholder value," said Rodney O'Neal, Delphi president and chief executive officer.

"We continue to have significant financial flexibility and remain committed to pursuing opportunities that drive value creation."—*Internet*

A general view of a frozen lake surrounded by blocks of flats as smoke rise from an thermo-electrical plant in Bucharest on January 2010. Air pollution in Bucharest, one of the worst in Europe, has a "serious impact" on the health of its inhabitants, Romanian environmental NGO Ecopolis warned on Wednesday.— INTERNET

This file photo shows Nestle breakfast cereals displayed at a store in Vevey, Switzerland. Nestle is out to boost its share of the global breakfast cereal market with a dose of augmented reality supplied by French technology firm Dassault Systemes.— INTERNET

Hershey raising wholesale prices

HERSHEY, 1 Apri—Retailers will soon be paying almost 10 percent more for Hershey's Kisses and other products produced by the US candy giant, company officials say. The Hershey Co, based in Hershey, Pa, announced a 9.7 percent increase in the wholesale price of its candy, *CNN* reported Thursday.

"Our products and our category will continue to provide the value and quality that consumers expect, and this action will position Hershey to achieve the opportunities that lie ahead," David J West, president and chief executive officer, said in an announcement.

The company said the price increase will take effect immediately in the United States and Puerto Rico. It did not say when retail customers are likely to feel its impact. Hershey also makes Kit Kat, Twizzlers, Reese's and chocolate bars that sell under its own name as well as other products.

Internet

Students from Carnegie Mellon University, left, and the University of Pittsburgh, right, compete in a version of the television game show Jeopardy! with IBM's Watson computer, screen with logo at center, during a symposium on Watson, at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, on 30 March, 2011.— INTERNET

Australian illustrator wins Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award for children's books

CANBERRA, 1 April—Australian illustrator Shaun Tan has won a prestigious award for children's literature, local media reported on Wednesday.

Tan, who has illustrated more than 20 books, including The Rabbits (1998), The Red Tree (2001), The Arrival (2006) and Tales from Outer Suburbia (2008), has been awarded Sweden's Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, which is named after the Swedish creator of Pippi Longstocking. The prize amounts to 773,224 US dollars, making it the world's richest for the genre.

Last month, Tan has also won an Oscar for his short film adaptation of one of those tales, The Lost Thing. Tan said the latest award is an unexpected bonus. He was cleaning his Melbourne home when he received the call late on Tuesday night from the Swedish judges. "It seems unbelievable," Tan told *the Herald Sun* on Tuesday night. "There were 170 nominees, including authors I grew up reading; it is remarkable to be nominated, let alone win."—*Xinhua*

Chinese prefer "paper Apples" as gifts for Qingming Festival

BEIJING, 1 April—While people rush to get the latest iPhones and iPads, the deceased can also enjoy these trendy high-tech devices, although theirs will be made of paper. With the Qingming Festival, or Tomb Sweeping Day, a time for paying respect to the ancestors, falling on 5 April, some shops in Guangzhou selling sacrificial offerings have put paper-made versions of Apple products on their shelves.

A package of two iPads and four iPhones, paper-made and in different colours, goes for 6 yuan (90 cents), at a shop named Yongxinghang. A MacBook also costs 6 yuan. The names of the products printed on the package closely resemble the printed names of iPhones and iPads, but the brand is mingwang, or "the king of the dead".

Also available at sacrificial offering shops are paper versions of Panasonic LCD TV sets, and every electrical home appliance one can think of, as well as the more traditional cash, credit cards, clothes, air tickets, seafood, cars, villas, face wash and aftershave.

Xinhua

Chinese army speeds up developing high-tech weaponry and equipment

BEIJING, 1 April—The People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China is promoting the composite development of mechanized and informationized weaponry and equipment, said a white paper on the country's national defence on Thursday. The PLA is gaining momentum in developing new and high-tech weaponry and equipment, says the white paper, issued by the Information Office of the State Council.

The PLA has formed a system with second-generation equipment as the main body and third generation as the backbone, the white paper says.

According to the white paper, the PLA Army has developed for its land operations a weaponry system with helicopters, armored assault vehicles, and anti-air and suppression weapons as the spine.

The PLA Navy (PLAN) has built for its maritime operations a weaponry system with new types of submarines, surface vessels and surface attack aircraft as the spine, and the PLA Air Force has formed for its air control operations a weaponry system with new types of combat aircraft and ground-to-air missile systems as the spine, the white paper says.

Also, the PLA Second Artillery Force has set up a ground-to-ground weaponry system with its medium- and long-range missiles as the spine, it says. The white paper says that the PLA is also working to improve its capabilities in managing, maintaining and supporting equipment.—*Xinhua*

A man uses an ATM operated by state-supported bank AIB in Dublin. Ireland's Central Bank will Thursday publish the outcome of national stress tests on its banking sector, as part of the eurozone member's enormous 85-billion-euro international bailout deal.
INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (47)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (47) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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: EASTERN-CAR LINER SINGAPORE PTE LTD

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1112) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.4.2011 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.

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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 CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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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 HARTMANN ASIA CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Myanmar

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 No. 1

Title	: National Project Manager
Level	: SC-9
Duration of Assignment	: 12 Months with the possibility of extension
Duty Station	: Based in Yangon (Frequently travel to Nay Pyi Taw and survey sites as required)

Requirements: Master Degree in Applied Statistics, Development Studies, and Applied Economics or other relevant development master degree with minimum 5 to 7 years experience in survey design, price surveys; Knowledge and experience of project management and 1993 System of National Account is highly desirable. The candidate should have experience in project manager, excellent knowledge and experience in large scale statistical survey design and analysis, experience in prices data collecting methods, expert user of database software such as Access and SPSS and relevant experience with government department and agencies. Must be fluent in both written and spoken English

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 experience 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). Women are encouraged to apply.

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

UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.

Closing Date: 16 April'11

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

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

Tender No	Description	Quantity
12(T)1/MR(ML/ISN) 2011-2012	Spare Parts for A 8 V, 190 ZL (Series 3000) Diesel Engine	248-Items

Closing date/time - 31.5.2011 (Tuesday) (12:00) hr

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 1.4.2011 during office hours and for further details, please contact : Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95- 1 - 291985, 95- 1- 291994,

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Brazil joins Bolivia anti-drug fight

BRASILIA, 1 April—Brazil has signed an agreement with Bolivia to tackle cocaine production and trafficking in the country. The deal aims to replace the void when Bolivia expelled the US Drug Enforcement Administration in 2008 for alleged political interference.

Brazil will help train and equip Bolivian security forces, and deploy drone aircraft to patrol the border. Bolivia is the world's third largest producer of cocaine, and more than half its production goes to Brazil.

The Bolivia-Brazil Action Plan was signed by Brazilian Justice Minister Jose Eduardo Cardozo on a visit to Bolivia. He said drug trafficking was a "transnational crime" that could only be confronted by international cooperation, involving countries both inside and outside the region. On Tuesday Mr Cardozo visited a rural area in central Bolivia to see security forces eradicating fields of coca — the raw material for cocaine.

Internet

The monitor was pioneered at University College Hospital, London. INTERNET

Blood flow monitor 'could save NHS £400m a year'

LONDON, 1 April—The NHS could save £400m a year if a blood flow monitor was used more during surgery, the health watchdog says. In its guidance for England, NICE says the device, which was developed in Britain and uses ultrasound, reduces complications and speeds up recovery. It says the CardioQ-ODM cuts the length of time patients spend in hospital following major or high-risk surgery by an average of two days.

Use of the device saves £1,000 each time, the watchdog adds. At present, fewer than three in 100 eligible patients are monitored using it, but NICE estimates if that figure was increased to 50 in 100 patients, it would save the NHS in England more than £400m a year. Based on the same technology as a police speed gun, the monitor uses ultrasound to measure the rate of blood flow from the heart.

The device, which has an ultrasound probe at its tip, is inserted into the oesophagus or gullet. —*Internet*

Greece nabs potato thieves from Bulgaria

The farmer had to stay up at night to guard his field, and get help from police, but he's finally stopped the foreign marauders who were stealing his potatoes.

Five men and four women from neighbouring Bulgaria were arrested early Sunday while digging up and loading 800 kilogrammes (1,760 pounds) of stolen potatoes into a van in Ochyro, a village in northern Greece near the Bulgarian border, police say.

The farmer, who was keeping an overnight watch for the thieves, got help from police and border guards after he lost 14 metric tons (15.3 tons) of potatoes the previous week. More than 200 empty potato sacks and digging forks were found in the van and confiscated.

Police are now looking for other thieves in the region — these ones targeting olive groves.

Photo taken on 28 March, 2011 shows a high-heel shoe creation named "purity" at China International Clothing and Accessories Fair (CHIC) held in Beijing, capital of China. The annual CHIC opened in Beijing on Monday and will last till on 31 March, 2011.

600-pound bronze moose among Calif statue thefts

San Diego County authorities are looking for art thieves who have made off with at least 18 metal, wood and concrete statues — including a 600-pound bronze moose.

The North County Times reports the thieves have stolen nearly $44,000 worth of lawn art since October. Most of the thefts occurred in San Marcos and Ramona.

The artworks included Buddha yard statutes, a life-sized aluminum colt, a 3-foot-tall statue of the Virgin Mary and a copper statue of three children valued at $15,000.

Detectives suspect that the metal works may have been broken up and sold to recyclers, while the other pieces might have been resold.

NJ sheriff finds drug in colouring book pages

There was nothing innocent about colouring book pages with the words "To Daddy" scribbled on top and mailed to a New Jersey jail, authorities said. Five people are facing charges after the prescription drug Suboxone, which is used to treat opioid addiction, was turned into a paste and the paste was drawn on the pages, Cape May County Sheriff Gary Schaffer said.

"In my 38 years of law enforcement, I've never seen anything like this," Schaffer told *The Press of Atlantic City*. A source tipped off a corrections officer about the scheme and the mailroom found colouring book pages with an orangey substance in February, the sheriff said.

Photo taken on 28 March , 2011 shows the champion high-heel shoe creation named "call from snakes" at China International Clothing and Accessories Fair (CHIC) held in Beijing, capital of China. The annual CHIC opened in Beijing on Monday and will last till on 31 March, 2011.

News Album

Raccoon's head stuck in peanut butter jar

A New York raccoon found itself in a sticky situation over the weekend.

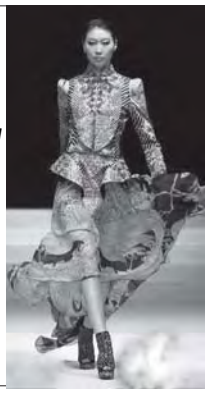
For eight hours on Sunday, the scavenger sat with its head inside a peanut butter jar while perched atop a Long Island utility pole.

The unusual sight brought out dozens of curious residents on a Ronkonkoma (rahn-KAHNK'-uh-muh) street. Children quickly nicknamed him Skippy.

Newsday says Debbie Sullivan spotted the raccoon outside her house at 7 am. She called Suffolk police, the town of Islip (EYE'-slip) and the state Department of Environmental Conservation. They all said little could be done.

A model displays a creation by fashion design students during the China Fashion Week in Beijing, capital of China, on 29 March, 2011.

XINHUA



Aniston to direct short film on breast cancer

BEIJING, 1 April— Actress Jennifer Aniston will direct a short film about breast cancer as part of Project Five anthology series, the cable television network Lifetime said on Tuesday.

The former Friends star will join singer Alicia Keys, Demi Moore and Monster's Patty Jenkins lending their directing talents to the project, which chronicles the impact of cancer on people's lives. The film's fifth director has yet to be announced. Jennifer Aniston said that the purpose of this project is to entertain, inform and inspire dialogue, scientific research and cancer prevention. Otherwise, other purposes are insignificant.

The 42-year-old actress added that their desire is to inspire the people affected by breast cancer as they pass through this trial with dignity. Project Five is the star's second foray into the directing world. In 2006, she went behind the lens for Room 10, starring Robin Wright and Kris Kristofferson.—*Xinhua*

Actress Jennifer Aniston greets fans during an autograph signing session as part of promotional activities for her fragrance "Jennifer Aniston" in Mexico City on 10 March, 2011.—XINHUA

Canadian singer Justin Bieber performs during his concert at the Sportpaleis in Antwerp on 30 March, 2011.

XINHUA

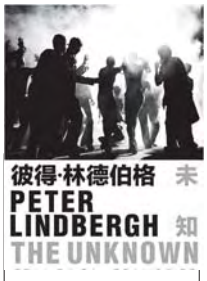
'Mad Men' main man Weiner signs deal to stay on

NEW YORK, 1 April—AMC's drama "Mad Men" will be back for two more seasons with creator Matthew Weiner (WY'-nur) on board.

AMC and the series' studio, Lionsgate Television Group, announced late Thursday that a deal has been struck with Weiner to stay on.

Negotiations had extended for months, delaying the return of the show for its fifth season. This week, AMC acknowledged that "Mad Men" would not return until early 2012. The series has previously aired in the summer. Weiner has signed a new long-term contract with Lionsgate, providing for a possible seventh "Mad Men" season, the studio said.

The much-acclaimed drama stars Jon Hamm as an advertising executive and divorced family man working in Manhattan in the 1960s.—*Internet*



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XINHUA

Peter Lindbergh to hold solo exhibition in China

BEIJING, 1 April—Peter Lindbergh, the prominent fashion photographer, will have his first solo exhibition in China that opens on 1 April at the Ullens Centre for Contemporary Art in Beijing.

"The Unknown", as the exhibition is entitled, "is a gigantic remix without order or chronology, a visual journey through decades of images, a story sure to be continued in future episodes," Jerome Sans, the art center's director, wrote in an introduction.

Lindbergh, who will turn 67 this November, is credited with launching the '80s global supermodel phenomenon with his widely applauded black-and-white images of a slew of top models, including Christy Turlington and Naomi Campbell.

The photographer will talk about his works on-site at the exhibition's opening reception.—*Xinhua*

Juventus lose Chiellini for a month

ROME, 1 April—Juventus's woes deepened on Thursday with the news that Giorgio Chiellini will be out for a month with a pulled thigh muscle. The centre-back limped out of Italy's friendly win in Ukraine on Tuesday after just 17 minutes and will now be out for most of the rest of the season.

Juve are also sweating on the fitness of veteran striker Alessandro Del Piero who pulled up in training on Wednesday and is to undergo tests on Friday morning. The Italian giants are seventh in the Serie A table with a trip to Roma to come at the weekend as they face a battle to secure European football next season.

Internet

Giorgio Chiellini

Milan's Allegri braced for derby against Inter

ROME, 1 April—AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri has described Saturday's city derby against champions Inter Milan as the most important game of his career. Allegri is in his first season as Milan boss following two years at Cagliari having worked his way up through the lower ranks before that. And having seen his team knocked out of the Champions League at the second round stage by Tottenham, Allegri knows there is a lot riding on this game.

Milan lead Inter by two points at the top of Serie A with eight games to play and Napoli only a point further back with outsiders Udinese just six points behind. —*Internet*

AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri

Ronaldo joins Spain! British papers join April Fool spirit

LONDON, 1 April—Portugal football star Cristiano Ronaldo is to join Spain to help ease his nation's debt crisis and Britain is to begin taxing fresh air, British newspapers reported in their April Fools' Day editions. According to the Independent broadsheet, Real Madrid winger Ronaldo has agreed to "act like a patriot" and defect to the Spanish national team, netting his debt-ravaged country 160 million euros (227 million dollars).

"Weighed down by debt...Portugal's finance ministry has secured the co-operation of football's highest-paid player in an audacious bid to draw the nation back from the brink of economic collapse," claimed the paper's lead. —*Internet*

Real Madrid winger Cristiano Ronaldo

Federer into Miami tennis semis, Sharapova in final

MIAMI, 1 April—Maria Sharapova rallied to reach the women's final of the WTA and ATP Masters hardcourt tournament here on Thursday, while Roger Federer barely worked at all to get into the men's semi-finals.

Sharapova, seeded 16th, overcame her slow start by winning 11 straight games en route to a 3-6, 6-0, 6-2 semi-final victory over Germany's Andrea Petkovic.

In Saturday's final, Sharapova will be seeking her first title since May 2010, and her first in Miami. She'll play the winner of Thursday night's semi-final between third-seeded Russian Vera Zvonareva and 2009 Miami champion Victoria Azarenka of Belarus.

Internet

Roger Federer of Switzerland

Rising star Kroos extends Bayern stay until 2015

Bayern Munich midfielder Toni Kroos

BERLIN, 1 April—Germany midfielder Toni Kroos has signed a three-year contract extension at Bayern Munich to keep him there until 2015, the Bavarian giants announced on Thursday. The 21-year-old, who has already won 15 caps for Germany, has extended his original contract, which was set to expire in June 2012, for a further three more seasons.

"This is another step in our long-term planning for a successful team," said Bayern's director of sport Christian Nerlinger. "We already have the signatures of Philipp Lahm, Bastian Schweinsteiger, Thomas Mueller and Holger Badstuber, so this is the fifth German national player we have on a multi-year contract." "We are sure Toni Kroos will develop greatly." Kroos, who spent last season on loan at Bayer Leverkusen, said he was happy to put pen to paper.— *Internet*

Adriano promises great things for Corinthians

***Brazilian footballer Adriano(R), wearing his new Corinthians club jersey, is honored by former footballer Ronaldo during his official presentation at Corinthians club in Sao Paulo, Brazil.*— INTERNET**

SAO PAULO, 1 April—Brazilian striker Adriano on Thursday promised to make his mark back in his homeland after joining Sao Paulo-based Corinthians on a 15-month deal after an unsuccessful spell with Roma in Italy. "I come to Corinthians in order to succeed — and I want to win back my place in the Brazil side," the 29-year-old forward told reporters.

The burly, left-footed striker, nicknamed 'The Emperor', left Roma after just a handful of appearances this season, despite having signed a three-year contract only last summer. With Corinthians he will earn 500,000 reais a month ($306,500), including bonuses, which is around 100 times the average wage in his country. — *Internet*

SPORTS

Lincicome, Lewis share lead at Kraft Nabisco

RANCHO MIRAGE, 1 April—Brittany Lincicome and Stacy Lewis are splitting more than dinner checks and lodging bills at the LPGA Tour's first major of the year. The fast friends and occasional road roommates overcame the stifling desert heat to shoot 6-under 66s Thursday, sharing the first-round lead at the Kraft Nabisco Championship. Sandra Gal and Mika Miyazato were one shot back, while world No. 1 Yani Tseng was in a group in 10th place at 2 under.

Despite playing in the hotter part of an unseasonably scorching day, Lincicome and Lewis handled the fast, dry Mission Hills course with similar aplomb after temperatures topped 90 degrees by midday in the Palm Springs area. Their caddies were given permission to take off their jumpsuits when it rose above 100 during the afternoon rounds.

Internet

Brittany Lincicome

Garcia extends Lille stay until 2014

LILLE, 1 April—Rudi Garcia, coach of current Ligue 1 leaders Lille, has extended his contract by two years until 2014, the club announced on Thursday. The 47-year-old has been at the Lille helm since 2008 and the northern club said in a statement that his decision to extend his contract "is a new, strong message symbolising LOSC's ambitions". "Today, there are no better projects in France than that at Lille," said Garcia, who confirmed that he still wishes to work overseas, particularly in Spain, in the future.

"But I've always said that before becoming eligible to do so, you have to win something in France." Garcia joins players Franck Beria, Rio Mavuba, Mickael Landreau, Mathieu Debuchy and highly-rated Belgian winger Eden Hazard, who have all penned contract extensions in recent months.

Internet

Rudi Garcia, coach of current Ligue 1 leaders Lille

Bruce fury at Angeleri 'racist' claim

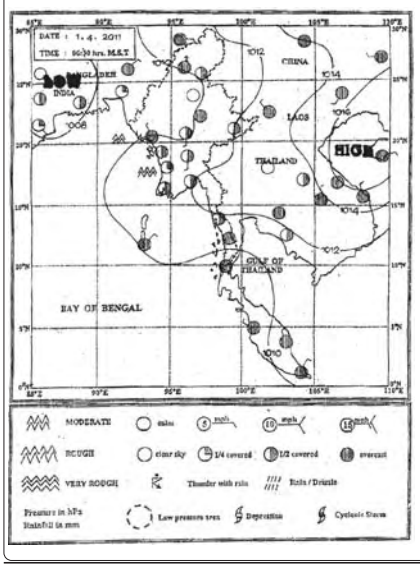
Sunderland manager Steve Bruce

LONDON, 1 April—Sunderland manager Steve Bruce angrily denied allegations of racism on Thursday after Argentinian defender Marcos Angeleri claimed he had been overlooked because of his nationality. Angeleri was quoted in South American media as saying that Bruce did not pick him for the Black Cats because he was not English.

"The boss doesn't talk to me, he doesn't even say hello to me when he sees me," Angeleri was quoted as saying. "I think he doesn't like me because I'm not English." However, Bruce hit back, pointing out that he had 11 foreign players from nine different countries in Sunderland's 25-man squad. "I'm deeply upset. In today's world, there is nothing more damaging than someone suggesting you are a racist," Bruce told the *Sunderland Echo*.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 1st April, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, isolated in Bago and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Kayah States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Bago Region, Southern Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) below April average temperatures in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Regions and Eastern and Northern Shan States, (7°C) to (8°C) below April average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Chin states and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Chauk (38°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (0.47) inch, Heho (0.67) inch, Putao (0.59) inch, Aunglan and Maungtaw (0.39) inch each and Thayet (0.28) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 31-3-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 1-4-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-4-2011 was (70%). Rainfall on 1-4-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 30-3-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 1-4-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-4-2011 was (77%). Total sunshine hours on 1-4-2011 was (0.47) inch.

Rainfall on 1-4-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was 4.25) inches at Mingaladon, (6.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 1-3-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 2nd April 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Shan States, isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Chin and Rakhine states and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

5.2 intensity earthquake hits Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 April— A moderate earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale struck Pakistan's northwestern region on Friday evening, officials confirmed it.

The jolts were also felt in the country's capital Islamabad and other cities of Rawalpindi and Peshawar.

According to local TV news channels, there were no reports of casualties or damage.

The epicenter of the quake was about 185 kilometers from the Mansehra city in the country's northwestern province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Pakistan was hit by a 7.6-magnitude earthquake on Oct. 8, 2005 that killed more than 73,000 people and left about 3.5 million homeless.

Xinhua

An artist performs with a crocodile during a dress rehearsal of the Miracle and Mirage show by the Russian Water Circus o in Budapest, Hungary, on 31 March, 2011.—XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(2-4-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (2-4-11 09:30 am ~ 3-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* A Festival on Buddha's Life Story
* News
* Generation (Myanmar Traditional Marionette)
* News
* Mobile Phone, ICT and Communication Sector
* News
* Aquarium Nay Pyi Taw: A Pleasant Underwater Heaven

Oversea Transmission

* Opening
* News
* A Festival on Buddha's Life Story
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* Generation (Myanmar Traditional Marionette)
* News
* Mobile Phone, ICT and Communication Sector
* News
* A Visit to the Naga New Year Festival
* News
* Preserving Myanma Handicrafts
* News
* Anthropoid Orgions in Myanmar (II)
* News
* Aquarium Nay Pyi Taw: A Pleasant Underwater Heaven
* News
* Myanmar Movie "The True Love"

Myanmar TV

Saturday,
2 April
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6. Health Programme

8:00 am
7. Poem Garden

8:15 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:25 am
9. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival

11:25 am
3. Game For Children

11:55 am
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:20 pm
5. Yan Can Cook

12:45 pm
6. TV Drama Series

1:25 pm
7. Mahowthada

1:55 pm
8. Dance Of National Races

2:05 pm
9. Documentary

2:25 pm
10. Cultural Dances

2:35 pm
11. One village and one Product

2:50 pm
12. International News

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal 2011 (Live) (Magway FC Vs Zeyar Shwe Myay FC)

5:45 pm
2. Dance Of Thin GyanFestival

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. Yindagomae

7:00 pm
6. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
7. News
8. International News
9. Weather Report
10. TV Drama Series
11. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

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★ 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

Growing paddy in three seasons help uplift life of farmers

Article: *Win Kyaw, Kyaw Thu Win;*
Photos: *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

Rice is staple food of Myanmar. Farmers are benefactors for us because they grow paddy that can be cooked as rice.

On 1 March, we the news crew of Myanma Alin left for Mayingyi Village of Khitaye Village-tract of Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District to observe cultivation of summer paddy.

Mayingyi Village has 1160 population of 280 houses. The village has one Basic Education Primary School and one dispensary, so the local people have no anxiety in education and health sectors.

Local people of Mayingyi Village are engaged in cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy in addition to seasonal crops.

We had an interview with summer paddy grower U Khin Maung of the village. He said, "I have grown two acres of summer paddy. After three to four months, the paddy can be harvested. It is Manawthukha strain of paddy. One basket of paddy seeds can be sown per acre."

He continued, "After one and a half months, weeding spray is to be used at the paddy field. Eight pyis of pearl fertilizer are to be broadcast at the paddy field once a week for three times. Depending on availability of water, 60-70 or 80-90 baskets of paddy per acre can be produced. We all take water for agricultural purpose from Masee Creek."

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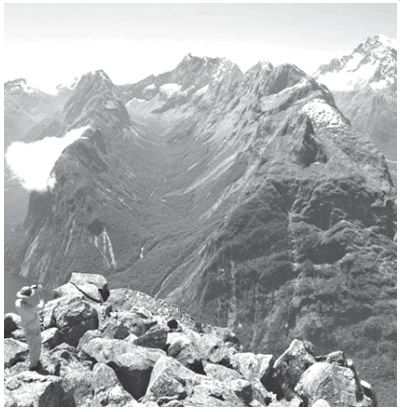
Lush and green summer paddy fields seen at Mayingyi Village of Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District.



Kurt Cuffey overlooking the glacier-carved Bowen River drainage (middle), Mount Tutoko (far right) and Milford Sound (left) in Fiordland National Park of New Zealand. —INTERNET

Myanmar Libraries Foundation invites cash and publications

YANGON, 1 April—The Myanmar Libraries Foundation is making encouragement to broaden the horizons of the people and ensure development of self-reliant libraries.

Wellwishers wishing to donate cash and publications may contact the foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

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