

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Vice Minister of Commerce of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received a delegation led by Vice Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Jian of the People's Republic of China, at the hall of President Office, here, at 6 pm today.

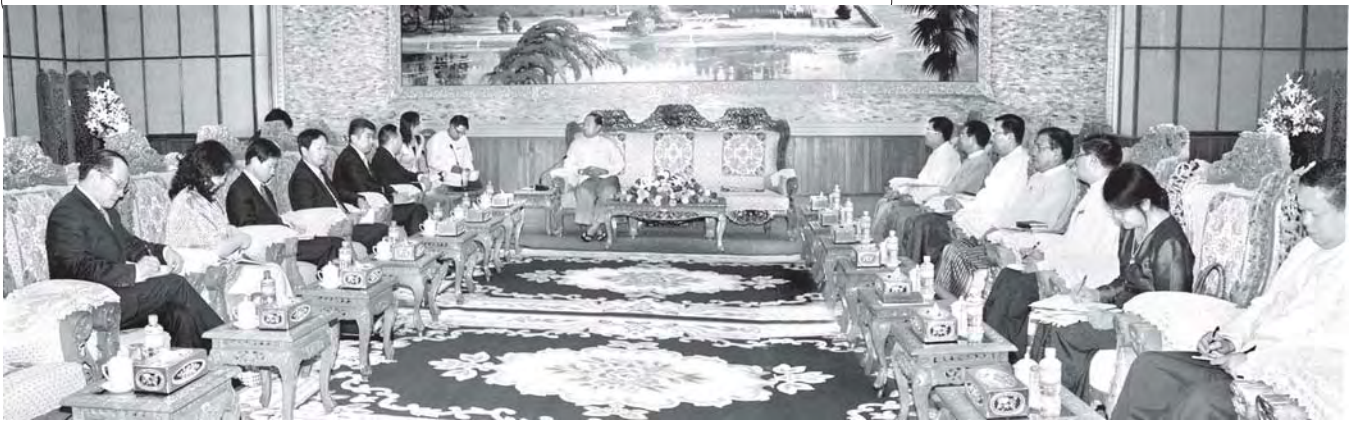
Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Minister

for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than, Director-General U Min Zaw of President Office and departmental heads.

Vice Minister Mr Chen Jian was accompanied by officials from Chinese Embassy.

At the call, both sides cordially discussed economic cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives a delegation led by Vice Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Jian of People's Republic of China.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash and relief aids to people in earthquake-hit areas

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham left here by air and arrived at Heho Airport in Shan State yesterday morning. He was accompanied by Members of Union Government Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Aung Than Oo, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay, departmental heads and national entrepreneurs.

The Vice-President and party were welcomed at the airport by Chief Minister of Shan State U Aung Myat (a) U Sao Aung Myat, state ministers and departmental personnel. Next, they went to Tachilek by air. On arrival at Tachilek People's Hospital, the

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*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham
comforts earthquake survivors at Tachilek
People's Hospital.*

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PERSPECTIVES

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Beware of fire

According to the motto 'Beware of fire', all people are to take fire preventive measures. Most of losses and damage caused by natural disasters come from fires.

Authorities concerned are warning the people about the danger of fire by issuing notices on fire safety and preventive measures. The people on their part need to follow the notices in order to avoid the fire danger. To reduce fire outbreaks, it is needed to consider such points as ensuring a person is around when fire is used, placing no fuels near the burning stove, using a wood-burning stove in an earth hole, ensuring no child plays with fire and ensuring no oil lamp or candle is lighted near the mosquito net.

There are various reasons why fires break out. But most are stove fires, accidental fires and electric shock fires. Fires due to negligence surpass all of them.

It is therefore necessary to use fire systematically. Each and every house must keep hooks, bags of sand and water buckets for fire prevention. Departmental buildings must keep fire extinguishers as well.

Myanmar Fire Brigade is taking fire preventive and control measures in three ways – to investigate a fire breakout promptly, to rush to the scene of outbreak and to put out the fire as quick as possible. As more educative measures are being taken and more warnings issued, the people are required to follow and respect them.

To make sure that there is no loss of life and property of the people and of State budgets, all the people are to use fire systematically and take fire preventive measures.

YANGON, 3 April— Minister for Development Affairs of Yangon Region U Hla Myint this morning inspected Yegu Water Pumping Station in Kaba-Aye Yesat Road in Mayangon Township here.

There, he called for running water pumps at full capacity and maintenance of the water pumps, and checked the water pumps operating in a safe manner, flow of water into the water tanks and undergoing tasks on supply of pure drinking water.

Afterwards, the minister extended his inspection tour of Yangonpauk water supply station in Twantay Township, after looking into the water tank with water storage of 1 million gallon of water in Dalla water supply station.

Then, he proceeded to water supply station (Thephyu) in Htantabin Township and left necessary instructions on supply of drinking water for locals.

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Minister for Development Affairs of Yangon Region U Hla Myint inspects laying of 48-inch diameter underground water pipeline.—YCDC

Peoples' 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

Chinese delegation pays homage to Buddha Images in Mandalay



Member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin and party view Mandalay from Mandalay Hill.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—A Chinese goodwill delegation led by Member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin, who were in Mandalay, accompanied by Minister for Education and Health of Mandalay Region Dr Win Hlaing, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, Consul-General Mr Tang Ying of Consulate General in Mandalay and officials, arrived at Mandalay Hill at 9am today. They were welcomed by the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

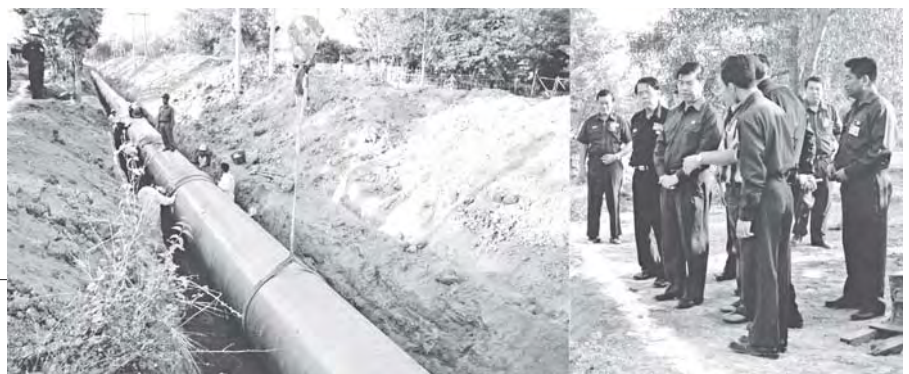
After that, the Chinese delegation offered flowers, water, light and joss sticks to Sutaungpyae Buddha Image at the eastern stairway and paid homage to the image. Then, they viewed Mandalay's scenic spots from the Hill.

Mr Jia Qinglin signed visitor's book and donated cash for the pagoda. Members of Pagoda Board of Trustees accepted the donation and presented certificate of honor.

From there, the delegation proceeded to Mahalawkamarazein Kuthotaw pagoda. They paid homage to Buddha image in the southern stairway of the pagoda. Afterwards, Mr Jia Qinglin signed visitor's book and donated cash for the pagoda through Pagoda Board of Trustees.

This afternoon, the Chinese delegation left Mandalay for Nay Pyi Taw by special flight. They were seen off at Mandalay International Airport by Mandalay Mayor and Minister for Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han, Minister for Education and Health of Mandalay Region Dr Win Hlaing, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe, the Consul-General and officials.—MNA

Region Minister U Hla Myint inspects water pumping stations, water supply stations



UN climate meeting kicks off in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 3 April—A United Nations meeting on climate change kicked off on Sunday in Bangkok to discuss action plans following decisions made at a ministerial meeting in Mexico last year.

Participants at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting are to map out action plans in their six-day meeting in Bangkok, the first

UNFCCC meeting after the meeting in Cancun, Mexico from 29 Nov to 10 Dec last year.

Pre-session workshops will continue from Sunday to Tuesday morning before the official opening takes place on Tuesday afternoon.

The meetings include sixteenth session of the ad hoc working group on further commitments of developed nations under the Kyoto Protocol,

and the fourteenth session of the ad hoc working group on long-term cooperative action under the UNFCCC.

The Kyoto Protocol commits parties to the convention to reduce green house gas emissions. A total of 2,271 representatives from 175 countries are attending the Bangkok meeting, of which 1,417 are government officials, according to a UN official.—Xinhua



Forensic police officers walk from the scene of a bomb in Omagh, County Tyrone. A policeman was killed Saturday in Omagh, the scene of Northern Ireland's worst terror atrocity, in a car bomb attack at his home that will cause jitters about the delicate peace process.

INTERNET

N Ireland policeman killed in car bomb attack

OMAGH, 3 April—A Northern Ireland policeman was killed in a car bomb attack which leaders on all sides vowed would not be allowed to derail the province's delicate peace process.

Ronan Kerr, 25, who only completed his training three weeks ago, was killed on Saturday by the booby-trap under his car outside his home in Omagh, the scene of Northern Ireland's worst terror atrocity.

Responsibility for the attack has not yet been claimed. However, senior politicians pointed towards dissident republicans, who oppose the power-sharing peace process.

Northern Ireland First Minister Peter Robinson said it was a "Neanderthal" attempt to scare Catholics off from joining the province's police service.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said he utterly condemned the murder.

"Those who carried out this wicked and cowardly crime will never succeed in dragging Northern Ireland back to a dark and bloody past," he said in a statement.—Internet



A resident inspects damaged vehicles at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 29 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Saad Aziz, 30, lies in a hospital bed next to his daughter in Tikrit, 80 miles (130 kilometers) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 30 March, 2011.

INTERNET



A pirate boat pictured in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia in 2009. United Arab Emirates special forces on Saturday freed an Abu Dhabi-owned ship seized by pirates east of Oman in the Arabian Sea, WAM state news agency said, quoting a military official.—INTERNET

UAE anti-terrorist unit takes ship from pirates

CAIRO, 3 April—An anti-terrorist unit from the United Arab Emirates has wrested control of a ship from pirates in the Arabian Sea, state-run media reported on Saturday.

The bulk carrier MV *Arrilah-1* came under attack at dawn Friday while en route from Australia to Dubai's Jebel Ali port, according to the WAM news agency.

The agency said Saturday the UAE's special forces, backed by the air force, regained control of the

ship off the coast of neighbouring Oman. The pirates surrendered as the troops boarded the UAE-flagged ship, which is owned by the Abu Dhabi National Tanker Company.

The pirates are under guard and will be handed over to Emirati authorities on arrival at Jebel Ali, WAM quoted an official as saying.

Cmdr Amy Derrick-

Frost, a spokeswoman for the US Navy's 5th Fleet, said they were aware of a "piracy event" but had no other details. The 5th Fleet is based in the gulf nation of Bahrain and is involved in efforts to fight piracy emanating from Somalia.

The WAM report did not say whether the pirates involved were from Somalia.—Internet



Firefighters battle a fire at an alcohol factory after an explosion near the city of Orizaba, Mexico, on 2 April, 2011. According to local police and civil protection, four people died due to the explosion.—INTERNET

Four dead in crash of small plane at NM airport

ROSWELL, 3 April—Four Gulfstream employees were killed Saturday in a fiery crash of a test twin-engine luxury business aircraft at an airport, authorities said. Officials with Sava-

nnah-Ga-based plane company confirmed that two Gulfstream pilots and two flight-test engineers died in the crash. Their names and other background information weren't immediately

released. The company said in a statement that the *Gulfstream G650* was doing takeoff-performance tests at Roswell International Air Centre at the time of the crash.

Lynn Lunsford, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said the plane had just taken off when it rolled and slammed into the runway. He said the plane's gear collapsed and the craft burst into flames. Roswell Fire Department officials confirmed the fatalities and said there were no other injuries reported on the airport grounds.

Internet





This picture taken by an unmanned aerial vehicle in March 2011 shows the stricken Tokyo Electric Power Company Fukushima Daiichi No 1 nuclear power plant reactor number three (R) and four (L), with smoke rising from number three.—INTERNET

US studies Fukushima disaster for safety lessons

WASHINGTON, 3 April—US engineers studying Japan's experience with its crippled nuclear plant have focused on two key weaknesses — backup energy systems and spent fuel rod pools — that could also plague reactors in the United States.

The Fukushima Daiichi complex largely withstood the massive 9.0-magnitude earthquake on 11 March, but was damaged by the giant tsunami wave that following the quake.

The twin disasters knocked out the plant's reactor cooling systems, sparking a series of explosions and fires. Authorities have since struggled to keep the fuel rods under water inside reactors and storage containment pools.

If they are exposed to air, they

could degrade further and emit large amounts of dangerous radioactive material.

Two of the plant's six spent fuel rod pools were apparently damaged following the quake and tsunami, said Gregory Jaczko, head of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

"It was possible there was a leak," he told a US Senate hearing on 30 March, soon after he returned from Japan.

US observers fear the fuel storage containment pools, located on an upper part of the reactor buildings at Fukushima, were cracked by explosions after the quake and tsunami and are leaking.—Internet

Tsunami killed two workers at Japan nuclear plant

TOKYO, 3 April—The utility that runs a tsunami-crippled Japanese nuclear power plant says two workers were killed when the wave swept ashore more than three weeks ago.

Tokyo Electric Power Co's announcement Sunday is the first confirmation of deaths at the plant. The workers had been missing since the 11 March earthquake and tsunami.

Spokesman Naoki Tsunoda said the bodies were found Wednesday and had to be decontaminated.

The announcement was delayed out of consideration for the families.

Radiation has been spewing from the plant since the tsunami knocked out cooling



Handout photo from the Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency shows Tokyo Electric Power Co workers recording the status of instruments in a control room at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Tomioka, Fukushima Prefecture northeastern Japan 23 March, 2011.—INTERNET

systems there, causing the reactors to dangerously overheat.—Internet



Japan Ground Self-Defence Force members search victims in the debris in Otsuki, Iwate Prefecture, Japan, 3 April, 2011, after the 11 March earthquake and tsunami destroyed the east coast town. INTERNET

A woman, who's husband and father have been missing in the tsunami disaster, and her son are seen here visiting their residential area where all houses were washed away by the tsunami at Rikuzentakata, in Iwate Prefecture, on 2 April.—INTERNET



Japan battles to stop radiation leak into sea

SENDAI, 3 April—Workers at Japan's crippled nuclear plant were trying to seal a crack in a concrete pit that has leaked radiation into the Pacific as part of their battle to shut down the facility.

Along the tsunami-battered coast, 25,000 Japanese and US military and rescue crew on Sunday entered the third and final day of a massive search for bodies, more than three weeks after the catastrophe struck.

While cherry blossoms opened in Tokyo, temperatures plunged again, leaving tens of thousands of homeless shuddering in evacuation camps along the ravaged northeast coast of Japan's main Honshu island.

No quick end was in sight for the world's worst nuclear emergency since

Ukraine's Chernobyl disaster of 1986, warned a government lawmaker who has advised Prime Minister Naoto Kan on the crisis at the six-reactor plant.

"This is going to be a long battle," said Goshi Hosono, who highlighted the threat of 4.5 metre (15 foot) long spent fuel rods that remain volatile for months and need to be cooled in pools with circulating water.

"The biggest challenge at this plant is that there are more than 10,000 spent fuel rods," Hosono said on Fuji TV.—Internet

Japan disaster to cost Australia \$2 b in lost trade

SYDNEY, 3 April—The devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan is likely to cost Australia around \$2 billion in lost export earnings, Treasurer Wayne Swan said. Japan is the country's second-largest trade partner after China and the seafloor quake and tsunami on 11 March, which left about 28,000 people dead or missing, damaged ports and power stations.

Swan admitted it will leave its mark on the Australian economy. "Preliminary Treasury estimates show that the earthquake and tsunami will cut demand for our bulk commodity exports in the short term and likely slash around (Aus)\$2 billion (\$2.07 billion) from export earnings in 2010-11," he said.

"This could subtract less than a quarter of a percentage point from GDP growth this financial year, and comes on top of the half a percentage point impact from the floods and cyclone at home. "Japan's nuclear situation and power shortages continue to weigh on international financial markets and may prolong the impact of this crisis on the global economy," Swan added.—Internet



In this 2 April, 2011 photo released by Tokyo Electric Power Co via Kyodo news, leaking radioactive contaminated water drain through crack of a maintenance of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Okumamachi, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan.—INTERNET

Six times to hell and back in Chernobyl, says nuclear "jumper"

SINGAPORE, 3 April—Six times, Sergei Belyakov says, he has been through the doorway to hell and back.

The Ukrainian-American was a volunteer "jumper" who helped clean up after the nuclear disaster in the town of Chernobyl in the former Soviet Union in April, 1986. These are people who jump into a radioactive area to clear debris or mend pipes and run to safety before radiation reaches lethal levels.

Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) is trying to get

jumpers — reportedly for \$5,000 a day — to bring its damaged nuclear power plant in northern Japan under control after it was severely damaged by last month's earthquake and tsunami, the world's worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl.

Six times during his 40-day tenure at Chernobyl, Belyakov was one of the hundreds crouching in the covered stairway leading to the roof of nuclear reactors 3 and 4. Outside, radioactivity was so high that it could kill within minutes.—Reuters



Health



Diabetes makes you older before your time

ANN ARBOR, 3 April—People in their 50s with diabetes may age before their time compared with their diabetes-free counterparts, US researchers say.

Dr Christine Cigolle, an assistant professor of family medicine and internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School, says adults ages 51-70 with diabetes developed age-related ailments such as cognitive impairment, incontinence, falls, dizziness, vision impairment and pain at a faster rate than those without diabetes.

For adults age 51-60 with diabetes, the odds of developing new

geriatric conditions were nearly double those who didn't have diabetes, but by the time people with and without diabetes reach 80, the disparities begin to disappear, says Cigolle, the study's lead author. "Our findings suggest that middle-age adults with diabetes start to accumulate these age-related problems," Cigolle says in a statement.

"Because diabetes affects multiple organ systems, it has the potential to contribute significantly to the development of a number of issues that we associate with aging."

Internet

Possible cure for hepatitis C promising

BERLIN, 3 April—Drugs used to treat hepatitis C that previously failed were more successful using different parameters, researchers at a conference in Germany say.

Professor Heiner Wedemeyer, secretary-general of the European Association for Study of the Liver, says with different treatment and dosing, several clinical trials demonstrated good response rates during the treatment period and with remarkably high-sustained viral

response rates.

The findings provide hope for a growing number of hepatitis C patients who cannot currently be effectively treated for chronic hepatitis, Wedemeyer said.

The findings, presented at the International Liver Congress, found retreatment standard care regimens only achieves sustained virological response in 10 percent to 20 percent of patients, but the new trial data show sustained virological response rates of 40 percent 80 percent when protease inhibitors — a class of drugs used to treat hepatitis C.

"Up until now, telling a patient that their treatment has failed has been particularly difficult knowing that there were no other options available and their disease was progressing. These results completely change the situation because patients who did not have successful treatment in the past now have a realistic chance of being cured," Wedemeyer says. "For both clinicians and patients, this is a new era in the treatment of viral hepatitis C, which is very exciting."

Internet



Photo taken on 2 April, 2011 shows medical members give an operation in "mobile hospital" donated by China in Chongwe District, Zambia. The hospital, which consists of six different functional groups, came into service on Saturday.—XINHUA

Fast-food + coffee = soaring blood sugar

GUELPH, 3 April—Eating a fatty fast-food meal can result in blood-sugar levels spiking, and chasing it with caffeinated coffee doubles the trouble, Canadian researchers say.

Marie-Soleil Beaudoin, a doctoral student at the University of Guelph in Ontario, with Professors Lindsay Robinson and Terry Graham, discovered not only that a healthy person's blood-sugar level spikes after eating a high-fat meal, and it doubles if caffeinated coffee is added — jumping to levels similar to those of people at risk for diabetes. In the study, healthy men drank about 1 gram of a fat-laden beverage — a fat cocktail that contains only lipids — for every kilogram (2.2 pounds) of body weight. Six hours later, they were given a sugar drink.

When people eat sugar, the body produces insulin, which takes the sugar out of the blood and distributes it to our muscles, Beaudoin explains. The study, published in the Journal of Nutrition, found that the fatty meal affected the body's ability to clear the sugar out of the blood — blood-sugar levels were 32 percent higher than they were when the men had not ingested the fat cocktail.—Internet



Business



General Motors' China sales growth slows sharply

BEIJING, 3 April—General Motors, the biggest overseas automaker in China, says its sales growth in the world's largest car market slowed sharply year-on-year in the first quarter.

The US auto giant said it sold 685,583 vehicles over the first three months of 2011, exactly 10 percent more than during the first three months of 2010. GM said it sold 233,014 vehicles in China last month, against 230,048 vehicles in March last year, an increase of just 1.3 percent.

The slowdown in market growth, predicted by analysts, is seen as a consequence of the end of incentives offered by the Chinese government during the 2008-2009 financial crisis.

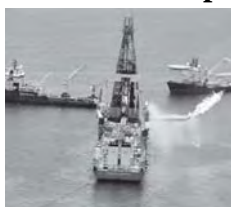
"GM had a good month and a solid start to the year despite the expiration of government incentives at the beginning of 2011 and the consequences of the tragic earthquake and tsunami in Japan," said Kevin Wale, president of GM China.

He said the group and its joint ventures in China had been able to meet the supply chain challenges caused by the Japanese disaster.—Internet



A General Motors concept car on display at the World Expo in Shanghai last April. GM, the biggest overseas automaker in China, says its sales growth in the world's largest car market slowed sharply year-on-year in the first quarter.—INTERNET

Transocean rewards executives despite Gulf oil spill



The Transocean Discoverer Enterprise drillship burns off gas collected at the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in June 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 3 April—Transocean Ltd has given its executives pay raises, bonuses and stock options after the company's "best year" for safety, despite a deadly oil platform explosion and massive leak in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Notwithstanding the tragic loss of life in the Gulf of Mexico, we achieved an exemplary statistical safety record as measured by our total recordable incident rate and total potential severity rate," Transocean said in a filing Friday to the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

"As measured by these standards, we recorded the best year in safety performance in our company's history, which is a reflection on our commitment to achieving an incident-free environment, all the time, everywhere." Nine of the 11 people killed in the 20 April, 2010, explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon platform were Transocean employees. Seventeen other people were wounded.

After the explosion, more than 205 million gallons of oil gushed into the Gulf of Mexico, fouling US shorelines, scaring off tourists and closing rich shrimp and fishing grounds.—Internet

Australia floods may cost coal business \$8 B

SYDNEY, 3 April—Devastating floods could cost Australia up to \$8.3 billion in lost coal production, new estimates show — a sharp increase on earlier projected losses.

The huge deluge that swamped coal-producing Queensland state in January caused significant damage, halting mine production and cutting key transport infrastructure, the Treasury said in its latest economic round-up released on Saturday.

"Contacts suggested that the loss of coal production is estimated to be between 20 million and 30 million tonnes," it said.

The government has estimated the floods, which covered an area the size of France and Germany combined and were followed by destructive Cyclone Yasi, will cut coal production by about 15 million tonnes in the March quarter alone.

But businesses expect total coal production losses to be much higher, worth roughly between Aus\$5.5 and Aus\$8 billion (\$8.3 billion), well beyond the Treasury's earlier estimate of Aus\$5 billion in 2010/11, the report said.—Internet

The giant Dalrymple coal loading terminal lies idle near Mackay, as seen in this aerial photo, taken in January.



Huge pileup on foggy UAE highway; one killed

ABU DHABI, 3 April—More than 125 vehicles piled up Saturday in a chain-reaction crash in dense fog on the main highway between Dubai and Abu Dhabi, leaving one person dead and more than 60 injured, police said.

The wreckage extended for more than 500 yards (meters) and included 127 cars, buses and vans, said a statement by Abu Dhabi police. It said 61 people were injured.

The busy highway between the United Arab Emirates' two main cities was closed for hours.

In March 2008, three people were killed and 300 injured in a similar fog-shrouded pileup on the same stretch of highway.—*Internet*

A helicopter drops water on wildfires engulfing a mountain in the Sierra de Arteaga on the outskirts of Saltillo, in the Mexican state of Coahuila on 2 April, 2011. A forest fire that started 16 days ago has devastated 31,750 hectares in the Sierra de Arteaga region and firefighters, rescue workers and soldiers are battling to control the disaster, according to local media.

INTERNET



50 feared in Nigerian tanker inferno



A fuel tanker ablaze after an accident in Ibafo, Nigeria, in April last year. A fuel tanker has overturned at an army checkpoint in central Nigeria, sparking an inferno in which some 50 people were killed, a road safety official says.

INTERNET

KANO, 3 April—A fuel tanker overturned at an army checkpoint in central Nigeria, sparking an inferno in which some 50 people were killed, a road safety official said Saturday.

"A fuel tanker ran into a convoy of vehicles

at an army checkpoint in Narabi village and fell on its side, spilling its contents, and caught fire," Haruna Likong Albashi said of the accident on Friday night.

"Seventeen vehicles at the checkpoint were engulfed in flames.

In all from our estimation we have around 50 dead." The accident occurred near the Bauchi state border with Plateau state in central Nigeria.

Such accidents occur frequently in Nigeria, where roads are poorly maintained and chaotic traffic is commonplace.

Army checkpoints are common in the West African nation, particularly in central Nigeria, which has been hit by years of clashes between Christian and Muslim ethnic groups.

In November, more than 30 people died in the northern state of Yobe when two buses collided and burst into flames.

Internet

Mountain fire extinguished in southwest China; no casualties reported

KUNMING, 3 April—More than 1,000 people had battled a mountain fire for six hours before it was put out Saturday night in southwest China's Yunnan Province, said local fire control authorities.

The fire was put out at 7:50 pm, more than six hours after the blaze engulfed a rugged mountain area in the Xishan District of Kunming, the provincial capital. No casualties were reported, said a spokesman from the province's fire control office.

More than 1,000 people, including firefighters and local residents, joined in the effort. About 550 people are still at the 6.67-hectare area to guard against a recurrence of the fire, the spokesman said.

The effort to extinguish the fire was hampered by high temperatures and strong winds, the spokesman said.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.—*Xinhua*



Visitors view the drawing works by children affected by autism during an exhibition and auction at the Peking University in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 April, 2011.

XINHUA

British couple busted with 100 heroin caps in Peru

LIMA, 3 April—A British couple was arrested at Lima's international airport as they boarded a plane to London with over 11 kilograms of cocaine and 100 heroin capsules, according to police.

Peruvian police alleged that Roxana Laercia, 37, stashed the cocaine (24 pounds) between her clothes, and that Michael Eguonoghen, 28, had swallowed the heroin capsules — the equivalent of 1.5 kilograms (3.3 pounds). Both are British citizens, officials said on Saturday.

So far this year, police have arrested 60 "burriers," or mules, at Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport.—*Internet*



Customs officials are seen here at the Jorge Chavez International Airport in Lima. A British couple was arrested at Lima's international airport as they boarded a plane to London with over 11 kilograms of cocaine and 100 heroin capsules, according to police.—INTERNET

Twenty killed in under 24 hours in Mexican city

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 3 April—Authorities said that 20 people were killed in less than 24 hours in Mexico's most violent city, Ciudad Juarez, which borders the US state of Texas.

The first of three separate attacks by armed groups was late Thursday when five people were killed at a bar called La Barritas.

Witnesses described

several armed men opening fire from outside the building before Molotov cocktails were thrown inside, according to local press reports.

The victims were two men, two women and a fifth person burned so badly, a forensics expert told AFP on condition of anonymity.

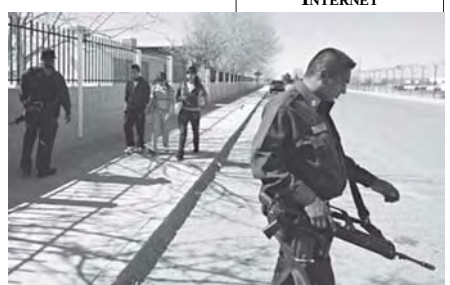
Ten people were killed late Thursday into Friday at another bar, El Castillo, near the border crossing with the United States, officials in the state of Chihuahua said.

Witnesses said more than a dozen gunmen dressed in black entered the bar and opened fire.

The bar is located near the Zaragoza International Bridge linking Ciudad Juarez to the city of El Paso in Texas.

Separately on Friday, gunmen fired at a food stand on the street, killing four men and a 10-year-old boy, a police officer said.

Internet



Mexican police officers are seen here patrolling near a school in Ciudad Juarez. Authorities said that 20 people were killed in less than 24 hours in Mexico's most violent city, Ciudad Juarez, which borders the US state of Texas.

INTERNET

Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attends ceremony to honour Academy Award winners for 2009

YANGON, 3 April — Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon held a ceremony to honour Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) winners for 2009 at MMPA in Bahan Township here at 6.30 pm

winner Zaw Min (Hanthar Myay) of Kyauk-set-yay, Best Sound Award winners Hsan Oo and party of Ateik-ye-ayeik, Best Music Award winner Diramo of Zawka-kaynaythi, Best

Cinematography Award winners Ko Ko Htay and party of Ateik-ye-ayeik, Best Film Award winner Zinyaw Film Production with Gyogyar-Taungpan-khat-than, Best Supporting Actress Award winner Soe Pyae



Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Best Actor Award winner Nay Toe.—MNA

yesterday. Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony and presented prizes.

It was also attended by departmental heads and officials of the Ministry of Information, patrons, Chairman and executives of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon and Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, artistes, technicians, 2009 Academy Award winners and guests.

MMPA Chairman U Myint Thein Pe addressed the ceremony.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented prizes to Best Film Editing Award



Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Best Film Award winner Zinyaw Film Production.—MNA

Thazin of Moe-nya-eik-metmyu, Best Actor Award winner Nay Toe of Moe-nya-eik-metmyu and Best Director Award winner Mee Pwar of Zawka-kaynaythi.

Director Mee Pwar spoke words of thanks

on behalf of award winners.

Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon hosted dinner to the minister and attendees.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted artistes and technicians at the ceremony.

MMPA awarded K 0.3 million; U Zaw Min of Mingala Film Company, K 0.2 million; Super Coffee Mix, K 0.2 million; Shwe Than Lwin Company Limited, one SKY NET Receiver to each Academy Award winner at the ceremony.—MNA



Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan cordially greets artistes and technicians.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham...

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Vice-President and party asked about condition of medical treatment being given for the patients who were injured by the earthquake, comforted and provided them with cash assistance.

Then, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd, Asia World Co Ltd, Aung Chantha Co Ltd and Naungton Co Ltd made cash donations for the hospital.

The Vice-President then visited the Shwedagon Pagoda in Tachilek and paid hom-

Pagoda Board of Trustees, the Vice-President met with chairmen and members of Shan Literature and Culture Committee, Akha Literature and Culture Committee and Lahu Literature and Culture Committee and donated K 2 million each to the committees. After having a documentary photo taken, the Vice-President greeted the chairmen and members of the committees.

Then, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party visited Naga Hnitkaung Monastery in

in Mawtwi village, Mongkoe village-tract, Tachilek Township. Member of relief work leading committee Commander of Tachilek District Police Force Police Lt-Col Kyaw Htwe reported on casualties due to the earthquake that happened in Kyakuni village, giving of medical treatment to the patients in hospital, carrying out rescue work, supply of drinking water and providing of cash and relief aid for the survivors.

In response, the Vice-President instructed the officials to systematically distribute cash donations and relief aid to the victims. Then, the Vice-President

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivering speech at Tahlay quake relief camp.—MNA



Wellwishers donate cash to quake victims at Kyakuni village relief camp.

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age to the Buddha image in the Dhammayon. He next offered flowers, water, oil and joss sticks to the pagoda and made cash donations.

At the office of

Tachilek where they paid homage to the presiding abbot and made cash donations.

The Vice-President and party proceeded to Kyakuni village relief camp

donated cash and bags of rice, the Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, bags of cement and the Shan State Chief Minister, foodstuff.

The five donor companies donated K 200,000 each to 146 quake-affected households totalling K 29.2 million. Minister U Aung Kyi also presented K 29.2 mil-

lion donated by Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee. The Vice-President and Minister U Aung Kyi spoke words of encouragement to the village people. Then, the Vice-President handed K 200,000 each donated by the companies to the households and inspected the health clinics kept open for the quake victims and arrangements for distribution of relief aids.

Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint provided medicines and medicine equipment for the health clinics. The Vice-President and party went to Tahlay rescue camp by car. Tachilek District Administrator U Thet Lwin reported on loss and damage caused by the earthquake that happened on 24 March in wards, Naryaung village-

tract, Monglin (East) village-tract, Monglin (West) village-tract and Kyakuni village in Tahlay sub-township, relief and rehabilitation work done by Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force members, department and members of social organizations under the leadership of authorities concerned, formation of committees, resumption of power supply, supply of clean drinking water, measures for healthy living, improvement of transport, relocation of the quake survivors, and reconstruction of damaged houses. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said the earthquake broke out when a new government was being formed. In the time of State Peace and Development Council, emergency rescue tasks and relief work were carried out

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systematically and promptly for earthquake victims. He added he and party were there to take prompt measures necessary for the earthquake-hit areas. Moreover, requirements for the quake survivors will be fulfilled under the cooperation of Union Government, Shan State Government and national entrepreneurs. He said he thanked other social organizations for their contributions to the victims.

Arrangements are being made for providing money, cement and construction materials for damaged houses of the people, giving effective health care services to the injured people and supplying necessary money, rice, drinking water and fuel to the quake hit victims as soon as possible. For the first stage, emergency aid, relief, foods, clothes, temporary tents and health care services have been undertaken for the victims. As the second stage, necessary preparedness is to be made for resettlement.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presenting K 200,000 to each household of victims at Tahlay quake relief camp.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presenting cash and bags of rice to quake victims at Kyakuni village relief camp.—MNA

ment of the people in the villages and maintenance of roads and bridges and for prevention against natural disasters including earthquake step by step.

It is necessary to reconstruct hospitals, schools, religious buildings and houses on priority steps. In this regard, assistance of wellwishers and companies will be taken for timely construction of hospitals and schools.

Therefore, the people are to make utmost efforts in reconstruction of their houses and buildings with the assistance of national entrepreneurs under the supervision of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented K 10.7 million to 214 quake-hit households from urban area of Tahlay, K 7.5 million to 150 households of Nayawng Village, K 30 million to reconstruction of monasteries in Tahlay and K 30 million to reconstruction of the hospital through officials.

Minister U Aung Kyi donated nails worth K 12.5 million and bags of cement worth K 54 million, National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee K 13.4 million to share K 200,000 each to 67 houses that were damaged in the earthquake, Chief Minister U Aung Myat of the State 1000 bags of rice, five companies K 72.8 million to share K 200,000 each to 364 quake-hit households, K 102.9 million for reconstruction of eight religious buildings, K 95

million for reconstruction of two six-classroom school buildings and K 34.7 million for reconstruction of two four-classroom school buildings. The total donations amounted to K 232.6 million.

The Vice-President handed K 200,000 each for the victim households to the people.

The Deputy Minister for Border Affairs presented K 3 million donated by the Ministry of Border Affairs and the Deputy Minister for Health, medicines.

U Lay Khaing of Ward 1 in Tahlay spoke words of thanks.

The Vice-President cordially greeted those present and viewed the arrangement for supply of relief aid.

He inspected reconstruction of Tahlay Bridge on Kengtung-Mongphyat-Tachilek Union Highway. Superintending Engineer U Hla Tun Oo of Public Works reported on damages of bridge approach road in the earthquake, damages of bridge surface and the Union Highway, maintenance of the road surface and construction of 60 feet long Bailey bridge on Tahlay Bridge.

The Deputy Minister for Construction presented reports on the bridge to be repaired by Thawdawin Co through BOT system, and necessary technology to be provided by the ministry.

On arrival at the relief camp in Monglin Village of Tachilek Township, the Vice-President presented bags of rice to the quake victims.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comforts survivors at Kyakuni village quake relief camp.—MNA

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Minister U Aung Kyi donated cement and foodstuff, the Chief Minister of the State quilt and foodstuff, five companies K 38.4 million to share K 200,000 each to 192 households, and Minister U Aung Kyi K 11.6 million donated by NDPCC to share K 200,000 each to 58 quake-hit houses.

The Vice-President presented K 200,000 each to the quake-hit victims.

Minister U Aung Kyi handed over K 9.2 million to share K 200,000 each to 46 quake-hit houses of Nayawng Village-tract and the Deputy Minister for Health medicines.

The Vice-President looked into relief aids and dispensary.

In Kengtung, the Vice-President and party paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image and offered gold foils to the Buddha Image.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents K 200,000 each to earthquake-hit households at relief camp in Monglin Village.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham gives cash assistance for reconstruction of monasteries in Tahlay.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents bags of rice to earthquake victims in Monglin Village.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash assistance for reconstruction of Tahlay People's Hospital.

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After signing the visitors' book, he presented cash donation to the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

They spent the night in Kengtung.

On the inspection tour, NDPCC donated 1000 bags of rice, 12000 bags of cement worth K 54 million, construction materials worth K 12.5 million and K 63.4 million for construction of houses, and Ministry of Border Affairs K 3 million. The total donations in Tahlay quake-hit region amounted to K 132.9 million. In addition, Ministry of Health donated medicines.

Moreover, Chairman U Aung Ko Win of Kanbawza Bank Ltd, U Kyaw Win of Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd, U Myat Cho Oo of Asia World Co Ltd, U Naw Aung of Aung Chantha Co Ltd and U Sai Tint Aung of Nawngton Co Ltd donated K 42.65 million for reconstruction of hospitals and cash assistance for patients, K 185.4 million for quake victims, K 129.7 million for renovation of four school buildings of Basic Education High School, K 104.9 million for renovation of religious buildings and K 6 million for national race literature and culture committees. The donations amounted to K 468.65 million.

Therefore, the total donations for the people of quake-hit area amounted to K 601.55 million, 1000 bags of rice and medicines.

Moreover, the five wellwishers will take

responsibility for reconstruction of eight religious buildings, Tahlay Hospital, two six-classroom school buildings and two four-classroom school buildings.—MNA

Chairman of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee U Maung Oo welcomes Member of Standing Committee of Political Bureau of CPC Chairman of 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. (News on page 16)—MNA





Photo taken on 31 March, 2011 shows the signal facility of a newly-bought school bus in Lecong Township of Foshan City, south China's Guangdong Province. Six American style school buses, with a total value of some two million RMB yuan (about 305,422 US dollars), will be put into operation soon.

INTERNET

Asthma linked to smoking, nicotine

CINCINNATI, 3 April—A lifetime history of daily smoking and nicotine dependence can increase the risk of asthma, US researchers suggest.

Alison McLeish of the University of Cincinnati, Jesse Cougle of Florida State University and Michael Zvolensky of the University of Vermont analyzed data from the National Comorbidity Survey-Replication — a large epidemiological survey of US adults.

The study, published in the *Journal of Health Psychology*, found people diagnosed with asthma were 1.26 times more likely to have been a smoker and twice as likely to have been nicotine dependent at some point in their lifetimes compared to those without asthma.

The researchers found the asthma-smoking association was stronger when focusing on nicotine dependence in the past 12 months.

"Individuals with asthma were nearly three times as likely as those without asthma to have reported nicotine dependence in the past 12 months after controlling for demographic and drug abuse/dependence variables," the study said.

Internet

Many leaving Haiti's earthquake settlement camps

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 3 April—Large numbers of Haitians are leaving the dirty, overcrowded camps that sprang up after last year's earthquake, some lured away by financial incentives from officials and others forced out by landowners.

Many more may be pushed out, with no safe place to go, just ahead of the rainy season that starts in May, the International Organization for Migration said in a report distributed Friday.

The overall camp population already has dropped by more than half in recent months, to an estimated 680,000, the IOM said, even though almost no new housing has been built and few repairs have been made to dwellings damaged by the magnitude-7.0 quake on 12 Jan, 2010.

Nearly two-thirds of those who left the camps have gone back to their old neighbourhoods, and fewer than half of those are returning to undamaged homes.

Many are back in houses that need repair or in makeshift shelters or tents on their property.

Others have found new new areas, in houses or

New Orleans, according to the AAAS.

The study included 513 middle-aged male twins who both served in the US military during the Vietnam War. Twins are genetically the same but may be different when it comes to other risk factors such as diet, smoking and exercise, so studying them is a good way to distill out the effects of genetics.

Researchers measured carotid intima-media thickness - the thickness of the lining of the main arteries in the neck — by ultrasound. Among the 59 pairs of twins where only one brother took antidepressants, the one taking the drugs tended to have higher carotid intima-media thickness (IMT), even when standard heart disease risk factors were taken into account.

Xinhua



In this photo taken 26 March, 2011, children play at a refugee camp set up for people displaced by last year's 12 January earthquake in Place Boyer, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

INTERNET

apartments, staying with friends or relatives or pitching new camps on their own.

"We came back to the house because we had no choice," said Francois Joseph-Ifanord, 62, who said security guards kicked him off the grounds of a private tennis club court where 30 families were living in shelters. "Now we're living day by day."

Internet



Photo taken on 1 April, 2011, shows the opening ceremony of Hainan International Creative Harbour in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province. Hainan International Creative Harbour, Hainan's first cultural creativity industry park, opened Friday in Haikou.—INTERNET

Explosion ejects manhole cover, hurts five in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 April—An iron manhole cover ejected by an underground power explosion soared feet into the air and then smashed into a taxi, injuring its driver in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro.

A police officer says that four passers-by also received minor injuries following Friday night's explosion in a network of power transmission lines and gas pipes.

The officer says that the blast hurled the manhole cover several feet (metres) into the air.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the news media. The official says it appears that the blast was caused by a short-circuit.—Internet

Southwest grounds about 80 planes after mishap

PHOENIX, 3 April—Flight attendants had just begun to take drink orders when the explosion rocked the cabin.

Aboard Southwest Flight 812, Shawna Malvini Redden covered her ears, then felt a brisk wind rush by. Oxygen masks fell, the cabin lost pressure, and Redden, now suddenly lightheaded, fumbled to maneuver the mask in place.

Then she prayed. And, instinctively, reached out to the stranger seated next to her in Row 8 as the pilot of the damaged aircraft began a rapid descent from about 34,400 feet in the sky.

"I don't know this dude, but I was like, 'I'm going to just hold your hand,'" Redden, a 28-year-old doctoral student at Arizona State University, recalled Saturday, a day after her Phoenix-to-Sacramento flight was forced into an emergency landing at a military base in Yuma, Ariz, with a hole a few feet long



This photo provided by passenger Don Nelson, shows fuselage rupture that happened in-flight on a Southwest Airlines aircraft on 1 April, 2011.—INTERNET

in the roof of the passenger cabin. No serious injuries were reported among the 118 people aboard, according to Southwest officials.

What caused part of the fuselage to rupture on the 15-year-old Boeing 737-300 was a mystery, and investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board arrived Saturday in Yuma to begin an inquiry.

Internet

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Brazil banks sued for Amazon deforestation

BRASILIA, 3 April — Brazil's biggest bank — the state-run Banco do Brasil — is being sued for allegedly funding deforestation in the Amazon. Public prosecutors say the bank lent money to companies that illegally cleared the rainforest and used labour practices bordering on slavery. The smaller state-owned Banco da Amazonia is also being sued.

Brazil says it has drastically reduced the rate of deforestation in the Amazon in recent years. Prosecutors in the state of Para said they had uncovered 55 loans worth nearly \$5m (£3m) that the Banco

do Brasil approved to farms that had broken environmental and employment laws. They also said they had uncovered 37 loans worth \$11m given to farms with similar violations by the Banco da Amazonia.

The loans violated Brazil's constitution, environmental laws, banking regulations and international agreements signed by Brazil, the in-

dependent prosecutors at the Public Ministry said. "The discovery of this irregular financing shows that this is a generalised problem," they said in a statement. They added that their findings supported studies that showed a direct relationship between public loans and deforestation in the Amazon.

Internet



A citizen takes photo of King Yin Lane, which was declared a historical monument in 2008, in Hong Kong, south China. The King Yin Lane, after more than two years' restoration, will be open to public at weekends and holidays between 2 April and 25 April. — XINHUA

Putin test drives Yo-mobile hybrid car

MOSCOW, 3 April — Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin took a new Yo-mobile hybrid car for a test drive from his residence to President Dmitry Medvedev's home outside of Moscow. Putin drove the hybrid vehicle, created by Russian venture Yo-auto, for a distance of about 6 miles on Friday to Medvedev's country home outside of the capital, RIA Novosti reported on Friday.

Yo-auto is a joint venture between truck manufacturer Yarovit and billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov's Onexim group. The Yo-mobiles, which have been designed in hatchback, can and cross-coupe models, are expected to cost \$12,000-\$15,000 when they hit the market during the second half of 2012. Putin used the cross-coupe version for his Friday test drive with Yo-auto Director General Andrei Biryukov in the passenger seat. — Internet

Pigeons: dark feathers reveal secret to healthy birds

PARIS, 3 April — Darker coloured pigeons are healthier, researchers in France have discovered. A study of urban pigeons in central Paris has shown that birds with higher levels of the dark pigment melanin have stronger immune systems. They are also better able to fend off parasites.



Dark birds attract the opposite sex. INTERNET

Writing in the *Journal of Avian Biology*, the researchers say the findings may help explain why different coloured birds have adapted to different environments. Lisa Jacquin, and her colleagues from the National Centre for Scientific Research in Paris, carried out the research in conjunction with Dr Simon Ducatez from the Natural History Museum in Brunoy. The researchers explored why birds of the same species are often coloured differently. — Internet

Prostate screening has no benefit

LONDON, 3 April — Prostate cancer screening does not save lives, according to a 20-year study, published in the *British Medical Journal*. One in four newly diagnosed cancers in UK men is prostate cancer. Last year, the body which regulates screening in the UK advised against routine screening.

The UK National Screening Committee said this study provided further evidence that the harms outweigh the benefits. Prostate cancer kills 10,000 people in the UK every year. While there is no screening programme, men over 50 may still request a test. This latest study was carried out in Norrköping in Sweden. It followed 9,026 men who were in their 50s or 60s in 1987. Nearly 1,500 men were randomly chosen to be screened every three years between 1987 and 1996. — Internet



Babies are seen at a baby crawling contest in Taipei, southeast China's on 1 April, 2011. A baby crawling contest was held here Friday during the ongoing 2011 Taipei Children Expo. — XINHUA

Sites hit in massive web attack

LONDON, 3 April — Hundreds of thousands of websites appear to have been compromised by a massive cyber attack. The hi-tech criminals used a well-known attack vector that exploits security loopholes on other sites to insert a link to their website. Those visiting the criminals' webpage were told that their machines were infected with many different viruses. Swift action by security researchers has managed to get the sites offering the sham software shut down.

Security firm Websense has been tracking the attack since it started on 29 March. The initial count of compromised sites was 28,000 sites but this has grown to encompass many times this

number as the attack has rolled on. Websense dubbed it the Lizamoon attack because that was the name of the first domain to which victims were redirected. The fake software is called the Windows Stability Center. — Internet



The fake security software warns about non-existent viruses on victims' PCs. — INTERNET

Polar bear Knut died of drowning in Berlin Zoo

BERLIN, 3 April — German polar bear Knut drowned when he fell into a pool of water in his enclosure after collapsing because of a brain swelling, experts have said. First indications from post-mortem examinations at Berlin Zoo had revealed "significant changes to the brain". Senior vets now say these changes were probably caused by an infection which caused the bear's brain to swell.

Four-year-old Knut died suddenly at the zoo in front of hundreds.



The four-year-old bear died suddenly, in front of hundreds of spectators. — INTERNET

Large amounts of water were found in his lungs. "We believe that this suspected infection must already have been there for a long time... at least several weeks, possibly months," Achim Gruber, a professor of veterinary medicine at Berlin's Free University, said.

He added that even if Knut had not fallen into the water, it is likely that he would not have survived. — Internet

3-foot alligator found in Minn apartment

WEST ST PAUL, 3 April — A 3-foot-long alligator, apparently left alone for days, wasn't in a good mood when found by an apartment manager, police in West St Paul, Minn, say. "The alligator was hissing," city police Chief Bud Shaver said.

"It was probably

cold, and it was probably hungry." The chief said an employee at the Minnesota Zoo suggested feeding it live goldfish or balled-up hamburger, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reported on Friday. "Someone threw a few hot dogs in there," Shaver said. "When you're hungry, you'll eat anything,

I guess." The gator was discovered by an apartment manager checking on an open patio door last week.

The tenant, Mary Peng, was in the process of moving out at the time and was not available for comment, the newspaper said.

Internet



Photo taken on 28 March, 2011 shows the champion children's shoe creation named "my sweet cake" 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.

Coworkers miss out on \$319m jackpot

A group of seven Albany, NY, coworkers are splitting a \$319 million lottery prize while five others are regretting not chipping in for the ticket.

Mike, an IT worker at the Albany Department of Housing and Community Renewal who declined to give his last name, said he usually chips in \$2 for the office Mega Millions pool but he and four others decided to sit out the most recent drawing, which

yielded \$19 million each for the seven workers who did play, ABC News reported on Friday.

"I just wasn't feeling lucky that day," Mike said. He said he and the others who sat out the drawing are happy for their coworkers.

"These seven were the hardest working state employees I've ever come across, go-getters," he said. "I'll be sad to see them leave. They were

such great people."

Mike Barth, 63, who purchased the winning ticket for the group, said he nearly wound up with a completely different number.

"I was at the counter and it was my turn to buy a ticket when I reached down to grab a Snickers bar from the candy display," Barth said. "I like Snickers Dark and I said I just got to have one.



A Hamilton County Sheriff's department videograph shows a bank robbery suspect walking away. A man known for robbing banks while wearing a mask of US President Barack Obama was arrested Thursday shortly after another robbery, Austrian police said.

Austrian police arrest Obama-mask bank robber

A man known for robbing banks while wearing a mask of US President Barack Obama was arrested Thursday shortly after another robbery, Austrian police said.

The suspect, was believed to be the same man who has already robbed half a dozen banks in Upper Austria Province since 2008, always wearing a mask of the US president.

On Thursday, the man, nicknamed the "Obama-robber" by the media, struck at another branch near the town of Voecklabruck and held a bank employee at gun-point before fleeing in a car, according to police.

Baltic Sea letter in a bottle found 24 years later

Nearly a quarter-century after a German boy tossed a message in a bottle off a ship in the Baltic Sea, he's received an answer.

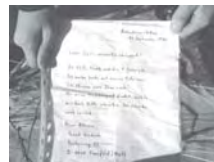
A 13-year-old Russian, Daniil Korotkikh, was walking with his parents on a beach when he saw something glittering lying in the sand.

"I saw that bottle and it looked interesting," Korotkikh told *The Associated Press* on Tuesday. "It looked like a German beer bottle with a ceramic plug, and there was a message inside."

His father, who knows schoolboy German, translated the letter, carefully wrapped in cellophane and sealed by a medical bandage.

It said: "My name is Frank, and I'm five years old. My dad and I are travelling on a ship to Denmark. If you find this letter, please write back to me, and I will write back to you." The letter, dated 1987, included an address in the town of Coesfeld.

The boy in the letter, Frank Uesbeck, is now 29. His parents still live at the letter's address.



In this 11 March, 2011 photo Daniil Korotkikh shows a letter he found in a bottle on a beach at the village of Morskoye on the Curonian Spit, 80 km (50 miles) northwest of Kaliningrad, Russia.

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30th Istanbul film festival kicks off

ISTANBUL, 3 April—The 30th Istanbul film festival kicked off here Friday evening with an opening ceremony including some of Turkish and European renowned icons of cinema. The festival will air over 230 films from dozens of countries over the next 16 days. Over the course of 30 years, the festival has brought films from 109 different countries to over 3,047,000 people, making it Turkey's top film festival.

The opening ceremony featured videos showing highlights from the past 30 years of the festival, and famous Turkish actors and directors took to the stage to share their own tales. The guest of honor was Hungarian director Bela Tarr, who was given a Cinema Honour Award. Other recipients of the Cinema Honour Award during the night were visual director Ertunc Senkay, actors Metin Akpinar and Zeki Alasya, and director Yusuf Kurcenli, all veterans of Turkey's film industry. Alongside films, the festival will also feature workshops and seminars as well as parallel events and concerts.—Xinhua



Guests attend the opening ceremony of the 30th Istanbul Film Festival in Istanbul, Turkey, on 1 April, 2011. Over 230 films in 21 sections will be shown in the festival from 2 to 17 April.

XINHUA

Sheen kicks off 'Torpedo of Truth' tour in Detroit

DETROIT, 3 April—Charlie Sheen has been pretty well everywhere the past few months, popping up all over national TV, the Internet and in other forms of mass media, blathering on about the "tiger blood" coursing through his veins and decrying the "trolls" who derailed his lucrative acting career.

So much has been said by and about the unemployed actor, it's almost as if there's nothing left to learn about him. Sheen's banking on the "almost" part.

Promising "the REAL story," the 45-year-old ex-"Two and a Half Men" star is hitting the road for a month-long, 20-city tour that gets its start Saturday night in Detroit. Why Detroit? "Why not," asked publicist Larry Solters, who, like his boss, hasn't said a lot about the show, other than it will last an hour and a half and feature guests, music and a multimedia presentation. Rapper Snoop Dogg will be there as will guitarist Rob Patterson.—Internet

In this 28 Jan, 2009 file photo, actor Charlie Sheen is interviewed at an event in Los Angeles. The 45-year-old unemployed actor's 20-city road show kicks off on 2 April, 2011 in Detroit.

INTERNET



Lohan says 911 call key in Betty Ford scuffle

LOS ANGELES, 3 April—Lindsay Lohan says a 911 call backs up her version of a December confrontation with a worker at the Betty Ford Centre in California, a source told TMZ.com.

Riverside County prosecutors this week declined to file charges against Lohan over the alleged scuffle at the famed Betty Ford clinic in which she allegedly hit Dawn Holland with a telephone.

A source close to the actress said Lohan believes Holland sounds "rude" and "aggressive" in the 911 call. TMZ said Saturday Holland also makes a reference to suing the actress on the recording.

Lohan still has a theft case pending in Los Angeles County. She has told acquaintances the surveillance video of the incident backs up her contention she did not intend to steal a necklace when she walked out of the store wearing it.

Internet

Actress Lindsay Lohan appears in a courtroom during a hearing in Los Angeles on 10 March, 2011. Lohan rejected a plea agreement offered by prosecutors in a grand theft case that included a guaranteed return to jail.

INTERNET



Zamora hits brace as Fulham beats Blackpool 3-0

LONDON, 3 April—Bobby Zamora scored twice in his first Premier League start in seven months to guide Fulham to a 3-0 victory over Blackpool at Craven Cottage on Sunday.

The England striker, who has been sidelined with leg and ankle injuries for most of this season, outpaced the Blackpool defence to lash in the opener from 15 metres in the 23rd minute.

Zamora doubled his tally for the match five minutes later by glancing in a free kick from Damien Duff,



Fulham's Bobby Zamora scores the first goal for his side.

INTERNET

before midfielder Dickson Etuhi slid home the third with 18 minutes remaining.

The result lifted Fulham into the top half of the table and six points clear of the relegation zone, but Blackpool stayed just a point and a place above the bottom three.

Internet

Man City go third after thumping Sunderland

LONDON, 3 April—Manchester City moved above Chelsea into third spot in the Premier League after an impressive attacking display against Sunderland.

Throwing away the conservatism that has blanketed recent displays, City took the lead when Adam Johnson exchanged passes with Yaya Toure to fire in. Carlos Tevez then doubled the lead from the penalty spot on 15 minutes. David Silva made it three before substitute Patrick Vieira slid in and Toure added a fifth on 73 minutes.

City could have easily made it more convincing but in contrast to recent

performances, it was a display full of purpose and promise marked by a change in the line-up and formation.

Johnson, Tevez, Silva and Toure all showed what they can do when they are given more license to burst forward but they were given lots of room to create openings by a poor defensive showing by Sunderland.



Johnson opens the scoring for City on only his ninth league start this season.

INTERNET

Even though they are a point above Chelsea, having played one game more, the manner of the victory will give City boss Roberto Mancini food for thought ahead of crucial games against Liverpool in the league a week on Monday and against Manchester United in the FA Cup final on 16 April.—Internet

Barclays Premier League Standing Table

Pos	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	31	36	66
2	Arsenal	30	30	59
3	Man City	31	23	56
4	Chelsea	30	29	55
5	Tottenham	30	7	50
6	Liverpool	31	4	45
7	Everton	31	1	41
8	Bolton	31	0	40
9	Newcastle	31	2	39
10	Fulham	31	3	38
11	Stoke	31	-2	38
12	Sunderland	30	-9	38
13	West Brom	31	-14	36
14	Blackburn	31	-12	34
15	Birmingham	30	-12	34
16	Aston Villa	31	-14	34
17	Blackpool	31	-18	33
18	West Ham	31	-15	32
19	Wolves	31	-17	32
20	Wigan	31	-22	31

Ferguson says United just champion

LONDON, 3 April — Sir Alex Ferguson warned Manchester United's title rivals his team have the look of English Premier



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney celebrates scoring his third goal from the penalty spot.

INTERNET

League champions heading into the final seven games of the season.

The league leaders fought back from two goals down against West Ham to win 4-2 at Upton Park, with Wayne Rooney scoring a hat-trick to turn the game. "We played like champions," said United manager Ferguson. "We kept our head up and didn't lose faith in our ability. That was a great, great boost for us in that respect.—Internet

Ancelotti focused on United showdown

STOKE-ON-TRENT, 3 April—Carlo Ancelotti insists Chelsea will bounce back against Manchester United in the Champions League after his side's faint hopes of retaining the Premier League title all



Chelsea's Didier Drogha

but vanished.

Mathematically, Chelsea can still catch leaders United but they have almost certainly left themselves too much to do after Saturday's 1-1 draw at Stoke.

Chelsea are nine points behind Sir Alex Ferguson's side with eight games remaining. But Ancelotti opted to focus on the positives rather than the negatives after Chelsea's slip at the Britannia Stadium.

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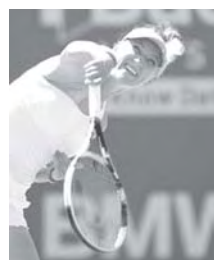
SPORTS

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Azarenka beats Sharapova for Miami WTA title

MIAMI, 3 April — Victoria Azarenka defeated Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-4 here Saturday to win the WTA's prestigious Miami hardcourt



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus

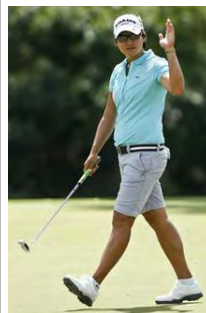
crown for the second time. Azarenka, the 21-year-old eighth seed from Belarus, took full advantage of Sharapova's struggles, as the former world number one held serve just once and committed 43 unforced errors.

"I played real well the first set," said Azarenka, who matched Sharapova shriek for shriek in a battle of two of the WTA's loudest players.

Internet

Tseng roars past Lewis in Kraft Nabisco 3rd round

RANCHO MIRAGE, 3 April — Stacy Lewis' three-shot lead dwindled to a single stroke after just four holes, and it vanished entirely after the turn. Nearly every



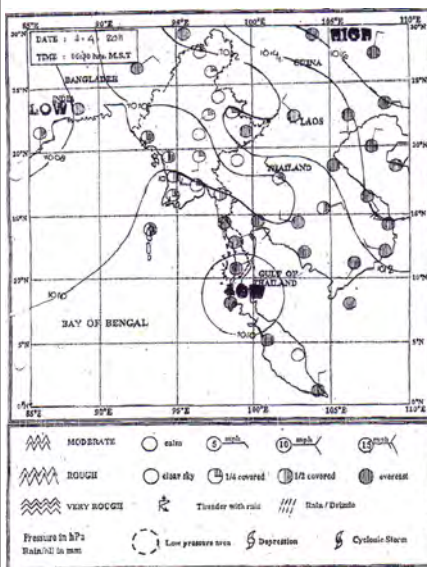
Yani Tseng

time Lewis missed an opportunity, Yani Tseng jumped all over her — to the delight of Tseng's sizable cheering section. Lewis learned just how tough it'll be to get between the world's top-ranked player and a rare repeat victory at the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

Tseng roared into the lead with a third-round 66 on Saturday, moving two shots ahead of Lewis in the LPGA Tour's first major of the year. "I just want to keep smiling all day tomorrow and have a lot of fun," Tseng said.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 3rd April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Mandalay Region, Shan and Rakhine State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) below April average temperatures in Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions and Eastern Shan and Kayah States and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Aungmyan (40°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (0.39) inch and Kawthoung (0.28) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 2-4-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 3-4-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-4-2011 was (64%). Rainfall on 3-4-2011 was Nil.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 2-4-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 3-4-2011 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-4-2011 was (77%). Rainfall on 3-4-2011 was Nil.

Rainfall on 3-4-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (4.25) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (6.89) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (1.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (4) mph from East at (09:30) hours MST on 3-4-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 4th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers as likely to be scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Chin, Shan and Mon 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: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

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

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Pato decides derby by fair means and foul

MILAN, 3 April —Pato scored a brace and threw himself cunningly to the ground to get Cristian Chivu sent off as AC Milan took charge of the Serie A title race by beating Inter Milan 3-0 at the San Siro here on Sunday.

It was Brazilian Pato who was the show's central figure as he produced two clinical finishes and a dubious fall to turn the most eagerly-anticipated Milan derby in years the way of the rossoneri.

Substitute Antonio Cassano added a late penalty after he tumbled under a Javier Zanetti challenge.

The result leaves Milan five points clear of the



AC Milan's forward Pato

champions at the top of Serie A with only Napoli capable of closing that gap if they beat Lazio on Sunday.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(4-4-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (4-4-11 09:30 am ~ 5-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * News
- * Ancient Pagodas in Myaing Township
- * News
- * The Opening of Thein Phyu Stadium
- * Thingyan Songs & Dances
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Asian Wings"
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- * Myanmar Customs & Naming System
- * News
- * Youths & Music (Part-3)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Mazali Salad & Vermicelli Soup
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie "Master of Flowers"



**Monday,
4 April
View on today**

7:00 am	7:30 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw	4. Morning News
7:15 am	7:40 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song	5. Nice & Sweet Song
7:25 am	7:50 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise	6. Health Programme
	8:00 am
	7. Dance Of National Races
	8:10 am
	8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
	8:20 am
	9. Cute Little Dancers
	8:40 am
	10. International News
	8:45 am
	11. Dance of Thingyan Festival

4:00 pm	5:05 pm
1. Martial Song	7. Dance of Thingyan Festival
4:10 pm	5:20 pm
2. Dance of Variety	8. Documentary
4:20 pm	5:30 pm
3. Instrumental Music	9. Myanmar Idol
4:30 pm	6:00 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Botany)	10. Evening News
4:45 pm	6:15 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit	11. Weather Report
4:55 pm	6:20 pm
6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)	12. Sing & Enjoy
	7:00 pm
	13. TV Drama Series
	8:00 pm
	14. News
	15. International News
	16. Weather Report
	17. World's Stars
	18. TV Drama Series

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

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

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

Chinese delegation led by Member of Standing Committee of Political Bureau of Communist Party of China Central Committee of PRC and Chairman of 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference arrives in Nay Pyi Taw



Chinese delegation led by Member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee of PRC and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin and Party at Myanma Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April — The Chinese goodwill delegation led by Member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin on his goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar arrived here from Mandalay at 3.20 pm today by special flight. They were welcomed by Chairman of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee U Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

At 5 pm, the Chinese delegation accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and officials of Chinese Embassy visited Myanma Gems Museum where they were welcomed by Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and officials.

The managing director and officials conducted the delegation around the museum. After enjoying documentary video slide show of the museum, Mr Jia Qinglin signed the visitors' book.—MNA